



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Rebecca Campbell

While Brisbane Grammar School is nationally recognised for its strong academic performance and commitment to teaching and learning, we are also aware that student wellbeing underpins academic success. Research tells us that students who experience emotional or behavioural concerns are less likely to engage with school or to reach their true academic potential. A significant aspect of a BGS education involves helping boys to develop a strong sense of belonging, to self-regulate their emotions and behaviour, to navigate challenging social scenarios and to manage the complexities of adolescence. Our mission statement clearly articulates that we are committed to the social and personal development of each boy and we recognise that it is a shared responsibility between home and school.

On Tuesday 27 August, our Student Wellbeing Team will host an information evening for parents of boys in Years 5 to 10. Our Director of Student Wellbeing Programs Ms Philippa Douglas will speak about our evidence-informed Student Wellbeing Curriculum, and how it addresses the changing needs of our boys as they traverse adolescence. Following the introductory address, parents will be invited to attend three 15 minute workshops prepared and delivered by members of our Student Wellbeing Team, including Heads of Year and our School Counsellors. The workshops will give a snapshot of each topic and provide parents with key take-away messages. Special guest Michael Knight from Peer Power will also deliver a workshop about dealing with bullying and managing conflict resolution. The invitation to this information evening can be found by [clicking here](#).

To ensure the workshops are relevant to you, parents are invited to submit questions relating to the various topics to my Personal Assistant at Dionn.Bichel@brisbanegrammar.com by Saturday 17 August. Presenters will do their best to address these questions. We also invite you to submit suggestions for future wellbeing presentation topics.

At last week's Middle School assembly, I shared with the boys the Wimbledon tale of Ash Barty and Simona Halep. Throughout the tournament both players demonstrated virtues that we can apply to learning. Barty's strong sense of perspective, lack of entitlement and recognition of teamwork, alongside her strong commitment to bouncing back after her loss, is admirable. For Halep, her previous record against Serena Williams (nine losses and one win) did not deter her from trying her best and giving it her all in the Wimbledon final. Her meticulous preparation, commitment to her goals and well-executed game plan saw her defeat one of the best players of all time.

I encouraged the boys to think about how they can apply the key messages to their own school experiences. Now that the boys are back into their school routine and have had time to reflect on their Semester 1 report and set goals for the rest of the year, they should take steps to give themselves the best possible chance of success. I hope, by sharing the stories of these two incredible athletes, the boys acknowledge the importance of goal setting, work closely with their teachers and peers, develop their own 'game plan', and put in their best effort despite previous losses or experiences. Reinforcing these key messages at home will strengthen consistency between home and school.

Last Friday, we also acknowledged our Semester 2 Middle School Class Captains. I congratulate the boys who were selected by their peers and teachers for this important leadership role. Our Class Captains form part of the Middle School Student Representative Body (SRB) who consider how to enhance the BGS experience and address any community issues. Class Captains demonstrate leadership by serving their class and school community. I look forward to seeing the boys develop their leadership skills throughout the semester.

On Monday, our Year 6 students embark on their annual Canberra adventure. A trip of this magnitude requires a great deal of organisation and management and I thank Mr Kenny, Mr Shears and Mr Tier for their efforts. I wish students and staff safe travels and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return. Please check travel arrangements carefully to ensure boys arrive at BGS on Monday morning for a timely departure.

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Term 3 provides opportunities to be involved in many activities; from co-curricular such as Rugby and Debating to the 2020 subject selection process and the milestone Year 11 semiformal and Year 12 formal. These activities make Term 3 one of my favourite times of the year.

Last week, I attended the Year 11 2020 subject selection evening. At this important time, I reminded parents and students that patience is the key to this process. Instead of making a selection immediately, take time to discuss all options before deciding closer to the submission date.

I also enjoyed our first home fixtures last weekend in Chess, Basketball and Rugby over the weekend. It was an exciting time for all boys, as they were able to see their preparation come to fruition. Well done to all students, staff, coaches and community members involved. Thank you to the supporters who attended each of the games. I appreciate the standard of uniform displayed by BGS competitors and spectators. Our uniform should always signal what our school means to us.

I congratulate all Year 11 students who attended the BGS/BGGS Charity Social last Saturday night. Both schools worked hard to create an enjoyable and safe environment. The evening went well, and student behaviour was very impressive. The next goal is to work with parents to ensure 'post' event activities either cease or move away from activities that are not appropriate for boys at this age.

Finally, our Year 12 students also participated in a fun trivia competition last Friday with BGGS, with mixed teams of boys and girls. Thank you to Mr Larry Carmichael and Mr Tim Holzgrefe for ensuring a great afternoon for students.

Captain's Corner

At assembly, I told the life story of Sir Frank Williams; a passionate, driven and humble man who continues to overcome great adversity. His story is much like the one I told last term about Tommy Caldwell, who is one of the most accomplished big-wall free climbers in history. Endeavour is a common theme between the two men, having never let their dreams escape them despite facing great challenges.

Williams is the founding manager of the Williams F1 Racing Team and a nine-time Formula 1 Constructors' World Champion. Williams was once a keen long-distance runner, clocking 21 miles per day, but is now the world's longest-living quadriplegic following a car accident in 1986.

He never talked about it, but his mother was deserted by his father and struggled financially. Williams worked tirelessly for every penny he earned. He lived in a flat with other racing enthusiasts, sleeping on the floor. He made money buying car parts for a pound and selling them for two pounds. After many years, he finally achieved his dream of owning a Formula 1 racing team.

