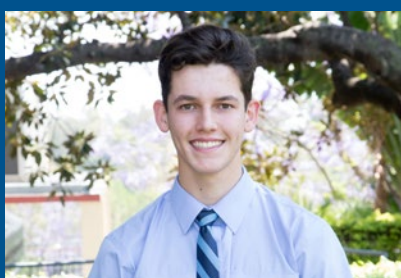




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2019 Prefect Induction



Captain's Corner



Middle School sport

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

In a wonderful milestone for senior students, the 2019 School and Harlin House Prefects were inducted today at the Senior School Assembly. To add to the delight of the ceremony, the parents of this year's Prefects joined us on this important occasion.

Leadership is one of Brisbane Grammar School's five core values. The School describes leadership as a form of service. Although the Prefects were presented with their badges as part of the induction process, this assembly also acknowledges the entire senior cohort and their leadership role in developing our school's culture this year. I also would like to take this opportunity to wish well our Form Seniors and members of the various senior committees who will serve to provide wonderful opportunities for the younger students at the School.

Prior to the commencement of the school year, School and Harlin House Prefects gathered to prepare for their respective roles. It was an important day for the development of this team of young leaders. As a result of their work, this year's theme, *As One*, was developed. Part of my enjoyment on the day was the collaborative way this theme was decided. Aside from it being a very clever theme, it reflects the intent of the 2019 seniors to unite and support all aspects of school life. School Captain Nick Miller shared this with the senior cohort last week, and at assembly today with the Senior School. His address was outstanding, focusing on the *As One* theme in an authentic way.

I have been very pleased with the leadership displayed by our seniors so far this year, and feel that the School will be well led by a cohort of boys committed to serving their school and building on the work of the senior cohorts they follow.



Below are the names of the School and Harlin House Prefects. I congratulate them on their appointment and encourage them to lead this year in a way that actions the School focus and their theme.

2019 School and Harlin House Prefects

| School Prefects | | Harlin House Prefects |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Daniel Athanasellis | Parth Mehta | Ryan Ah Yek |
| Harry Barker | Nick Miller | Anthony Buswell |
| Thomas Bizzell | Teddie Mower | Sam Corbett |
| Hugo Brown | Sebastian Porras | Josh Eastaway |
| Lachie Colledge | Tom Rimmington | James Kenny |
| Cameron Cormack-Thomson | Noah Rosemann | Calvin Lam |
| Finn Dargavel | Yazgi Sato | Callum McCarthy |
| Harrison Emery | Jackson Smith | |
| Jude Forrest | Chris Sole | |
| Ben Hains | Saravanan Somasundaram | |
| Archie Halliday | Keng Tan | |
| Jian Lin | Tim Weber | |
| Harry Luu | | |

On another matter, Tuesday this week was Safer Internet Day. Form Tutors raised the issue with the boys in their Tutor Groups. More information is available at the [Safer Internet Day website](#). I think the start of the school year is the perfect time for you to discuss this with your son.

Captain's Corner

The excitement, the apprehension and the early mornings. The new school year is well and truly upon us.

On Friday at the Prefect Induction Assembly, I delivered an address purposed with announcing our vision for the 2019 school year – *As One*. Our aim as a Prefect body was to generate a catch cry that encompassed three focus areas – unity, engagement and developing a sense of pride and belonging in the School. As a cohort, we are extremely pleased with the result and look forward to embracing it wholeheartedly over the course of 2019.

At the assembly, I also took the chance to extend the leadership induction process to the entire Year 12 cohort. In doing so, I acknowledged the importance of their mentor role as a BGS senior student. I recognised their responsibility to influence and embody our vision, while also ensuring those in younger grades do likewise. Finally, I reminded the entire student body, irrespective of their perceived place within this community, that ultimately the success of 2019 lies with them.

With major GPS events on the horizon, we look forward to commencing 2019 strongly by attracting large and supportive crowds to the Swimming and Rowing events. These events will provide an enormous boost for the competing student body and the School as a whole. We seek an enthusiastic start to the united mentality that we are striving for in 2019.

As we settle into our daily scholastic and co-curricular routines for the year, I would like to genuinely extend my best wishes to all fellow students, parents and staff for the term ahead.

Nick Miller
School Captain

Headmaster

Anthony Micallef

At the Senior School Assembly today, we acknowledged the seniors who were selected as Prefects by their peers and staff. The boys took the oath to serve this community, to uphold accepted traditions and to lead the student body in 2019. School Captain Nick Miller made his inaugural address and delivered the seniors' vision for 2019.

When reflecting upon the ceremonies that have been conducted in the opening weeks, each event confirmed for me what a rare privilege it is to educate other people's children. The staff at Brisbane Grammar School understand that this privilege brings with it enormous responsibility to provide the best all-round education possible as we aim to prepare young men for happiness and success in their adult lives. At BGS we care about the individual and pride ourselves on shaping good citizens who positively contribute to their communities.

