



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Jacqui Zervos

Parents can play a significant role in helping to develop their son's effective thinking skills. For this reason, I digress from my usual lead article format and wish to offer some practical techniques to promote effective thinking at home. The origin of the strategies that follow is Harvard University's Project Zero, which is internationally renowned for its research into critical thinking. A uniform and significant feature of what is offered below is the emphasis on students doing the intellectual 'heavy lifting' and avoiding saving students when faced with challenge.

While I have kept the explanations short, parents are welcome to seek more information or advice should they wish to.

Often referred to as Name and Notice Thinking, parents are encouraged to explicitly use the language of thinking when the opportunity arises at home to acknowledge the thinking their son is using. The aim here is to make his thinking more visible. As an example, the following question helps him to link ideas when he voices an opinion: 'That's a perspective I hadn't thought about, tell me more about how you reached that opinion.'

A similar question is: 'What makes you say that?' By simply asking this question in a curious and non-judgmental tone, after he passes comment, you can get a window into his thinking. Don't respond in the first instance to his statements with your own opinion. In asking him to articulate his reasoning, you are challenging him to think more deeply. One question along this vein I use all the time in the classroom to promote deeper responses is: 'Can you be more detailed and precise in telling me why you believe that?'

A second consideration for parents to help nurture their son's learning disposition is to focus praise on the process, learning and effort, and not on the product. This strategy is central to developing positive student attitudes towards school. Avoid talking mainly about the outcomes of learning or hurrying him to finish homework or study tasks. Instead, focus on valuing the process. It is helpful to be very conscious in our interactions with boys when discussing learning, so the focus is on the value of learning and not the production of work. Often in our language, we can unconsciously focus on a task as something to get done quickly and tick off as completed. When talking about tasks undertaken at home, remember that learning is the goal. Take a moment to ask your son what the purpose of each homework task is. Ask what he thinks the teacher wants him to learn and get better at. Language of learning sounds like: 'What is the purpose of this task?' 'What have you learned as you have worked through this assignment?' 'You really worked hard on this History assignment and it is clear you have learned a great deal that is shaping your worldview.'

Language that promotes a work mentality focuses on ability. 'You're good at maths.' 'You are taking too long to finish that work.' 'Have you finished the work yet?'

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Another effective thinking strategy is to challenge and not rescue your son when the learning journey gets tougher. If he encounters difficulties, don't jump in to solve the problem and save him. If you do, you teach him nothing other than he doesn't need to persist because you will come to the rescue when called upon. This can be very hard for parents because it's naturally not very pleasant watching your son struggle, but I need to stress that it will pay off if handled well. Ask questions that will help him develop independence and responsibility for his own learning so he can think through a problem, and then identify and choose the course of action to move him forward. The language needed here is of encouragement, not solution. If he continues to struggle, suggest he seek the appropriate help he needs at school and then monitor and encourage along the way.

A very powerful question I encourage parents to ask regularly is: 'What questions did you ask today?' Our questions drive us as learners, so instead of asking your son, 'What did you learn today?' you could ask, 'Did you ask a good question today?' This will bring the importance of quality questions to his consciousness. Teachers spend much time in the classroom encouraging students to be more invested in the types of questions they ask because focused higher order questions are the best stimulant to critical and creative thinking.

Finally, I encourage parents to promote effective thinking by making their own thinking visible. You are a model for your child of what it means to be a thinker and a learner. Model your own curiosity, reflection, learning and thinking for your son, and provide the reasoning for your perspectives and decisions. It is one of the greatest gifts you can give him.

End of term arrangements

A reminder to all parents and students that the school day finishes at 12.00pm on Friday 21 June. The pick-up zone will be open from 12.15pm. Note that BGS supervision for students in Years 5 and 6 will not be available and both Middle School libraries will be closed.

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Term 2 assessments and exams

Congratulation to the Year 12 cohort for their dedication to exam preparation during this week's quarantine. Their use of this time has been excellent, and I hope that the intent shown will be displayed in their grades. As well as thanking the boys I wish to thank staff, particularly Larry Carmichael and Tim Holzgreffe for managing this period, and Mark Schumann for organising the program which included a variety of spaces for students to collaborate or work quietly. Staff also provided subject-based workshops for students to attend. Year 12 will finish after their Maths exam on Monday and will return to classes on Tuesday to commence new work.

On Tuesday, Year 11 will commence their quarantine. The focus and setup will be the same and I am sure will provide an excellent platform for our Year 11 students.

I have been informed that students are requesting change exams times due to driving tests. I understand the importance to boys to obtaining their licence but I need to stress that this should be done outside of school time and not during an exam period. I appreciate your support in this matter

Term 3 Extended Day Study Program – Years 11 and 12

The Extended Day Study Program will again operate in Term 3 for Years 11 and 12 students. The program has proven to be popular and I encourage parents to register early, as spaces available will be exceeded by the number of boys who wish to attend. The program now operates on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. If you have any questions, please contact my office on 07 3834 5260.

End of Term 2

Next week is the final week of Term 2. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership and I hope the time with your son in the winter break will be enjoyable.

Next Friday 21 June is a half day for students. It is also the final round for Tennis and Football against TGS. Assembly will be held on Thursday afternoon.

I ask all parents to ensure that if your son is not involved in the fixtures against TGS then he is at school. The boys should not be the decision maker in this matter.

Year 11 Parent–Son Kokoda trip

September 2019

Note that the information session scheduled for Monday 17 June has been cancelled.

If you have any questions about the September trip, please contact Petrina Gilmore directly as below.

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

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

Last Saturday, it was my great privilege to be able to accompany our Harlin House spectators to the annual GPS Gymnastics Championship. We traditionally support the major winter teams when they play at home, and at other events such as the Swimming Carnival and Cross Country. This weekend it was the turn of our Gymnastics squad, with boarder Callum McCarthy in the Open team.

The event was a spectacular success, with BGS winning all three divisions and the overall tournament once again. We were delighted for Callum, given that he missed last year through injury, and knowing that he was battling a foot injury throughout.

The balcony overlooking the gymnastics arena was populated by parents this year; we were sat by the side of the floor and beam area. That proved to be a wonderful opportunity for us to witness up close the incredible talent of the gymnasts, as they vaulted, spun and tumbled their way through a variety of competitions. Spectating at this proximity was truly a privilege and one that has made us all ready to return again next year.