Disaster struck in 1986 during pre-season testing in the south of France. Immediately after testing, Frank rushed to the airport with the intention of running a half-marathon the following morning. He took risks and braked as late as he could down a winding, narrow road. He lost control and his car flew off the road.

A day later, he found himself in the Royal London Hospital. He clinically died three times but his wife, Lady Virginia Williams, resuscitated him each time. His spinal column had snapped. He was paralysed from the neck down.

Williams had an unwavering fighting strength, which only grew stronger with adversity.

I challenged the boys to shoot for the stars and fail fearlessly. In failure, you can only move closer to your goals. Now is the time for the boys to reflect on the past six months and make the next four months even better. I reminded them to never be afraid to fail and always reach for their dreams because they might just grab them.

Noah Rosemann
School Vice Captain

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our survey. Your input has helped us find a solution that is supported at home and within the boarding house. A strong partnership between home and House enhances our ability to look after your son while at school.

The new policy is driven by a desire to provide boys with a balanced lifestyle in a nurturing environment. In Semester 1, we saw an increasing dependency on technology. Boys began placing more emphasis on screens rather than the joys of growing up, living and playing alongside their mates.

We have set clear expectations over the past two years. All boys hand in their phones overnight, with the exception of Year 12s. This is part of a holistic approach that includes a clear bedtime routine. We also expect boys not to access their phones when eating or gathering together.

Our response to the review has been one of evolution rather than revolution. In addition to previous expectations, we have made prep a mobile-free zone, and have limited mobile phone access to junior boarders on a Sunday morning.

We have filled these potential voids with additional events and activities. Last Sunday morning, boys engaged in an in-House game of putt-putt in our first Tutor Activity session. We have also established clear music practice times, added a formal prep expectation, amended gym times and added the 'Fast Food Friday' experience that utilises our barbecue facility.

The young men in the House have accepted our new expectations and Harlin House staff can already see an increase in engagement. The boys may not like all the changes but are beginning to understand the rationale and see benefits. We will continue to ensure they make the most of their boarding opportunities.

Did you know?

**All boys benefit from the diversity
bursaries bring to BGS.**



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

9F showed significant development in the values and virtues of leading self. The class identified areas they wanted to focus on and had a chance to reflect on their progress throughout the week.

Angus Bisset displayed concern for his group and demonstrated real leadership potential. Angus was mature and ready to help others. He volunteered to carry backpacks for his peers when they needed a hand, he put effort into learning new skills and he showed clarity around the objectives of the week.

Theo Dickey was a motivated participant willing to challenge himself. Theo showed initiative and provided assistance during the high ropes briefing and during the activities. Henry Nelson showed his skills and knowledge during expedition navigation. Henry helped to keep his peers on task and make navigation decisions throughout the three-day expedition.

Jed Green, Ben Khoo and Harry Steindl showed great engagement in the activities and objectives of the program. The boys demonstrated their leadership potential by maintaining a positive attitude and supporting their peers. Nicholas Kakourakis was a mature and considerate participant and enjoyed entertaining the audience on the mini grand piano in his free time.

Year 12 students Harry McGregor, Max Schmelzer and Oliver Thynne joined the class as leaders to mentor and assist the students through the program. They facilitated the duties and assisted the boys when starting campfires in the cold conditions.

Mr Michael Allport and Mr Brad Scholes joined the class for expedition day on Mt Alford. The boys demonstrated their new navigation and group management skills on the journey. Ms Linda Brook and Mr Simon Conway supported the class during the high ropes session and saw the boys pushing their limits and challenging themselves.

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

The Moogerah Committee Working Bee | Saturday 17 August

Please join us for The Moogerah Committee Working Bee on Saturday 17 August. We will focus on Bitenbar, the School's new outdoor education property. To volunteer and support the community, please contact the Committee President Mr Will Siganto on 0411 741 001 or will.siganto@postconrisk.com.au.



Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Public Purpose | The Homework Club

Each Thursday, boys in Years 10 to 12 walk from BGS to The Exchange to help Kelvin Grove State College Junior School students with their homework and general studies. Over the last eight years, we have seen the program strengthen and friendships grow. One of the most rewarding aspects of the program is the bond formed with peers and the students from KGSC. This program requires a commitment from the BGS boys who join, and we understand the importance of building reciprocal relationships. The Homework Club is such a rewarding program to be part of, and I strongly encourage boys who are interested in helping others to join.

Vincent Xu

Year 12 Team Leader



Public Purpose | RWBH Patients In Need Program

A reminder about the RWBH Patients In Need Program, a student-led initiative. We aim to support patients in difficult circumstances who come to Brisbane from regional areas seeking urgent medical treatment. Some patients do not have access to necessities or support systems to assist them during these tough times.

The RBWH have requested tracksuit pants and thongs for patients who have arrived without enough clothing. Donations of new tracksuit pants and thongs will be gratefully received at collection points outside each Head of Year's office. Thank you to the BGS families who have already generously contributed. This drive will run until Friday 23 August.

For more information, please see the [attached flyer](#).

