



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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BGS Art Show

Headmaster

Anthony Micallef

After an incredibly busy semester, I want to offer my thanks to staff, students and parents for working collaboratively towards positive outcomes. One of the strengths of Brisbane Grammar School is the preparedness of stakeholders to positively collaborate to achieve high standards and overcome what sometimes appear to be insurmountable challenges.

As a sign of my gratitude and that of the BGS community, I wish to acknowledge the following people who are either completing contracts or moving on to new challenges. The following people have provided invaluable service to the boys' personal growth and learning. They include:

- Ms Sandy Elliott who replaced Ms Bernadette Moy while she was on long service leave. Ms Elliott has offered care and high-quality teaching to many students throughout Semester 1;
- Mr Daniel Sherington, one of our reliable Art Assistants, leaves us to pursue new career goals;
- Ms Alisa Cleary who expertly replaced Ms Anna Sanderson this term;
- Ms Julie Zhu, Language Assistant who will be on maternity leave;
- Mr Adam Maunder who did a marvelous job supporting the boys throughout the Football season. We hope to see him return in 2020; and
- Ms Karen Hannay who has, over 16 years, provided such wonderful service to Middle School students. She was one of the founding Middle School teachers when it was established in 2003. Ms Hannay will be missed by her colleagues and will be remembered by thousands of Middle School boys.

Let me now make a few comments about each year group. I asked each Head of Year to supply some general observations.

Mr Paul Kenny informed me that Year 5 cohort have embraced the opportunity to be BGS students, learning the School's values, forming positive relationships and making a strong collective effort across academic and co-curricular areas.

He also indicated that the Year 6 cohort have been purposeful and committed in their efforts, developing greater personal and collective responsibility and building their capacity to work together – something that will be required when they head to Canberra next term.

Mr Craig Timms declared that Year 7 have focused on the value of respect and from all reports their response has been praiseworthy. Their transition from multiple primary schools has been managed well and Semester 2 provides them with the opportunity to consolidate good work practices.

The Year 8 cohort have relished the opportunity to be the student leaders of the Middle School; from Wing Captains to Class Captains and whole class groups who have engaged in the Learn2Lead program. Mr Sam Lobascher is happy with their progress and their capacity to effectively lead the Middle School student body. He hopes to see even greater involvement in Term 3.

On behalf of the School, I would like to acknowledge all Middle School staff and students for the exceptional finish to the semester. The Signature Programs were incredibly beneficial learning experiences and the Celebration of the Arts a wonderful festivity.

In the Senior School, Mr Simon Conway has enjoyed watching Year 9 making a confident and positive transition from Middle School – adjusting to different teachers, new classes, routines and expectations, engaging with co-curricular and academic responsibilities and enthusiastically embracing the Moogerah experience.

Year 10 students are to be congratulated on their commitment to learning, and their spirited involvement in a range of co-curricular activities. Ms Sharee Verdon informed me that as a year group, the focus has been 'Performance Beyond Expectations', and they have ably risen to the challenge. She is particularly impressed by their engagement in making a difference to others through public purpose projects.

Mr Nick Holland has indicated that Year 11 has been characterised by a growing sense of shared commitment. He congratulated the cohort on embracing the theme of collaboration, particularly in the opportunities presented by the weekly utility lessons. Many boys within the cohort have demonstrated that they are ready for, and enthusiastic about, the leadership opportunities that will be presented to them over the next 18 months.

Mr Larry Carmichael is delighted with the leadership demonstrated by the Year 12s. He has been particularly impressed by their application to their studies and preparation for QCS and their mature conduct around the grounds. He highlighted that they have been spirited attendees at events and have attempted to broaden their reach and support of students across the School.

I congratulate all year groups for making noteworthy progress this semester and look forward to more of the same when we return from a much-deserved holiday.

In closing, I wish to make several student leadership announcements. The following boys will lead their respective communities in Term 3:

- In Basketball, Sebastian Porras will be Captain and Nick Athanasiou Vice Captain;
- In Chess, Saravanan Somasundaram will be Captain and Karan Kanwar Vice Captain; and
- In Rugby, Ben Hains will be Captain and Harry Barker Vice Captain.

In closing I offer you this excerpt from *Auguries of Innocence* by my favourite poet, William Blake:

*To see a world in a grain of sand
And Heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour*

Blake wants us all to stop and see beauty that surrounds us – family, friends, school, activities etc. This has been a busy and productive term. I sincerely hope each one of you can find a moment to appreciate all that you have, to capture the beauty that surrounds you and fill the break with new memories.

Did you know?

**Parents can support their son's
Year Group Bursary (YGB).**

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

End of Term 2

I thanked the boys at assembly yesterday afternoon for their commitment to our style of education. I am absolutely delighted with their progress so far this year. Further to this, I would like to offer my thanks to parents for their continued support, ensuring another successful term at Brisbane Grammar School.

There are always matters to be addressed during a term and these provide an opportunity for growth for the boys. With a desire to develop responsible students, our greatest impact can occur when we use mistakes as learning opportunities.

I also wish to thank the members of the Student Wellbeing team for their incredible support of your sons. The team is focused on developing opportunities for boys to feel supported. From our perspective, we want students to achieve their best and feel they matter and belong to the community. If we continue being successful in these areas, then I know your sons will enjoy and value their BGS journey.

My final comment acknowledges that the boys will have three weeks away from the routines of school. This is an important break and while they should enjoy the opportunity to relax and unwind, please remember that any poor habits developed over the break will have an impact when they return in Term 3. In particular, I encourage you to monitor sleep patterns and gaming during the break.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable mid-year break. School resumes for students on Tuesday 16 July. They are to wear their full winter uniform and have a hairstyle that matches the School's expectations. A description for this is available at each year level section on MyGrammar.