My takeaway from the day was that the competition was the outcome of not just talent, but of hard work and application. Callum, along with Aiden who has recently joined Year 11, both start the day before most of their fellow boarders. They train in the morning before school, enjoying a late breakfast followed by a prompt departure to their classes. The end of the day is equally demanding, with training starting at 3.30pm and a late dinner without their peers. There is a clear message there for all of us in the importance of sustaining our effort and application, particularly at the end of a long semester.

Congratulations to our gymnasts for their efforts throughout the year.



Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

9B have been engaged in the Outdoor Education program and made a great effort to develop the values and virtues of leading self. The Year 9 experience has the boys conduct their expedition on Monday afternoon and their student-led bushwalk to Mt Alford on Tuesday. 9B were prepared to make decisions and take on their allocated navigation sections of the bushwalk.

Damon Cayas and Hamish Moss were recognised by both teachers and peers for their efforts. They showed initiative and self-discipline around the campsite and during the height activities. Damon and Hamish were reliable, valued members of their groups and showed great leadership potential.

Finlay Fiskien, Josh Cory and Will Nicolson stepped up and pushed themselves on the high ropes course. They showed great self-discipline and maintained their composure on the challenging course.

Eoin Mullan, Xavier Lynch and Ollie Taylor were all recognised by their peers for working hard around the campsite on their campfires, cleaning and organising their tents. Angus Tolhurst was a strong leader and navigator on the expedition. He showed some advanced navigation skills and paid attention to the details on the map.

Edward Launchbury, Sam Mellick, Angus Tolhurst, Finnian Raymond and Ned Madden made a strong duty group. The boys brought matching shirts and were a stand out during the billy boil challenge, using flint and steel to light their fires and were the top scorers in the skills and knowledge quiz.

Year 12 Form Seniors Alex Taylor and Sam Hirst joined the class for the week and did a great job of facilitating duties and guiding the class through the program.

Mr Brad Scholes joined the class on Tuesday for another ascent of Mt Alford in some terribly windy conditions. They didn't stop for long to admire the view! Form Tutors Mr Stephen Howes and Mr Dan O'Kane joined Mr Simon Conway on Thursday to see the boys on the high ropes course. Mr O'Kane lead by example and completed the course with the boys.

Click to view the [9B photos](#) and [9B video](#) of the boys' experiences.



Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Date Claimer: Subject Selection Evening | Monday 22 July

The Subject Selection Evening for Year 11 2020 is on the evening of Monday 22 July. This is an important opportunity for parents and Year 10 students to receive information about subject choices for Year 11 in 2020 in the new system of assessment and tertiary entrance.

The evening will commence in The Lilley Centre at 5.00pm and will include presentations from academic Heads of Department on subject offerings and by senior staff on issues related to subject selection. On the night, students and parents will be issued with a wafer USB (one per family) containing all the necessary information needed to assist with the process of choosing subjects.

The schedule for the evening will be in the newsletter next week. Any queries should be directed to the PA to the Studies Directorate at rochelle.lynch@brisbanegrammar.com.

Transitions

Year 10 is a transition time for students as they consider the choice of subjects for Years 11 and 12. BGS students will engage in a full program of sessions during Term 3 to help them make good decisions about subject selection. In addition, the School is fortunate to have a subscription to SchoolTV and Ms Philippa Douglas, our Director of Student Wellbeing Programs, suggests that Year 10 parents view the section on transitions in SchoolTV.

[Click here to watch.](#)

Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

SchoolTV – Drug and Alcohol Use

Many parents are concerned about the use of alcohol, as well as other drugs, as their children grow up. Young people who use alcohol and drugs before their brain is fully developed are at greater risk of future addiction.

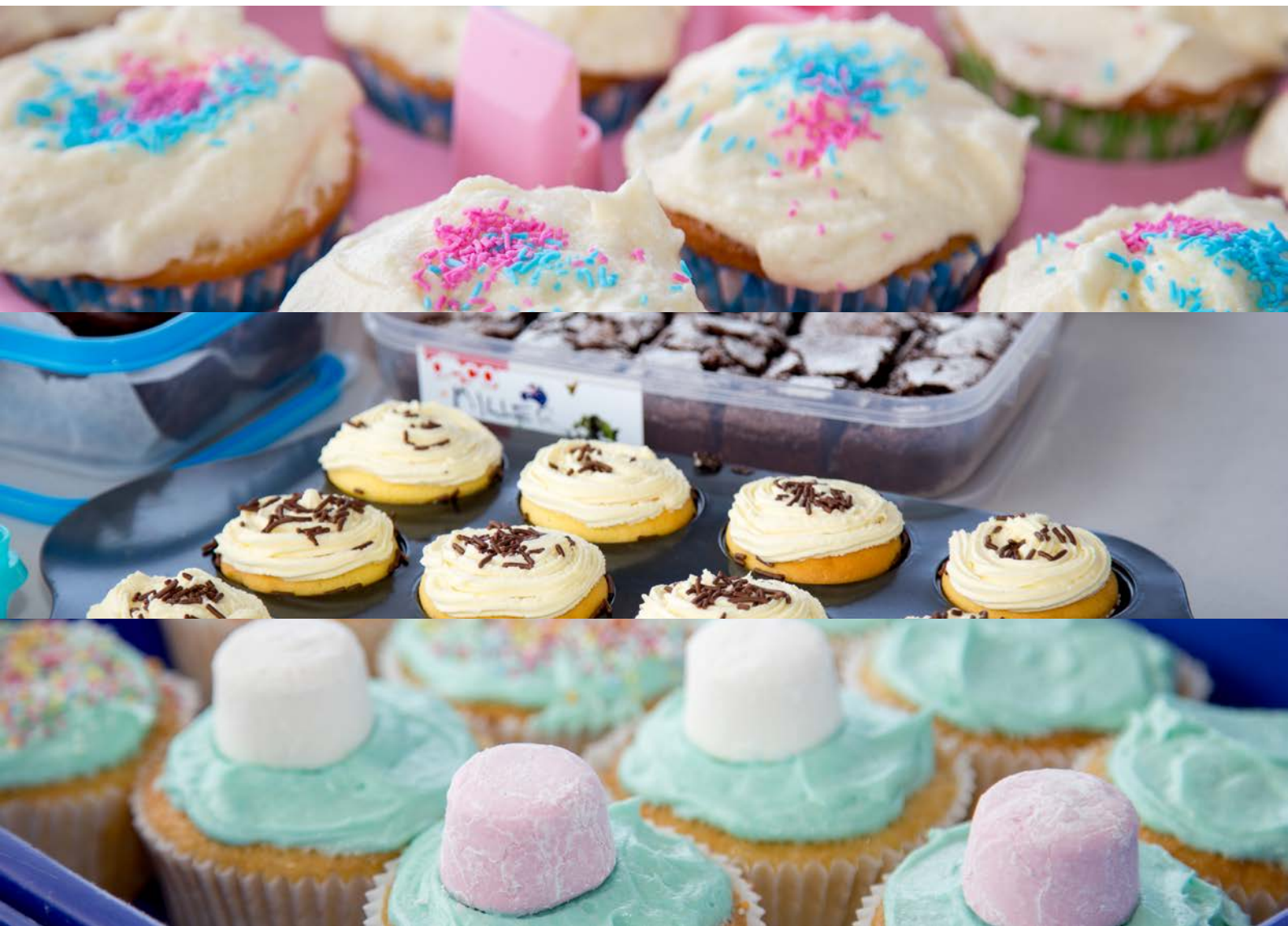
Research has shown that a young person's brain keeps developing until they are in their mid-twenties, making alcohol more harmful than previously thought. Even the casual use of certain drugs can cause severe health problems, such as an overdose or brain damage. Parents will often feel overwhelmed when having to deal with substance abuse issues. However, they are encouraged to lead by example and set behavioural boundaries for their kids.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn how to deal with the issues surrounding drug and alcohol use and the impact it can have on a child's development. Alcohol and drug use can lead to serious problems such as poor academic performance, loss of friends, behavioural issues and even lasting legal problems.