We live in fast-changing times, and an exceptional, broad-minded and well-rounded education is more important than ever. Of course, academic outcomes matter and at Brisbane Grammar School our students consistently achieve excellent results in all areas of study, giving them access to the top universities in Australia and overseas. However, this is just one aspect of a BGS education and boys are supported to show ambition both within and beyond the classroom.

Tradition is important and still forms some of our guiding principles, but we strive to build on the past while looking to the future. BGS is and will remain, a forward-looking school that willingly grasps innovation and new opportunity.

So important is our commitment to providing a modern setting that the BGS Board of Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team have undertaken a comprehensive enterprise risk management, compliance and workplace health and safety review as part of its commitment to continue to provide for the safety, security and welfare of the School community.

The emphasis of the review will be on delivering contemporary, best-practice, practical strategies and solutions, which we can implement across our portfolio of facilities including the Spring Hill campus, Northgate Playing Fields, Tennis Centre, Rowing Boatshed and our Outdoor Education Centre and properties at Moogerah.

As part of this process, BGS undertook a tender process and selected the consulting firm Workforce Resilience to conduct the review. Founding Director Scott Harris will lead the review. His firm has undertaken similar reviews for public and private sector organisations across Australia over the last four years.

The review process has begun, so you may see the review team at our facilities, events and co-curricular activities. To develop a broader understanding of the roles, operations and daily activities of the BGS community, the project team will undertake stakeholder engagement and focus group discussions during the project.

The Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees are committed to delivering outstanding outcomes to students, staff, parents and wider community. We look forward to sharing the key findings, recommendations and successes from this important exercise with you over the coming months.

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

Fee accounts for 2019

The School emailed fee accounts to all parents on Friday 14 December 2018. If you do not remember seeing it, please check your junk email folder.

Please note that the first instalment for everyone is due on or before **Friday 15 February 2019**. If you are paying your account upfront for the full year, we must receive your payment by this date or you will not be entitled to the 4% discount and your account will be adjusted accordingly.

Please contact BGS Accounts via accounts@brisbanegrammar.com if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Kay Goodwin

Director of Finance

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

This week, Year 11 student Harry Chapman joined Harlin House as our first occasional boarder. Day students such as Harry can take advantage of this flexible boarding arrangement, which should become more popular in the weeks to come.

It has been a wonderfully smooth transition for Harry, no doubt made that much easier by his previous experience at Harlin House. He was welcomed with open arms by existing boarders.

For Harry, Occasional Boarding made the day far more manageable. Playing cricket after school, he returned to Harlin House from Northgate at 6.00pm and enjoyed a late meal, before joining the other boarders in The Lilley Centre for prep and access to a structured learning environment and support.

Throughout Tuesday, Harry was a regular boarder for the day, enjoying access to the dining room menu that included French toast and bacon, and the ever-popular southern fried chicken at lunch.

We look forward to seeing Harry on Thursday, and then every Monday and Thursday until the end of term.



Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Medicine Entry – UCAT replaces UMAT

The UMAT test for medicine entry used by some universities has been replaced by the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT).

Students have told us they are finding it difficult to access the official UCAT site. On a Google search the websites of commercial companies offering paid preparation appear first. The UCAT ANZ consortium advises that they do not work with any of the commercial preparation companies or endorse the use of their materials. UCAT advises the use of their official practice tests and question banks.

- The official UCAT website is at www.ucat.edu.au
- FAQs are available at www.ucat.edu.au/faqs
- Preparation resources can be found at www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/practice-tests

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

Year 7 Disaster Master seminar

Over the course of Term 1, Year 7 students will attend a *Disaster Master* workshop facilitated by Peer Power. The messages throughout this workshop link nicely with the Learn2Lead program, which is designed to allow all students the opportunity to lead and make a difference in the BGS community.

Disaster Master is an engaging workshop designed to provoke students' thinking about how they approach their schooling and become effective role models.

This is what boys in 7A and 7B had to say about the seminar:

- The seminar was very helpful and positive. The topics related to life experiences that everybody would have encountered. The speakers were engaging and used funny videos to help with that. It was also hands on, which is great. Overall the seminar was really good. 5 stars.
- I found it helpful talking about self-esteem and that is what I need to practise.
- The part about forgiveness. This will help me forgive my sister a bit more.
- I thought that this session was great and inspiring towards my mental and physical thoughts.



Leadership Tours

A reminder that applications for the Asia-Pacific Young Leaders Convention in Indonesia in April and the Asia-Pacific Young Leaders Summit in July are now open to students in Year 11. Students who are interested in representing BGS at either of these leadership forums must complete and submit applications by the following dates:

- APYLC in Indonesia — Friday 15 February
- APYLS in Singapore — Monday 25 February

Please refer to [MyGrammar](#) for further information on the APYLC and APYLS as well as application requirements.

