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Welcome new students



Term 1 Co-Curriculum



Summer holiday activities

Headmaster

Anthony Micallef

It is wonderful to welcome everyone to the 2019 school year. We offer a particularly warm welcome to all the new students, families and staff who join the Brisbane Grammar School community. We are enthused by the prospect of supporting all students to settle quickly into the School routines.

As is always the case at BGS, there was a great deal of co-curricular activity late last year and over the holidays. The activities were many and varied and included: cricket tours; a rowing camp; volleyball camp and tour; swimming camp; sailing clinic; tennis tour; Interschool Christian Fellowship camp; an overseas space tour and Japan exchange. I am grateful to the staff, students and BGS families that supported these holiday activities. These opportunities are one of the many factors that differentiate a BGS education.

I have much pleasure in repeating to the BGS community the names of the young men who will lead the student body in 2019. The School Captain for 2019 is Nick Miller and the Vice Captains are Noah Rosemann and Tim Weber. The Captain of Harlin House is James Kenny and Vice Captain is Ryan Ah Yek.

The photo at the bottom of this page features activity captains and vice captains for the summer Co-Curricular program.

Co-Curricular program 2019 (summer)

Activity	Captain	Vice Captain
Cricket	Archie Halliday	Dan Athanasellis
Debating	Cameron Cormack-Thomson	Harrison Emery
Fencing	Hugo Brown	Jude Forrest
Music	Danny Kim	Choir Harry Luu Bands Yi An Strings Geoffrey Kong
Rowing	Lachie Colledge	Noah Rosemann
Sailing	Andrew Ekeledo-Smith	Reuben Huf
Swimming	Tom Rimmington	Michael Giles
Volleyball	Hugh Neville	Tom Olsen
Chess	TBC	TBC



We wish them well in their important leadership roles. Leaders for the winter Co-Curricular program will be named later this term.

On Tuesday, we welcomed our new students and parents of all year levels to the School for Orientation Day. The sense of excitement was obvious among the boys. The address by School Captain Nick Miller proved a highlight, as he articulately summarised the challenges and possibilities awaiting our newest BGS students. I thank Acting Head of Middle School Ms Rebecca Campbell and her Middle School colleagues for their comprehensive organisation of the day.

As usual, a significant part of getting BGS up and running has involved the efforts of the parent volunteers in the Grammar Shop. All members of the BGS community are keenly aware of the significant contribution they make, and on behalf of the School, I want to sincerely express my gratitude for their efforts. We are fortunate that a significant number of parents readily contribute their time and interest to partner with the School in producing positive experiences for the boys and their families.

Our Maintenance staff and ICT have also been extremely busy. They have worked energetically over the summer holiday to improve infrastructure and ICT systems.

The summer holiday period is one of the busiest times of the year for our hard-working Facilities and Maintenance teams. That period provides an important window of opportunity to complete much-needed maintenance and improvements to the School's campuses while boys and a majority of staff are away. The achievements during that time included the conversion of the previously unusable area near the Science Block into a tiered social space for Year 10 students, featuring beautiful sandstone blocks and artificial grass. The magnificent stained-glass window on the front of the Great Hall was overlaid with substantial glass panels to protect the window from the type of hailstorm damage sustained in 2014. From a safety perspective, we continued our campus-wide rollout of additional electronic door monitoring and locking systems and closed-circuit television coverage. We also expanded our coverage of environmental safety measures for students with impaired vision, which improves safety for us all. Thanks to the generosity of our Student Representative Body, the School's crest was affixed in all its glory to the multipurpose floor in the Indoor Sports Centre, to be proudly enjoyed for many years by our students. The Science laboratories are now fully air conditioned after many years of re-cabling the campus to service the additional energy requirements. Finally, our Finance team was treated to a much-needed refurbishment of their office, which was last fitted out some 20 years ago.

The school year commenced with the usual Senior School Assembly on Wednesday morning. The students listened carefully to the academic results of the 2018 graduates. The cohort performed very well, confirming the academic commitment of our students. A median of OP5 was a key highlight, showcasing the consistency and depth of the Class of 2018.

The BGS OP results for 2018 were as follows:

- 40 students received OP1 (15.5%, this is right on the average and sits in the middle of the 27-year record);
- 66 OP1 or OP2 (25.6%, again right on the School's historical average);
- OP1-7 (67.8%);
- OP1-13 (92.6%);
- OP1-15 (96%); and
- A median score of OP5, which is equivalent to a 93 ATAR.