Year 12 cohort photo

Each year the School arranges a Year 12 photograph as another way for the senior students to secure a memory of their school days.

This year the School will again engage the services of Just Photography, who also provide their services at other student and co-curricular events.

The photograph will be taken on Monday 22 July

All seniors are required to attend and must wear their full winter uniform. Students with inappropriate hairstyles will not be permitted to be part of the photograph.

Families can purchase the photos directly from Just Photography, either framed or unframed.

[Click here](#) to access the online order form. Refer to the studio's website for information regarding delivery options.

For any further details, please contact Kim Groenewald, PA to Deputy Headmaster – Students, either via phone on +61 7 3834 5260 or via email at kim.groenewald@brisbanegrammar.com.

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

The last week of term offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the term that has passed and of all the events, achievements, moments of joy and the odd challenge along the way.

Our focus on our Academic Enrichment program has continued and we are making good headway in our quest to establish a learning hub in The Lilley Centre. More importantly, we are growing a culture where boys are encouraged to be academically ambitious. The Boarding Tutors, our new Houseparent Ms de Haan, and either Mr Byron, Mr Christie or myself are there to set the tone and facilitate a sound learning environment, offering support as needed. Our efforts are complemented by Mr Deegan and Mr Fas who have focused their efforts on supporting our younger boys in literacy and numeracy development. We have added a consistent tutor presence to the tutoring team thanks to some of our recent graduates. Our senior boys have made the most of this assistance and to see so many of them working collaboratively in preparation for assessment has been hugely encouraging.

We are making further headway with our wellbeing focus. The term ended with an address from Mr Ross Switzer regarding accommodation while at university. It was heartening to see so many boys engage with him regarding life on campus as their thoughts turn to next year. We have a tiered approach, and the younger boys will find their program is much more suited to their needs. I look forward to sharing our progress as the year progresses.

I wish to thank Mr Yondo Regione for his contribution as a Resident Tutor in Harlin House over the past four years. Yondo leaves us to return to Papua New Guinea to start his civil engineering career and we wish him well.

We welcome Mr Andrew Jones to Harlin House. Andrew is a pre-service teacher at QUT who attended Marist Ashgrove and has been part of their co-curricular program over the past few years.

In closing, I want wish our community well for the coming break and remind everyone that Harlin House will reopen at 12.30pm on Monday 15 July.



Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

Year 9C have shown a willingness to learn new skills in the outdoors and to develop the values and virtues of leading self. The boys were able to use critical self-reflection to improve their navigation and campfire skills during the three-day expedition and demonstrated self-discipline when working their way through the challenging high ropes course.

Hugh Weibgen was recognised by both teachers and peers for his motivation, engagement in the whole program and for taking every opportunity put before him. He even volunteered to capsize his single kayak for the rescue demonstration.

Charlie McCaulay stood out for his great leadership potential. Charlie was always happy to help and put the group's need before his own. His peers recognised his ability to take charge and make decisions while navigating, and the way he was consistently willing to help his mates.

Will Matthews' passion for nature and the outdoors was infectious and he often had his group huddled around a pile of rocks looking for insects and bugs. Kiyah Rahman was mindful of all the members of the class. Kiyah consistently offered support and encouragement, particularly during the high ropes and bushwalk. Edward Sommerville and Will Allen were motivated and enthusiastic to be involved in the program and Christian Conomos maintained his positive attitude and smile even during the toughest challenges.

Year 11 leaders Lachie Steedman, George Mellick and Cooper Boardman volunteered their week to guide the boys through the program and made a great effort to get to know the boys early in the week. The boys were mature and reliable leaders for the class.

Mr Simon Conway, Ms Britta Johansson and Mr Patrick Last joined they class on Thursday. Ms Johansson and Mr Last came for a paddle out on Lake Moogerah in perfectly calm winter conditions and visited Lake Moogerah Gorge, a unique and special corner of the lake where the boys can get a view of the whole Outdoor Education program across the Moogerah Peaks National Park and the main range.

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



Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Year 10 Students: Program for Subject Selection Evening | Monday 22 July 2019

This year 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 is attached on the following pages for your reference. Any queries should be directed to the PA to the Studies Directorate at rochelle.lynch@brisbanegrammar.com.

UNSW ICAS Competition 2019

ICAS Assessments are independent, online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning.

This year UNSW Global has overhauled ICAS, changing the timing, format and other key elements of the test.

The ICAS dates for 2019 are as shown below:

Science	Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September 2019
English	Monday 16, Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 September 2019
Mathematics	Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 September 2019
Digital Technologies	Monday 2, Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 September 2019

ICAS now has a clear competition focus and will not be sat by all students. Next term, dates that best suit our boys will be selected as the sitting dates and boys who have achieved very well in School subject and other assessments will be invited to participate by the relevant Head of Department. As a transitional arrangement this year, there will be consideration given to students in the Middle School who wish to self-nominate. The competitions will be conducted after school. Boys in Years 7 to 12 who participate will need to bring their tablet on the day as the assessment will be done online. Computers will be provided for Years 5 and 6 participants.

