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HERE STAYS  
WITH YOU  
FOREVER.”





# FOREWORD

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND CHAIR OF COUNCIL

In our 75th anniversary year, 2025 has been nothing short of remarkable for Jane College. Few institutions can look back on three-quarters of a century with such pride in their people, their culture, and their enduring purpose.

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This milestone offered us a rare moment not only to celebrate our legacy, but to embrace our next chapter with confidence and excitement. A highlight of the year was our rebrand, from Jane Franklin Hall to Jane College. With new colours, a refreshed website, and a contemporary visual identity, the rebrand has given vibrant expression to who we are today. And while the outward appearance has evolved, the unmistakable Jane spirit—warm, inclusive, curious, courageous—remains as strong as ever.

Our residents embodied that spirit spectacularly in 2025. Their leadership, camaraderie, academic commitment, and wholehearted participation in cultural, sporting, and service activities created a community that was joyful, supportive, and energetic. During our 75th celebrations in early December, alumni and friends consistently spoke of their admiration for the kindness and confidence of our Jane students.

Of course, this year also brought challenges: fluctuating university enrolments, increased competition, and a complex regulatory landscape. Yet these pressures only strengthened our resolve. Council, staff, and Management worked collaboratively to reinforce governance, ensure financial sustainability, and position the College wisely for its future.

As we close this anniversary year, we do so with deep gratitude and great optimism. Jane has met 2025 with courage and celebration. We're ready for the next 75 years with a spirit brighter than ever. ■

**Ms Joanna Rosewell**  
Principal

**Assoc Prof Louise Grimmer**  
Chair, College Council

# IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK

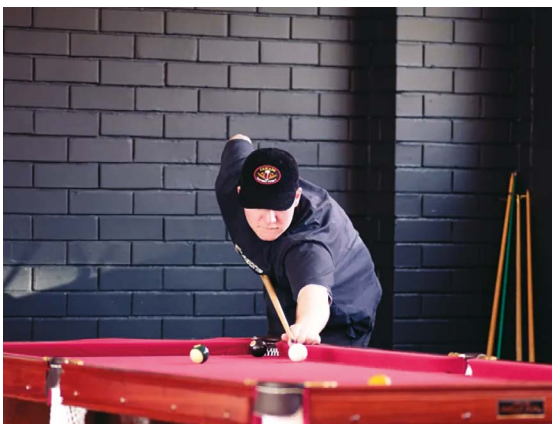
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## THE REVITALISATION OF A TASMANIAN ICON

After 75 years of nurturing Tasmania's young adults through their formative years at university, Jane has revitalised its brand, campus, and vibe. Engaging a local artist, stylist, brand agency, and the students themselves, Janes' vibrant, welcoming and inclusive character is now evident in its new brand and interiors.







**U**nder the guidance of Principal and former Jane resident Joanna Rosewell, the 75th Anniversary of this Hobart institution prompted a revitalisation that will ensure Jane remains the place to be for young adults developing their careers, friendships and futures for another 75 years and beyond.

The new brand identity reflects more clearly the College's contemporary identity and values. From this year, the College formerly known as Jane Franklin Hall will be known simply as "Jane"—a name that has long been used affectionately by students, staff, and alumni.

Joanna explains that while the community at Jane was as vibrant as it had ever been, the campus and brand were ready for an update. "We engaged local brand agency, The Claire Bennett

Agency, to work with us to bring Janes' brand in line with its values and spirit – and they just got us. The new brand is Jane." The agency engaged interior stylist Meg Clarke from Home+Style to revitalise the interiors.

"Jane is unique in Tasmania. More than just a place to stay, not just another college accommodation block — it's a home away from home. Cosy corners with natural timber, soft textures, and rich colours that celebrate the beautiful gardens and stunning views outside your window. Comfy seating where you hang out with friends, open fires to toast marshmallows, a brand-new pool table for fun nights in, and warm lighting to make the halls feel inviting and alive. Because Jane isn't just where you live -it's where you belong," says Meg.

Meg invited local artist Hamish Hall to bring the walls to life. Enter Enid Campbell. Professor Enid Campbell OBE was the first





**“** We embrace everyone from everywhere, whatever their interests, and whatever their futures. It is the most beautiful community where people make great friendships, where they learn about themselves, where they find their tribe and where they start on the next journey of their lives.

says Ms Joanna Rosewell,  
Principal and alumna.

woman professor in Law and the first woman Dean of a Law Faculty in Australia – she also had a keen sense of humour and a mischievous quality about her!

“Born in Launceston, she is reported to have been threatened from time to time with expulsion from Methodist Ladies College (now Scotch Oakburn), for rule-breaking,” smiles Joanna.

Enid’s portrait, created by Hall, now hangs large on the wall of Jane’s dining hall.

“We were originally named after Lady Jane Franklin, and at the time, that was fitting,” says Joanna.

“While Lady Franklin made notable contributions to Tasmanian society, her legacy is intertwined with the colonial era and its deep and lasting impacts on the island’s First Nations peoples.

It is now more fitting for our college to simply be known as Jane – a persona

that is welcoming, embraces diversity and inclusivity.”

“Jane is a very special place. Founded in 1950, we were the first women’s university residential college, offering access to university accommodation and academic support at a time when such opportunities for women were rare. In 1975, Jane became co-educational, marking Jane’s ongoing commitment to inclusivity,” says Joanna.

“We have the sort of support that people need at this stage in their lives. Helping them be individuals but part of a community and thrive academically at university.

“Our new brand position is ‘You Belong with Jane’. Nothing could be more fitting,” concludes Joanna. ■

# HOME, HISTORY AND HAMISH HALL

## EXPRESSING THE SOUL OF JANE

Hamish Hall has got it going on. When you first meet Hall, he seems reserved. But he's anything but. He's just taking it all in, and he doesn't miss a detail. Hall is a Tasmanian artist and educator, renowned for his expressive portraiture. He evokes Indiana Jones, a smartly dressed 'professor' by day, but he's also an adventurer and leader in his field. He's swum the English Channel and drawn the attention of many an award program. Bringing an alluring mix of pizzazz and meaning to his work, he is the perfect artist to bring the walls of the revitalised Jane College to life.