These academic results have led to significant opportunities for further education for the Class of 2018, including significant scholarship opportunities at major Australian universities and abroad. It is important to note that 100% of 2018 graduates who applied have received a tertiary offer for Semester 1 entry. For more information please [click here](#).

There are some important staff changes this year. We congratulate the following staff on their appointment to positions of added responsibility and wish them much personal and professional satisfaction at BGS:

Executive Director – Educational Innovation
(continuing 2019)
Jacqui Zervos

Acting Head of Middle School
(continuing 2019)
Rebecca Campbell

Acting Assistant Head of Science
Dale Owens

Acting Assistant Head of Years 5 and 6
(continuing 2019)
Justin Shears

Acting Head of Biology
Allison Smith

Acting Head of Years 5 and 6
(continuing 2019)
Paul Kenny

Assistant Head of History

Jay Taylor

Curriculum Assistant Middle School (Science)

Gustav Joshi

Effective Thinking Cultures

Lead Learners

Daniel Celm, Megan Marshall, Dominique Fitzgerald, Stella Gardner, Scott Jones, Jeffrey Lewis, Matt Logan, Anne O'Rourke, Gus Robertson, Carla Salmon, Jenny Tap, Julia Vedelago, Tara Richmond, Carl Marshall.

Finally, I wish to draw people's attention to the media release and the report pertaining to Rugby Australia's independent review into the serious injuries incurred throughout the 2018 GPS season. [Click here](#) to access a page with links to the Media Release, the Serious Injuries Review Executive Summary and the Best Practice for Safe Rugby Framework.

The GPS schools, Rugby Australia and Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) resolved to undertake a thorough review to assess each incident and identify ways to improve safety.

The GPS Association of Queensland welcomes the report's recommendations ahead of the 2019 season and will be working with Rugby Australia, QRU and member schools to deliver leadership in player safety. As an outcome of the review, Rugby Australia has developed a Best Practice Safe Rugby Framework ahead of the 2019 season, which incorporates its existing player safety guidelines and participation policy, as well as introducing new safety initiatives to be trialled this year. Some of the most significant developments will be made in player assessment. New measures will be adopted to assess the physical development, motor competency and skill development of individual players to ensure they have the requisite skills, health and critical competencies to minimise the risk of potential injury.

The GPS Association has established a Rugby Review Working Group to step out our response to the recommendations. The working group's goal is to ensure it supports our schools as quickly as possible to implement the Best Practice Safe Rugby Framework ahead of the 2019 season.

The working group includes representatives from all nine GPS member schools. The representatives are:

Directors of Rugby

- Mr Steve Phillpotts (Brisbane Boys College)
- Mr Dan Ritchie (Brisbane State High School)
- Mr Jonathan Farrell (Toowoomba Grammar School)

Directors of Sport and Activities

- Mr Bryan Hain (The Southport School)
- Mr Nigel Greive (Ipswich Grammar School)
- Mr Sean Tasker (Anglican Church Grammar School)

Headmasters

- Mr Anthony Micallef (Brisbane Grammar School)
- Dr Michael Carroll (St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace)
- Mr Peter Fullagar (St Joseph's Nudgee College)

I will continue to provide updates as we progress with the implementation of the Best Practice Safe Rugby Framework. I also encourage input and support from members of the BGS Rugby community, and I invite you to contact Mr Greg Thorne (Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum), Mr Ron Cochrane (Director of Sport), Mr Phil Mooney (Director of Rugby) or Mr Glenn McFarlane (Director of Middle School Sport) with any questions you may have about the report and our response.

In closing, I know I speak on behalf of all staff when I say we are excited by the start of the new school year. We continue to be deeply committed to an educational philosophy where our major goals are for each boy to cultivate the attitudes, skills and knowledge for critical intelligence; to develop personal character and talents; and to foster a strong sense of service, community, leadership and loyalty to others. We know that by working in partnership with the parent body we can collectively enhance student outcomes and shape a better Brisbane Grammar School.

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

It has been an excellent first week. I am grateful to the boys for their cooperation as we commence the routines associated with returning to the school year. I also want to thank parents and families for the obvious effort that has gone into preparing the boys for the new school year. I am sure it has been an exciting time at home as well.

Special thanks to our senior students for their leadership of the orientation program. We are again fortunate in 2019 to have a senior class committed to serving the community. In Week 2 we will be officially inducting the School and Harlin House Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects.