[Click here](#) for the Drug and Alcohol Use edition of SchoolTV.

Year 10 Cambodia Immersion fundraiser – bake sale

On Wednesday 19 June, Year 10 Public Purpose and Cambodia team members will be holding a bake sale to raise funds for their community service projects in September. To cater for all students, we ask that baked goods be nut free and if possible include a list of ingredients. Gluten-free baked goods are also requested. Students in Year 10 who wish to contribute must express their interest through Ms Verdon. Students will require cash to purchase goods on the day.



Archives

Monday 10 June was a 'white glove' day, with over 100 Year 6 boys visiting the School Archives in groups to view World War I artifacts and manuscripts. Precious items on display included *The Golden Book*, letters from the Front and service medals.

Acting Head of Year, Mr Paul Kenny said that the visit formed part of the boys' exploration of the theme Australians at War, where they learn about Gallipoli and aspects of World War I. Each boy will research an Old Boy veteran listed on the Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honour when they visit Canberra this year.

Vivien Harris
Archivist



Art – Year 12

Sense of Place Art Exhibition 2019 was the last of its kind. As the School transitions into the new senior system, the current Year 12s had the privilege of working and responding to a long-standing and successful program. Influenced by a variety of artists, students created and displayed engaging and skilful bodies of work that explored a variety of contexts including global warming, border protection and refugees, mental health and personal belonging in a digital world.

On the Wednesday night, parents, family, friends and BGS staff shared in the atmosphere, enhanced by musical talents of Remi Raymond and Peter Muratidis. The audience was buzzing with excitement and pride as the students showcased their artistic efforts for the 15-week unit.

The Lymburner Gallery was full of artworks including paintings, laser-cut sculptures, photography, virtual reality experiences, confronting interactive installations, living art and drawings.

Their 'sensitivity and empathy to the world around them' was highlighted by this year's guest judge, Australian contemporary artist Jacqueline Scotcher, who worked with the students as an artist-in-residence. The 'consideration for the audience as a participant in the art experience' was a particularly strong element in this year's exhibition, which was shared with over 60 guests on the evening.

Special commendations and awards were presented to students whose work was considered as mature, engaging and resolved. Special commendations were announced for Alex Sheahan, Jacob Campbell, Andrew Ekeledo-Smith, Max Brockhurst and Jacob Fallows (artworks featured below). On the night, the three bodies of work voted outstanding were Louis Cardell-Ree's virtual reality experience, Kasen Tran's digital folio, which extended into an augmented reality, and Deep Pais' impressive spherical sculpture implementing 3D drawing pen technology (artworks featured on the following page).

A selection of artworks will continue to be on show in the Art Centre until Open Day.

Kimberley Kovacevic
Teacher of Art





Art – Year 9

This semester, Year 9 Art students began with a photographic excursion to the city, looking at the river and skies through the eyes of the Impressionists, the city buildings through the eyes of a Cubist and the Queen Street Mall and signage through the eyes of a Pop Artist. We then crossed the river to South Bank and looked back over the city, to understand the meaning of a cityscape in terms of background, middle ground and foreground.

Once back at school we used all the photographs and theoretical knowledge to digitally design an urban landscape on skateboards, under the title of 'Shifting Visions'.

Sandy Elliott
Teacher of Art



Mathematics

A number of BGS students were selected and represented the School extremely well in the Mathematics Teams Challenge at Ferny Grove on Wednesday 5 June. In this very competitive environment it is pleasing to see the results. Thanks to Mr Fas who prepared and selected the final teams. His organisation and diligence gave the boys the opportunity to compete. Thanks also go to Ms Brooks, Mr Fardon and Ms Twyman for assistance on the day.

Team members and results are listed below.

- Archie Austin, Manoli Samios, Oliver Tu, Anush Mondal, Jayden Ting
Year 7/8 – 3rd place
- Sam Wallwork, Hudson Pherous, Olly Taylor, James Murray, Harrison Ting
Year 7/8 – participants
- Oliver Christie, Tyler Pearn, Ken Anulomsombat, Joseph Lim, Cheng Bin Saw
Year 9/10 – 3rd place
- Jacob Duncan, Michael Murray, David Jeong, Justin Liang, Patrick Moore
Year 9/10 – 1st place
- Tom Dickson, Remi Fox, Kai Hagiwara, Yi An, Vincent Xu
Year 11/12 – 3rd place
- Duncan Cho, Quentin Lee, Andy Xie, Kevin Guo, Chris Sole
Year 11/12 – 2nd place

Anthony Mewing
Head of Mathematics

Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

The BGS Gymnastics team achieved a clean sweep of the three divisions to win their ninth straight GPS Gymnastics Championship on Saturday. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Head Coach Jack Coates, the team and everyone else involved.