**W**hen students pull up in the beautiful historic grounds of Jane College, they are now met at the entrance by an enormous red wall with the words "You're Home". Jane is a home away from home for the students who reside here while they gain the knowledge for their future careers. But it's also more than that. Jane is a vibrant community, a melting pot of people and cultures—a place to be inspired and supported.

"My aim," says Hall, "was to embed the history, environment, and community spirit of Jane into its everyday spaces."

"Using a mix of painted murals, digitally printed panels and vinyl wraps, I created site-specific pieces with a cohesive visual language.

"Intriguing native moths hover in pools of light at the end of corridors, while the odd Tassie devil pops up in the Horton common room. I wanted these works to feel uniquely Tasmanian," he explains.

Hall designed the artwork and murals to reflect the sense of home and belonging that residents value so deeply. Speaking with the students, he uncovered the special meaning that the Midlands Highway holds as a connection to and from the College. This has been reflected in an etching-style landscape that now hangs above the high table in the dining hall.

The most notable piece is Hall's portrait of Enid Campbell. Hanging on the wall of







the great dining hall, the heart and soul of Jane, her portrait, a triptych of three large panels, reminds students of the great minds and personalities that have walked the halls before them.

The first resident of Jane in 1950, Enid, went on to achieve incredible success as a leading figure of law in Australia, charting many firsts and inspiring so many.

Jane Principal, Joanna Rosewell, says, “Hamish’s work adds something special to our College. We love the thinking about the student’s interests and experiences that sit behind each piece. I’ve had so many conversations with students about the art, Enid Campbell is fast becoming a College icon!”

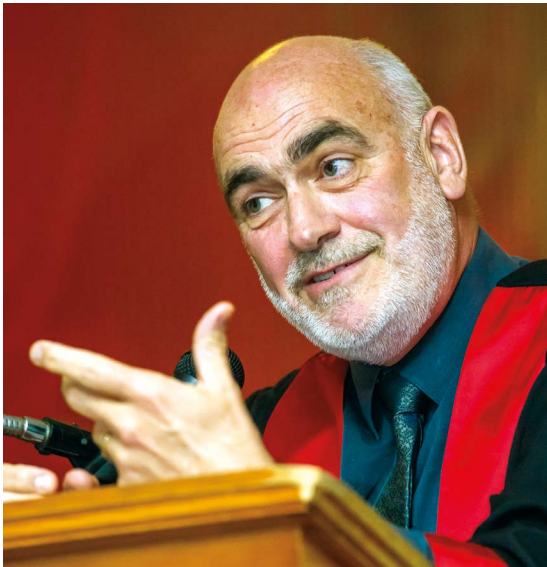
Now in its 75th Year, Jane College has been revitalised. A new brand, refreshed interiors and a renewed confidence that says “bring on the next 75 years”.

Hall was recruited to the project by Meg Clarke from Home+Style, the team overseeing the interior styling of Jane. They needed an artist who could streamline the process, given the short timeline, keep costs sensible, and balance the creative with the practical.

“Hamish makes art decisions easy, fun, and meaningful. Whether you’re transforming a space, commissioning a mural, or just need a fresh set of eyes, he can guide you from the first spark of an idea right through to the final hanging; that’s why we knew he’d be perfect for Jane,” says Meg.

Years as an artist, teacher, and project wrangler mean Hall knows how to make a piece feel right, tell a story, and find its perfect place. ■

# THE BEST PLACE TO EXCEL IN LAW MIGHT NOT BE WHERE YOU THINK



**T**im McCormack is the Course Coordinator of the Bachelor of Laws at the University of Tasmania (UTAS). A graduate from UTAS with honours in Law in 1982, McCormack is internationally renowned. He is the former Special Adviser on War Crimes to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. He says Australian law students are paying big bucks to live and study in Melbourne, and they have no idea what they are missing out on.

“UTAS is the fourth-oldest law school in Australia, with a 132-year teaching tradition. The size of the school relative to its mainland counterparts creates the perfect environment for young minds to thrive,” says McCormack. “And we have a shortage of lawyers in Tasmania, so every graduate gets a job.”

“The lecturer-to-student ratio is so much lower at UTAS, which means a much more encouraging and supportive learning experience. This translates to fewer students falling through the cracks. There is more opportunity to get extra help and assistance and be treated like an individual, not a number,” says McCormack.

“At big mainland universities, students will be one of 350 or 400; they won’t get to know all their professors and teaching is often done by junior academics and PhD students. Even the academics don’t know each other, because there are 100 of them. At UTAS, we have our best teachers in the room. We know our students, and our students know us.”

McCormack explains that the culture at big universities is ultra-competitive. “Students are desperate to stand out,” he says. “Our students don’t have that kind of pressure, which improves the study environment.”

## **The ultimate university experience: Jane College + UTAS**

Students also have the opportunity to stay at Jane College, which McCormack says, combined with Law at UTAS, is the ultimate university experience.

“I was a resident tutor at Jane when I was 22. I couldn’t believe what other students were missing out on. It was so much fun. Meals are provided so students don’t have to worry about their meals, they have their own study space, they can retreat to their room, but have amazing activities together.

“This broader life experience is important in their education as well – mixing with other young minds, experiencing diversity of thought.”

“I’ve maintained my connection with Jane, and I

am now a Fellow of the college. I interact with the resident law students, and they can reach out to me for help if they need it.”

UTAS Law student and Jane Resident, Sophie Lamb, says, “There are so many opportunities, especially as a law student. We have special guest lecturers, practising barristers and even had the Chief Justice for dinner! It is very inspiring and gets you thinking about different choices and careers in law. At university, you learn the content. Being at Jane has helped me understand what a career in law is really like.”