I spoke to the boys on Wednesday at assembly about our clear expectations and standards. This will be a focus for staff during the next month to assist boys to manage the transition from holidays back to school routines. I encourage parents to also focus on this transition at home. Boys need to commence their home routines immediately. I encourage you to focus on minimising screen time and stressing the importance of sleep, diet and exercise.

I also shared with the boys a clear directive that they are not, under any circumstances, to use the recently introduced Lime electric scooters to travel to, from or around the School. This includes boarding students when on leave in the afternoon. BGS has worked in conjunction with the company to ensure that they are aware of our wishes regarding this. Along with the School Marshal's Office, I will be monitoring this very closely. Safety is a priority and the inclusion of these around our school is unnecessary.

At each of the upcoming year level parent information evenings I will be discussing the School's progress in the area of child protection. I believe it is important for the community to be aware of our achievements and future focus in this area. I look forward to seeing you there.

As always, developing an atmosphere where students are respectful to each other is a priority at BGS. If you have any concerns, please make contact with your son's Head of Year.

I look forward to an ongoing partnership with all of you in 2019.

Year 10 Parent–Son Kokoda trip

September 2019

An information session will be held for Year 10 parents interested in learning more about a BGS Parent–Son Kokoda trip which will be coordinated by Aurora Adventures in September 2019.

Those who participated with their sons in similar treks have spoken of the remarkable experience — made more remarkable by being shared — and the lifelong friendships that develop between the parents and among the boys.

Further information is included in the brochure which has been posted on MyGrammar in the Year 10 section.

Note that all boys who participate in this trek must be accompanied by a parent.

Information session

Date: Monday 18 February 2019

Time: 6.00pm

Location: The Lilley Centre

Guest Speaker: Evan Donaghue, Operations Manager, Aurora Adventures

Contact: Petrina Gilmore | petrina.gilmore@brisbanegrammar.com or 07 3834 5748

RSVP: rsvp@brisbanegrammar.com

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

The start of term has been a busy time in Harlin House.

This year, we welcomed 30 new boarders to our community, from as distant as Honolulu and as close to home as inner-city Brisbane. While it has been wonderful to welcome all of these new boys to the House, it has equally been our privilege and pleasure to begin to form relations with our new parents and guardians, starting with the boarding induction program on Sunday 27 January.

We are especially delighted to welcome 13 new boarders to our Years 7 and 8 dormitory, and it is heartening to see such strong interest in boarding from the younger boys.

This term has also seen new staff join the Harlin House team. Mr Greg Di-Losa joins as a Boarding Tutor and his expertise and insight as a member of the Physical Education Department, and as Director of Football, will be invaluable for all of the boys — and especially for our athletes. Mr Andy Bertram is our sole new Residential Boarding Tutor and will combine his role in the House with his duties as a member of the BGS Student Services Department. Finally we welcome Mr Brandon Bruwer and Mr Gareth Clark, who join us from Durban and Cape Town respectively, as Boarding Activity Tutors for 2019.

Occasional Boarding

From January 2019, all BGS students have the opportunity to board in Harlin House for two nominated days per week, as part of the School's newly introduced 'occasional boarding' offering. Occasional boarding is the third boarding option available to BGS students, complementing full-time and short-term boarding.

Occasional boarding is for students who wish to board for set days each week for a minimum duration of a term. BGS students can use this additional boarding option during a demanding co-curricular period or to take advantage of the extensive Academic Enrichment program in Harlin House.

Occasional boarders will have access to everything on offer in Harlin House for the two days they spend in the House each week. This includes access to the full range of activities and the Academic Enrichment program run by teaching staff and academic tutors. They will enjoy all meals, including breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and a light supper.

Harlin House is actively staffed from 6.00am to 12.00am daily with an on-call system operating overnight from one of the four resident staff. All specific departures or returns outside these times are supervised, covering transport to early morning sport.

If you are interested in occasional boarding or would like more information, please contact Director of Enrolments Jamie Smith on +61 7 3834 5227 or at jamie.smith@brisbanegrammar.com.



Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Student Services Social Media Communications

Student Services operates a closed Facebook group for Year 12 students to facilitate information sharing and discussion with students on student issues, tertiary entrance, scholarships and higher education. The group for Year 12 2019 is now active and information on joining has been emailed to students.

The group is monitored and includes Deputy Headmasters, the Head of Year and Student Services staff as members.