Danny Kim

Year 12 Student

Parent Information Evening | Monday 5 August 6.00pm-7.00pm

Respectful Relationships with Dr Tessa Opie

Brisbane Grammar School has invited Dr Tessa Opie to speak to parents about the world of relationships, which our young people are attempting to interpret and negotiate in a digital and hyper-sexualised climate. She will explore the impact of the media and online pornography on our children's attitudes and expectations in relation to sexual activity. She will also discuss what we can do as parents, care givers and role models, to positively encourage our young people to develop a healthy and realistic sense of self and 'other'.

If you are interested in the work of Dr Tessa Opie, please visit [inyourskin](http://inyourskin.com.au).

Booking are filling fast, so please [register your attendance here](#).

Student Information Sessions with Dr Tessa Opie

Dr Opie will also be speaking to boys in Years 7, 9 and 11 on Monday 5 August. Each presentation is tailored to meet the needs of boys at different stages of their development.

Topics of discussion include:

Year 7	Year 9	Year 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media analysis• Gender, sexuality and relationships• Gendered stereotypes and their impact on health and wellbeing• Explicit material online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media analysis• Masculinity and intimacy• Consent and coercion• Explicit material online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social and sexual 'norms'• Explicit material online• Sexual health and wellbeing• Consent and coercion• Developing language for safe and consensual sexual activity• Assessing sexual readiness

If you have concerns or questions, please contact me at philippa.douglas@brisbanegrammar.com.

Subject Selection

Parents of Year 10 students are reminded that subject selection for Year 11 2020 has commenced. All students have received an email explaining how to access the online portal and complete their subject preferences. Students should refer to the documents on their USB regarding subject conditions and prerequisites. All students must complete their selections by 5.00pm Friday 30 August. After that date, changes are not permitted until 2020.

Parents play an important role in the subject selection process. Each student must obtain a parent or guardian's signature as part of their digital submission. Parents will receive an email with details once their son has made his submission.

Tablet PC Care

As part of the School's Tablet PC program, students are required to keep their devices in a respectable condition. Deliberate damage is not covered under warranty or the Guaranteed Service and Capped Repair Program agreement the School has with its suppliers.

Deliberate damage includes:

- Malicious or intentional damage to the Tablet PC or Notebook, including vandalism
- Engraving or graffiti of any kind
- Placing stickers on the Tablet PC or Notebook
- Having the Tablet PC or Notebook repaired or attempted to be repaired by someone other than the BGS authorised representative

Tablets found with deliberate damage will have affected parts repaired or replaced. This can cost up to \$300 for minimal damage. Students and parents will receive notification of damage and cost from the Director of ICT. In recent times, several students have breached this requirement and the fees have been added to their school accounts.

Additional information is outlined in the School's policy on ICT Usage available on MyGrammar. Students also receive this information at rollout, rollover and regularly at other times.

Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

Director of Sport

This week, Mr Ron Cochrane announced that he will retire from his role as Director of Sport at the end of 2019.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Mr Cochrane for many years on the GPS Sports and Activities Committee, and more recently at BGS. His extensive BGS knowledge speaks not only to the length of his service but also his genuine connection and fondness for the School community.

Mr Cochrane's unparalleled coaching record covers a vast range of sports. Those who have been coached by him know his passion for schoolboy sport and his commitment to providing an environment where boys transform into gentlemen through lessons of sport and competition.

Mr Cochrane's leadership of BGS Sport has positioned the School for success into the future. He has developed and led a great team of MiC's, Directors and Head Coaches; instilling the importance of teamwork within them for the benefit of our students.

He is a well-known connector of people. If he finds out that your background or interests align with someone he knows, the phone will be out, an introduction will be made, and you will be talking to a new friend down the line.

Throughout the GPS100 celebrations, Mr Cochrane suitably took a leading role in connecting people across all nine GPS schools; sharing stories, capturing historical moments and showcasing our history. As a valuable member of the BGS Sesquicentenary History Committee, Mr Cochrane's rich historical knowledge laid the foundations for the *Light Dark Blue* publication.

Not content with the past, Mr Cochrane is a man of initiative and innovation. His recent addition of a live weekly coaching commentary embraces his strong BGS Sport social media following to form a direct line of communication with students, parents and coaches.

The School will formally farewell Mr Cochrane at an assembly in Term 4. Until that time, I will continue to enjoy learning from him and working alongside him.

Thank you, Sir, and congratulations.

Rugby

Over the last two weeks, we have experienced growth in the number of boys wishing to participate in Rugby. The findings from the 2018 Rugby Review have resulted in the implementation of qualifying steps that boys must take before they can compete. A critical component is the demonstration of physical preparedness to play.

Registration with Rugby Australia through the Rugby Xplorer app is an additional necessary step before participating in BGS Rugby. If you experience any difficulties with this registration process, please contact the Director of Rugby at philip.mooney@brisbanegrammar.com.

Track and Field

Track and Field Carnival | Friday 23 August

All squad members are expected to attend our first invitational Track and Field Carnival on Friday 23 August. These meets help students improve individual bests and motivate them for the GPS championship. Please speak to the discipline-specific coach to determine which two or three events to compete in.

Results from all meets will be used to calculate the Age Champion at the end of the season. Students wanting to score points across disciplines should do so early in the season. This will allow them to focus on their best one or two events as we approach the GPS championship.

An updated schedule will be posted on My Grammar each week. The program rotates in Term 3 to ensure the same events do not always occur at the start or end of the night. In Term 4, the program is the same as the Senior GPS program. This allows the boys to practice in the correct order of events.