“UTAS has a really unique advantage as the only law school in the state - we have many amazing opportunities to connect with legal professionals that you simply wouldn’t get at a mainland university. From networking events with local lawyers to lunches with the new Chief Justice Chris Shanahan, UTAS provides a real connection to the profession that is hard to match anywhere else. I’ve only been in law school for two years and through Jane and UTAS I’ve had the opportunity to meet both of the Chief Justices we have had in that time - you can’t get much better than that!”

“I am impressed how everyone comes together as a community. I am so glad I came to Jane. It feels like I am getting the true university experience.”

### Unique learning experiences

UTAS offers other unique experiences that mainland students are missing out on, including a placement at the International Criminal Court and regular moot court experiences.

The law faculty in Tasmania also has a one-of-a-kind scholarship, the Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship, that sees one student each year go on a 12-month placement to the International Criminal Court, The Hague.

For 14 years (2010-2024), McCormack was Special Advisor on War Crimes to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. When Tim Hawkins was tragically killed in the 2002 Bali Bombings, his family and the University jointly established the Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship. Past recipients of the scholarship used to go to the Court as McCormack’s legal assistant. Now that McCormack has finished in his role at the Court, the scholarship recipients have the choice of placement in either the Chambers (with the judges) or in the Office of the Prosecutor.

“Students go as interns for 12 months, covered by \$25,000 and their return airfare. But you’ve got to be a UTAS Law graduate to be eligible for it. I don’t know of anything like this at other Australian universities.”

McCormack also explains that there are fewer, opportunities for moot court competition experiences in other States, which he says is “pretty appalling”.

“I want every law student to have the experience of participating in a national moot court competition. Here at UTAS Law School, if you want to, you can. And we punch well above our weight in terms of results. Our 2025 Championship Moot Team made the Grand Final and mooted in the High Court of Australia.”

McCormack is taking a moot court team to the Jessup International Law Moot Competition in Canberra in February 2026.

“We’ll spend the next three months working on the case, which was released in September. As soon as exams finish the fun starts. We’ll be under the pump from late November to mid-February.

“In 20-40 years from now, these students will say this was the highlight of their law degree. There is no substitute for it.”

### Combined degrees offered nowhere else

Students can study double degrees in Tasmania, combining law with Antarctic Studies, Agriculture, Wilderness Studies or even Music.

“Every field of human activity and endeavour is regulated by some sort of policy and regulatory framework. The Ag industry for example is heavily regulated. Someone who understands how Ag and law work would be incredibly valuable in that sector.”

says McCormack



# MEET JOANNA

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## THE HEART AND SOUL OF JANE

Joanna Rosewell was a resident at Jane long before she became our beloved Principal. Walking around the campus with Joanna, she knows the name of every student, what they are studying, and their interests and friendships. She remembers the nights when she was a resident, when they “danced the polish off the dining hall’s floor”, when rooms were renovated, and traditions began. But most of all, speaking with Joanna will assure you that Jane is the perfect place to transition from high school to adulthood, and to build life-long memories and friendships.





Joanna's life began in WA. Her mum was a nurse, and her father a teacher; they had fallen in love with Tasmania while on holiday before moving here when she was young. Joanna studied Arts Law at uni and Honours in Political Science. This is when she first encountered Jane. "I was so lucky that my parents said you are going to Jane whether you like it or not," laughs Joanna. "They wanted me to have this amazing collegiate experience – I was so lucky I did."

It was important to Joanna's parents that she made friends, felt safe and was comfortable. They also wanted her to be in an environment that supported her to pass uni.

"Jane is a safe environment, without it being a prison or boarding school, They found the money to send me here, then they sent my sister and brother."

Joanna has so many close friends from her time at Jane. "It's like time doesn't pass with friends from Jane. We have this bond."

## Jane is still Jane

Joanna loved her time at Jane as a resident, and so much of what made it so special then remains today. "The core of Jane is still Jane."

The annual Jane Car Rally that she loved back then continues to this day. "The car rally is an amazing race around Hobart with teams picking up clues and everyone dressed up in a theme. The car rally is still huge – it's so funny, it has bribes and dares leading up to the rally, like sleeping overnight outside the Dining Hall or going to Kmart and staying all night. If you do the dare, you accumulate points for your team, and then the team with the most points start the car rally."

The Jane Ball is also a long-standing Jane tradition. "The Jane Ball was hilarious – fun and ridiculous. Everyone would get dressed up in black tie or ball dresses, go for dinner beforehand, then at 11pm we'd dance to a live band with heels sinking into the muddy lawn outside the Dining Hall then to bed at 3 or 4 am depending on your stamina, it was so fun."

## Travels and homesickness

After graduation, Joanna travelled around Europe, working at a school in Covent Garden in London and spending nine months teaching English in Madrid. As wonderful as this time was, Joanna got homesick: "I was having a big adventure, but I wanted to go home." This time of her life has helped her understand how new Jane residents feel, and how she can help with their transition to college life.

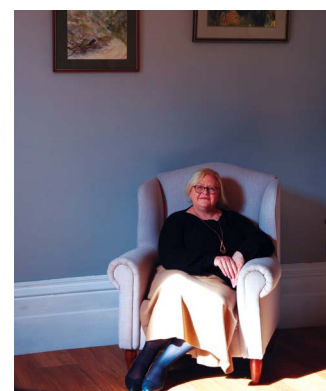
"I know what it means to feel homesick, and I know how to make people not feel homesick. From the day they enquire to move-in day, I want students to see how warm and welcoming Jane is. You'll get the same here at Jane as if you came to my home – hospitality."

Joanna's hospitality begins when a family has their first tour. "They are nervous when they arrive, but by the end of the tour, the young person has a smile on their face. I know this look so well, you just know that something has settled in their mind, they know they'll be alright, and Jane is their place."