Mark Schumann
Dean of Studies

Year 10 Subject Selection Schedule

Monday 22nd July 2019

Time	Session & Subject	Location	
5.00pm	Welcome to Parents & Students – Sharee Verdon, Head of Year 10	The Lilley Centre, Learning Commons	
Parents: 5.15 - 6.00pm: Forum <i>Selection Process</i> - Steve Uscinski, Deputy Headmaster – Teaching & Learning; Dale Nicholas, Director of Student Services; Mark Schumann, Dean of Studies; and Greg Dabelstein, Dean of Curriculum		Students: 5.15 - 5.30pm: Gallery <i>Mathematics</i> – Anthony Mewing, Head of Mathematics	
Parents: 6.00 – 6.15pm: Forum <i>Mathematics</i> – Anthony Mewing, Head of Mathematics		Students: 5.30 – 6.00pm: Gallery <i>Selection Process</i> – Frank McClatchy, Dean of Administration and Nathan Simmons, Student Counsellor. F McClatchy, N Simmons, G Hales to bring students from the Gallery to The Lilley Centre at 6.00pm to wait – Level 4, 2.	
<u>6.30 - 6.45pm</u>	<u>Session 1</u>	Specialist Maths	Function Room
		Biology	LC406/LC407
		Geography	LC309
		Literature	Magazine Area, Library
		Languages	LC411
		Modern History	LC408
		Ancient History	LC310
		Economics	Forum
		Design	LC212a
		Drama	LC212
		Music	LC213a
		Art	LC213
Physical Education	LC214		
<u>6.50 - 7.05pm</u>	<u>Session 2</u>	Earth & Environmental Science	Function Room
		Biology	LC406/LC407
		Geography	LC309
		Literature	Magazine Area, Library
		Languages	LC411
		Modern History	LC408
		Ancient History	LC310
		Economics	Forum
		Design	LC212a
		Drama	LC212
		Music	LC213a
		Art	LC213
Physical Education	LC214		

Year 10 Subject Selection Schedule

Monday 22nd July 2019

Time	Session & Subject	Location	
<u>7.10 - 7.25pm</u>	<u>Session 3</u>	Earth & Environmental Science	Function Room
		Physics	LC406/LC407
		Geography	LC309
		Literature	Magazine Area, Library
		Languages	LC411
		Modern History	LC408
		Chemistry	Forum
		Design	LC212a
		Drama	LC212
		Music	LC213a
		Art	LC213
		Physical Education	LC214
<u>7.30 - 7.45pm</u>	<u>Session 4</u>	Earth & Environmental Science	Function Room
		Physics	LC406/LC407
		Geography	LC309
		Literature	Magazine Area, Library
		Languages	LC411
		Modern History	LC408
		Ancient History	LC310
		Chemistry	Forum
		Design	LC212a
		Drama	LC212
		Music	LC213a
		Art	LC213
Physical Education	LC214		
7.45 - 8.00pm	Final Questions – Sharee Verdon, Steve Uscinski, Dale Nicholas, Mark Schumann, Greg Dabelstein & Nathan Simmons	The Lilley Centre, Learning Commons	
End of Evening			

Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Public Purpose

It is heartwarming to see boys acknowledging their social responsibility to their communities, whether this be through fundraising activities, volunteer work or educating their peers on important social issues.

As the semester comes to a close, I'd like to share with you a few projects and activities boys have been involved with over the last couple of weeks.

Year 7 boys have been particularly busy on the Public Purpose front. Earlier in the year, they supported the Fred Hollows Foundation by running a Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser for five weeks. During this time, the boys raised over \$1000, giving 40 people back their sight; a fantastic effort and one of which they are very proud. Here they are with a certificate from the foundation thanking them for their efforts.



Supported by boys in Year 10, they also held a sausage sizzle in the Middle School last week to support the families of Mt Isa School of the Air, whose homes and farms had been devastated by the floods earlier in the year. Attendance was terrific, and the money raised will ensure families can afford to send their children on their school camps and trips to Canberra.



On Wednesday, Year 10 boys held a bake sale with all proceeds going towards the Cambodia Immersion teams to fund their projects in-country. Students were offered a gourmet selection of brownies, cakes, fudges, muffins, biscuits and my favourite, coconut ice. Such activities are not possible without the support from the wider BGS community and I would like to thank families for not only contributing to the bake sale but for also providing such beautifully presented and delicious food.



Leadership - Being a Bloke

Before leaving for camp, boys in Year 9 attend the 'Being a Bloke' seminar facilitated by Peer Power. This is a challenging program designed to inspire and provoke boys to consider what is the essence of healthy masculinity and becoming a man, including rights and responsibilities. I was interested in gauging the reactions from boys, so I joined Monday's seminar and was impressed by the level of maturity and constructive contributions boys added to the discussion.



Design | Celebration of the Arts

NASA space shuttles, rockets, satellites and even Star Wars were strongly represented in the acrylic toys on display at the Middle School Celebration of the Arts event. Designed and constructed by the students of 8B, 8C, 8F and 8H, a selection of designs amazed visitors with their intricate representations of space travel-themed toys. The designs were drawn in CAD software and then laser-cut in coloured acrylic as part of the boys' Term 1 assessment.

These were accompanied by their Term 2 engineering tasks, with visitors able to observe and play with the wooden automata inspired by nursery rhyme and fairy tale themes. Students animated their chosen story in their constructions, which proved to be a real draw for small children, and the operational aspect of each project was irresistible to parents.

The space was buzzing with the energy of student DJs, commentary, and live demonstrations of their skills on the big projection screen. It was a great example and extension of the teamwork and collaboration each class has engaged in this semester.

On behalf of all classes, Teachers of Design Mr Andrew Kennedy and Ms Kimberley Kovacevic would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to our Design Technician, Mr Jonathan Burns for his support. The boys have greatly appreciated your assistance this semester.

Kimberley Kovacevic
Teacher



Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

Football and Tennis

On Friday of this week, we conclude the 2019 GPS Football and Tennis seasons with fixtures against Toowoomba Grammar School.

Many teams have already played their last games and we hope that those boys have enjoyed their involvement throughout this term. We also hope that they have acquired new skills, developed tactical and technical knowledge of the game, and improved their physical fitness.

I have had the pleasure of seeing a wide variety of BGS sport throughout the week and each weekend. I am struck by the engagement of our students, the positive relationships built by the coaches and managers and the energy and passion of our leading staff. So much of the social development of our students occurs through their exposure to sport and the wonderful people who give so much to lead it.