Student Services also operate groups providing information to the broader community. These are available for all parents and the community to access via the links below:

Beyond Grammar – Facebook

- <https://www.facebook.com/bgsstudentservices>
Click 'Like' to follow

Beyond Grammar – Twitter

- <https://twitter.com/BeyondGrammar>
Follow to access our tweets

Beyond Grammar – Instagram

- https://www.instagram.com/beyond_grammar
Open feed and follow to access

Responses in the closed student groups and to the feeds listed above are monitored and users will be blocked in situations of misuse.

2019 ACER Scholarship Exam

Applications Open

Brisbane Grammar School has a long and proud tradition of offering scholarships and bursaries to boys who have demonstrated that they have the potential to derive great benefit from a BGS education.

Trustees' Scholarships are awarded on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence to boys commencing Year 7 in 2020, based on their performance in the annual ACER Scholarship Exam and a willingness to contribute to the wider School program.

The ACER Scholarship Examination will be held at the School on Saturday 23 February 2019. Registration is only available online and may be made [via our website](#). Registration will close at midnight AEDST Monday 4 February 2019. The cost of registration is \$130.

Full details of the scholarship and bursary programs are available [on the BGS website](#). If you have any questions please call the Enrolments Office on (07) 3834 5200.

Jamie Smith
Director of Enrolments

Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Welcome to the new school year, and a special welcome to all new students and families who start their BGS journey in 2019.

The year ahead offers many exciting opportunities for students who wish to participate in Public Purpose and Leadership programs. More information about the following can be accessed via [MyGrammar](#) under either the [Public Purpose](#) or [Global Leadership](#) tabs.

Public Purpose

It is a requirement that students wishing to be involved in Public Purpose activities complete the relevant sign-on [surveys](#) for their year level, including any projects such as Closing the Gap, the Gender Respect Committee, Homework Club and Nursery Road State Special School.

Service Immersion information evenings

- **Years 11 and 12 Cape York and Great Barrier Reef Immersion**
Monday 18 February, 6pm – 7pm
- **Year 10 Cambodia Immersion** Monday 11 February, 6pm – 7pm

The information sessions will take place in The Lilley Centre and both students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Global leadership opportunities

Each year, BGS student delegates are invited to participate in several overseas leadership summits as part of our Global Citizenry program. Year 11 students are invited to apply for the following summits:

- **Asia Pacific Young Leaders Conference (APYLC)**
BINUS School, Indonesia
7 to 12 April
- **Asia Pacific Young Leaders Summit (APYLS)**
Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore
21 to 26 July

Refer to [MyGrammar](#) for requirements and application forms.

External Public Purpose opportunities

While the School offers a diverse range of Public Purpose experiences, students across all year levels are encouraged to seek other opportunities outside of the school context. For participation to be officially acknowledged on school records, students will be required to document their service within the guidelines of the School's Public Purpose critical reflection framework.

SchoolTV

SchoolTV is a fabulous resource. Currently, there are two editions of SchoolTV that are relevant at this time of year: *School Transitions* and *Surviving Year 12*.

- *School Transitions* is suitable for all parents, whether they have a youngster starting in primary school, a teen transitioning to secondary, or a child starting at a new school.
- *Surviving Year 12* offers parents advice on how to help their young adult survive and get through the final year at school with guidance on how to minimise the impact on family life.

Student Entrepreneur Club

The Student Entrepreneur Club is starting up again for 2019 and we would like to invite budding entrepreneurs in Years 11 and 12 to join. This club will be facilitated by Peta Ellis from River City Labs (RCL) with alumni from RCL Accelerator, Startup Catalyst missions and community members who have successfully grown their startups globally.

This year, we are expanding the program to link with our Public Purpose program to provide opportunities for students interested in taking social entrepreneurship to the next level. Not only will we cater for students with personal entrepreneurial projects, but we will also provide a support network for those students who want to generate profit for a social purpose.

Students will meet in weekly sessions on Thursday afternoons over a 10-week period, spanning Terms 1 and 2 to avoid peak exam times. Teacher involvement will include staff from BGS and Brisbane Girls Grammar School.

The club will provide budding entrepreneurs a forum in which they generate ideas, develop a business idea including making a minimal viable product, identifying a target market, undertaking competitor analysis, understanding pricing and ultimately pitching their idea to potential investors.

This program is not designed to create vocational skills, but rather transferrable skills. Young people need creative entrepreneurial skills to prepare them for the economy of the future; to provide them the option of becoming employers rather than employees while navigating more complex careers.