Joanna's time overseas also instilled a deep love of Tasmania, "I can't begin to tell you how much I love Tasmania. Hearing the bells of St George's Church while sipping tea or a cocktail – I dreamed of doing this in Italy, but I can have that experience here, at home in a place I know and love. I still get that emotional reaction to my hometown."







### **The purpose of the college, community, and academic support**

Jane is not a school, and Joanna is a CEO more than a Principal, overseeing every aspect of the college. To her the bottom line is that students have an awesome experience at Jane while completing their degrees. “We don’t seek out HD students – we want diverse students, including just passing or not quite there students.”

The academic support at Jane is something that Joanna sees as a critical component of Jane. Mental health issues have increased across society, and having Nick Brodie, Jane’s Dean of Academics, and Sarah Hopkins, Dean of Students, there to support students is an important component of that.

“Nick’s work helps their wellbeing, he is really building that reputation for supporting people with academic study. As well as helping students struggling with a result he helps them navigate the university system, which can cause more stress than anything. People struggle with organisation, discipline, and subject matter. We are trying to get

them to start planning and organising and thinking things through. It’s a huge learning curve, and that’s what we are here for.”

Sarah the Dean of Students, who Joanna describes as “absolutely amazing” helps to create the magic of Jane as well as the rest of the staff and council. “They believe in what we do, they have seen how it has helped the kids.”

Joanna can’t remember her first day at Jane, but she does remember always having someone she could talk to, if that is what she wanted, knocking on a friend’s door and saying what are you up to?

### **The perfect job**

Joanna’s love for her role and for the whole Jane community is so evident. The beauty of the grounds, the closeness and diversity of the community, and the difference it makes in people’s lives are something she believes in. She says it’s the best job she has ever had, and her love of the place and the respect and friendships that are evident when people walk around the campus, show that she is the right person to lead the staff, the culture and community of Jane. ■

# WELCOME



## RESIDENT'S STORY

From dancing at the Jane Ball to travelling to Antarctica on an Icebreaker – IMAS Honours student and 4th Year Resident Neve, on why she still calls Jane home.



Standing on the manicured lawns outside the dining hall at Jane, residents point to the big orange icebreaker making its way up the Derwent River. Neve is almost home.

Neve is a Marine and Antarctic Science student, Jane Distinguished Scholar and has been living at Jane for four years, except for the two months she spent in Antarctica.

Neve graduated in 2024 with a Bachelor of Marine and Antarctic Science and is now studying Honours, looking at marine microscopic plants to learn about climate changes throughout time and whether we can predict future climate change. Learning from top scientists in the Antarctic field, meeting and working alongside wonderful people, Neve was the second youngest on the ship. Neve said she learnt so much from her fellow shipmates, and one of the other students, who was also a past resident of Jane.

"I love Antarctic science and how it can be applied to climate change scenarios. The sediment core samples from the bottom of the ocean are like a history book. The Kasten Core is 200,000 years old. We know more about the surface of the moon than our oceans. It's so important to learn as much as we can to do preventative work."

### Neve's 4th Year at Jane

Neve had her mind set on another college when she took a tour of all the campuses, but when she walked through Jane, and saw how people were spilling out into the corridors, talking to each other and were so chatty and welcoming to the people on the tour, she knew Jane was the place for her.

"Everyone seemed so happy and welcoming. They had all these great events, I thought - I'm sold - I have to come back and live here."

Now, a Senior Resident, Neve also works for the college, giving back to students the way others helped her, in addition to being an academic mentor and tutor. In her 4th year as a Jane resident, Neve says she decided to stay on: "because I didn't want to leave so soon, there is still so much to be part of, so many opportunities – personally and career wise."

Nick, the Dean of Academic Studies, as well as other tutors, mentors and fellows, have helped Neve thrive academically. Living at Jane with other students studying in the same areas has been integral to Neve's success:

"There is more academic support, we've all been through the same units, there are tutors, mentors, fellows, contacts in the workforce from the same field,

career events, career planning... you're all going through the same thing, and that's comforting. There are study groups where you work through stuff as a group. It helps you learn in a very different way. It's confidence building. We get a step up in these fields, one friend got an internship from living and working here at Jane."

## **Magnolias, roses, and natives along the driveway**

As awe-inspiring as Neve describes the beauty of the Antarctic, she is so pleased to be back amongst the beautiful gardens of Jane, and to look up at kunanyi / Mount Wellington looming large behind the campus.

"The grounds are beautiful, it's like living in a park. Down the bottom, there is an olive tree, where we often string lights up for events, it looks like a fairy garden. It's such a picturesque spot to live."

The close proximity to the city and the Uni campuses is also appealing, with South Hobart being convenient for so many reasons:

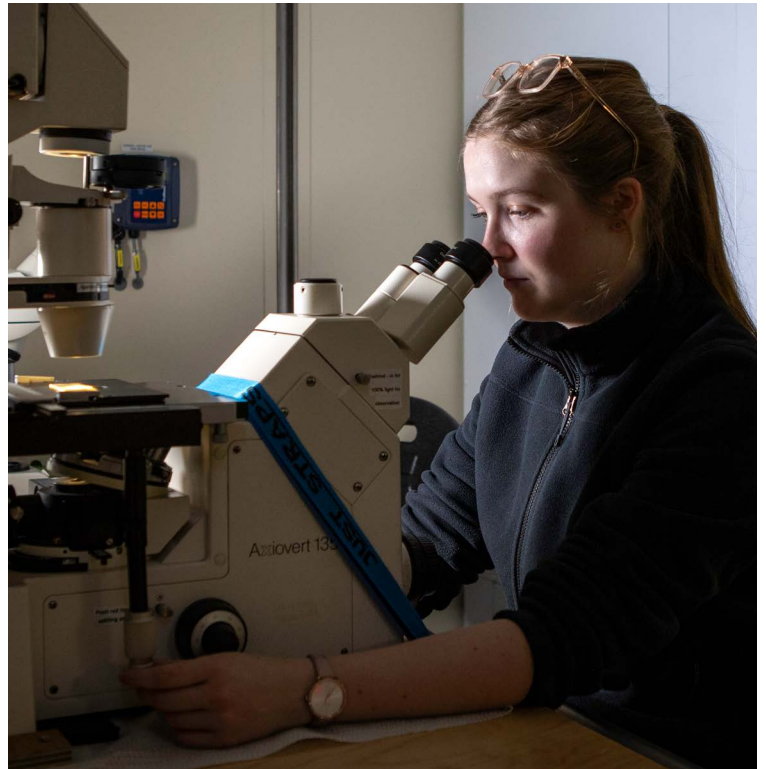
"Jane is between Sandy Bay, the city and the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS). It's so easy to walk to different places, it's not too hilly. I walk to IMAS every day, it only takes 20 minutes or a 5-minute run. The Jane bus is also reliable and regular – if you're running late, they'll pick you up."

## **That first impression hasn't changed; people still smile and say hello**

When asked what is so special about Jane, Neve has much to say:

"It's a place where you meet your future family in many ways. You come in not knowing anyone, and you leave with friends you will have all your life, connections for future careers, memories and experiences. Jane makes these things happen – it's wonderful, warm, inviting and friendly. I've never experienced anything like this."

"It made it less stressful and scary to leave home for the first time, and I am forever grateful for it. I knew a friend who went to a different college, and Jane completely outshone it. I didn't know anyone at Jane when I came, and what impressed me is that







first impression hasn't changed – people smile and say hello, they stop for a chat.”

The dining hall is one aspect of Jane that differs from other Hobart colleges. After a day of study, everyone comes together to eat and chat about their day. “When you eat together, you talk. I was introverted and was intimidated at first, but I didn't need to worry.”

### **Dressing up, dancing and Steve the cat**

While Neve speaks of the importance of the study groups and beautiful grounds at Jane, some of her favourite experiences of her 4 years at college come from the community events.

“Some of my best memories are from the Jane balls, getting dressed up, catching double-decker buses to the venue or a ferry, eating amazing food and dancing. So fun.”

Steve the cat, who lives next door to Jane but is a frequent visitor, has become a Jane icon and has a special place in Neve's heart. “I have so many memories of sitting in a friend's room, Steve comes in the window and hangs out on the bed. Jane has given me so many golden memories. It helps shape who you are as a person.”

### **Magical Sarah – Dean of Students**

Jane also has a wellbeing program, and it is run by Sarah the Dean of Students, or Magical Sarah as Neve calls her.

“Sarah is the Mum of Jane, you can go for a serious or fun chat – she'll point you in the right direction for anything from getting a doctor's appointment to talking about Eurovision. If you are down or sad, chat to Sarah, she is so comforting and helpful. All the Jane staff are amazing – we're so lucky to have them.”

Above all Neve describes Jane as home. A home away from home with Christmas trees, feasts and friends. “I don't think I would have done as well at uni without it, I would say to people thinking about living at Jane: do it for yourself, your confidence and your personal growth.” ■

# JANE'S DIAMOND!



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**CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY**





There was a kind of magic in the air at Jane's 75th birthday - the unmistakable excitement of people coming home.

More than 100 alumni returned in early December, spanning generations, with the earliest being Doris Banks OAM, the second student ever to enrol at Jane. The atmosphere felt almost like Christmas Eve: that bubbling anticipation as familiar faces appeared, followed by hugs, squeals of delight, a few tears, and endless "Do you remember when...?"

Stories flowed as easily as the laughter: proposals made at Jane, wedding receptions held in the dining hall, a mischievous Jane song from the 1950s, firecrackers across the dining hall lawn, and countless tales of youthful mayhem. For a moment, time folded in on itself, and the decades in between simply vanished.

What remained was a profound sense of love, connection, and belonging. The enduring spirit of Jane, alive and strong. ■









# JANE ALUMNI

News of Jane  
Residential College  
Alumni **2025**

## **Simon Roberts**

**Resident 2001 – 2003**

We are delighted to congratulate Jane alum Simon Roberts, who has been awarded a Public Service Medal in the 2025 Australia Day Honours for his outstanding contribution to emergency management and public policy in Tasmania.

Simon has dedicated more than 28 years to serving the Tasmanian community, including key leadership roles in the State Security Unit, where he helped develop counter-terrorism policy in partnership with DPFEM. During the COVID-19 pandemic he joined the Department of Health as Director of Policy and Projects within the Emergency Coordination Centre, guiding an exceptionally complex and high-pressure health policy response. He later led the department's COVID-19 emergency response and public health legislation review.

His career is an inspiring example of service, leadership and commitment to community. We are proud to celebrate Simon's achievements and acknowledge the impact he continues to make in Tasmania.

## **Mark Leis**

**Resident 1992 -1994**

Mark Leis has achieved an extraordinary milestone, winning the Masters 5 (50–54) category at the UCI 2025 XCO Masters World Championships.

Mark's passion for mountain biking began during his university years at Jane. Inspired by a visit from author Bryce Courtenay, who encouraged

students to "have a dream," Mark set his sights on the Olympics—an ambition that ultimately led him to the world championship podium.

Jane is proud to celebrate Mark's remarkable achievement and the dedication that has carried him from his College days to becoming a World Champion.

## **Marilyn Lake**

**Resident 1965-1967**

Professor Marilyn Lake has been elected to the British Academy's International Fellowship, an exceptional honour that recognises her outstanding contributions to the field of history. Marilyn is only the second Australian historian to receive this distinction, reflecting her influence and leadership in historical scholarship.

