

# Newsletter

Week 1 Term 4

Friday 11 October 2019



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**State Tennis Tournament** 



Teacher Recognised



**Duke of Edinburgh Award** 

## Headmaster

#### **Anthony Micallef**

#### Welcome to Term 4

I would like to welcome the BGS community to Term 4. I trust everyone had a satisfying break in preparation for this important term.

Throughout the holidays, many students actively prepared for the academic and co-curricular rigours of Term 4. The BGS Track and Field boys prepared for their season with a holiday training camp, while others started preseason training ahead of Term 1 2020. Students also embarked on their Public Purpose expeditions in Cambodia and Kokoda.

Thank you to all staff and students who participated in these activities over the break. Your commitment to the School is appreciated. Working together to achieve a common goal is the essence of being human – it is knowing and feeling that you belong to something special.

As we start Term 4, I congratulate the student body for rounding out Term 3 admirably. The boys maintained decorum and behaved respectfully while completing assessments and co-curricular responsibilities to high standards. I also thank the Year 12 cohort for conducting themselves appropriately at the formal. The Class of 2019 was in good spirits and gentlemanly in their manner.

I hope the boys have returned from their holiday well rested and ready for a relatively short and constructive term. It is important for every student to see this term as a down payment on further academic success rather than a slide into holidays.

Each boy can bolster his academic future this term, especially those in Years 9 to 11. For the Year 12s, there is the prospect of altering rank orders in most subjects. I know they will continue their impressive leadership until their departure in mid-November. The rest of the student body should use the next two months wisely.

Every day, Brisbane Grammar School teachers make a positive difference by creating opportunities for their students to succeed. World Teachers' Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank BGS teachers for the important role they play across our community. World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October each year. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland holds its celebrations on the last Friday of October.

Congratulations to English teacher Ms Michelle Ragen for being named a finalist in the 2019 Queensland College of Teachers TEACHX Excellence in Teaching Award. Ms Ragen's ability to engage boys in learning and her championing of professional development are just some of the reasons she was recognised in the prestigious teaching awards.

She is also a passionate advocate of public purpose and is one of the key drivers behind the Middle School's incredible fundraising for the World Vision Backpack Challenge over the past three years. The winners of the TEACHX Awards will be announced on Thursday 24 October.



In other staffing news, Mrs Anne Crossan has announced her retirement at the end of the year. Mrs Crossan has been a valued member of the Student Services team for many years and has assisted countless students. We will farewell her later this year, along with Mrs Janet Grice and Mr Ron Cochrane, who announced their retirements last term. I will formally farewell each of them in the coming weeks at Senior School assemblies. They have all made significant contributions to BGS and I know the boys will want to show their appreciation.

The following staff members are returning or starting at BGS this term:

- Ms Allison Smith returns from parental leave and resumes as Head of Biology. We thank Dr Dale Owens for serving in this capacity during Ms Smith's absence.
- Mrs Kerry Daud joins the History department.
- Mr Graham Harvey replaces Mr Stephen Hows in the Physical Education department while he is on long service leave.
- Mr Lachlan Johnstone joins the Design department.
- Ms Ellie Jansson rejoins the Art department.
- Ms Rebecca Mills joins the Mathematics department while Ms. Twyman is on leave.
- Mr Sean Carolan has been appointed Head Rowing Coach.
- Ms Sally Birks rejoins the teaching staff after a leave of absence.
- Mr Owen Lewis returns to the School and will work in academic services for the remainder of the year.

In conclusion, I want to state my expectations for this term. From experience, some boys lose sight of the importance of the next two months. I have asked them to focus on their studies, as there is little time to ease into learning.

Boys involved in co-curricular activities are reminded of the importance of preparation. When asked to perform either this term or early next year, boys should be ready to excel. We have much to accomplish in an abbreviated timeframe, so efficiency and collaboration are the means to their success. I have reminded boys that I expect high standards in everything they do. How we conduct ourselves at school and beyond the school gates will define the success of this year.

I look forward to supporting the BGS community over the course of Term 4.

#### 2020 ACER Scholarship Test | Applications Open

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

**Trustees' Scholarships** are awarded based on demonstrated academic excellence of boys **commencing Year 7 in 2021**. Applicants are assessed on their performance on the annual Australian Council for Educational Research Scholarship Test and their willingness to contribute to the wider school program.