Service Immersion Information Evenings

- Year 10 Cambodia immersion — Monday 11 February, 6.00pm to 7.00pm in The Lilley Centre Forum
- Years 11 and 12 Cape York Indigenous immersion — Monday 18 February in The Lilley Centre Forum. Refer to [MyGrammar](#) for an overview of the immersion.

Occasional Boarding at BGS

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.

Jamie Smith
Director of Enrolments

Berian Williams-Jones
Director of Boarding



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.
- Please move as far as possible into the drop off zone to ensure efficient traffic flow. Some parents have been dropping off students prior to the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the drop off zone. This is an unsafe practice and should not happen.
- 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

Week 1 gave most Co-Curricular programs the opportunity to organise, run internal trial fixtures and finalise initial selections ahead of the start of our GPS fixtures this coming weekend. That is not to say that boys were idle; they were anything but.

Our swimmers took their first competitive strokes of the season at Chandler on Friday evening; our cricketers played games at Northgate and farther afield; our volleyballers played a full set of internal trials; our First VI played a BGS Old Boys all-star team; and our rowers competed in the first GPS regatta, hosted by TSS at Lake Wyaralong.

This week, auditions have commenced for our Senior Dramatic Production of William Shakespeare's Richard III, adapted by Daniel Evans.

The Music Department have been busy organising themselves for the start of Co-Curricular Music rehearsals. Staff are processing a large number of enrolments for instrumental and vocal tuition, with some lessons beginning this week and more to start next week. Ensemble auditions have taken place and our numerous bands, orchestras and choirs (34 ensembles in total) will resume their busy rehearsal schedules from next week.

The reports in this newsletter from our MiCs and Directors speak to the scope and quality of our programs, and it is rewarding to see so many boys engaged with such vigour at the start of the year.

While most young BGS men will be chosen for teams at a level that matches their dedication to training, current skill or ability level and ambition, invariably there will be those who do not find themselves in the team of their choice. In these circumstances, we ask the boys to adopt a growth mindset: gather the facts they need from the coach, ask for assistance to formulate a plan for development and then set about the task of qualifying for selection. I have been pleased to hear of the many parents supporting both the School and their son in mirroring this approach to selections.

This weekend we participate in the first GPS fixtures for Volleyball, Debating and Cricket and to all involved, we commend you on your dedication to this point and wish you well for the challenges ahead, this weekend and in the weeks to come. Our student leaders within all sports and activities take on a responsibility for setting a positive tone within their team environment from the changing room to competition. Our expectations are suitably high in this regard.

Music

GPS Music Showcase

Each year, the finest musicians from all GPS schools gather together for a day of rehearsals and workshops culminating in a wonderful final concert featuring a symphony orchestra, concert band and choir. The students have the opportunity to work with guest conductors who help them develop their musical skills in this special ensemble setting. More importantly, the boys have the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded student musicians in a supportive, non-competitive setting. This is one of the few GPS activities that is not a contest; instead, students work together to create a musical production.

In 2019, the organisation of the GPS Music Showcase is slightly different. The event now comprises students from Years 7 to 12, with our younger boys having their opportunity later in the year. There is a treble choir for younger students, as well as a choir for older tenors and basses. All chosen choristers will work with guest choir conductor Mr Paul Holley, while our own Ms Bec Thomas will direct treble singers.

Many BGS boys will be involved in one of the instrumental or choral ensembles this year. These boys should have collected their music and be busily practising their parts. The big day is **Monday 18 February**. The choirs will be working at BGS, the Concert Band at Brisbane State High School and the Orchestra at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex. **The final concert will be in the QPAC Concert Hall at 7.00pm**. Tickets are free with ticketing information available very soon. Please reserve the day and plan to be at QPAC to support our musicians.

Music Concerts

In 2019, we will once again be presenting an array of concerts and recitals to celebrate our musicians and their hard work, although some concerts and music events will be slightly different than in the past. Following on from the incredible success of last year's *Grammar Community in Concert*, many of our concerts will involve ensembles of different sizes, shapes and instrumentation. Rather than having all string ensembles performing on one program, there will be some strings with some bands and maybe a chamber group or a choir. We anticipate this will lead to more varied concerts and provide a new musical perspective for all concerned. There will also be some very special themed nights with Christmas in July happening in Term 3 and a special jazz night for choirs and bands in Term 4. Some concert events will look similar to before, but overall there will be a real freshness to 2019.

There will also be some changes to other events. The Junior Music Camp has outgrown itself and will now be a day camp, called a Music Retreat. Invitations for this will come out in due course. Our end-of-year music awards night will be a little more casual and will be known as Music Celebration 2019. We will provide more information as these events come closer. A complete list of concerts and events can be found on MyGrammar.