Boys will change at QSAC. The bus will leave BGS at 3.15pm, with a return bus arriving back to the School at 9.00pm. Boys may leave QSAC with parents but must sign out with Mr Webb or Mr Hallis.

Students should bring their student ID, Track and Field uniform, tracksuit, and food and drink suitable for athletes. A canteen is available, but the food is expensive. Students are expected to abide by the School's Code of Expectations and Behavior.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 15 August – Friday 16 August

State Championship for 10 to 12 Years | QSAC

Wednesday 21 August

Team Meeting | 12.55pm in The Lilley Centre Forum

Friday 23 August

BGS Invitational Carnival | 4.30pm - 9.00pm at QSAC

Thursday 29 August – Friday 30 August

Met North Track and Field Championships for boys aged 13 to 19 years (nominated athletes only) | UQ

John Clancy

MiC Track and Field

Basketball

BGS First V Results

Ipswich Grammar School offered tough competition for the BGS First V in Round 2 of the GPS fixtures. As defending Premiers, IGS demonstrated high efficiency and strong defence. BGS fought with intensity, but the high number of turnovers early in the game gave Ipswich a lead that the boys in the *light dark blue* would not recover from.

Beckett Weiss and Liam Parnell had notable performances, with Beckett posting 14 rebounds. Thank you to the Hardwood Club and all supporters that attended fixtures on Saturday.

Darrington Overstreet
Director of Basketball

Middle School Basketball Photos

Middle School Basketball teams have their photos this weekend upstairs in the ISC. There have been multiple last-minute game changes, so please check the photo schedule carefully and arrive five minutes before your scheduled photo. [Click here](#) to view the photo schedule.

Congratulations to Sebastian Porras and Nick Athanasiou for their respective appointments to Captain and Vice Captain of Basketball. We are proud to have these positive and hard-working young men leading our program this year.

Despite the First V's defeat, there was much to celebrate on Saturday. BGS won 14 out of 22 fixtures against IGS and the 6B, 11B and Second V teams added three draws to the results table. Well done to the Year 7 teams who won all their fixtures.

This week we have an away game against BBC, who have historically provided strong competition. For away games, Years 9 to 12 teams play at the away venue (BBC) and our Years 5 to 8 teams play at the Indoor Sports Centre and Lang Park.

Please remember to bring your BGS Basketball shorts, water bottle and a mouth guard to the games this weekend. Playing shirts are provided.

BGS staff members continue to support the Basketball program as our 2019 Year Level Managers.

If you have any concerns or queries throughout the season they can be contacted on:

Years 5 and 6	Peter Hunter	peter.hunter@brisbanegrammar.com
Years 7 and 8	Mel Eveleigh	mel.eveleigh@brisbanegrammar.com
Year 9	Frank McClatchy	frank.mcclatchy@brisbanegrammar.com
Year 10	Tara Richmond	tara.richmond@brisbanegrammar.com
Year 11	Jim Noble	jim.noble@brisbanegrammar.com
Year 12	Mel Eveleigh	mel.eveleigh@brisbanegrammar.com

Canteen

Our canteen coordinator, Nicole Hastie, is seeking volunteers. Parent support is vital for canteen operation due to the split-venue model adopted by GPS Basketball. If your son is in Years 5 to 8 and you can volunteer either before or after your son's game, please see Nicole in the canteen on Saturday 3 August.

We also continue our search for a Junior School Canteen Coordinator. If your son is in Years 5 to 8 (A and B teams) and you are able to support Nicole with canteen coordination during senior away games, please contact Mel Eveleigh at mel.eveleigh@brisbanegrammar.com.

Mel Eveleigh
MiC Basketball

Music

Upcoming Events

Plenty is happening in the Music Department. With an abundance of GPS events and string festivals coming up, we suggest students and parents carefully check their emails for any updates.

Please note the following dates:

GPS Music Day of Excellence | Tuesday 6 August 6.00pm in Centenary Hall

Our finest Years 5 and 7 musicians join with musicians from other GPS schools to form a Concert Band, a choir and a String Orchestra. Students will rehearse throughout the day and present a spectacular concert at night.

Senior String Festival | Tuesday 13 August 6.30pm in the Great Hall

This is a concert you won't want to miss, with our region's finest string players coming together to perform challenging and inspiring repertoire.

Intermediate String Festival | Tuesday 20 August 6.30pm in Centenary Hall

Join the annual congregation of over 200 young string players enjoying playing together. Such a large ensemble is will provide a magical performance.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our hard-working musicians who have recently entertained audiences all over Brisbane.

On Tuesday, the Grammar Singers had the privilege of collaborating with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra to present the *Handel's Anthems & Fireworks* concert at QPAC. The concert was a stunning success and it was a thrill to sing with seasoned professionals.

Well done also to the hundreds of boys who presented a Christmas in July event earlier this week. BGS was alive with the sounds of Christmas as all ensembles performed a program of crowd favourites usually heard in December. It was a delight to see immense enthusiasm from the boys, the staff and the audience.



Lesson Reminders

Year 7 students involved in the Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Program will no longer receive music lesson reminders in the Daily Bulletin. This is to encourage independence and responsibility as the boys move towards Senior School. Parents and students should get into the habit of checking MyGrammar and the Music Noticeboard for lesson details.