When we are busy, it is natural to prioritise. We do what we must first and put off those tasks which are not urgent. We guard our time carefully, and anything which is not part of our core purpose is unlikely to get our time.

As young men, our students need guidance from adults to make the right choices when they are busy. Application in their academic pursuits will always take priority here at Brisbane Grammar School. We are not doing our part as educators and parents if we support or ignore poor choices made by busy students based on misguided views. Should we reinforce poor choices in this way, poor habits will flourish.

Our Co-Curriculum programs offer outstanding opportunities for boys to punctuate their busy weeks with activities which are physically, socially and emotionally beneficial. Indeed, we know that exercise improves cognition. Our programs are planned with assessment and boys in mind; we contemplate and plan for their busyness and that of our teachers as well. Boys making decisions to avoid exercise when they are busy, or even choosing not to meet a commitment to training or rehearsal are examples of poor decisions.

Any choice to trade away exercise, sleep, nutrition and positive social interaction in the pursuit of short-term academic gains provides an opportunity for guidance.

The same choices may become habits for our students if they are not questioned and discussed when they first arise or soon after.

Our Term 2 Co-Curriculum programs are drawing to a close over the coming week and our pre-season phases for Term 3 programs are well advanced. There is no shortage of opportunities for boys needing to step away from the screen or books to restore some balance at this busy time.



Fencing

The BGS Fencing End-of-Season Function was held on Sunday 9 June and was an excellent occasion. We were delighted to be joined by Ms Jacqui Zervos who spoke on behalf of the Headmaster, praising the inclusiveness and close community feeling of BGS Fencing. Her kind and generous speech was appreciated by all. Captain of Fencing Hugo Brown gave a marvelous speech that drew on his personal experiences of the season in a way that inspired all present. Indeed, all speeches went well. At the end of the evening all the boys spontaneously made a great circle and gave a thunderous School Warcry, led as always by Hugo and Jude Forrest.

BGS won the overall cup for the Brisbane School Teams Championship last Saturday by a commanding margin. The First IV Foil, Epee and Sabre teams all won their divisions, and there were a number of events where BGS teams came in first, second and third. The State Fencing Association, who ran the event, modified the points system to make it possible for a smaller school team to win the overall cup. However, numerous podium finishes by BGS extended our final points tally to an even greater degree than in past seasons.

This Saturday, the Queensland School Fencer and Queensland U13 Foil Championships will be held at Yeronga. Equipment will be at the venue for the use of our boys. Please check the QFA site for event/weapon details.

On the following Saturday (the first weekend of the holidays), the Queensland School Team Championships will be held. We are hoping to enter all our First IV teams and Year 10A teams.

Fencing Photo Day | Thursday 15 August (day after Ekka Public Holiday)

Photographs of Middle School and Senior School Fencers will be taken in full whites and long socks. At the end of the photo session you can return your whites.

Shakespearean Fencing Quote: "On pain of torture, from those bloody hands throw your mistemper'd weapons to the ground, and hear the sentence of your moved prince" —*Romeo and Juliet*

Jim Hill

Acting MiC Fencing



Football

Last weekend we travelled to Nudgee for Round 7. Out of 36 matches we won 16, lost 11 and drew nine, which was a good indication of how tough the day was. I congratulate the Year 7s for a wonderful set of results, winning 4 of 6 fixtures. At A-level we were again excellent with wins recorded by the 5A, 7A, 10A and 11A, and draws in both the 8A and First XI.

This weekend we host BSHS for Round 8 at Northgate. The game schedule can be found on the Football page on MyGrammar. I would ask all parents and players to please check the schedule carefully as some game times have changed. Changes have occurred due to the End-of-Season Function for the Middle School teams (Years 5 to 7) and the early start to the First XI fixture.

Due to BSHS not having a Middle School, teams in Years 5 and 6 will play supplementary games. Unfortunately, due to TGS not involving their Years 5 and 6 teams in the Round 9 schedule, all Years 5 and 6 teams will conclude this week. Due to the late notice of TGS pulling teams, the 6A team will not have a game this weekend. While not the ideal way we would like to end the season, we will have the opportunity to congratulate all teams accordingly at the function. Boys are asked to wear full school uniform.

Round 9 v TGS on Friday 21 June will also be an amended draw. The draw will only involve A and B teams for Years 7 to 12. Many of the other fixtures within the competition are only playing As, and in some instances, just the First XI. I wish to thank both Headmasters of the schools for allowing A and B fixtures to go ahead for teams in Years 7 to 12 and their continued support of the programs. Players in Years 7 and 8 must travel to Northgate by bus departing at 8.15am from the front of school. All other boys Years 9 to 12 have the option of catching this bus or can make their own way to Northgate prior to their match. Boys will then be able to be picked up from Northgate after their game or return by bus back to school after the First XI game.

Due to the amended draw, a large number of teams will complete their season this weekend v BSHS. Some of our teams will hopefully finish as competition leaders and I congratulate them on their success to this point and hope all teams were able to experience some individual or team success throughout the season. I thank all coaches and players on their efforts this season and trust they had an enjoyable experience and look forward to next year.

The Senior End-of-Season Function (Years 8 to 12) will be held at Tattersall's on Friday 21 June. Tickets for this evening are limited and I encourage all wishing to attend to secure their tickets this week. The invitation can be found on the MyGrammar Football page and in the Community section of this newsletter.

Best of luck for all teams this weekend.

Greg Di-Losa
Director of Football

Rugby

The GPS community is invited to watch St Joseph's Nudgee College and Brisbane State High School square off at Suncorp Stadium in a curtain raiser for the Qantas Wallabies' clash with Argentina on **Saturday 27 July**.

The clash will kick off at 5.15pm before the Qantas Wallabies take on Los Pumas in their first home Test of 2019.

Discounted schoolboy rugby tickets are available for both students and adults from \$10 via <https://bit.ly/AUSvARG-Ticket-Offer>.