Semester 1 date claimers

Friday 22 March – Music Soiree

5.00pm | performances by selected ensembles in the Great Hall (groups TBC)

6.00pm | Music Support Group Welcome Function in The Lilley Centre

Sunday 28 to Monday 29 April – Junior Music Retreat (The Old Museum)

Final Concert 4.00pm | The Old Museum, corner Gregory Tce and Bowen Bridge Rd, Bowen Hills

Vocal Group, Paganini Strings, Corelli Consort, Junior Band, Sousa Band

Wednesday 8 May – Intermediate Concert

Centenary Hall | 6.00pm

Locatelli Strings, Stradivari Strings, Williams Band, Philharmonic Orchestra, Parker Jazz Band, Junior Percussion

Ensemble, Boom Percussion Ensemble, Crash Percussion Ensemble

Thursday 9 May – Intermediate Concert 2

Great Hall | 6.00pm

Chamber Choir, Grammar Voices, Vivaldi Strings, Holst Band, Grainger Band, Morrison Jazz Band, Basie Jazz Band

Sunday 19 May – Grammar in Concert

Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane | 4.00pm

Grammar Vocal Ensemble, Grammarphones, Grammar Singers, Symphonic Band, Senior Percussion Ensemble, Big Band, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Vocal Group

Peter Ingram

Head of Music

Basketball

BGS Basketball club season

In addition to the GPS Basketball season, the BGS Basketball program fields teams in the Brisbane Basketball junior club championship season, from 26 April to 23 August 2019.

Club team training and the Brisbane Basketball competition is a fun way to meet new friends and improve skills and fitness in preparation for the GPS Basketball preseason in Term 2 and competition in Term 3.

BGS will form Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19 teams to play other inner-city GPS schools and clubs in the 15-round championship season starting on 26 April. Club games will be played on Friday nights during Term 2 and 3, with games between 5.30pm and 10.00pm (Under 15 teams in earlier time slots). Venues and game times will vary each week and will include the BGS Indoor Sports Centre, Kedron State High School, Churchie and BBC.

Under 13 games are held on Saturdays and in previous years boys have combined with Under 15 players to create a composite team playing in the Under 15 division. Teams must have a minimum of nine players. There are no games during school holidays.

Boys interested in playing basketball in the Friday night Brisbane club competition are asked to come to **sign-on sessions on Sunday 17 and 24 February** at the BGS Indoor Sports Centre at the following times:

- 9.00am - 10.00am Under 13 and Under 15
- 10.00am - 11.00am Under 17
- 11.00am - 12.00pm Under 19

Please bring a basketball, clearly marked with your name, and a water bottle. BGS PE uniform is not compulsory, although a BGS Basketball training singlet is ideal if you have one from a previous season.

Skills development training will start at the sign-on sessions on Sunday 17 February at the above times. These times will transition to team training/skills development after team allocations.

Parents are requested to attend the sign-on session. Parent volunteers are needed to manage your sons' teams and perform score bench duties throughout the club season.

This competition is neither compulsory nor a prerequisite for GPS Basketball. It is, however, a great way to improve your skills leading into the GPS season and gives boys a chance to play basketball even if they are unsuccessful in making a GPS team.

Boys are asked to consider whether their participation will conflict with any Term 1, Term 2 or Term 3 BGS in-season sport or activity. In-season sport takes priority.

Please email any enquiries and requests for the registration form to Mr Darrington Overstreet at bgsbasketball.info@gmail.com.

Mel Eveleigh
MiC Basketball

Cricket

The BGS Cricket community were well prepared for the first round of the GPS season (albeit the scheduled bye round) having completed a thorough preseason program during Term 4 and the Christmas holidays. The boys tested their skills at the annual cricket camp and trials matches held in late January, and our Development and First XI squads toured Adelaide in December as part of their preparation for the 2019 season. The First XI also successfully competed in the annual Tri-Grammar Cricket Competition which was held in Brisbane this year.

Particular highlights during the week included an exciting win against Melbourne in the second Twenty20 to secure the T20 trophy. A 50 from captain Archie Halliday and a dazzling four-wicket haul by Parth Mehta, along with an extraordinary runout, led to an unexpected victory, ending with three late wickets from Daniel Athanasellis. Additionally, during the second of the two-day fixtures against Sydney, a century by Archie Halliday along with a half-century to Angus Pearn combined for a dominant display with the bat. With the ball, a five-wicket haul by Archie Halliday led the side to a first innings victory in the last minute of play.

Unfortunately, Melbourne Grammar proved too strong in the first two-day game, despite a strong three-wicket haul by Bailey Curran and scores of 56 and 47* by Daniel Athanasellis. All in all, a very good week for the boys.

Four of our boys gained selection in the Tri-Grammar Representative XII. Congratulations to Dan Athanasellis, Angus Pearn, Bailey Curran and Archie Halliday.

Round 1 of the GPS Cricket season commenced with fixtures against Ambrose Treacy. This was an extremely successful round with wins recorded in 18 of the 22 matches contested.

