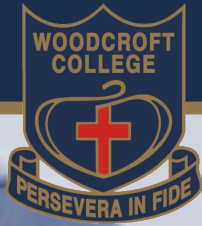


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EDITOR'S WELCOME

KheShan Gronow
Community Engagement Coordinator

It is my pleasure to bring you the first edition of 'Generations of Woodcroft' – a dedicated Old Scholar publication sharing news from all generations of Woodcroft College Old Scholars, along with everything you need to know about upcoming Reunions and Old Scholar events.

Since beginning my role as Community Engagement Coordinator at Woodcroft College in February last year, I have been truly inspired by the community of Old Scholars who continue to cherish their schooling at Woodcroft and remain connected to the College in a variety of ways. It is a privilege to attend Reunions and speak with Old Scholars throughout the year, hear your stories and where life has taken you since graduating. From those of you shining on the world stage, to the quiet achievers, I love receiving your updates and sharing them with our broader College community.

In this edition, we celebrate the students of our Old Scholars who have commenced their own schooling journey at Woodcroft College – we know their parents are proud of their own children now carrying the legacy of Woodcroft as they forge their own paths.



We also share the news from a broad range of graduating years of Old Scholars as they share life updates with us from career milestones, marriages, new babies and other achievements. If you have something to share with our community, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below at any time.

Along with dates and details of upcoming 1, 5, 10, 20 and 30 year Reunions in 2026, I am also excited to launch an Old Scholar Cocktail Evening at the Marion Hotel on Friday 31 July. This is an opportunity for all Old Scholars to come together, no matter when you graduated, to share stories, network and reminisce with other Old Scholars, old friends and teachers from Woodcroft College. I hope to see many of you there or at a Reunion in 2026.

I hope you enjoy this edition of 'Generations of Woodcroft'. May it inspire you, fill you with pride and remind you that you are an important part of the Woodcroft College community.

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We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather, honouring their deep, enduring connection to Country.

We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, whose wisdom guides us in caring for this land. Committed to walking gently, we pledge to listen, learn, and grow together, fostering respect for the spiritual significance of this place.

UPCOMING OLD SCHOLAR EVENTS

20
MAR

10 YEAR OLD SCHOLAR REUNION | CLASS OF 2016
Woodcroft College | 6.00pm



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MAR

20 YEAR OLD SCHOLAR REUNION | CLASS OF 2006
Woodcroft College | 6.00pm



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JUN

5 YEAR OLD SCHOLAR REUNION | CLASS OF 2021
Marion Hotel | 6.30pm

30
OCT

1 YEAR OLD SCHOLAR REUNION | CLASS OF 2025
Marion Hotel | 6.30pm

13
NOV

30 YEAR OLD SCHOLAR REUNION | CLASS OF 1996
Woodcroft College | 6.00pm

31
JULY

OLD SCHOLAR COCKTAIL EVENING
Marion Hotel | All Old Scholars welcome



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Scan the QR code to update your details to ensure you receive your invitation to Reunions and other Old Scholar events. You can also opt to go paperless and request to receive digital copies of our publications.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US (AND EACH OTHER!)

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GENERATIONS OF WOODCROFT COLLEGE

Real connection with our Old Scholar community is so important to us and we love nothing more than when a child of one of our Old Scholars starts their own journey at Woodcroft College.

This year we are pleased to welcome the following children of our Old Scholars to the Woodcroft College community.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Lily Beens

Emily Beens (nee Burgess) [2009]

Billie Best

Carly Best (nee Zammit) [2007]

Anna Bushell

Claire Bushell (nee Flavel) [2001]

Kaimani Diamond

Matilda McDonnell [2016]

Bodhi Duivesteyn

Troy Duivesteyn [2000]

Ruby Hall

Nikki Hall (nee Lancaster) [2006]

Benjamin Highet

*Matthew Highet [2009] and
Mathilde Sulzmann [2009]*

Ebony Reed

*Stephen Reed [2010] and
Tara Reed (nee Wells) [2009]*

Sullivan Sloan

*Nathan Sloan [2011] and
Karen Sloan (nee Maria) [2010]*

Noah Stephenson

Alycia Stephenson (nee Poulson) [2006]

RECEPTION

Harrison Beare

Joshua Beare [2001]