BGS Public Speaking Competition

Registrations Open for Years 5 to 12

The annual BGS Public Speaking Competition allows keen speakers to deliver an original speech to their peers on a topic of their choice. There is no fixed genre; it may be persuasive, informative, reflective or even narrative.

For Years 5 to 8, trials to select eight finalists for each year level competition will be held on these days:

Year 5 Trial	Week 6 Term 3	Monday 19 August - Tuesday 20 August	12.30pm	H202
Year 6 Trial	Week 6 Term 3	Thursday 22 August - Friday 23 August	12.30pm	H202
Year 7 Trial	Week 7 Term 3	Thursday 29 August - Friday 30 August	12.30pm	H202
Year 8 Trial	Week 7 Term 3	Thursday 15 August - Friday 16 August	12.30pm	H202

The year level finals for the eight finalists selected in the trials will be held at these times:

Year 5 Final	Week 7 Term 3	Wednesday 28 August	10.40am (Period 3)	Centenary Hall Gallery
Year 6 Final	Week 7 Term 3	Wednesday 28 August	11.40am (Period 4)	Centenary Hall Gallery
Year 7 Final	Week 8 Term 3	Friday 6 September	9.25am (Period 2)	Centenary Hall Gallery
Year 8 Final	Week 6 Term 3	Friday 23 August	9.25am (Period 2)	The Lilley Centre Forum

Boys who wish to participate in the Middle School trials should express their interest by completing the Application Register at Middle School Reception by Monday 12 August. Further information is also available from reception.

For Years 9 to 12, the competition for each year level will be held on these days:

Year 9	Week 7 Term 3	Thursday 29 August	3.30pm	The Lilley Centre Forum
Year 10	Week 6 Term 3	Thursday 22 August	3.30pm	The Lilley Centre Forum
Year 11	Week 1 Term 4	Monday 10 October	3.30pm	The Lilley Centre Forum
Year 12	Week 2 Term 4	Wednesday 16 October	3.30pm	Great Hall

More information for Years 9 to 12 students is available in each year level's English course on MyClasses. Boys should register their interest with Mr Greg Howes, either by email at greg.howes@brisbanegrammar.com or in person.

Carla Salmon and Greg Howes
Internal Public Speaking Coordinators

Middle School Sport

Congratulations, Representatives

Congratulations to Kobi Griffiths on his selection into the U12 Queensland State Football Team for the national titles in Canberra at the end of August.

Congratulations also to Xander Bourke who has been competing in the State Rugby Championship in Townsville this week.

Rugby

The GPS Rugby season started last Saturday with BGS boys competing against Ipswich Grammar School at Northgate. It was wonderful to see the boys representing the *light dark blue*, following weeks of preseason training and trial games.

Congratulations to our 11A, 11B and 12B teams for winning their first GPS Rugby fixtures. Winning a rugby game is not an easy feat, and the boys will gain well-deserved confidence from this success.

I encourage the 12A and 13A teams to remain positive following their defeat against strong IGS teams. Thinking about what went right in individual and team performance will help in future games.

Thank you to the First XV Coach Paul Warwick and Head Trainer Mr Adam Bloch for giving the Year 11 boys an opportunity warm-up with their team before last Saturday’s match. This is a great experience for the boys. The older players will be given the same opportunity at the next home game.

This Saturday, BGS plays Brisbane Boys College at Toowong. Please check MyGrammar for team selections and match details.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
11A	BGS	12A	IGS	13A	IGS
11B	BGS	12B	BGS		
11C	GT				

Player of the Week					
11A	Fionn Murphy	12A	Bas Stoneley	13A	Sam Forbes
11B	Jed Siganto	12B	Jim Curley		
11C	Zach Meerten				

Basketball

The Middle School Basketball teams produced outstanding results in the opening round against IGS. I attended the matches at Ipswich on Saturday morning and witnessed the BGS boys playing with great spirit and enthusiasm.

The draw in the 6B match was a highlight of the morning, with the boys coming back from a six-point deficit to draw the match at the buzzer.

This Saturday, all Middle School teams play BBC at either the ISC or Lang Park. Team photos will also be taken this Saturday at the ISC either before or after the boys play their matches. Please check updated details on MyGrammar very carefully to avoid missing this important event. [Click here](#) to view the photo schedule.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
5A	BGS	6A	BGS	7A	BGS	8A	IGS
5B	NC 5A	6B	Draw	7B	BGS	8B	BGS
5C	NC 5C	6C	BGS	7C	BGS	8C	BGS
5D	BGS	6D	BGS	7D	BGS	8D	NC 8E
		6E	Internal	7E	Internal	8E	NC 8G

Player of the Week							
5A	Martin Grant	6A	William Marschner	7A	Max Balthes	8A	Rudy Dempsey
5B	Hamish Maybury	6B	Harry Beirne	7B	Hudson Pherous	8B	Tom Green
5C	Zach Schulz	6C	Luke Telford	7C	Max Liberatore	8C	Ryan Khan
5D	N/A	6D	Lachlan Anastasia	7D	Sam Wallwork	8D	Harro Schulz
		6E	Alex Spence	7E	Matthew Purcell	8E	Alex Brown

QDU Debating

The 8.1 debating team competed in the QDU Debating Competition Round 1 finals last week and progressed to Round 2 on Wednesday night. Team members Isaac Bassingthwaite, John Kim, Ronan Mellick, Jonathan Neep and Henry Wang competed in the knock-out round at BGGS against Northside Christian College. The boys were on the affirmative side of the topic 'That Australia should pursue Nuclear Power' and performed exceptionally well to win the debate by one point. They now progress through to Round 3 of finals next week, where they will be on the negative side of a short preparation topic against an opponent to be decided later this week.