Mr Greg Di-Losa is the face of BGS Football. This program, which involves 37% of BGS students, provides something for every boy at every skill level, through to the First XI where Mr Di-Losa coaches alongside BGS Old Boy Mr Matt McKay. It takes exceptional patience, planning and ability to coordinate – let alone lead – a program of this scale at the high standards set by Mr Di-Losa. His passion for football is matched only by his passion for teaching.

In our Tennis program, Mr Michael Fancutt oversees BGS Tennis, supported by Mr Harry Lee. From our most junior teams through to the First IV, their work ensures the great legacy of our tennis players will continue long into the future.

I wish to thank the Wembley Club (Football Support Group) and the Wimbledon Club (Tennis Support Group) for their gracious and generous support throughout the current season, which has extended far beyond hospitality on the day of fixtures. We simply could not do what we do without our parents supporting us.

Personally, I wish to thank the many teaching and non-teaching staff who give up their time to coach, tutor and manage. I want to acknowledge the leadership of the Director of Sport across our programs. Finally, I wish to acknowledge the Director of Middle School Sport, the Heads of Year, Assistant Heads of Year and my colleagues on the Senior Leadership Team for their support at all our Co-Curriculum events.

We look forward now to a restful break, for some, and beyond that to the promise of another set of new and exciting opportunities at BGS in Term 3 for the most important people in our midst, our students. Enjoy your time with them over the holiday period.

Fencing

We have now moved on from the interschool fixtures to the State and National events stage of our Fencing season. Last weekend our boys did extremely well at the Queensland Under 13 Boys Foil Championship. Mikey Yuen won gold, improving on his bronze medal from last year. Nicholas Howarth achieved equal third.

The Queensland School Fencer Championships were held on the same day at Yeronga, for Open and Intermediate levels. In the Open age group, Ian Wong won the Sabre event, Jonathan Patchen the Epee and Thomas Kwan the Foil. We also enjoyed success in the Intermediate age group (Years 7 to 9). In the Sabre event Oliver Tu came first and Joshua Lotzve second. In the Epee, Justin Lowe came first while Harsha Cikaluru third.

During this holiday break, Jonathan Patchen travels to Sydney for the Australian Under 17 and Under 15 Championships. For Jonathan it is an opportunity to hold onto the Epee title that he won last year. In the junior ranks, it is a rare achievement to win two years in a row. Plenty of hard work and an intense local and international competition involvement does give him every chance of success. The BGS Fencing community wishes him the best of luck.

Shakespearean Fencing Quote: "One sudden foil shall never breed distrust" —Henry VI, part I

Jim Hill
Acting MiC Fencing

Football

Last Saturday, the Football season officially concluded for a number of teams. With only Years 7 to 12 A and B teams to play Round 9 this Friday, all other teams have wrapped for the year.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and effort each of the teams displayed this term. I sincerely thank all coaches for their dedication in preparing the boys each week and appreciate the professionalism with which they guided our teams. Last Saturday, we had the opportunity to conclude our Middle School teams' seasons and present the Best and Fairest and Most Improved awards.

Many thanks to all staff who assisted with the barbecue for the boys and especially the Wembley Club who donated all food and drink. As we currently stand, the following teams finish their seasons as competition leaders: 5C, 5A, 6C, 7E, 7B, 7A, 9D, 10C, 11B and Thirds, with another two teams who have everything to play for on Friday: 9B, and 10B. This is again another significant set of results with the School achieving the most competition leaders across the GPS competition, which is a credit to all.

This Friday 21 June will be Round 9 v TGS at Northgate. Boys in Years 7 and 8 will be required to catch the bus from BGS at 8.15am. Staff involved in these teams will supervise the bus. All other boys (Years 9 to 12) will have the option to catch the bus or meet their coaches at Northgate. All students can be collected from Northgate or catch the bus at the conclusion of the First XI at 2.30pm.

I would also like to thank all parents for the efforts assisting within the Wembley Club and the canteen at Home games. The efficiency of our home games rely heavily on this continued support and on behalf of the boys and the program it is much appreciated. In particular, thanks to Ms Helen Sherington (Northgate Convenor) for her commitment to providing an outstanding Home game canteen and menu.

I congratulate all players, coaches and staff on a successful season and look forward to continued success in 2020.

Greg Di-Losa
Director of Football

Music

Australian Combined Schools Music Festival

During the upcoming holidays, 19 BGS students and four Music staff members will be attending the 21st Australian Combined Schools Music Festival in Sydney. Top student musicians from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide and Perth will come together to form three ensembles – Concert Band, Orchestra and Choir – with each being directed by an outstanding guest conductor. Four days of intensive rehearsal will culminate in a final concert in the beautiful Performing Arts Centre at Sydney Grammar School. Amid their hard work, the boys will share social activities with the other participating students including a boat cruise and a visit to Luna Park.

Our touring party departs Brisbane on Wednesday 26 June with rehearsals commencing that night. The final concert is at 6.30pm on Saturday 29 June. Everyone is welcome to attend with tickets available through [TryBooking](#).

We wish our musicians all the best as they represent Brisbane Grammar School at this prestigious event.