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Tennis

GPS Tennis

GPS Tennis got off to a sluggish start on Saturday, with rain having soaked the courts across Brisbane overnight. Our coaches got to the courts early and begun to squeegee as fast as they could. Thank you all for your patience in waiting for the courts to dry, especially at UQ as there was little sun or wind to help with the drying process.

Once the rain delay was over, BGS came out of the blocks in a hurry. The boys were eager to make up for lost time and the results reflected their readiness over opponents Nudgee College. The 11Cs, 10Cs, 9Bs, 8As, 6As and 6Bs stood out as they went on to win a combined 264 games and lost only 14 games. It was a great result across the board as all 24 BGS teams won. A special thank you to the boys from Years 9, 10 and 11 who came to the BGS Tennis Centre to play internal matches and keep honing their skills.

The BGS coaching staff would like to remind everyone to keep the fantastic attendance numbers up, to fight hard until the last point of the season, and to stay organised and prepared during the assessment period.

First IV report

The Firsts on Saturday were Angus Gentner, Jamie Kenny, Alex Patane and Elliot James. The BGS boys started strongly, taking a 4-0 lead after the singles. Jamie lead the team by playing particularly well against a difficult left-handed opponent. The boys in blue stepped up their intensity to dominate the doubles and give BGS an 8-0 victory.

End-of-Season Function

The Tennis End-of-Season Function will be held Friday 21 June. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate our season and enjoy the company of the whole BGS Tennis cohort.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Track and Field

The Track and Field season will commence in Week 2 of Term 3. Information will be posted regarding the 2019 training schedule and calendar soon, and students will be able to complete the sign on form.

Students 13 Years to Open will have the option of nominating to be considered for Met North shortly.

All information relating to Track and Field can be found on MyGrammar.

John Clancy
MiC Track and Field

Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

Next Wednesday evening, we will host our annual Celebration of the Arts. This is a wonderful family event showcasing a range of activities undertaken by our students. Rehearsals are well underway, and **tickets are on sale now**. We look forward to welcoming all members of our community to share in the celebration.

Due to the last round of GPS fixtures being held next Friday, we will hold our final assembly for the term on Thursday 20 June during Period 4 (11.40am). Parents are warmly invited to attend. During the assembly we will farewell long-serving staff member, Mrs Karen Hannay as she commences her retirement. Mrs Hannay is a foundation member of the Middle School staff, commencing in 2003. We are extremely grateful for Mrs Hannay's contributions to BGS and are privileged to see the beautiful artwork she helps our students to create displayed throughout the Middle School precinct.

Last Saturday, I attended the GPS Gymnastics Championship and congratulate our gymnasts on their efforts and achievements. I was incredibly impressed by the high levels of concentration and determination demonstrated by our athletes, as well as the team camaraderie. Winning all three divisions and securing the overall championship is no easy feat and is testament to the hard work and commitment of all involved within the BGS Gymnastics community.

A letter outlining end-of-term arrangements, including information regarding the Middle School Mile has been sent to all families. It may also be accessed on year level pages on MyGrammar. A reminder that school concludes at 12.00pm next Friday. BGS supervision for students in Years 5 and 6 will not be available and both Middle School libraries will be closed.

Finally, a reminder that Middle School students should not be on their mobile phones in the traffic zone, unless communicating with parents. When engrossed in games, students are not alert and fail to notice when their parents have arrived, often adding to the traffic congestion. I seek your support in reminding your son of this requirement.



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Middle School Celebration of the Arts Wednesday 19 June 2019

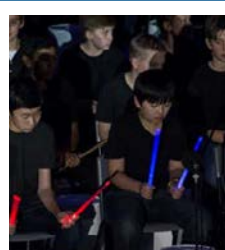
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Middle School Dramatic Production

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

The term may be drawing to a close, but rehearsals for *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* have been ramping up. The directing team have been thoroughly impressed with the creativity and initiative that the young cast bring to this outlandish show. Apart from coming up with new and interesting ways to devour or be devoured, the cast have been learning their lines, memorising the myriad of different exits and entrances, and polishing off moves to 'Kung Fu Fight' swarms of zombies!

Don't miss your chance to grab a sneak peek of the action Wednesday 19 June at 6.00pm in the BGS Theatre as part of the Middle School's annual Celebration of the Arts. You never know, it might just save your life... should an infestation of zombies be unleashed upon the world.

Patrick Last, Belinda Lindsay, Sarah McDonald
Creative Team



L to R: Ed Nelson, Luke Murphy, Nick Silverston

Middle School Sport

Middle School Mile

The Middle School Mile, our interwing equivalent of cross country, will be run during Periods 5 and 6 next Thursday 20 June. The course is only 1.6km and winds through the School grounds. All Middle School boys are expected to participate to the best of their ability to score points for their wing. Correspondence will be sent home to all families early next week.

Gymnastics

The lead-up meets to the 2019 GPS Gymnastics Championship suggested that the battle for the Jim Young Trophy would be closer than the last few years, with the competition for Divisions 2 and 3 looking particularly strong. By the end of Division 2 the competition had been all but decided, with incredible performances by all members of our Division 2 and Division 3 teams. With the pressure relieved, our Division 1 team finished the job. It was fantastic to see these boys really enjoying the occasion, and performing the routines that they spend hundreds of hours preparing in the gym in front of their friends and family.

The Jim Young trophy returns to BGS for the ninth consecutive year and for the 70th time in the history of GPS Gymnastics.

Our gymnasts will receive their Colours at assembly, but I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the following Middle School students:

1B Team	2A Team	3A Team
Nicholas Hoole	Jacob Nucifora	Seth McBride
Oliver Waterhouse	Lachlan Russell	3B Team
	Ethan VanderWal	Oliver Mellick
	Oscar Weatherstone	Kiran Patel

Thanks the entire Gymnastics community for hosting the End-of-Season Function last Saturday evening. There was much to celebrate and I would like thank MiC Jack Coates and all of his talented coaches for another wonderful GPS Gymnastics season.

Middle School Football

Last Saturday was the day for drawn Football matches when our boys played Nudgee College at Boondall. With six draws out of the nineteen Middle School games played, our boys would be disappointed with not being able to capitalise and take their opportunities when they presented.