Glenn McFarlane
Director of Middle School Sport

GPS Basketball 2019 Team Photographs
BGS Indoor Sports Centre
Middle School Teams Saturday 3 August

Team	Photo Time	Location
6B	7.15am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at Lang Park at 8.00am
5A	7.20am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 1 at 8.00am
5C	7.25am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 2 at 8.00am
6D	8.00am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at Lang Park at 9.00am
6A	8.10am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 1 at 9.00am
5B	8.15am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 2 at 9.00am
6C	9.00am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at Lang Park at 10.00am
7A	9.10am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 1 at 10.00am
8B	9.15am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 2 at 10.00am
7E	10.00am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at Lang Park at 11.00am
8A	10.10am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 1 at 11.00am
7B	10.15am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 2 at 11.00am
7D	11.00am	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at Lang Park at 12:00pm
8E	11.10	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 1 at 12:00pm
8C	11.15	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 2 at 12:00pm
8D	12.00	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 1 at 1.00pm
7C	12.10	Photo at BGS ISC / Game at BGS ISC Court 2 at 1.00pm

Team photos will be taken at the designated time with no allowance for insert photos.
Players, please wear game day playing uniform and be ready five minutes before your photo is scheduled.

Senior teams and 6E team will be photographed on Saturday 24 August. Schedule to be confirmed.

Middle School Drama Production

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Two Weeks to Go

The zombie apocalypse is approaching fast. Will it be survival of the fittest, or survival of the (tech) savvy?

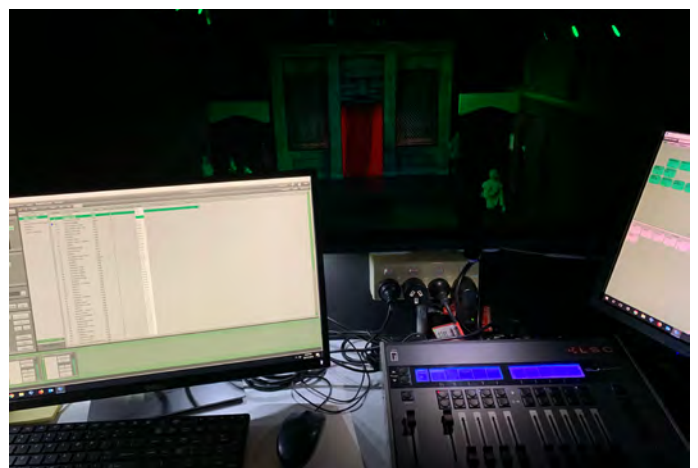
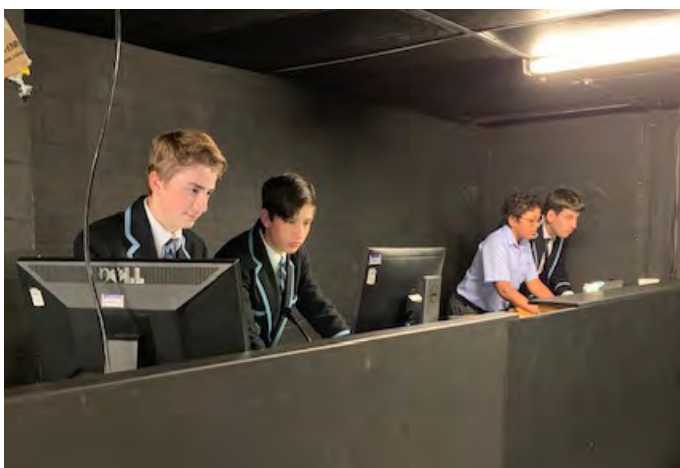
While the cast takes to the stage, the backstage technical crew operate the sound, lighting, and all things electronic. We would not be able to capture the aesthetic of the show without this team of committed students, led by Technical Director Michael Moloney. The tech team will man the ship and operate the audio-visual components of *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*.

Tickets are available through the events page on MyGrammar.

Performance Dates:

1. Thursday 15 August – 7.00-8.00pm (pre-show drinks from 6.00pm)
2. Friday 16 August – 7.00-8.00pm (pre-show drinks from 6.00pm)
3. Sunday 18 August – 2.00-3.00pm

Patrick Last, Belinda Lindsay and Sarah McDonald
The Creative Team



Middle School Drama Production

Casting Announcement

We are thrilled to announce the 2019 Junior Dramatic Production, *Trick or Treat*.

As a teenager, how should you celebrate Halloween? You're too old for trick-or-treating, but Halloween used to be so fun and you need to do **something**. Jack has the answer to this age-old question, a gathering of sorts. *Trick or Treat* follows a group of mismatched friends who attempt to out-scare and out-dare one another, culminating in a frightening turn of events. *Trick or Treat* promises to satisfy your appetite for horror, mixed with side-splitting laughter.