Highlights include wins to the entire Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 age groups, and several excellent individual performances:

- Dan Athanasellis, First XI – 105 not out v Downlands
- Kyle Hunter, 11C – 50 (58 balls)
- Jack Fewster, 10B – 74 not out v Downlands
- Angus Tolhurst, 9A – 32 runs and 3/5 (3 overs)
- Harry Dutton, 9B – 4/30
- Tom Dutton, 8D – 55 (26 balls)
- Thomas Brant, 6B – 30 (26 balls)
- Samuel Chan, 6C – 3 wickets

I encourage all players to make every effort to attend training this week and keep working hard on all facets of your game. I would also like to remind our community that the Willow Club's Season Launch function at the Victoria Park Golf Complex is tonight, Friday 8 February at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

Good luck to all teams this weekend.

Trevor Irvine
Director of Cricket

Cross Country

Years 5 to 12 GPS competition

Congratulations to the 100 runners who attended preseason training for Cross Country on Wednesday this week. 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

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| Term 1 training | 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

The GPS season has started well with record attendance levels at training sessions over the past two weeks. Swimmers will be attending the second GPS lead-up meet at Chandler today. All swimmers are reminded that regular attendance at training and the lead-up meets are essential if we are to maximise our chances of competing well at the GPS Swimming Championship this year. Any students who are still thinking about joining the Swimming team who may not have started training yet are encouraged to sign up for the School Championship on Tuesday 12 February.

Queensland State Championship results

Last week I mentioned the fantastic results from BGS boys at the 2018 Queensland State Swimming Championships. William Jordan in Year 9 also received a silver medal in the 800m Freestyle and bronze in the 400m Freestyle. Congratulations William!

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| 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 |
| William Jordan | Boys 14 800m Freestyle | SILVER |
| | Boys 14 400m Freestyle | BRONZE |

BGS School Swimming Championship (Years 5 to 12)

Nominations are now being taken for the annual BGS School Swimming Championship, held during the day at Chandler Aquatic Centre on **Tuesday 12 February 2019**.

We ask swimmers from Year 5 to 12 who are interested in competing at the championship to complete a survey by Friday 8 February. [Click here for the BGS School Swimming Championship Survey](#).

Trophies will be awarded on Speech Day to boys who attain the most points in their age group.

Boys are to come to school in uniform and to get changed into PE gear before roll call. They will attend roll call and then proceed to the buses at the front of the School. The championship is scheduled to run from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Boys will be returned to school by bus.

Thursday 12 February 2019

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| 8.20am | Boys attend normal roll call |
| 8.30am | Boys meet at front of school |
| 8.40am | Bus leaves for Chandler |
| 9.15am | Bus arrives at Chandler |
| 12.15pm | School Championship concludes |
| 12.30pm | Bus departs Chandler |
| 1.15pm | Boys attend Periods 5 and 6 |

Matt Logan
MiC Swimming

Tennis

I'm excited to welcome all new and returning tennis players to BGS Tennis in 2019. Last year was a tremendously successful year, and I am sure this year's incoming classes will add to the proud and successful tradition of Brisbane Grammar School Tennis.

Well done to all the boys who played in tournaments and team events over the holidays. This extra match play is necessary for us to compete at the top level of GPS Tennis.

School Championship

Even though the first weeks of school are busy, boys need to play as much as possible to prepare for the School Championship. The championship will be played on three consecutive weekends starting on Saturday 9 March. If you want to play in a school team, it is important that you participate in the School Championship. **See attachment on the following page for times.**

Coaching

Group and private coaching will be in full swing from the first day of school. Details of Term 1 are on MyGrammar. For more information contact Harry Lee on 0400 983 336, Michael Fancutt on 0407 026 588, or email tennis@brisbanegrammar.com.

GPS Tennis Information Evening

There will be an information evening held on Wednesday 27 February at 6.15pm at the BGS Tennis Centre for parents and players who are wanting more information regarding the GPS Tennis season. This is a good opportunity to meet with coaches and ask questions about the process of registering for and playing GPS Tennis.

Welcome to Tennis Day - GPS Tennis season launch 2019

The GPS Tennis season launch will be held on **Sunday 24 March** from 10.00am to 2.00pm at the BGS Tennis Centre (Victoria Park Road). It is a great opportunity to talk and play some tennis with other BGS players, coaches and parents. We will also have a barbecue lunch.