She was formally inducted at a ceremony in London in October. Jane is proud to celebrate Marilyn's remarkable achievement and the international recognition of her work.

## **Valma Wright née Val Barker**

**Resident 1950**

In lieu of attending the 75th anniversary events this year, Valma shared some memories of her year at Jane when the college first opened in 1950:

"The first baby boomers were starting school and teachers were desperately needed. The Accelerated Teacher Training scheme consisted of a year of university studies followed by a year of teacher training then out into the real world. For my year of teacher training I was invited to live in the brand new Women's



College, which had no name, no wardrobes, no bedspreads, no gowns, no rules, but lots of laughter and a fantastic cook.

The Principal, Miss Thais Slatyer, was much too young to be in charge of a group of fifteen 16 to 18 year-olds, some of whom were not as well behaved as they should have been. The list of rules grew as the year progressed. When one cheeky brother addressed his letters to c/o The University W.C. a name became imperative. The Board gave us a list of names to consider and agreed to our favourite, so Jane Franklin Hall it became."

## Lara Suitor

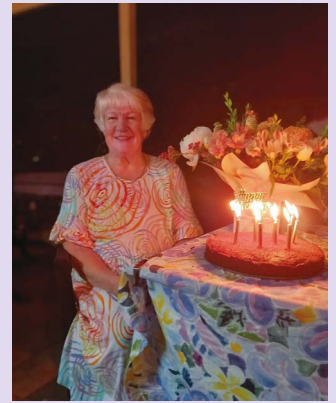
Resident 2001-2003

After living and working interstate as a Freshwater Ecologist on the Murray River for 12 years, including one year abroad living in China. Lara and her husband Alex Russell returned home to the Tamar Valley to start a family (two children Logan and Audrey). They bought their vineyard in Pipers River in 2016 which then consisted of 5 acres of vines - now over 40 acres. Built a winery and launched their wine brand Russell and Suitor Wines. They are currently building their cellar door on vineyard to be open by the end of 2025.

01. Karen Groves
02. Jennifer Luttrell
03. Mark Leis
04. Marilyn Lake
05. Lara Suitor



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**Karen Groves****Resident 1968-1970**

Karen has made her home in Perth, Western Australia, since moving there with her husband William Groves in 1974. She calls Perth “home” but Tasmania “roots”.

Karen and Bill have retained close ties with family and friends in Tasmania and chose to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Devonport in December 2023. They have two daughters, Emily and Georgina, and between them all, they have been to Tasmania 80 times in those 50 years! Each year, they enjoy a month of summer at the family holiday shack at Sisters Beach on the northwest coast.

Karen’s BA, Dip. Ed. degree saw her teach for two years at Ulverstone High School and one year at Methodist Ladies College in Perth before transitioning into her favoured field of international relations at the Australian High Commission in London and the US Consulate in Perth. She spent many years as a volunteer and chair of the board of the student exchange organization AFS (American Field Service) Australia and then as a member of Zonta International (an international organization with service projects and advocacy strategies to improve the status of women and girls worldwide) and is just completing 30 years as a member of the Zonta Club of Perth.

**Brent Searle****Resident 1986 – 1989**

After graduating with B.Agr Sc in 1990 Brent went to the North-West Coast and worked as an agronomist and Field

officer, completing his MBA at the University of Tasmania also in 1995 and part of the first intake of that course.

Brent moved to WA in 1996 doing similar work in the end for Pepsi Cola and then undertook similar work in Iraq, moved to Georgia in the USA for two years running cotton Gins and warehouses before moving to Switzerland working for a small Private Fund that managed Agricultural Assets around the world.

Brent moved back to WA having married Angela, a Perth girl in 2002, and has been there ever since, albeit travelling the world a lot at the same time. He now runs his own Agricultural Consultancy firm, and has three adult children at university.

**Rhys Filgate****Resident 2002 – 2003**

After leaving Jane Rhys completed medical school in 2007 and moved to the NSW Central Coast for two years where he met his now wife Alexandra, a Speech Pathologist. They moved to Perth WA for five years of surgical training followed by Fellowships in Sydney and Auckland before returning to Western Australia permanently in 2017. He is a colorectal surgeon with a special interest in advanced pelvic cancer and runs the West Australian service for advanced pelvic cancers out of Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Perth. Rhys and Alexandra have two beautiful daughters Sophia (6) and Georgia (3), whom he tries to bring back to beautiful Tasmania as often as possible.

**Jennifer Luttrell****Resident 1962-1965**

After completing her BA and DipEd at the University of Tasmania in the 1960s, Jennifer went on to earn a BEdSt from the University of Queensland in the 1970s and a Postgraduate Certificate in TESOL from the University of New England in the 1990s.

Her teaching career spanned four decades and took her across Australia and overseas. She taught English, history, geography and social studies at Brooks High and Prospect High in Launceston, Devonport High, Catford Boys Comprehensive School in London, and Richlands High in Brisbane. Following six years at home after the birth of her son, David, she joined St Peters Lutheran College in Brisbane, where she taught for 23 years.

During her time at St Peters, Jennifer established a dedicated EAL (then known as ESL) program for the College’s many overseas boarders. Working alongside three colleagues, she took great pride in supporting international students and also taught Year 11 and 12 mainstream English to ESL learners.

Her career was cut short in 2007 by her third bout of cancer, which she once again overcame. Now happily retired, Jennifer enjoys book club, theatre, films, exercise and yoga classes, National Seniors meetings and a full calendar of activities that keep her busy and connected. ■



## IN MEMORIAM

# A LIFE OF SERVICE, STRENGTH AND HEART: HONOURING DR KARLA FENTON OAM



For more than forty years, Dr Karla Fenton OAM was part of the fabric of Jane College. She was a mentor, a friend, a guiding presence and, for many, the embodiment of what it means to live a life of service. When Karla passed away peacefully earlier this year, the Jane community lost one of its most devoted champions. Her influence continues to shape the College every day.