Open Day 2019 – Music performances

The Music Department will be featuring many performance groups at the upcoming Open Day on **Saturday 20 July**. Performances will be in two venues. The Orchestras, Concert Bands and Choirs will perform in the Great Hall while the Stage Bands will perform in the covered area outside the Art Block. All performers are asked to report to their conductor at the appropriate venue **at least 10 minutes prior to their performance time**. Please ensure that performance uniforms are worn immaculately. This includes **white shirts for all ensembles**. This will be a busy day and so students are asked to anticipate if they have clash with another school commitment and talk to their conductor so that a possible solution can be negotiated. The day's schedule follows:

Great Hall

12.00pm	Philharmonic Orchestra
12.15pm	Chamber Strings
12.30pm	Symphony Orchestra
12.55pm	Symphonic Band
1.15pm	Vocal Group
1.25pm	Chamber Choir
1.35pm	Grammarphones
1.45pm	Grammar Vocal Ensemble

Outside Venue (Covered area outside Art Block)

2.00pm	Basie Jazz Band
2.15pm	Morrison Jazz Band
2.30pm	Parker Jazz Band
2.45pm	Grammar Big Band

Choral Festival

I am pleased to inform you that the Grammar Vocal Ensemble and the Grammarphones will have the opportunity to work with a visiting international choral conductor in a special weekend of choral activity at the end of **Week 2 of Term 3 (Friday 26 to Sunday 28 July)**.

Dr Anthony Trecek-King is the Music Director of the Boston Children's Choir, which is one of the finest choirs in the world for young people. He will be visiting Australia to conduct at a prestigious choral festival in Sydney but we have been able to arrange for him to visit the School. We will be collaborating with choirs from Somerville House and Hillcrest College for a weekend of rehearsals culminating in a concert in the **Great Hall at 2.30pm on Sunday 28 July**. Both GVE and the Grammarphones will work with Dr Trecek-King individually and as part of a large combined choir consisting of students from all three schools. The final concert will be free and feature performances by individual choirs from each of the participating schools as well as a number of combined performances conducted by Dr Trecek-King. It will be something to look forward to!

Peter Ingram
Head of Music

Rowing

Brisbane Grammar School will be reopening its Rowing Boatshed from Monday 22 July for all boys Years 9 to 11 (coxes Years 7 to 11) wishing to enjoy some out-of-season rowing training, to improve their fitness and technique under the guidance of the BGS Rowing coaches.

While we highly encourage involvement, it is important to stress that Term 3 Rowing does not take precedence over any in-season activities. This opportunity is in preparation for the Rowing season in Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020. Not participating in Term 3 Rowing due to other commitments will not impact on crew selection in 2020. Names will be cross-checked with Rugby, Basketball and Athletics teams to ensure no clash.

While this training period includes a team selection to represent BGS at the Queensland School State Championships (QSSC) held at Wyaralong Dam in September, this is not the main purpose of Term 3 training. We welcome all boys who would like to train who may not be available for the competition during the holidays – no boys will be excluded.

Term 3 training will encompass general pre-season training, including fitness and technical sessions. Alongside the on-water training, boys will be given the opportunity to speak with the coaching staff about their training in preparation for the 2020 Rowing season. Goal setting and preparation are key to an enjoyable and successful GPS season, so we'd encourage all the boys to have these discussions.

For more information and a link to sign on, look for the 'Term 3 Training Timetable' in the Rowing section on MyGrammar.

Met North Teams – U16 and U19

There are many opportunities outside of the regular GPS competition for the boys. Many BGS rowers and coxswains are currently training out of rowing clubs up the river.

One of the opportunities is the U16 and U19 Met North crews that race at the QLD School State Championships in September.

The proposed trial date for selection in these teams is Saturday 7 September at the Gregory Terrace Rowing Sheds at Tennyson. Confirmation of the date and nomination forms will be available in August and the community will be notified accordingly.

2020 GPS Rowing Season

Sign-on for the 2020 Rowing Season (Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020) will be available from early August. Years 7 to 11 boys are invited to sign on. An information sheet will accompany the sign-on.

An information evening will be held on Thursday 15 August, 6.30pm to 7.30pm in The Lilley Centre Forum for all members of the community.

Any questions regarding Term 3 rowing or the 2020 GPS Season can be emailed to matt.marden@brisbanegrammar.com, or contact the Rowing Boatshed on 07 3834 5372.

Matt Marden
Director of Rowing

Tennis

GPS Tennis

BGS Tennis faced State High in what was the final match this season for many of our GPS teams. It was another cold morning, but our boys warmed up quickly and got off to some great starts.

At Griffith University, the Years 7 and 8 boys had some competitive matches, especially the 8Cs who played great singles to finish off their opponents late into the day. The Year 9s showed no mercy, even with a few injuries this week, and got the job done across the board. Well done to Rex Bennett in 8C for staying composed in a tough match and Gabe Hogarth-Howes for stepping up in the 9As.

At UQ, the Year 10 boys got an early start to the weekend and their studies as they took care of business. At BGS, the Thirds had a close match with the State High team, but thanks to Duncan Chop from Year 11 who stepped up for the team we were able to come out on top. Overall, BGS Tennis went on to win all 22 teams that played on the weekend.

With one round remaining, the coaching staff would like to remind the boys to finish hard, thank their teaching coordinators for their efforts, and thank their parents for the amount of travel, preparation and hours watching them play. Thank you all for a great season and good luck against Toowoomba. We look forward to seeing you all at the End-of-Season Function!



L to R: James Tam, Orie Nakagaki, Aaron Kua, Bowen Chen, Nick Sullivan, Alex Zhang, Mr Chris Fancutt (coach), Mr James Struthers

First IV Report

The Firsts on Saturday were Angus Gentner, Jamie Kenny, Alex Patane and Kanika Jayathilake. The singles started with quick wins for Alex and Kanika. Angus and Jamie had much tougher matches with Angus finally going down to his highly ranked opponent. Jamie showcased the great improvement he has made this year by defeating a nemesis he had lost to many times before. This gave BGS a 3-1 lead going into the doubles. Angus and Jamie continued the strong form they had shown in the Coffs Harbour tournament to dominate both their doubles. BGS was to take the day with a solid 6-2 performance.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to welcome over 800 people to our annual Celebration of the Arts. It was a wonderful evening of creativity delivered through dance, drama, music, art and literature. The evening commenced with the highly anticipated Year 6 dance. This year's theme was 'modern musicals' and each class worked closely with our choreographer, Ms Amanda Middleton to prepare an energetic and fun-filled performance. In the Theatre, our community was entertained by a preview of this year's Middle School Dramatic Performance: *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* and in Centenary Hall, our Year 5 Choir, Year 7 Music students, Chamber Choir and Vocal Group performed a range of musical delights.