Super League

Super League is a fixture competition that is held each Saturday around Brisbane. It is a great way for players to prepare for the GPS tennis season and improve their match play. If you would like more information about Super League, please contact Harry Lee on 0400 983 336 or tennis@brisbanegrammar.com.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL TENNIS
2011, 2012, 2013 GPS PREMIERS

2019 Term 1 Tennis Schedule of Events

Jan 30th

Jan 30th

Feb 18th

Feb 27th

Feb 9th

Mar 6th

Mar 9th

Mar 10th

Mar 17th

Mar 24th

Apr 5th

Term 1 Commences

Coaching commences

Sign on begins for School Championship

GPS tennis information evening (6.15 – 6.45pm)

Super League fixtures commences

Sign on for School Championship closes

*Evening BBQ and Open preliminary rounds (6 – 9pm)

*School Championships (5-7 year groups)

*School Championships (Open and 8-11 year groups)

*Welcome to tennis day and Championship Finals

Term 1 Ends

Apr 24th

Apr 24th

May 4th

Term 2 Commences

Start of GPS team training

Tennis Season commences

*** School Championships is important for GPS team selection**

For more information, contact BGS Tennis Coaching Coordinator Harry Lee 0400 983 336 or email:

tennis@brisbanegrammar.com

Volleyball

The BGS Volleyball community has been very active already this year, in preparing for the 2019 GPS season at a selection camp in the final week of holidays. The selection process was highly competitive this year, which reflects the growth of Volleyball at BGS and in the wider community.

Tentative dates for the 2020 selection camp are **Monday 20 January to Friday 24 January 2020**.

My vision is for Brisbane Grammar School to be recognised as the leading volleyball school in the GPS competition over the next decade. The mission is for all teams, from 7E to the First VI, to 'Embrace the Challenge' and take aim at the top spot on the ladder throughout the 2019 GPS season. I encourage all players to commit themselves to practice and matches to help deliver this vision.

Last weekend, the BGS Volleyball community participated in a competitive round of internal matches. The energy and atmosphere throughout the day was incredible. In particular, our newest Year 7 players eagerly displayed some of their newly acquired skills in exciting matches across the board. I was also impressed by the engagement from our older teams, as they begin to re-establish match systems and tactics.

The First VI lined up against a talented group of former BGS Volleyball players known as the Old Boy VI. The First VI were able to draw big positives from the experience against a tough opposition. The First VI and Old Boy VI will meet once again this year for the highly anticipated Kerridge Cup match on **Sunday 24 March — save the date!**

This week, Brisbane Grammar School takes on an emerging volleyball program from Brisbane Boys' College. I encourage all teams to give it everything as we look to register our first round of results. Remember to check the draw carefully as games are at several different venues.

Finally, thank you to all attending the Volleyball Parent Welcome function, which is always a special event on the calendar. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

Reminder: all matches are being hosted by Brisbane Boys' College on Saturday 9 February, not by BGS as previously advised.

Rhys Cox
Director of Volleyball

Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

A key focus in Middle School during Term 1 is establishing a positive and supportive culture where students feel a sense of belonging and develop an understanding of the ways of working at BGS. Three key messages were delivered at last week's assembly to outline and to reinforce our expectations:

- Learning is non-negotiable. All students are expected to actively engage in the Academic program to the best of their ability.
- It is the effort put in that counts. Our students aim for personal bests, learn from their mistakes and strive for continual improvement.
- Respect for ourselves, respect for our school and respect for others is paramount.

One of the building blocks in establishing a positive culture is good manners. Each week, throughout Term 1, a 'Manner of the Week' is communicated to students through our Daily Bulletin. This week, students were reminded:

'At BGS we use our manners when someone says good morning or good afternoon. We look at the other person and return the greeting. In the afternoon teachers are often outside the Middle School wishing students a good afternoon. It is expected that Middle School students look at the staff member and also wish them a good afternoon. This is known as mutual respect.'

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing this behaviour in action as the boys depart school each afternoon. Insisting on good manners and setting the standard high requires a collective effort and is encouraged not only at school, but also at home, on public transport and on the sporting field.

This week's Parent Information PowerPoints are now available on MyGrammar for your perusal. Prior to the information sessions, I was delighted to speak with many parents about how the boys are settling in to the new school year. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and it seems that most are already immersed in the Co-Curricular program and are craving the sense of independence and responsibility we want them to achieve. Remembering that each boy's journey is unique is important, and if your son is experiencing any difficulty or you have any concerns, please contact his Form Tutor or Head of Year.

To ascertain how well all students have settled in to the new school year, we have sent a short survey to parents. We appreciate you taking the time to provide this valuable feedback.

I wish the boys all the best in their first round of GPS fixtures this weekend.

Middle School Sport

Welcome to the 2019 GPS sport season. This column will be used to outline the broad information of what is happening in our various Middle School sports and activities and to recognise the efforts and achievements of our teams and their respective Players or Athletes of the Week. For more detailed and regularly updated information regarding the season draw, weekly fixtures, team lists, results and match venues, please go to go to MyGrammar > Sport and Activities and look for the specific sport.

I spoke at assembly last Friday about our School Value of respect. At Brisbane Grammar School we encourage respect for our teammates, respect for our opponents and officials and respect for the traditions and conventions of the games we play. As parents, your role in helping us reinforce this message is crucial.