Interested students should contact Ms Kate Stevenson by Thursday 7 February at kate.stevenson@brisbanegrammar.com.

Kate Stevenson
Head of Economics

Student pick up and drop off

We are aware of the difficulties and delays involved in dropping off and picking up your sons at the front of the School. We ask BGS families to be patient and supportive of staff while we move traffic through the drop off zone at the front of the School. The processes that we have in place are to ensure the safety of all involved. We ask that all parents follow the proper procedure to ensure the safety of all in the BGS community.

Some of the key practices regarding the drop off and pick up zones at the front of the School include:

- The front entrance road area between the traffic lights and the passenger loading zone is to be kept clear and not used as an alternative waiting area prior to 3.15pm pick up.
- Before 8.30am and after 3.15pm, cars will be able to enter the passenger loading zone to pick up/drop off passengers.
- When entering the pick up/drop off zone it is important that the 5km speed limit is observed and that drivers pay attention to traffic controllers. The traffic controllers and security guards are there to enact practices which keep our community safe. They deserve our respect and cooperation. Please also exercise patience and courtesy towards other drivers.
- The rear staff car park is not a designated drop off or pick up zone for students.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Frank McClatchy
Dean of Administration



Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

The start of the year brings with it new opportunities, goals and hope. For our commencing students, while everything around them may be new, these first few weeks provide a unique chance to start their journey with acute purpose.

Optimism is a powerful tool as we set goals, reach beyond our previous selves and dare to push further than we have before. As I have experienced over the course of my first month at BGS, our students will be presented with unexpected opportunities this year. We urge them to keep an open mind, to take calculated risks and trust that in doing so, their courage will be rewarded.

For their optimism to become meaningful, to make a difference in their lives and that of others, it needs to be paired with endeavour. Throughout 2019, many talented individuals will work diligently to provide our students with valuable co-curricular experiences.

At this week's assembly, on behalf of those leading music, drama, art and design, sporting, cultural and club activities, I invited our students to commit fully this year. We ask that parents and guardians also partner with us in this endeavour. In doing so, our collective goals are the rewards your son will experience: personal challenge and growth, satisfaction, connection and ultimately, enhanced academic philosophy and outcomes.

I look forward to meeting you over the months ahead.



Debating

Welcome to the start of the 2019 Debating season.

The GPS season takes place in Term 1, with Years 8 to 12 starting in Round 1 next Friday at home against TSS. The Years 5 to 7 season starts in Round 2 against Churchie. Team lists and draw are on MyGrammar and have also been emailed to your sons in preparation for their first debates.

The QDU season is broken into two different competitions. The Years 8 to 12 competition will start later in Term 1 and the Years 5 to 7 competition late Term 2. Team lists for all year levels plus general information on dates are now on MyGrammar. Further details relating to training, venue, draw and topics will be uploaded as soon as they become available.

Finally, QDU also hold a number of workshop and debating opportunities for students across Queensland. The first is the QDU Summer School that will be held at BGS on Sunday 17 February. This event is open to all debaters in Years 8 to 12. The State Team trials application is also open and experienced debaters in Years 10 to 12 are encouraged to apply.

Details about both these events are on MyGrammar. Please note that students do not need to wear their school uniform on either of these days and BGS staff will be supervising at the QDU Summer School.

The Debating coaches and I look forward to meeting you throughout both debating seasons. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Ainslie Hunter
MiC Debating

Drama

2019 Senior Dramatic Production

The BGS Drama Department is pleased to announce the 2019 Senior Dramatic Production is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Richard III*. We are incredibly excited to once again work with award-winning playwright Daniel Evans, who wrote the original script for last year's sesquicentenary production, *The Boy We Lost At Sea*. The directing team for this production is Ms Tanya Neilsen and Mr Jeffrey Lewis, supported by technical director Mr Michael Moloney.

What is it about?

Richard III is a contemporary mash up of royalty and rock and roll. It takes the famed Shakespearean villain and drops him into the middle of the 21st century where he feels like a frighteningly good fit. Loud, brash and bloody — this *Richard III* is a messed-up monstrous monarchy where the crown hangs in a precarious balance and one man decides that all bets (and gloves) are off.

Auditions

Students are not required to study Drama in their senior course to be eligible to audition. Audition packs are available at the Co-Curricular Office. These packs contain more information about the dramatic vision and the rehearsal schedule.

Auditions will be held in Week 2 Term 1.