In recent years, Celebration of the Arts has evolved to include snapshots of our Signature Programs. Three new programs were featured this year, including Robots to the Rescue, where our Year 8 boys constructed and programmed robots to perform worthwhile tasks; F1, where students raced their carefully designed gas-canister-powered cars to determine whose design was most effective; and Tread the Boards, where students created, shaped and refined their own dramatic performance.

Events such as this are not possible without the combined efforts of our dedicated staff. A very big thank you to our Head of Middle School Events and Administration, Mr Greg Tier as well as all staff who supported him in putting the evening together.



This week, I thoroughly enjoyed visiting classes around the Middle School to see our boys actively engaged in their first Signature Program for 2019. Classrooms were abuzz with activity as boys worked together to solve problems, address global issues, create and innovate. Thank you to Mr Ian Grice and our Signature Program coordinators for leading these rich and highly engaging learning experiences.

During the holidays, you will receive your son's End of Semester report. His report will contain an achievement grade for each subject area, as well as teacher comments focusing on strengths and opportunities for growth. It is important that your son reflects on the semester, to identify what worked well for him and where he can improve. When setting goals, he should refrain from focusing solely on the desired grade, but consider the behaviours or dispositions required to help him reach it. Throughout his time in the Middle School, our aim is to help each boy to develop self-regulatory behaviours that help him to take greater responsibility and ownership over his learning. Parent-Teacher interviews will be available for those wishing to discuss aspects of the report with class teachers. Information regarding bookings will be sent to parents early in Term 3.

In closing, I take this opportunity to thank and farewell Ms Alisa Cleary who has worked with 8E and 8F throughout Term 2 and we wish her well in her future endeavours. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we also farewell our long-serving Art teacher, Ms Karen Hannay as she embarks on her retirement. Thank you to all Middle School staff and students for their efforts throughout Term 2. I wish all members of our community a relaxing and safe holiday.

Middle School Dramatic Production

100 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Meet two of our soon-to-be-legendary future heroes: Bruce and Bruce! Yes, that's right – the sheer exhaustion of trying to survive the Zombie Apocalypse has resulted in the need for a swing cast. The character of Bruce is played by two actors, Ed Nelson and Jasper Gottliebsen, (pictured) who tag team trying to outrun, outsmart, and essentially outlive the brain-craving undead. Bruce (the scared one) is joined by three other survivors; Chris (the melodramatic one), Sam (the brainy one) and their mostly fearless leader, Jimmy (the brave one). Together they join forces to enact the only survival guide you're going to need, come the Apocalypse.

Tickets on sale from Week 2 Term 3.

**Patrick Last, Belinda Lindsay, Sarah McDonald
Creative Team**



Middle School Library

Readers Cup Challenges

Last week two teams of eager readers participated in their respective regional finals of the CBCA Readers Cup Challenge. For each competition, boys are required to read a set of books and answer questions about them.

Years 5 and 6 boys Ali Rahim, Ryan Lee, Alexander Redhead, Vrish Shah and Arthur Young travelled to Hilder Road State School where more than 20 teams participated. The special guest was author Samantha Wheeler whose book *Turtle Trackers* was one of the set titles.

Years 7 and 8 boys travelled to Nudgee College for their final. The team members were Chris Yesberg, Nicholas Love, Matthew Sebastian, Angus Ellerman and Sathya Gururajan. It was a very close competition with BGS competing very enthusiastically.

While neither team secured a top spot, all the boys enjoyed reading the books and representing their school in the competition.

Vicki Palmer
Teacher Librarian



Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 15 July 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		STAFF PD DAY	
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'



[Click here](#) to purchase tickets or to view the online catalogue of works for sale at the show.

There are still a number of volunteer opportunities for the Art Show. [Click here](#) for the signup sheet and follow the instructions on the page. Many thanks to all volunteers for your support.

Jackson Nugent '18, Maxim Varghese '14 and Daniel Sherington '14 are the recipients of the inaugural BGS Old Boy Art Scholarship.

Each was awarded \$1000 to assist them in preparing their work for display in the Art Show. By offering assistance to these emerging artists, the BGS Art Support Group maintains a connection with Old Boys.

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.

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](#).