Kieran Behrndt

Ashleigh Croft [2004]

Rigby Best

Carly Best (nee Zammit) [2007]

Beau Brister

Olivia Clausen [2015]

Ariana Coles

Samantha Coles [2001]

Ocea Doherty

Brett Doherty [2003]

Layla Green

Elise Whelan [2012]

Evora Goding

Elissa Long [2013]

Rosie Lawrence

*Blake Lawrence [2005] and
Laura Lawrence (nee Hanks) [2006]*

Dylan Parsons

Cameron Parsons [2008]

Jasper Nicholas

*Michael Nicholas [1996] and
Stephi Nicholas (nee West) [2005]*

Daisy Smyth

Justine Smyth (nee Cheal-Whiffen) [2003]

Finley Telford

Lauren Telford (nee Bray) [2012]



1. Lauren Telford (2012) and son Finley.
2. Joshua Beare (2001) and son Harrison.
3. Justine Smyth (nee Cheal-Whiffen) (2003) and daughter Daisy.
4. Cameron Parsons (2008) and son Dylan.
5. Timothy Edge (2001) and daughter Gabrielle.

YEAR 1

Autumn Strydom
Laura Nel [2013]

YEAR 2

Cadria Nobis
Martin Nobis [2008]

YEAR 7

Noah Dunnicliff
Katie Dunnicliff (nee Gitsham) [1997]

William Slade
Rhiannon Slade (nee Morgan) [1997]

Riley Evans
Emma Evans (nee Plews) [2002]

Jace Tilbrook
Natalie Tilbrook (nee Zacpal) [1998]
and Steven Tilbrook [1998]

Gabrielle Edge
Timothy Edge [2001]

OLD SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



Ellie Jefferson-Wetherill, Class of 2023

After enrolling in a Bachelor of Laws – Legal Practice Entry (Honours), alongside a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) and a Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management at Flinders University, Ellie quickly realised her dream job lied in a very different field.

Ellie is now studying a Bachelor of Paramedicine and hopes to one day work with SA Ambulance Service.

“Don’t be afraid to change your mind. University is about discovering what excites you. Flinders gave me the support and space I needed to find my path and I’m so glad I followed it.”

Mitchell Marsh, Class of 2024

Mitch is following in the footsteps of his father Ben after being drafted with pick 22 to the Adelaide Crows in the 2025 Telstra AFL Draft.

As a Crows supporter growing up, it will be a life long dream to pull on the tri-coloured guernsey.

Photography courtesy of the Adelaide Crows.



Mya Damon, Class of 2020

Ballardong-Nyungar/Yamatji Artist

Mya’s artwork is featured on the women Hockeyroos uniform. Displayed on the side panel, the artwork encompasses green and gold to represent Australia, alongside symbolism drawn from native flora.

The meeting places depict people coming together from communities across the country, connected by journey symbols that reflect shared paths and experiences.

With community at the heart of sport, Mya has woven themes of connection, unity and shared passion throughout the design - celebrating people coming together through hockey.

Photography and words courtesy of the Hockeyroos.



Kylie Rattray, Class of 2012

Kylie represented Australia as part of the Women's Open Indoor Cricket Team at the World Cup in Sri Lanka in September/October 2025.

The Australian team emerged victorious, defeating New Zealand in the Grand Final. Kylie was awarded Player of the Match, contributing a powerful 49-run partnership alongside fellow South Australian Neisha Iles, and scoring 34 runs off just 14 balls.

This remarkable accomplishment marks a significant milestone in Kylie's sporting career.



Jordan Brown and Lachlan Fitzgerald, Class of 2025

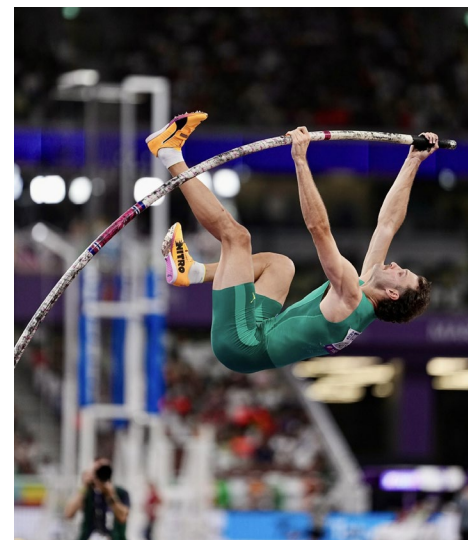
Jordan and Lachlan have both been offered a Mechanical Engineering Degree Apprenticeship with ASC in partnership with Flinders University. ASC is Australia's sovereign submarine builder and sustainment provider.