Well done to the students in Years 9 and 10 who completed the rigorous audition process. Rehearsals begin this week and we cannot wait to see the show take shape. Choosing the casting was a difficult process, but the *Trick or Treat* ensemble includes:

Toby Anderson	Alex Lu
Sam Bizzell	Hugo Malone
Alexander Cain	Tom McCarthy-James
Alex Carew	Declan Mount
Oliver Cathcart	Charlie O'Sullivan
Jacob Donald	Sanjeev Raju
Alexander Graves	Josh Sommer
Robbie Gilbert	Stuart Sommerville
Blake Konovalenko	Anton Vassallo



Sharni Folland and Naomi Russell
Junior Dramatic Production Co-Directors

Future Problem Solvers

Qualification Round Complete

On Tuesday, students from Years 7 to 9 teamed up with BGGS to compete in the qualifying booklet round of the 2019 Future Problem Solving (FPS) competition.

Teams of four students from all around Australia have only two hours to complete the booklet.

Students were presented with a scenario set in 2049 on the topic of 'food loss and waste'. Teams had to uncover 16 problems or challenges associated with the scenario, identify an underlying problem, develop 16 futuristic solutions for that problem, and then develop an action plan for the most favourable solution.

Research and knowledge of future trends are highly valued in this competition and have been the focus of our preparations this year.

Qualification booklets have been posted for marking by professionals around Australia. We hope our teams qualify for the National competition at Moreton Bay College in October. If successful at the National competition, teams are invited to attend the international competition in the America in 2020.

Coaches from BGS, BGGS and TSS are joining together to compete in the adult competition this week.

FPS is an academic competition in which students apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to hypothetical future situations. The program looks at current technological, geopolitical, and societal trends projected 20 to 30 years into the future. The competition helps train students to develop solutions to problems they may face as adults. BGS and BGGS have combined teams for this competition.

Simon Canfield
Future Problem Solving Coach



Middle School Library

Andy Griffiths Visit Wrap Up

On Tuesday, boys in Years 5 and 6 attended a special event with famous Australian author Andy Griffiths. The bestselling *Treehouse* series is undoubtedly one of the most popular in the Middle School Library. *The 117-Storey Treehouse* is the series' latest instalment and has just been released.

Andy brought his books and characters to life for a packed Centenary Hall audience, which also included students from visiting schools. The children cheered and booed on command and spent most of the session laughing. It was fantastic to see so much energy and excitement towards books.

BGS thanks Dymocks Brisbane for provided us with this opportunity and their ongoing support.

Vicki Palmer
Teacher Librarian



Betty Howell Awards

2019 Nominations Open

Since Brisbane Grammar School's foundation in 1868, volunteers have contributed to the welfare and future of the School through their support and participation.

Each year at the Celebrating our Community event, BGS acknowledges the significant time and effort volunteers give to the School. An important element of this function is the presentation of the Betty Howell Awards.

Established in 2011, the Betty Howell Awards honour Mrs Joan Elizabeth (Betty) Howell, who had a 25-year association with the School as the wife of Maxwell A. Howell, Headmaster from 1965 to 1989. Betty was a passionate volunteer with the Art Support Group and the P&F Auxiliary Committee.

The award acknowledges community members who have given outstanding service through:

- voluntary assistance to the School;
- active participation in School life;
- initiation of new programs/activities to benefit the School; and
- support for the School's vision through encouragement and personal endeavour.

BGS is seeking nominations from the community to recognise volunteers for their exceptional service. Nominations are now open and close 1 September 2019. For information about the nomination process [click here](#).

The Celebrating our Community (volunteer recognition function) event and presentation of the Betty Howell Awards will occur on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

For further information, contact Advancement and Community Relations on 07 3834 5206 or communityrelations@brisbanegrammar.com.



Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 5 August 2019

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

Grammar Shop hours

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

Tuckshop hours

Weekdays 7.00am – 2.00pm

Week Three	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 5 August	Jenny Humphris	Renai Ridley (Team Captain)	Linda Miric
Tuesday 6 August	Lee Perkins	Lee Perkins (Team Captain)	Wendy Ricato
Wednesday 7 August	Humera Rahim Jill Johnston	Jill Johnston (Team Captain)	Danielle Jesser
Thursday 8 August	Donna Schultz	Meghan Mitchell (Team Captain)	Millie Yee
Friday 9 August	Catherine Ellemor	Wendy Smith (Team Captain)	Simone Muller

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

BGS Golf Day

Friday 23 August

BGSOBA Annual Reunion Dinner

Saturday 31 August

Celebrating our Community

Wednesday 16 October

P&F Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

Friday 25 October

Speech Day

Wednesday 13 November

Willow Club Test Breakfast

Friday 22 November

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

As always, thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have helped in the Tuckshop and Grammar Shop this week. You are all very much appreciated!

A special welcome to the new Tuckshop volunteers – we are so glad you've come to join us!

Tuckshop update

The Tuckshop is sourcing new recyclable packaging to be more environmentally friendly. We will keep you updated the progress of this initiative.

Grammar Shop update

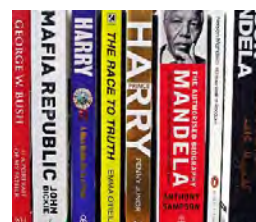
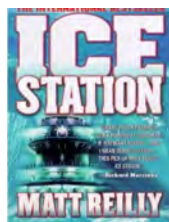
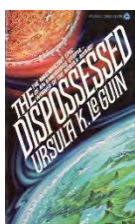
A reminder to those who have items at the Grammar Shop for embroidery – please check the list in MyGrammar to see whether your item is ready for collection. .

The list is located at MyGrammar > P&F Auxiliary > Uniforms > Embroidered item pick up list.