Middle School Cricket

After trial matches and the holiday preseason cricket clinic at Northgate, our Middle School cricketers are looking forward to getting the GPS Cricket season officially underway when they play IGS this Saturday. All teams performed well against Ambrose Treacey College last weekend with many of our teams recording victories.

The rain in the latter part of the week has been a little disruptive to finalising our teams for the opening round and as is often the case there may be some player movement throughout the first few rounds of the season.

The training schedule is available on MyGrammar and it important that all players are familiar with their schedule and are reliable and punctual to each session.

Middle School Cricket results, trials v ATC

| Team | Won by | Team | Won by | Team | Won by | Team | Won by |
|-----------|--------|---------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| 5A | BGS | 6A | BGS | 7A | ATC | 8A | BGS |
| 5B | BGS | 6B | ATC | 7B | ATC | 8B | BGS |
| 5C | BGS | 6C | BGS | 7C | BGS | 8C | BGS |
| 5D | ATC | 6D | INTERNAL | 7D | BGS | 8D | BGS |
| | | 6D Sky | INTERNAL | 7D Sky | INTERNAL | 8D Sky | INTERNAL |
| | | | | 7D Navy | INTERNAL | 8D Navy | INTERNAL |

Players of the Week

| Team | Player of the Week | Team | Player of the Week |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 5A | Harvey Munday | 6A | Angus Cook |
| 5B | Ishaan Moin | 6B | Thomas Brant |
| 5C | Mathew Amato | 6C | Sam Chan |
| 5D | Buddy Matthews | 6D | Sam Ong |
| | | 6D Sky | Alec Bunce |
| Team | Player of the Week | Team | Player of the Week |
| 7A | Lucas Bryan | 8A | Oliver Spence |
| 7B | Matt Purcell | 8B | Ragulan Gnavel |
| 7C | Thomas Ruddell | 8C | Tom Lyons |
| 7D | Sam Klaassen | 8D | Tom Dutton |
| 7D Sky | Lewis Williams | 8D Sky | Sahil Dahiya |
| 7D Navy | Jackson Webb | 8D Navy | Noah Davis |

Middle School Swimming

Although training for the GPS Swimming season started back in September last year, for many of our swimmers last Friday night's lead-up meet at Chandler was their first competitive swim for BGS. The meet was well attended and all of our boys performed admirably.

There are currently two swimming-related sign-on documents in circulation that the boys may have mentioned to you. The first is the BGS School Swimming Championship which will be held at Chandler on 12 February. This meet is during school time and only boys who are serious swimmers and who train regularly should attend. The other event is the City District Swimming Championship, held at Lawnton on 13 February. This event is only open to selected Years 5 and 6 swimmers. Mr Logan has sent out an invitation to eligible students based on their times from last Friday night's meet.

It is a very busy time in the competitive swimming calendar and I wish Mr Logan, Mr Lush and their team of coaches and swimmers all the very best for the season ahead.

| Age | Swimmer of the Week |
|----------|---------------------|
| 13 years | Archie Austin |
| 12 years | Charlie Lutton |
| 11 years | Cashy Luo |
| 10 years | Mitchell Ackermann |

Middle School Volleyball

Interest in Volleyball continues to grow in the Middle School with around 60 players in Year 7 alone trying out this season. Unfortunately, other schools do not invest the effort in their program that we do to try to find game opportunities for all that wish to play. This makes finding games a difficult task and I would like to thank Mr Cox for all his efforts in trying to do this.

The GPS volleyball season opens this weekend with our boys playing against BBC. I would like to wish all players and coaches all the very best. Please check MyGrammar for team lists and match details.

Cross Country

Training has begun for our Cross Country squad and I would urge all students to consider attending as there are opportunities for boys of all ability levels to improve their fitness. Even if they never consider competing seriously as a runner, boys wanting to prepare for the football codes, tennis or basketball would all benefit considerably from attending some of these sessions. Please check MyGrammar for session details.

Middle School Football

Boys wishing to play GPS Football in Term 2 should go to the Football page of MyGrammar, complete the sign-on survey and take note of the approaching trial dates for their year level.

Glenn McFarlane
Director of Middle School Sport

Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 11 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 Three | Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am | Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm | Grammar Shop |
|---------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|
| Monday 11 February | Jo Beach | Carol Taylor (Team Captain) | Jude Mertiny |
| Tuesday 12 February | Helen Barrientos | Karen Randall (Team Captain) | Elizabeth Giles |
| Wednesday 13 February | Maria Carter Natasha Morris | Janine Atherton (Team Captain) | Merissa Seymour |
| Thursday 14 February | Ceri Jury Tabitha Goodreid | Simone Muller (Team Captain) | Wendy Ricato |
| Friday 15 February | Helen Armstrong Helen Dobson | Cindy Dean (Team Captain) | Susan Deuchars |

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

Tuckshop payment information

The BGS Tuckshop operates with a cashless payment system, using the student ID card for all purchases.

Adding funds to account

Credit Card payments are available to spend at the Tuckshop within 30 minutes; however BPAY payments may take up to three banking days to register at the Tuckshop.