- Dates: Tuesday 5 February and Wednesday 6 February
- Time: 3.15pm – 4.30pm
- Location: BGS Theatre

Tanya Neilsen
Head of Drama

Music

Welcome to 2019 from the Music Department. I trust that you enjoyed a restful Christmas break and are ready for another year of making music. As usual, there will be a number of opportunities for our boys to immerse themselves in Music at BGS. In the next couple of weeks more details will be shared with you, but in the meantime please consult the Music section of MyGrammar for date claimers.

Here are a few initial updates and reminders:

- **It is not too late to learn a musical instrument or voice in 2019.** Those involved in last year's Year 5 Immersion program are particularly invited to get involved. For more information, go to MyGrammar or contact the Music Office at miranda.ward@brisbanegrammar.com or 07 3834 5370. To assist our Year 7s in choosing a new instrument, all Year 7 classes were introduced to the wide variety on offer in the Music Tuition Program. On the following page are some photos of the boys in action.
- Students who were a part of the 2018 vocal and instrumental tuition program, who wish to be involved in 2019 and are yet to return a **re-enrolment form**, must do so before commencing lessons this year. See MyGrammar or the Music Office for this form.
- **Private lessons** commence in Week 2 while **group lessons** commence in Week 3.

Auditions for instrumental and choral ensembles will be occurring this week:

- **Instrumental auditions** will be held from Tuesday 5 February for boys new to the School or those who missed last year's auditions. This is for:

Concert Bands
Jazz Bands
String Ensembles
Orchestras
Percussion Ensembles

- **Choral auditions** are from Tuesday 5 February for boys wanting to be in one (or more) of the auditioned choirs:

Grammarphones	Advanced changed voices - TTBB
Grammar Singers	Changed voices singing with girls from BGGS - SATB
Grammar Voices	Intermediate changed voices - TTBB
Chamber Choir	Unchanged voices - SSA

Sign up for auditions can be done electronically by clicking on the link on MyGrammar. Alternatively, contact Ms Miranda Ward in the Music Office at miranda.ward@brisbanegrammar.com or 07 3834 5370.

Audition expectations can be found on MyGrammar.

Boys keen to sing in the **Grammar Vocal Ensemble** are asked to make a time for a voice test during the audition period so they can be placed appropriately in the group.

- Please note that in 2019, all students must participate in the appropriate **core ensemble** for their particular instrument before they can be placed in an **extension ensemble**. Core ensembles are:

Strings	One of the Chamber Ensembles (eg. Paganini Strings, Chamber Strings etc.)
Brass and Woodwind	One of the Concert Bands (eg. Symphonic Band, Holst Band etc.)
Percussion	One of the Concert Bands or Percussion Ensembles
Voice	Unchanged Voices: Grammar Vocal Group, Changed Voices: Grammar Vocal Ensemble

- The two non-auditioned choirs will be having short introductory rehearsals this coming week. If you are keen to be involved this year, rehearsal times are as follows:

Grammar Vocal Ensemble – Monday 4 February at 7.30am (normally 7.00am) in the Music Auditorium
Open to any boy with a changed voice

Grammar Vocal Group – Thursday 7 February at 3.10pm – 4.00pm (normally 4.30pm) in the Music Auditorium
Open to any boy with an unchanged voice

- Music lockers are required for students to store their instruments in the Music Block. Apply for a locker at the Music Office. Instruments not stored in lockers in 2019 will be confiscated.

Music Support Group Annual General Meeting

The 2019 Annual General Meeting for the Music Support Group will be held on Wednesday 6 February at 7.00pm in the Strings Room.

The AGM will then be followed by the first meeting for 2019 with light refreshments provided. The Music Support Group would like to extend a warm welcome to any continuing or new parents to the BGS Community whose children are involved in any way with the Music program. It is a great way to meet other parents and get involved with the BGS community. The number of students who participate in the Music program is considerable and events are held throughout the entire year, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

All voluntary positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. In particular, nominations are being sought for the position of Treasurer. If you are suitably qualified and would like to assist the Music Support Group in this manner, please consider nominating for this role.

Any queries relating to nominations can be directed to support.music@brisbanegrammar.com.

In 2019, the Music Support Group will be meeting on the first Wednesday of every month.

Find out more about the group by coming along to the AGM and first meeting on 6 February 2019. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have any queries or would like any further information, please feel free to email the Music Support Group at the address above.