For many of our teams, this Saturday's round against BSHS will be the last match of the season. The final round of the season will be a very limited schedule against Toowoomba on the last day of school. Only a handful of Middle School teams will play this revised round which is an unfortunate but unavoidable way to end the season.

I look forward to seeing you at the break up for the Years 5 to 7 teams at Northgate this Saturday afternoon and good luck to all teams playing to finish as season leaders this weekend.

Please check MyGrammar carefully for team selections and match details.

Team	Player of the Week	Age	Player of the Week
5A	Archer Boorer	6A	Harry Beirne
5B	Lewis Aleckson	6B	Luke Saywell
5C	Ned Horton	6C	Will Neilson
5D	Alex Carter	6D	Michael Beetham

Team	Player of the Week	Age	Player of the Week
7A	Max Romer	8A	Joe Keddy
7B	Thomas Middleton	8B	Guy Hilditch
7C	Lewis Harvey	8C	Isaac Bassingthwaighte
7D	Ben Nguyen	8D	Johnnie Campbell
7E	Max Moore	8E	Charles Harris
7F	Thomas Ruddell		

Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score
5A	W 2-1	6A	L 0-2	7A	W 3-2	8A	D 0-0
5B	L 2-3	6B	L 2-3	7B	W 2-0	8B	L 1-2
5C	D 1-1	6C	W 2-1	7C	W 4-1	8C	D 0-0
5D	L 0-8	6D	D 2-2	7D	D 2-2	8D	D 2-2
				7E	W 10-0	8E	W 4-2
				7F	L 0-5		

Middle School Tennis

Our Tennis teams were back to their winning ways again last Saturday when they managed a clean sweep against Nudgee College.

This Saturday's round against BSHS is a complicated one with our Years 5 and 6 teams playing Gregory Terrace at Ambiwerra Sports Ground and our Years 7 and 8 teams playing BSHS at Griffith University. For the 5C and 5D teams, this weekend provides the perfect opportunity to avenge their recent loses to their opponents from GT. Good luck to all teams.

Please check MyGrammar carefully for match and venue details.

Year	Player of the Week	Year	Player of the Week
5	Aaron Alphonso Arnav Thapar	6	Ryan Bashirzadeh Lachlan Elf
7	Adam James Jason Zhang	8	Sam Fancutt Simson Thomas

Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score
5A	W 40-31	6A	W 36-1	7A	W 43-29	8A	W 48-3
5B	W 42-14	6B	W 36-6	7B	W 46-16	8B	W 48-21
5C	W 28-7	6C	W 36-2	7C	W 48-8	8C	W 48-6
5D	W 28-7	6D	W 36-3	7D	W 48-13	8D	W 49-21

Rugby

Rugby Australia have a great offer for tickets to the Wallabies and Pumas clash on Saturday 27 July. As part of the promotion, the curtain raiser is a match between GPS First XV teams, St Joseph's Nudgee College and Brisbane State High School. Kick-off is at 5.15pm.

Special Schoolboy Rugby tickets are available from \$10. [Click here](#) for more information.

Glenn McFarlane
Director of Middle School Sport

Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 17 June 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 One	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 17 June	Sharne Tierney	Louise Rosemann (Team Captain)	Anna Maria Sciacca
Tuesday 18 June	Helana Barrientos	Judith Edmunds (Team Captain)	Sam Harris
Wednesday 19 June	Vanessa Simpson Leta Dempsey	Catriona Labrom (Team Captain)	Fiona Brockhurst
Thursday 20 June	Julia Long Donna Schultz Bronwyn Jerrard	Christine Matheson (Team Captain)	Alison McConaghy
Friday * 21 June (open only until morning tea)	Alice Chiang Yeni Cook Helen Dobson Sirie Palmos	Andrea Hurwood (Team Captain)	Janelle Munns

2019 Calendar

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

Art Show

Friday 19 July

BGS Open Day

Saturday 20 July

BGS Golf Day

Friday 23 August

BGSOBA Annual Reunion Dinner

Saturday 31 August

P&F Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

Friday 25 October

Speech Day

Wednesday 13 November

Willow Club Test Breakfast

Friday 22 November

50th annual BGS Art Show 'Aurum'

The Art Support Group has existed for over 50 years, supporting visual arts within the School and artists in the wider community. The major event annually is the BGS Art Show, this year featuring special guest artists Lincoln Austin (3D), Ben Hodges (jewellery), Colley Whisson (impressionist painting) and Anne-Marie Zanetti (photorealist painting).

The theme 'Aurum' references the Show's golden anniversary. The theme is imbued in this sculpture in beeswax from special guest artist Lincoln Austin, 'tying myself in knots again'.

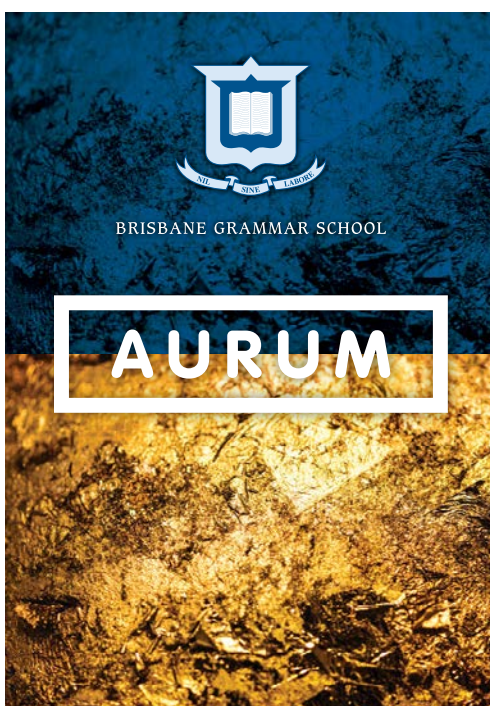
The Art Show commences with a ticketed Gala Opening on Friday 19 July at 7.00pm, followed by free admission on Saturday 20 July from 10.00am to 3.00pm, coinciding with Open Day. Tickets include canapés, supper, beer and wine. Parking is available during the event. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

The BGS Art Support Group this year welcomes Judith Bell, former member of the Board of Trustees and longtime supporter and collector of art, to open the Art Show. We also welcome former members of the group back as artists, including Alexandra Matthews, Lindy Sale, Tracey Lennon, Lisa Lawson, Lindy Mackintosh, Lisa Bell and Sabine Walker.