Adding funds by credit card

Go to Account List on the left hand side, press the '\$' button on the right hand side, next to the student account you wish to top up, then follow the prompts.

Payments may also be made over the phone by Credit Card, using the My Student Account automated phone system. The phone number for this facility is 1300 884 668. You will need your son's 13 Digit Account Reference Number to use this phone service. You will find this account number on the Accounts List page next to the student name.

Adding funds by BPAY

BPAY information for My Student Account can be found by clicking the Account Number of a student on the main Accounts List page.

BPAY payments made after 6pm (AEST) are deemed to be next business day transactions. It is advised that parents using BPAY set a higher Low Balance Alert to cover the extra processing days.

View Transaction History

Go to Account List on the left hand side, press the 'page' button on the right hand side next to the student account you wish to view. You may view transactions made in the last 90 days.

Receive Low Balance Notification

Go to Account List on the left hand side, press the button on the right hand side, next to the student account you wish to set a low balance prompt, complete the low balance field and save. An email will be sent to you when this balance is reached.

Set Daily Spend Limit

With My Student Account you can restrict the amount of money your child spends per day on tuckshop items. Go to Manage Accounts on the left hand side and click on the 13 digit student account number (found next to the student name). A daily spend limit field can be found underneath the BPAY information. Complete the spend limit field and click next to confirm.

My Student Account (MSA)

For further assistance please call the My Student Account support desk on 1300 369 783.

Terms and Conditions may be found at <https://secure.mystudentaccount.com.au/terms.php>

Privacy Statement may be found at <https://www.mystudentaccount.com.au/PrivacyStatement.php>

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if my child loses their card?

Please notify the School's ICT Service Desk ICTAdmin@brisbanegrammar.com as soon as possible. As is the current practice, the student will be provided with a new ID card at a small fee. Cards are fitted with a computer chip designed so that all money is automatically transferred to the new ID card and the old ID card becomes invalid.

What is stopping a child from spending all of the money on the card in one day?

Parents are able to set daily spending limits to regulate their child's spending. Please inform your child if you would prefer he only purchases from the Tuckshop on one day per week.

How much money can be placed on the cards?

There is no maximum; however a minimum of \$50 is required at each top up. This required amount keeps transaction fees at a minimum. Money placed on the card does not expire.

How can I check the balance of my child's card?

You can view this through your My Student Account login. The Student can scan their ID card in the Tuckshop to see the remaining balance, prior to choosing their items.

Can I set an automatic top-up?

This facility is unavailable however you may set up a 'low balance alert' email, set at a balance of your choosing. An email will be sent to your nominated email address when this balance is reached.

If my child leaves the School, do I receive a refund of remaining funds?

Yes. If the remaining total is more than \$10 a refund will be provided. Year 12 students with brothers at Grammar will have funds transferred to the younger child.

Do all of the students in the school need to adopt the card if they use the Tuckshop?

Yes. The BGS Tuckshop has adopted a cashless payment system to assist in speedy service for students.

Is this a credit card?

No. The My Student Account system operates much like a prepaid debit card; money is placed onto the card for a child to use at the school tuckshop. Funds on the ID Cards are not available for use in the Grammar Shop.

Can another student use my child's card?

No, all students must use their own card. When a child uses their card to make a purchase the My Student Account terminal will display a photo ID and name of the card owner.

What security measures does the My Student Account card have?

The My Student Account system is secure. When the card is scanned a photo I.D. of the child and name appears on the terminal screen preventing students from using another's card.

Can the funds on the ID card be used in the Grammar Shop?

No, the shops operate on a separate accounting system. Credit may be placed on account for your son in the Grammar Shop to assist with purchases. Please contact the Grammar Shop Convenors on 07 3834 5347 for further information.

Thank you for supporting the Tuckshop. Proceeds from sales are returned to the School for the benefit of all students. Please contact retailoperations@brisbanegrammar.com if you have any questions.

P&F Auxiliary

Annual General Meeting

The P&F Auxiliary AGM will be held on **Wednesday 6 March 2019** in the Great Hall, starting at 9.00am.

All voluntary positions will be declared vacant. Nomination forms are available from Main Reception and need to be returned to the P&F Auxiliary office by Friday 1 March. Morning tea will follow the AGM in the Woolcock Room and all current BGS parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Further enquiries may be directed to Auxiliary Secretary Kate Rutter at katerutter@optusnet.com.au.

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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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 7 Parents Morning Tea



**You are invited to join fellow Year 7 parents
for morning tea at Victoria Park Bistro,
Herston on Friday 1 March.**

Date

Friday 1 March 2019

Time

8.30am to 10.30am

Tickets

\$21.50

Venue

The Orchard Function Room, Victoria Park Bistro, Herston

RSVP here

by Friday 22 February 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 7 Parent Representative, Rachel Emery**

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