Peter Ingram
Head of Music



Cross Country

Years 5 to 12 GPS competition

Preseason training for Cross Country will begin in Week 2, commencing Monday 4 February. Training sessions will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, starting at 6.15am and finishing by 8.00am.

A note to all runners that training starts and finishes at the Pavilion at the end of Number 1 Oval. Students should arrive at the Pavilion to sign on with their Student ID card and be ready to run at 6.15am. This training should not interrupt the Term 1 Sport program, but is a way to supplement or augment other training sessions. Students who are involved in Cross Country should attempt to make these sessions to build a solid aerobic base for the upcoming season. The program uses playing fields at school, surrounding parkland area, bikeways and footpath runs following local roads.

Follow the link on MyGrammar to sign on for the season.

Upcoming Events

Monday 4 February	Training commences Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings 6.15am – 8.00am Cricket Pavilion
Wednesday 3 April	BSHS/BBC Cross Country Minnippi
Monday 8, Wednesday 10, Friday 12 April	Holiday training 7.00am – 8.00am BGS
Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 April	Years 7 to 12 BGS Cross Country Camp Tallebudgera

Information on BGS Cross Country can be found on MyGrammar.

If you have any questions regarding the Cross Country program please contact Mr John Clancy at john.clancy@brisbanegrammar.com.

John Clancy
MiC Cross Country

Swimming

I would like to welcome all new and returning families to the BGS Swimming program. This year, the GPS Swimming Championship will be held on Friday 8 March. It has been encouraging to see that many swimmers have already started preparations. Well done to all students who attended the Junior Swimming Clinic at BGS and the Senior Swimming Camp at Runaway Bay.

Queensland State Championship results

Fourteen BGS boys competed at the Queensland Swimming Championships in December. BGS swimmers competed in 31 finals throughout the championship. Congratulations to the following boys for receiving medals in their events:

Alexander Grant	Boys 17/18 400m Freestyle	GOLD
	Boys 17/18 200m Freestyle	SILVER
	Boys 17/18 200m Breaststroke	GOLD
	Men 13 and over 800m Freestyle	GOLD
Josh Hardess	Boys 17/18 100m Breaststroke	GOLD
Tom Rimmington	Boys 16 100m Breaststroke	GOLD
	Boys 16 200m Breaststroke	BRONZE
Gus Whittome	Boys 15 100m Butterfly	SILVER
Hunter Pyne	Boys 15 100m Freestyle	BRONZE

Training

It is important to note that GPS training sessions have begun this week. Please see the link below for training times for each age group. The first GPS lead-up meet will be held this Friday afternoon (1 February) at Chandler for all swimmers. Another important date on our calendar is the BGS School Swimming Championship (Tuesday 12 February at Chandler). All serious swimmers in Years 5 to 12 should attend the championship, as this is an opportunity for swimmers to race and post electronic times that will assist coaches with selection of the GPS Swimming team. Winners of each age group will be presented with a trophy at Speech Day. Nominations for this event can be made via the link below.

For all information relevant to the GPS Swimming program, please visit the Swimming page on MyGrammar or access via the below links:

Frequently Asked Questions about GPS Swimming

GPS Competition and Event Calendar

Training Times

Friday Lead-Up Meets

Transport Arrangements

School Championship

The BGS Swimming staff look forward to meeting you throughout the season. If you have any further questions, please contact me at matt.logan@brisbanegrammar.com.

Matt Logan
MiC Swimming

Tennis

BGS Tennis Information

We like to update our players, parents and guardians as much as we can with information about BGS Tennis. The best ways to stay up to date are through the [MyGrammar Tennis page](#), the [BGS Tennis Facebook page](#), the BGS app, or via email at tennis@brisbanegrammar.com.

Training Sessions

If you are interested in training sessions please consult [MyGrammar](#) or email tennis@brisbanegrammar.com.

Super League

We have 20 Super League teams that compete each Saturday during school terms. Super League is a fixture competition held on Saturday afternoons where players get to practice singles and doubles matches. There are teams of 3 or 4 players, with 2 players playing each Saturday, meaning that players get a rest and don't have to play every week. There is a registration fee of \$105 and costs \$23 each time you play.

The first round of Super League is Saturday 9 February.

If you would like more information please email Harry at harry.lee@brisbanegrammar.com, or text or call 0400 983 336.