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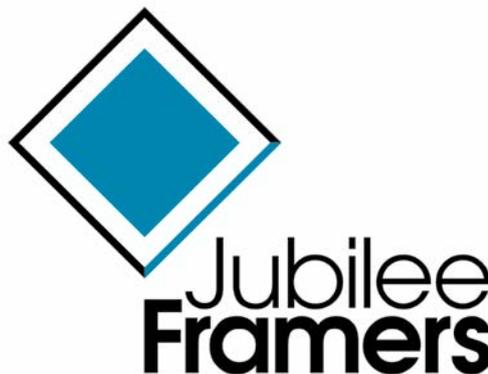
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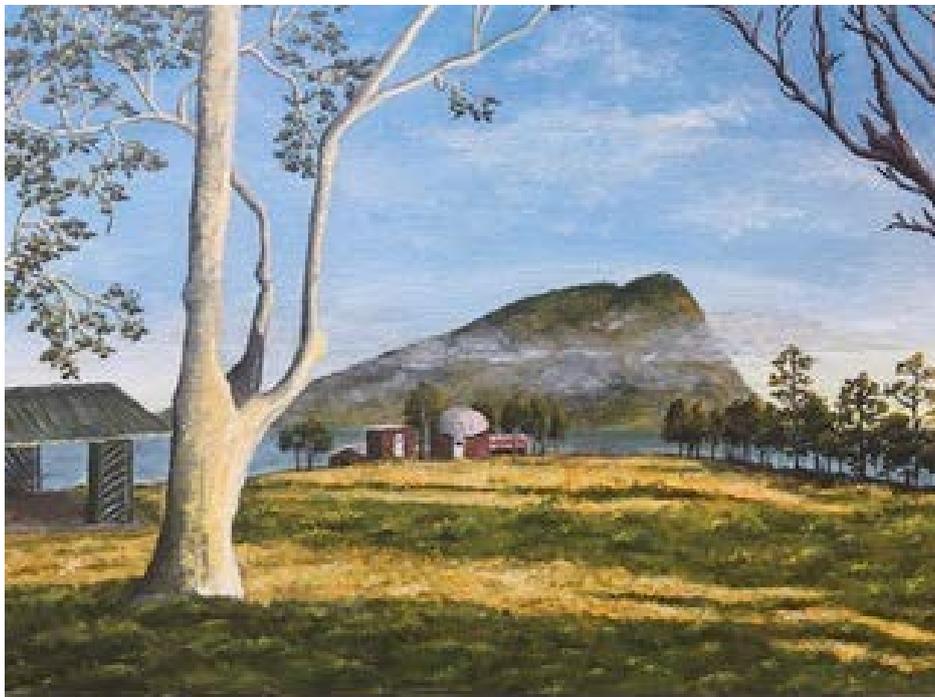


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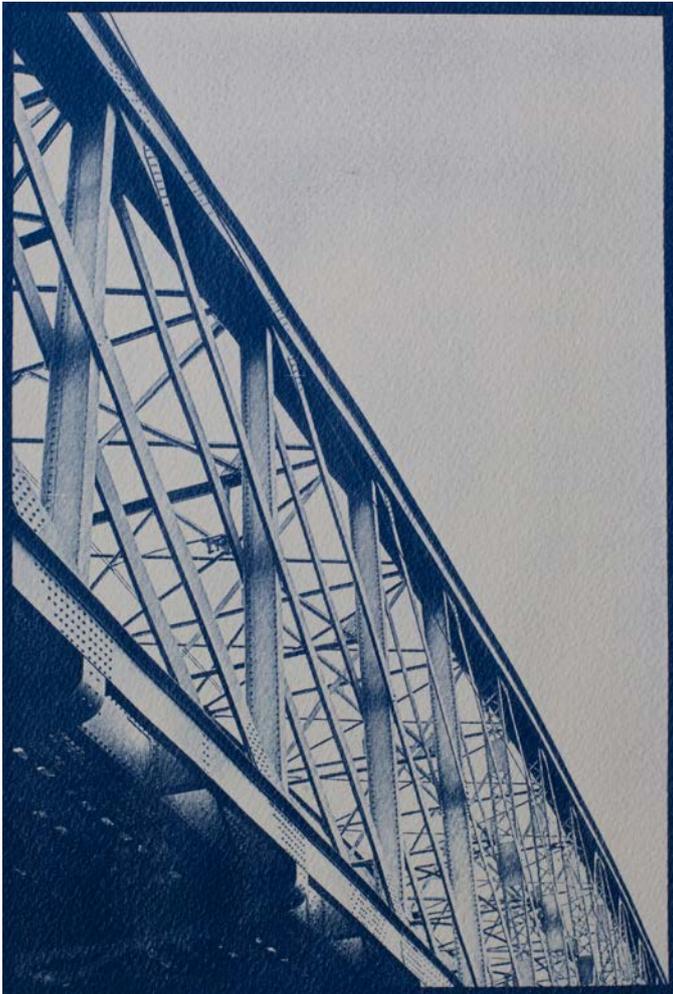
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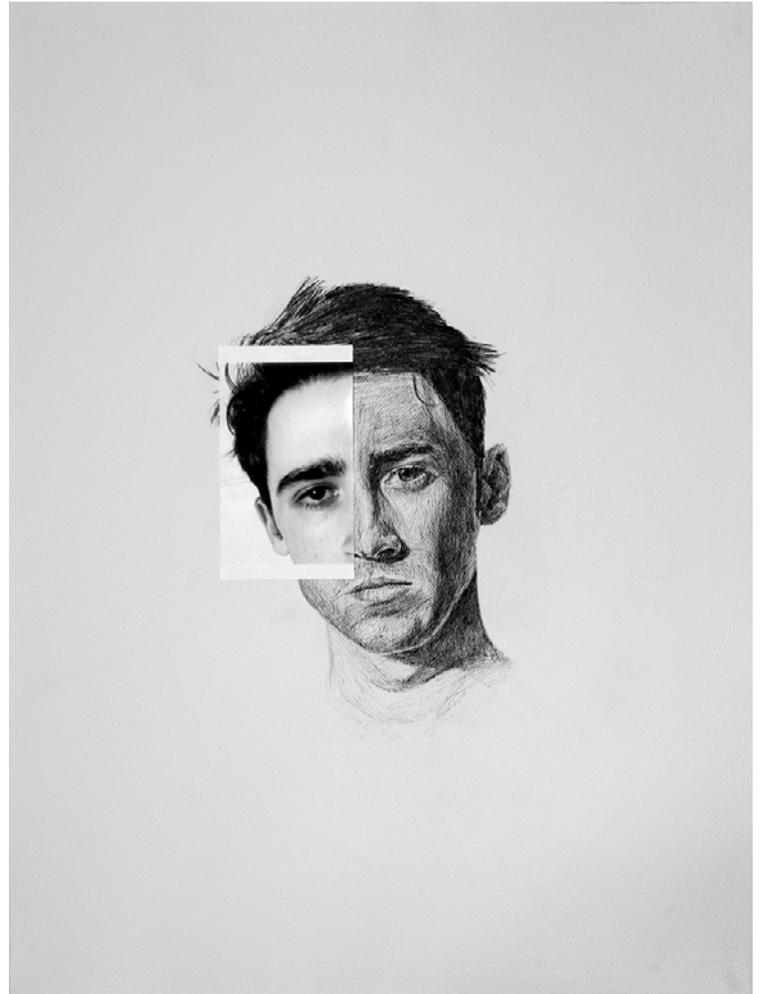
Jubilee Framers have provided quality picture framing for over 20 years. For those looking for something special, there is an impressive range of framing options including an exquisite range of handcrafted Italian mouldings. Stefan Aleksiev and his staff share over 100 years of experience in the art and framing industry and can cater to all aspects of framing and are renowned for their flexibility and creativity. They can find solutions to the trickiest framing projects and are sought after by many of Brisbane's major architectural firms and developers, having provided picture framing and mirror solutions for countless exclusive projects.