Karla's journey began in New Norfolk where she grew up with a keen intellect and a strong sense of purpose. When the Second World War began, she enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Her wartime service earned her a government-funded place to study medicine. This opportunity changed the course of her life and she embraced it with determination.

Her medical career opened the world to her. In her early years as a doctor, Karla worked overseas and served as personal physician to the royal family of Selangor. During this period her beloved son, Doug, was born. Becoming a mother was one of the great joys of her life.

After returning to Tasmania, Karla embarked on a medical career that spanned more than six decades. She specialised in psychiatry, mental health, sexual trauma, and drug and alcohol treatment. She worked across the Tasmanian Psychiatric Service, supervised state treatment centres and served as a forensic examiner in sexual assault cases. In her private practice she bulk-billed her patients so that no one would be denied care because of financial hardship.

Her contributions were recognised through several honours including Senior Australian of the Year for Tasmania, the Anzac of the Year Award and the Medal of the Order of Australia. These awards reflected a professional life defined by compassion, integrity and tireless service.

Karla spent many years as a single parent while raising Doug in Tasmania. She followed his achievements with immense



pride as he became a highly respected surgeon in Sydney. Later in life she married former Jane Fellow Emeritus Professor David Elliott. They celebrated their wedding reception at Jane which reflected her deep and enduring connection to the College.

Karla's impact at Jane continues in many ways. The Dr Karla Fenton OAM Wing recognises her kindness, generosity and loyalty to the Jane community. The Dr Karla Fenton OAM and Dr Douglas Fenton-Lee Scholarship, awarded each year to the highest-achieving returning international student, honours her belief in opportunity and education. Doug also donates an additional scholarship in her name, which ensures that her values will continue to guide future generations.

Those who knew Karla described her as intellectually sharp, principled, warm, funny and courageous. Even in her final months, as she faced serious illness, she did so with remarkable resilience and determination.

Karla is survived by her son Dr Douglas Fenton-Lee, his wife Carol, and her adored grandsons Robert and Thomas.

Her story is one of extraordinary achievement. It is also the story of a woman who gave deeply to her patients, to her community and to Jane. Her legacy lives on in the College she loved and in the many lives she touched along the way.

**Vale Karla. ■**

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# COLLEGE COMMUNITY

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

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**Mr Anthony Hawkins,**  
elected as Council member

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**Ms Brindha Karupiah,**  
elected as Co-opted member of  
Finance, Audit and Risk (FARM)  
Committee

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**Prof Catriona Hurd,**  
elected as a Fellow of the College

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**Ms Kristy Quarell,**  
appointed as Cleaner

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**Ms Jingjing Sun,**  
appointed as Dining Hall Assistant

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**Mr Khanh Trinh Do,**  
appointed as Dining Hall  
Supervisor

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**Mr Nguyen Bach Tai Pham,**  
appointed as Dining Hall Assistant

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**Ms Thi Cong Dung Nguyen,**  
appointed as Dining Hall Assistant

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## FAREWELL AND THANKS TO MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

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**Ms Pip Dawson,**  
Council Member

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**Mr Jeremy Read,**  
Council Member

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**Mr Justin Hill,**  
Council Member

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**Ms Christine Browne,**  
Catering Assistant

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**Dr Linda Hunt,**  
Fellow of the College

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**Mr Mark Cutler,**  
Bus Driver

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**Ms June Smith,**  
Dining Hall Supervisor

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**Ms Kaylene Allie,**  
Catering Assistant

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**Ms Lindy Laycock,**  
Cleaner

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE ELEVATED TO NEW POSITIONS

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**Assoc Prof Louise Grimmer,**  
elected to position of College  
Council Chair

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**Dr John Kertesz,**  
elected to position of Fellow  
Emeritus of the College

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**Ms Theresa Hedge,**  
appointed as Dining Hall  
Supervisor

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## 2026 STUDENT CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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**Ms Scarlett Simmons**  
as President

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**Mr Nate Keyzers**  
as Vice President

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**Mr Jared O'Connor**  
as Treasurer

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**Mr Huon Murphy**  
as Secretary

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as Equity Representative

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**Ms Heidi Ahrens**  
as Women's Sports Representative

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**Mr Lachie Heath**  
as Men's Sports Representative

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**Ms Maddie Cook**  
as Publications Representative

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**Ms Zara Vass**  
as Social Representative

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**Ms Zali Ray**  
as Activities Representative

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## NEWLY APPOINTED 2026 SENIOR RESIDENTS

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Ms Amalie Cox  
Ms Sophie Lamb  
Ms Emelyne Lawson  
Mr Sam O'Neil

### **They will join:**

Ms Daneika Lovell  
Ms Emily Sefton  
Mr Luke Scolyer

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## THANK YOU TO 2025 ACADEMIC MENTORS

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Mr Oliver Buck  
Mr Luke Campbell  
Ms Sarah Crawford  
Ms Caitlin Kangaharan  
Ms Sophie Lamb  
Ms Victoria Monson  
Mr Sam O'Neil  
Ms Clancy Tomlinson

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## THANK YOU TO 2025 SENIOR RESIDENTS

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Ms Georgia Newman  
Ms Minna Saiful  
Ms Holly Scott  
Ms Neve Clippingdale

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## THANK YOU TO 2025 ACADEMIC TUTORS

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Ms Neve Clippingdale  
Mr Luke Scolyer  
Ms Elsie Wilson

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## NEWLY APPOINTED ACADEMIC MENTORS

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Ms Maddie Cook  
Ms Carren Gracia  
Ms Laura Haberle  
Ms Stacey Hyland  
Ms Ineka Leffler  
Ms Ella Rann  
Mr Sam Rein  
Ms Sanjana Sandeep  
Ms Zoe van Es

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# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AND PRIZE RECIPIENTS







# Scholarship and prize recipients in 2025

## Awarded at Commencement

### **The Marcus Freeman Scholarship in Business**

**Awarded to: Ineka Leffler**

Offered to a commencing university student who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident, undertaking a Bachelor of Business at the University of Tasmania and entering Jane in semester 1, 2025. The scholarship was awarded based on financial need and a willingness to contribute positively to the Jane community. Donated by alumnus of the College, Marcus Freeman.