GPS Tennis and Wimbledon Club

More information about GPS Tennis will be provided in the coming days and weeks.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

The first week of school brings a great sense of excitement and anticipation as staff and students look forward to the new year. The Year 5 and Year 7 orientation program took place on Tuesday, and it was wonderful to see high levels of enthusiasm as the boys settled into their new classes and environment. Much of this week has focused on building connections, navigating the campus and establishing routines and behavioural norms, prior to the boys immersing themselves in the academic program. The boys have settled in well and I have been delighted by the way they have approached the first week of 2019.

The start of a new year also presents the opportunity for our continuing students to revisit our School Values and for our new students to learn the significance of: Learning, Respect, Community, Leadership and Endeavour. Over the next few weeks, our core values will be front and centre as we establish the expectations and tone for the year ahead.

A number of new staff have joined our Middle School community this year. Mrs Lindy Mackintosh (5D), Mr Hamish Benson (7D) and Ms Naomi Russell (8B) have joined our Form Tutor team and bring with them a wealth of experience across both the academic and co-curricular domains.

Next week, the Middle School will host parent information sessions with a focus on supporting your son at Brisbane Grammar School. Dates for the information sessions are as follows:

Year 5: Monday 4 February

Year 7: Tuesday 5 February

Year 6: Wednesday 6 February

Year 8: Thursday 7 February

Invitations outlining timings and the format of each evening have been sent via email and details can be found on the relevant year level page on MyGrammar. Please note, these evenings are intended for parents only.

The Outdoor Education program begins next week, with 7A departing on Monday 4 February. The Year 7 program is intentionally designed to build cohesion and connections within each class and is always a highlight of the school year. The 2019 Moogerah Outdoor Education schedule is available on each year level page on MyGrammar. You will receive an email with links to medical forms and further information in the weeks prior to your son's scheduled program.

To conclude, I thank all parents for the important role you play in helping your sons return to school. After a long break, it can often take time for students to settle back in to school life, but our boys have returned well-presented and eager to learn.



Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 4 February 2019

Tuckshop (07) 3834 5229 | Grammar Shop (07) 3834 5347
Roster Secretary Wendy Smith — email wsmith@visis.com.au

Grammar Shop hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday, Thursday 7.30am – 9.00am

Tuckshop hours

Weekdays 7.00am – 2.00pm

Week Two	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 4 February	Cecilia Chan	Bronwyn Stilwell (Team Captain)	Tomomi Tanowaki
Tuesday 5 February	Florence Tiong	Jenny Talbot (Team Captain)	Rachel Moss
Wednesday 6 February	Helen Webster Virginia Bowdidge	Fiona Brockhurst (Team Captain)	Cathy Carew
Thursday 7 February	Wei Shi Palingu Aponso	Gabby Elliott (Team Captain)	Allison Kay
Friday 8 February	Natasha Kalinina Nicola Rahman	Jo Wong (Team Captain)	Jodie Curtis

2019 Calendar

Term 1

Tuesday 29 January – Friday 5 April

Term 2

Wednesday 24 April – Friday 21 June

Term 3

Tuesday 16 July – Friday 20 September

Term 4

Tuesday 8 October – Friday 29 November

Upcoming Events

Foundation Day

Friday 22 February

BGS150 Book Launch

Saturday 2 March



Invitation

2019 Willow Club Season Launch

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the 2019 Cricket season launch.

Date: Friday 8 February 2019

Time: 6.30pm – 10.00pm

Location: Garden Marquee, Victoria Park Golf Club

Cost: \$55 pp

RSVP by Monday 4 February.

[To register click here.](#)

Justin Beirne
President, Willow Club

BGS150 History Book presale

Light dark blue: 150 years of learning and leadership at Brisbane Grammar School will be published in February 2019 with **presales now open**. Drawing on personal stories and extensive scholarly research, this book explores and celebrates the School's distinctive place in Queensland's educational landscape, and considers the effects of political, social and economic change during its 150 years.

[Click here to preorder.](#)

BGS will be holding an event for the launch of the book at the School on Saturday 2 March. Please see the following page for details and the link to book your place.

Invitation

BGS150 History Book Launch

LIGHT DARK BLUE

*150 years of learning and leadership at
Brisbane Grammar School*

Date

Saturday 2 March 2019

Time

5.30pm to 7.30pm

Venue

The Lilley Centre Precinct, Brisbane Grammar School

Cost

\$60 per person

Tickets

<https://payments.brisbanegrammar.com/OneStopWeb/BGS150HistoryBookLaunch>

RSVP

Monday 25 February 2019

Dress

Smart Casual

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