After five years, both Jordan and Lachlan will come away with an Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering as well as completing their Apprenticeship.

Kurtis Marschall, Class of 2014

In September 2025, Kurtis won his second World Athletics Championships bronze medal in Tokyo. Tokyo was once a place of heartbreak for Kurtis Marschall, but he flipped the script and transformed Japan National Stadium into a place of joy.

Congratulations to Kurtis who recently became the fourth Australian to clear 6 meters at the All Star Perche indoor meet in France.



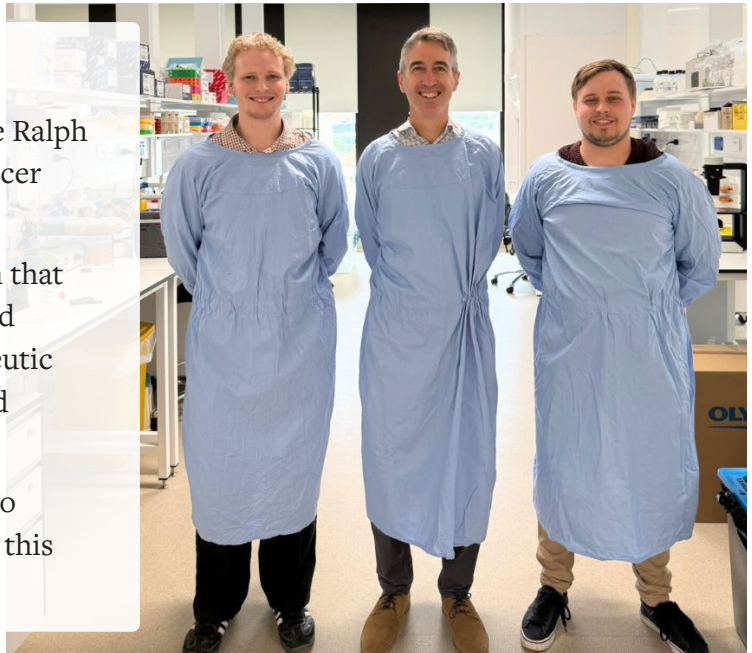
OLD SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Travis Croft, Class of 2020

In March 2025, Travis was awarded the Ralph Ernst PhD Scholarship in Prostate Cancer Research by the Flinders Foundation.

Travis will carry on important research that has already commenced in this area and has the goal of developing new therapeutic approaches to treat men with advanced prostate cancer.

Congratulations Travis, we can't wait to hear more about your achievements in this important field.



Dr Isaac He, Class of 2010

We recently heard from Isaac about his love of dentistry which he pursued after graduating from the College in 2010. After five years at dental school, he spent seven years working as a general dentist in both private practice and the public system.

Over time, he found himself drawn to the complexity of gum disease and implant treatment. Wanting to better serve his patients, he returned to study and completed specialist training in Periodontology at the University of Adelaide, graduating with Distinction.

Today, he works as a specialist periodontist at Adelaide Periodontal and Implant Professionals, focusing on managing advanced periodontal disease and dental implant care. Isaac also lectures and examines dental students at Adelaide University.



“Looking back, I am grateful for the foundation my school years provided. They instilled resilience, humility, and a commitment to helping others, values that continue to guide both my professional life and personal growth.”