### **The Tall Foundation Scholarship**

**Awarded to: Ava Conn**

Donated by the Tall Foundation. The scholarship is offered to a resident undertaking any bachelor's degree, who attended a Tasmanian high school, demonstrates financial need and the capacity and willingness to contribute to the Jane community.

### **The James Fenton Memorial Scholarship**

**Awarded to: Ella Rann and Zoe Van Es**

Offered to commencing students from the north-west of Tasmania enrolled in any faculty. The scholarship was awarded

based on financial need and academic potential. Endowed by the late Hon Charles and Mrs Flora Fenton, in honour of Mr Fenton's great-grandfather, James, the first European to settle west of the Mersey River.

### **Jill and Wayne Habner Scholarship**

**Awarded to: Thora Cosgriff**

For a student commencing a Bachelor degree in any subject and who has completed their school studies at Launceston College, achieving outstanding academic results. In awarding the scholarship, financial need was also considered. The scholarship was founded by Jane College and Launceston College alumnus, Mark Habner, and is named in honour of his parents. We also acknowledge Mark's cousin and Jane alumnus, Justin Habner and his partner Simon Baptist, who have also contributed to the scholarship fund.

### **The Kate Gilder Scholarship**

**Awarded to: Grace Robertson**

Offered for one year to a returning female resident enrolled in any Bachelor program who shows leadership, encourages others and has made a significant contribution to College life. Satisfactory academic achievement is important but the concept of "having a go" and achieving a balance in life between study, the outdoors and community participation is considered more important with this award. Endowed by Rosey and Sarah Gilder in memory of their sister, Kate.

### **The Jane Community Scholarships**

**Awarded to: Levi Gelston and Laura Haberle**

Offered to two Tasmanian students, who are entering university. While applicants must have received sound academic results from year 11, the most important criteria for this scholarship are about demonstrating good character and the potential to contribute positively to the College community.

### **Jane 75th Anniversary Scholarships**

**Awarded to: Lachlan Dean and Alice Woolfe**

Available to returning Jane residents in 2025, this scholarship celebrates Jane's 75th anniversary by offering two awards of \$7,500. The scholarship is awarded to applicants who can demonstrate how their time at Jane has broadened their personal, intellectual or cultural horizons.

### **The Fellows' Scholarship**

**Awarded to: Luke Scolyer**

Offered to a returning student enrolled in any Bachelor degree, the scholarship is awarded based on academic success and service to the College. Donated by the Fellows of Jane College.

### **The Hilary and Allan Wallace Scholarship**

**Awarded to: Stacey Hyland**

Available to a commencing student undertaking a Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine who is educated in the north or north-west of Tasmania and who will need financial assistance to move away from home to undertake study. Donated by Dr Hilary Wallace and the late Dr Alan Wallace.

## The Audrey Lee Scholarship

Awarded to: **Ruby Rockliff**

Offered to a returning Tasmanian student in the College of Health and Medicine. Selection criteria includes financial need and academic performance.

## The Jane Foundation Law Scholarship

Awarded to: **Sophie Lamb**

Donated by the Jane Foundation, the law scholarship is given to the returning student who has achieved the highest marks in the subject Foundations of Law and is continuing studies in law.

## The Damon Courtney Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: **Scarlett Simmons**

For a first-year student studying a Bachelor degree in any subject. The scholarship was awarded based on financial need and academic potential. Endowed by author, the late Bryce Courtenay in memory of his son, Damon.

## The Dr Karla Fenton OAM and Dr Douglas Fenton-Lee Prize

Awarded to: **Kiu Sum (Brad) Hung**

This is donated by Dr Karla Fenton in her own and her son's name to honour the memory of a friend, Dr Andrew Gibson. The prize is for the returning international student with the highest aggregate results from the previous academic year.

## The Jane College Distinguished Scholars Awards

Each year we honour Jane students who achieved outstanding university results in the previous academic year. They become known as our

## Distinguished Scholars.

All students who were residents at Jane in the previous academic year and who received a High Distinction average when totalling their percentage results across all their subjects, become Distinguished Scholars of Jane. The list of Distinguished Scholars is displayed in a book in the Senior Common Room.

Distinguished scholars from the cohort of 2023, awarded in 2024:

**Catherine Bean**  
**Oliver Buck**  
**Ava Christie**  
**Neve Clippingdale**  
**Victoria Monson**  
**Samuel O'Neil**  
**Elsie Wilson**

## Awarded at Valedictory

### The Fellows' Prize

Awarded to: **Nathan Keysers**

The Fellows' Prize is donated by the Fellows of the College and is awarded for the most outstanding contribution by a first-year student or students to the overall life of the College.

### The Southern Auxiliary Prize

Awarded to: **Ineka Leffler and Scarlett Simmons**

The Southern Auxiliary Prize is awarded to the student who has displayed unobtrusive concern for the College and its students.

### The Principal's Prize

Awarded to: **Rohan Bugg and Zara Vass**

The Principal's Prize is awarded to the student or students who have most demonstrated commitment to living and supporting the Jane values

## Service Awards

Each year at Jane there are students who quietly provide unstinting, often unseen, service to the College. The service award also pays tribute to the importance of unselfish service not just to Jane but in our wider communities. The criterion for gaining a service award is for returning students who, over the course of their residency, have gone above and beyond, willingly serving and enhancing the College community through their ongoing, positive contributions to Jane.

2025 Service Award recipients:

**Sam O'Neill**  
**Danieka Lovell**  
**Sophie Love**





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