Grammar Shop Book Sale

[Click here](#) to view some great prices on surplus books!

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

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 are available.

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

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

BGS150 History Book Purchase now



Did you know?

You too can be a champion!

Find out how to lead your Year Group Bursary (YGB).



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL School Photos 2019



Photo day:

**Tuesday
13th August 2019**

**Class, Individual &
Sibling
photos**

Sibling Photos
must be ordered by 12pm on
**Monday
12th August**



Ordering Options:

Pay online with credit card or
paypal

[click here](#)

PAY WITH CASH
Photo envelopes have been
handed out to students and are
to be handed to photographer on
photo day



Delivery:

Photos will be delivered to the
school in week 2 of term 4

Online orders placed after
August 28th,
will incur a \$10 late fee

Questions? Please contact us directly:

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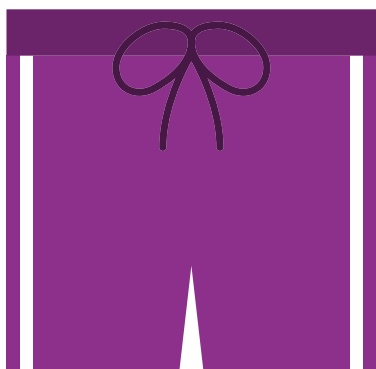
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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Public Purpose



Patients In Need Program

This is a student-led project supporting the Patients in Need Program at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. Students in Years 9, 11 and 12 are collecting donations of tracksuit pants and thongs to support patients needing hospital care. We are requesting donations for both males and females.

Collection bags will be located outside HOY and Director of Student Wellbeing Offices.

About the hospital

- Largest cancer care facility
- Largest neonatal care unit with NeoRESQ service
- Specially equipped burns unit with the highest burns survival rate in the world
- Specialised Intensive Care Unit
- Queensland's only multi-disciplinary Pain Clinic
- Queensland's busiest emergency department
- Internationally recognised research centres
 - Australian-first Burns, Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre
 - CRE REDUCE - Superbugs
 - Perinatal Research Centre
 - Queensland Motion Analysis Centre

About RBWH Foundation

- The charity arm of Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- Funds raised fill government funding gaps, allowing the RBWH to further medical research, develop leading technology and treatment methods, and provide optimal health care and services to its patients
- The Foundation relies heavily on the support of the community to raise funds

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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 12 Parent Casual Morning Tea



**You are invited to join fellow Year 12 parents
for a casual morning tea at Buzz Bistro,
Gasworks Plaza, Newstead.**

Date

Friday 9 August 2019

Time

8.30am to 10.30am

Morning tea at guest's own expense.

RSVP [here](#)

by Monday 5 August 2019

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

Jo Mower

E jomower@mac.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 10 Family Trivia Night



Parents and boys are invited to join us for a fun night to support BGS community work in Cambodia. A BBQ burger is included in the ticket price. Non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase. You are welcome to bring along nibbles, dessert and drinks for your table. Please bring cash and gold coins for games and raffles.

Date

Saturday 10 August

Time

6.00 - 10.00pm

Tickets

\$30.00 each

Venue

Centenary Hall, Brisbane Grammar School

RSVP **here**

by Monday 5 August 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 10 Parent Representatives**

Gemma Ruddell and Melina Vrettos E gemmaruddell@hotmail.com

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.



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 7 Family Gathering



You are invited to join Year 7 families for Barefoot Bowls at Red Hill Community Sports Club on Sunday 18 August. All family members are welcome. Pizza and nibbles will be served and drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Date

Sunday 18 August 2019

Time

1.30pm to 4.00pm

Tickets

\$10.00 per person

Venue

Red Hill Community Sports Club, 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill

RSVP [here](#)

by Monday 12 August 2019

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

E rachelemery@optusnet.com.au



Join the BGS community at the 2019 BGS Golf Day on Friday 23 August. Hit a hole-in-one and win an Audi, thanks to Audi Centre Brisbane.

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

Brisbane Grammar School gratefully acknowledges our Golf Day sponsors



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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Invitation

Student Wellbeing

Years 5 - 10 Parent Workshop



You are warmly invited to attend a series of workshops aimed at supporting your son's wellbeing.

Special guest Michael Knight from *Peer Power* will be presenting, along with members of our Student Wellbeing Team.

Date

Tuesday 27 August 2019

Time

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Location

The Lilley Centre Forum

Welcome and Introduction:

An overview of the Student Wellbeing Curriculum

Workshops

- Growing emotionally resilient boys
- Finding the balance with screen time
- Your son's journey through Years 7, 9 and 11
- Bullying and conflict resolution
- Key ingredients for success at school and beyond

Parents will be invited to attend three workshops on the evening. If there are specific questions you would like addressed, or if you have topic suggestions for our future Wellbeing Series, please email the PA to the Head of Middle School at the address below. Parking will be available in the staff car park accessed via College Road.

RSVP here

by Friday 16 August

**For more information please contact
PA to Head of Middle School, Dionn Bichel**

T 07 3834 5375 E dionn.bichel@brisbanegrammar.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Debating End of Season Presentation 2019



Please join us in celebrating
the 2019 Debating season.

Date

Friday 30 August 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 23 August 2019

For more information please contact
Louise Evans – PA to Deputy Head Co-Curriculum

T 07 3834 5256 E louise.evans@brisbanegrammar.com



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