Rhodes scholarship

A former dux of St Ignatius’ College has become the second student in the school's history to be awarded a prestigious Rhodes scholarship.

Yen Pham (pictured) graduated in 2010, achieving perfect scores for English Studies, Classical Studies and Philosophy. She was awarded academic and co-curricular full colours of the college and was also presented the Remington Pyne Memorial Prize for Classics and the F P Mullins Memorial Prize for English Studies.

Saint Ignatius’ College was delighted to learn that Yen has been selected as one of 89 scholars from across the globe for a scholarship to study at Oxford University this year. She follows in the footsteps of Justice John Doyle (class of 1962) who received a Rhodes scholarship in 1967.

Since graduating Yen has studied law and arts at the University of Adelaide and is currently majoring in English at Harvard University.

A daughter of refugees and a first generation Australian, Yen is a committed volunteer. Her community service has previously included tutoring refugees and migrants in English at the Adelaide School of Languages; assisting people with disabilities at the Strathmore Centre and working with the St Vincent de Paul Society on Fred’s Van. In New York she has worked as an intern at an education non-profit, served as an overnight shift volunteer at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter and was a co-leader for a Habitat for Humanity trip to Alabama.

When Yen moves to Oxford later this year she will pursue a Master of Studies in English (1900-present) and a Master of Studies in Film Aesthetics.