Jackson Nugent '18 – 'Moogerah'



Maxim Varghese '14 – 'Blue Silence 1'



Daniel Sherington '14 – 'Analogue Selfie in Noir'

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

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Jewellery



50th Annual Brisbane Grammar School Art Show – Jewellery

Unique and creative. Diverse styles and materials.

Friday 19 & Saturday 20 July 2019

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Brisbane Grammar School



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](#)

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For more information please contact

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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
Louise Evans – PA to Deputy Head Co-Curriculum

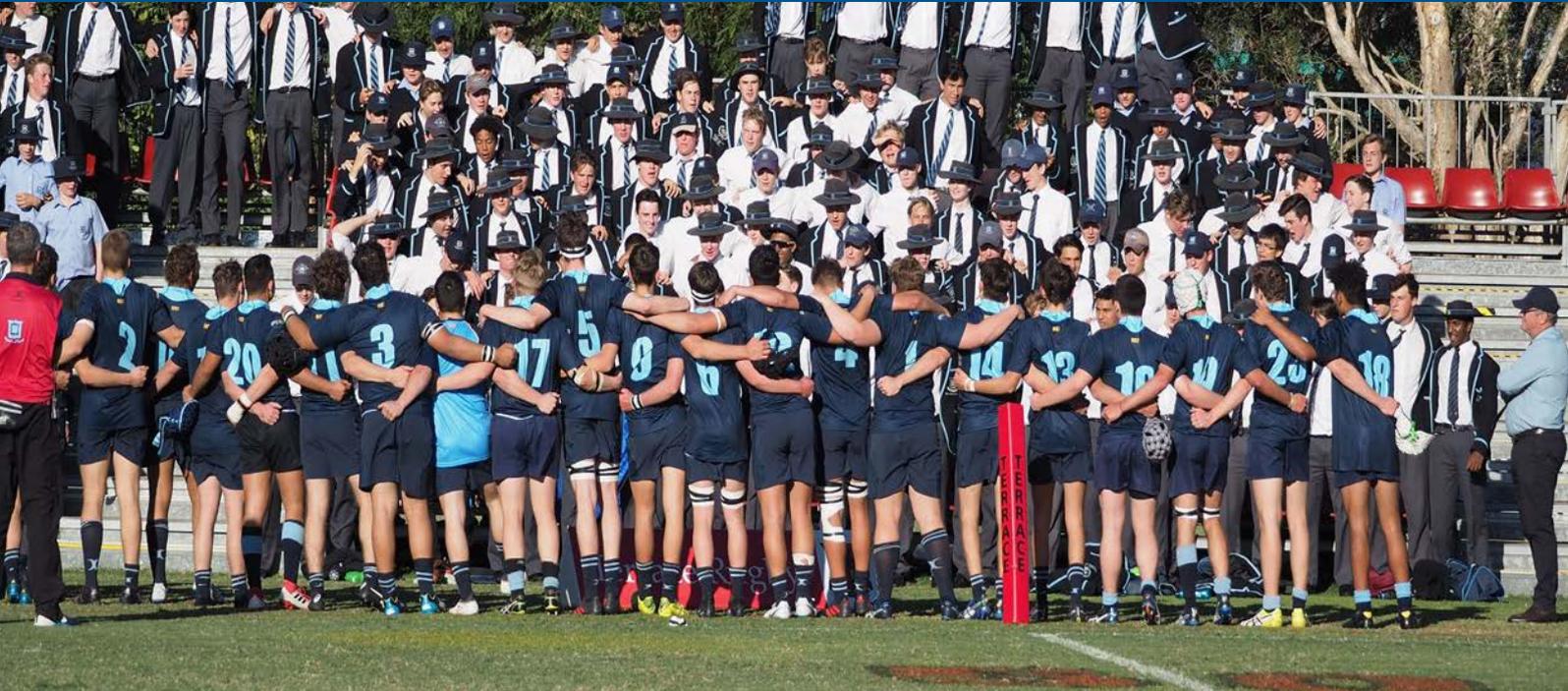
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BGS Rugby Camp

U15 - OPEN



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

1.00pm - 4.00pm

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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
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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS

100 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE



Thursday 15 August – 7pm

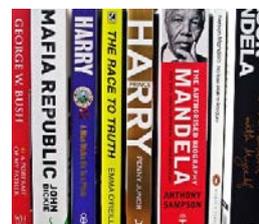
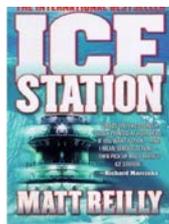
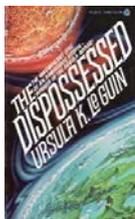
Friday 16 August – 7pm

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.



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
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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
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Chinese Made Easy Textbook 1	\$35 \$20
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Obento Supreme	\$39 \$20

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

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