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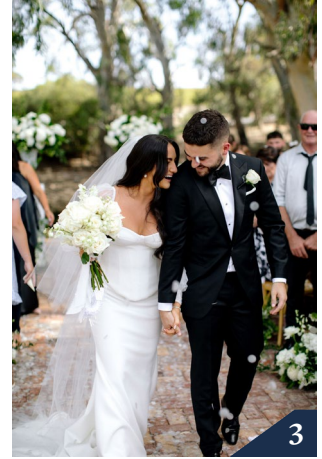
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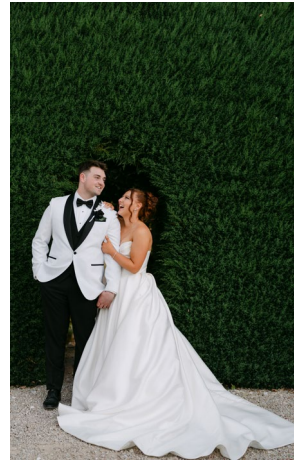
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1. **Lauren Telford** (2012) and her husband Callum celebrated the arrival of Emry on 30 November 2025 – a baby brother for siblings and current students Evie and Finley.
2. **Abigail Batten** (2016) married Blake at Paxton Wines, McLaren Vale on 6 December 2025. The bridal party included Old Scholars Madelyn Moss (2016), Gemma Batten (2021) and Laura Batten (2018). Other Old Scholars featured in Abigail and Blake's big day were Charlotte Pelletier (2014) who did a live painting of the wedding and Ella Quinn (2014) who created the wedding signage.
3. **Ocea Brown** (2017) and **Flynn Delsar** (2017) married on 15 March 2025 at White Hill Estate. The bridal party included Old Scholars Hunter Brown (2020), Dana Murphy (2017) and Jasmine Willson (2017). The invitations and artwork for the welcome sign were designed by Caitlin Murphy (2013).
4. **Jacalyn Kraemer-Pickering** (2015) married Nicole on 29 March 2025 at the McLaren Vale Visitor Centre. The bridal party also included Jacalyn's twin sister, Nicole Pickering (2015).
5. **Vanessa Mercurio** (2020) and **Isaac Gasparini** (2020) were married by our very own College Pastor, Marty Fox on 17 January 2026 at The Mandalay House and Garden. The bridal party included Joshua Gasparini (2016), Gianni Gasparini (2026), Marcus Gasparini (current student), Austin Thannickan (2020), Katie Cook (2020) and Rhiannon Scott (2020).

GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have a new job, graduated, got married or engaged, had a baby, travelled, or achieved something you are proud of, please let us know!





1 Year Old Scholar Reunion: Class of 2024



5 Year Old Scholar Reunion: Class of 2020



10 Year Old Scholar Reunion: Class of 2015



20 Year Old Scholar Reunion: Class of 2005



30 Year Old Scholar Reunion: Class of 1995

2025 OLD SCHOLAR WRAP UP

Thank you to everyone from the Classes of 1995, 2005, 2015, 2020 and 2024 who attended an Old Scholar Reunion last year. It was fantastic to reconnect and learn where your lives have taken you since your time at Woodcroft College. We hope to see you again at the Old Scholar Cocktail Evening on Friday 31 July this year!

We are also incredibly lucky to have so many Old Scholars still involved across the plethora of activities happening at Woodcroft College. The first season of our Old Scholar soccer team, the Woodcroft Wanderers was a huge success, we have many Old Scholars coaching sporting teams, as well as a number of Old Scholars assisting with Showcase and the College Musical each year.

In 2025, Meredith Woolsey (2005), Bryan Melville (2016) and Vanessa Mercurio (2020) returned to the College as part of Careers Week to speak with our Year 10 and 11 students about how they came to be in their current careers and share tips for choosing the right career for them. There were also several Old Scholars who exhibited at the Careers Expo.

Thank you to all Old Scholars who volunteered their time in 2025 to help inspire and enrich the lives of our current students. If you would like to volunteer your time to help our current students, please email oldscholars@woodcroft.sa.edu.au.



Seeking new College Council and Committee members

The Woodcroft College Council is seeking expressions of interest from members of the College community to join the Council or its associated committees.

We are seeking people with exposure or experience in Corporate and Financial Governance at either management or Board level and who have the time to commit to meetings and other functions integral to the life of Woodcroft College. Completion of the Australian Institute of Company Directors 'Company Director's Course' would be advantageous.

Enquiries to Jo O'Connor, Chair, Woodcroft College Council on 0414 700 680.

Expressions of Interest and a brief CV can be sent to Samantha Ellis at ellis_s@woodcroft.sa.edu.au by Monday 16 March, 2026. Interviews with members of the Council's Nominations Committee will follow.



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