Volunteer opportunities for the 2019 BGS Art Show are now open. [Click here](#) for the signup sheet and follow the instructions on the page. Many thanks to all volunteers for your support.

Bidding is open on the BGS cufflinks designed by Old Boy Ben Hodges '90. To read more about the BGS cufflinks and to bid online, [click here](#).

For more information and previews of available works, please visit the Instagram account [@bgsartshow](#) or Facebook page [BGS Annual Art Show](#). Tickets are now on sale.



The Brisbane Grammar School Art Support Group is proud to present the opening of the 50th Annual Art Show 2019.

Join us in Centenary Hall for an evening of fine art, jewellery, wine, food and BGS musicians.

Special Guest Artists

Colley Whisson
Anne-Marie Zanetti
Ben Hodges
Lincoln Austin

Gala Opening Night (ticketed)
Friday 19 July from 7pm

[> Purchase tickets](#)

Open Day Exhibit
Saturday 20 July, 10am - 3pm

The Brisbane Grammar School Art Support Group gratefully acknowledges our sponsors





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Ben Hodges (Old Boy 1990)



Benjamin Hodges
Jeweller

Ben Hodges attended art college before starting in the jewellery field. His striking, wearable designs combine brightly coloured gems with silver, platinum and gold.

Having trained with distinguished jewelers in London, Hodges now works with Hardy Brothers, Brisbane.

Hodges has donated exquisite handcrafted cufflinks bearing the School motto, *nil sine labore*.

50th Annual BGS Art Show

AURUM

2019 Featured Jewellers

Ben Hodges (OB '90)

Andrea Estelle

dARTon Jewellery

Jane Maria

Jill Marsden

Kate Sale

Kazaru Sioux

Kazuyo Kashiwagi

Mabina Alaka

Pash Jewellery

Rock and Gold

Sabine Walker

Sandy Correia

Sinead Buckney

Two Plums Design

Starfire Diamond
Jewellery



50th Annual Brisbane Grammar School Art Show – Jewellery
Unique and creative. Diverse styles and materials.

Friday 19 & Saturday 20 July 2019 |

@BGSARTSHOW
Brisbane Grammar School

From Human Resources

The School has an opening for a **Risk and Compliance Manager** to lead strategic and operational risk and compliance activities across the organisation. Please see the below listing. Interested candidates should look for the role on Seek or the BGS website from Monday 17 June.



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A leading Australian day and boarding school (Years 5-12)

RISK AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER

Brisbane Grammar School is a non-denominational boys school of about 1700 students (Years 5-12) that overlooks the Brisbane CBD. The School maintains a 150-year strong tradition of academic excellence, extensive co-curricular activities and student wellbeing programs. We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated and professional staff who provide an exceptional learning environment which is responsive to the needs of our students.

The role

We are looking for an experienced and influential professional to lead both strategic and operational risk and compliance activities across the organisation. This is a new role, based at the busy Spring Hill campus, and it will have responsibilities across all five sites within South East Queensland. Reporting to the CFO and ultimately the Board of Trustees, you will need to be adept at managing numerous stakeholders across the School as well as relevant external organisations.

If you're the successful candidate, you'll provide leadership and technical expertise to the School through:

- Operational management of the School's Risk Management Framework;
- Project management of the recommendations arising from a recent independent risk review process;
- Project management of a software implementation to consolidate and streamline risk management processes;
- Management of the School's WHS Compliance Framework and Regulatory Compliance Portfolio; and
- Governance reporting to the Senior Leadership Team, Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

The successful candidate

This is an exciting role for someone who enjoys working in a busy and collaborative environment with multiple stakeholders. There are challenges to meet in managing multiple projects, cultural change and the complexities of a substantial school environment. Your ability to build rapport with people, develop pragmatic solutions and make good decisions, will ensure continued and rewarding success. You will be a lateral thinker who is looking for a significant role where you can build a 'whole of organisation' approach to risk and compliance.

As a minimum, we're looking for:

- Cleared probity status, including eligibility for a working with children card (Blue Card)
- Extensive knowledge of risk and compliance legislation, regulations, standards and systems
- Prior success implementing and maintaining safety management systems aligned with AS/NZ 4801:2011
- Experience delivering multiple projects at once (risk, compliance, WHS, technology etc)
- Advanced spreadsheeting, presentation and report writing skills
- Confidence to develop and deliver professional training, presentations and initiatives
- Tertiary qualifications in WHS or related discipline
- Certificates in First Aid and Fire Safety

Application process

Brisbane Grammar School recognises the value of diverse thinking and we encourage qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply. To gain a deeper understanding of what it means to join BGS, please take the time to review the information on our website and social media accounts before submitting your application. You should also familiarise yourself with our [key policies and procedures](#) as these may assist you during the recruitment process.

To help us assess your application, you may be asked some questions when you submit your resume and cover letter. You may also wish to submit copies of qualifications and academic results.

Candidates must disclose any information relevant to their eligibility to engage in activities involving children.

Applications close Sunday 30 June 2019.



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Golf Day

23 August 2019

Tee up your team!

The BGS community is invited to participate in the 2019 BGS Golf Day on Friday 23 August 2019.

We are raising funds for bursaries for boys who have the scholastic ability, but not the financial means to attend the School.

If you are interested in **donating a prize**, contact the Community Relations Office on 3834 5206 or communityrelations@brisbanegrammar.com.

Sponsorship opportunities also available.

Golf Registration

Sponsorship Proposal



For more information please contact

T +61 7 3834 5206 E carla.hardy@brisbanegrammar.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Rugby Camp

U11 - U14



Date

Tuesday 9 July -
Thursday 11 July 2019

Tickets

\$47.00 per student
Cost includes a BGS T-Shirt and
BGS Drink bottle.

Venue

Brisbane Grammar School
Northgate Playing Fields

Time

9.00am - 12.00pm

Buses are provided, please be at Brisbane Grammar School, Spring Hill campus at 8.00am
Students will return at 12.30pm - please collect from Brisbane Grammar School, Spring Hill.

Please note:

Boots and mouth guard are compulsory.

Head gear optional.

Please bring along morning tea.

Please wear appropriate training attire.

[RSVP here](#)

For more information please contact
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Cost includes a BGS T-Shirt and
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Venue

Brisbane Grammar School
Northgate Playing Fields

Time

1.00pm - 4.00pm

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Students will return at 4.30pm - please collect from Brisbane Grammar School, Spring Hill.

Please note:

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Please bring along afternoon tea.

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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE



Thursday 15 August – 7pm

Friday 16 August – 7pm

Sunday 18 August – 2pm

Pre-show drinks available from 6pm
(evening shows only)

Adult – \$25 Student/Concession – \$15

Tickets available via MyGrammar in Term 3.

P&F Auxiliary

Connect – Care – Contribute

The P&F Auxiliary is a subcommittee of the P&F Association that facilitates fundraising and fosters parent fellowship and the sense of strong community that abounds at Brisbane Grammar School. All profits are returned to the School to enhance the experience for students and families.

Volunteers

A warm welcome to our two new volunteers at the Grammar Shop this week – Derrelie and Kitty! And welcome to the many new volunteers at the Tuckshop this term. We hope you really enjoy volunteering with us!

Grammar Shop book sale

See the attached flyer on the following page listing surplus books offered for sale – **now at below cost price!**

Tuckshop update

The Tuckshop will be open for the last day of school this term, but due to the early finish we will only be serving breakfast and morning tea.

Grammar Shop opening hours – Monday 15 July

For your convenience, the Grammar Shop will have special opening hours the day before school starts in Term 3 as follows:

Monday 15 July	8.00am – 10.00am
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During the term, normal trading hours will resume:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday	7.30am – 11.00am
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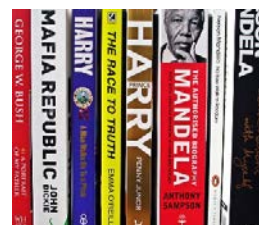
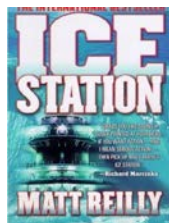
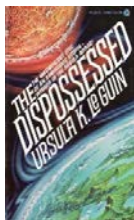
Tuesday and Thursday	7.30am – 9.00am
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Senior Hat payment reminder for Year 8 students

Some families have yet to make payment for their Year 9 2020 senior hats. Please use the following link to ensure your student's hat will be ready in time for next year:

<https://payments.brisbanegrammar.com/OneStopWeb/Year8SeniorHat>

Joanne Villiers
P&F Auxiliary



GRAMMAR SHOP BOOK SALE UPDATE

BOOKS AVAILABLE AT **BELOW** COST PRICING!

NOVELS

Someone Like Me	Elaine Forrestal	\$14 \$10
Ice Station	Matthew Reilly	\$15 \$10
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	\$18 \$10
Deadly Unna?	Phillip Gwynne	\$16 \$10
The Silver Linings Playbook	Matthew Quick	\$16 \$10
Million Dollar Baby	F.X. Toole	\$16 \$10
The Dispossessed	Ursula Le Guin	\$19 \$10
The Children of Men	P. D. James	\$16 \$10
Life of Pi	Yann Martel	\$16 \$10

TEXT / STUDY

Oxford Atlas O Book	\$35 \$20
Chinese Made Easy Workbook 1 (2 nd Ed)	\$31 \$20
Chinese Made Easy Textbook 1	\$35 \$20
Obento Supreme Workbook (3 rd Ed)	\$31 \$20
Obento Supreme	\$39 \$20



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 12 Parent Morning Tea



You are invited to join fellow Year 12 parents, carers, adult siblings and grandparents for morning tea at The Green House, Howard Smith Wharves on Thursday 20 June.

Date

Thursday 20 June

Time

9.30am to 11.30am

Tickets

\$50.00 each - includes sweet and savoury items and a glass of French bubbles

Venue

The Green House, Howard Smith Wharves, 5 Boundary Street, Brisbane City

RSVP **here**

by Friday 14 June 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 12 Parent Representative**

Jo Mower E jomower@mac.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 11 Parent Cocktail Function



You are invited to join fellow Year 11 parents for a gathering while our boys enjoy themselves at their 'Charity Social'.

Date

Saturday 27 July

Time

7.30pm to 11.00pm

Tickets

\$60.00 per person - includes canapes, fork dishes and a drink on arrival

Venue

City Winery, 11 Wandoo Street, Fortitude Valley

RSVP **here**

by Wednesday 19 June **unless sold out prior!**

**For more information please contact
Year 11 Parent Representative**

Wendy Keir T 0418 797 145 E dwkeir@bigpond.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Football

End of Season Presentation

2019



Please join us in celebrating
the 2019 GPS Football Season
Year 8 -12

Date

Friday 21 June 2019

Time

7.00pm - 10.00pm

Tickets

\$75.00 per person
2 Course Meal
Cash Bar Available

Venue

Tattersalls Club
215 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

RSVP here

by Friday 14 June 2019

For more information please contact
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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Tennis

End of Season Function



Please join us in celebrating
the 2019 GPS Tennis Season

Date

Friday 21 June 2019

Time

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Tickets

\$35.00 per person
including students

Venue

Brisbane Grammar School
Tennis Centre

[RSVP here](#)

by Friday 14 June 2019

For more information please contact
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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2019 BGS Rugby Parent Social Evening



Please help us in celebrating the 2019 GPS Rugby Season

Date

Friday 12 July 2019

Venue

West's Rugby Club,
65 Sylvan Road
Toowong QLD

Time

7.00pm - 10.00pm

Tickets

\$55 per person

[RSVP here](#)

RSVP Friday 21 June 2019

For more information please contact
Stephanie Mooney

T 0452 479 595 E stephanie.mooney@y7mail.com

BGS150 memorabilia

Light Dark Blue: 150 Years of Learning and Leadership at Brisbane Grammar School is available for purchase now. The beautiful 500-page hardcover book updates the BGS story with previously untold anecdotes, rare photographs and illustrations. With a limited print run, it is sure to become a sought after collector's item. Standard edition and limited editions available.

[Click here](#) to order *Light Dark Blue*.

[Click here](#) to view all BGS150 memorabilia – limited stocks remain.

BGS150 History Book Purchase now



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