The ACER Scholarship Test will be held at BGS on **Saturday 29 February 2020**. Registration is only available **online here** and will incur a cost of \$130. Registration will close at midnight AEDST **Monday 10 February 2020**.

Full details of the School's scholarship and bursary programs are available **here**. For additional information, please contact the Enrolments Office on (07) 3834 5200.

Jamie Smith
Director of Enrolments

# **Deputy Headmaster - Students**

#### **David Carroll**

#### **Healthy Routines**

I remind parents of the importance of re-establishing routines for the boys as they return to school. Term 4 is the shortest term, meaning normal school and sleep routines need to be addressed quickly.

In a recent visit to Brighton Grammar in Melbourne, I accessed research that suggests stable routines for children are associated with:

- positive self-esteem and optimism;
- appropriate social skills;
- reduced problem behaviours;
- school readiness: and
- academic achievement.

Good routines are a result of unconscious habits. Holidays often represent a break in these habits, impacting sleep routines, social activities, television and gaming. This needs to be addressed as soon as possible in the new term to avoid falling behind in studies.

This message was reinforced at today's assembly and in Tutor Groups throughout the week. I encourage parents to raise the issue with their son/s again over the weekend. Students benefit immensely when the School and their parents communicate the same messages.

This is very important for Year 12 parents, as some boys think this term does not impact overall results. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If you want to discuss routines and concerns that you have with your son, please contact your son's Head of Year.

#### **Kokoda Trek**

Over the recent term break, several BGS boys and their fathers completed the Kokoda Track. I have been informed our students were great ambassadors for the School and took on the many challenges in their stride. It was a moving experience for the boys and their fathers as they learned about the incredible history of the Kokoda Track and reinforced their personal connection. Below are some quotes from the fathers who completed the trek.

"The trek was a physically and mentally challenging journey in amongst some spectacular scenery. It was wonderful to be able to share this experience with my son. The trek also gave the boys and parents a great opportunity to learn the history of the WWII battles along the track and to reflect on the sacrifices made by our servicemen."

"An extraordinary and, at times, deeply moving experience to share alongside your son at an age when they are ready for a real world challenge. An adventure held to the highest traditions of *nil sine labore*."

"It was an immensely rewarding, and at times moving, journey affording time for me to share different experiences and challenges with my son which undoubtedly brought us closer together. We also enjoyed the strong camaraderie among the other fathers, boys, team leaders and porters."

"The father and son dynamic was amazing. The banter between the boys and the parents was highly entertaining. I think everyone involved enjoyed the camaraderie. Everyone felt a tremendous sense of achievement. We had an experience that we will cherish for the rest of our lives."



# **Director of Boarding**

#### Berian Williams-Jones

The term has begun with the arrival of two new boarders. Kyle Liang joins the Year 10 cohort in the Harlin House family. He was welcomed alongside Harry Chapman, who has become a fulltime boarder after starting as our first occasional boarder in Term 1. We wish both boys well.

Mr Lachlan Johnstone will temporarily leave boarding this term, relinquishing his Residential Tutor role in Harlin House. Mr Johnstone has been appointed as a Design teacher and will return to Harlin House in January 2020 as a Boarding Tutor.

In his absence, Mr Jack Irwin will be the new Residential Tutor. He was born in Brisbane but joins us from Winchmore Hill in London where he has lived since the age of five. A more than capable cricket coach, he will combine his duties in Harlin House with coaching for the GPS Cricket season. We welcome Mr Irwin to the residential community and wish him well for his time at BGS.

Term 4 is a busy time of year. The Harlin House weekend program continues with success. This weekend will involve swimming, an in-House movie, watching the Rugby World Cup, a city trip, paintballing, a social, tutor activities for the juniors, a visit to South Bank and the annual touch footy tournament. Add to this our Kingscliff reception on Friday night, and we have a full program for the Harlin House community. Thank you to Mr Tom Christie for his hard work on an excellent program this year.



**Needs-based bursaries**, offered to students in financial need, are funded by donations to the **Bursary Fund**.

**Scholarships**, offered to students identified as being able to make a unique academic, cultural or sporting contribution, are determined on merit and are paid for by the School.

**Donations fund needs-based bursaries not scholarships**, which are paid for by the School.





# **Director of Student Wellbeing Programs**

#### Philippa Douglas

#### **Drug and Alcohol Education**

Each year, the School welcomes Mr Paul Dillon from Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) to present the latest drug trends causing problems in the community. On Tuesday 29 October, he will speak to students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Paul Dillon has been working in drug education for the past 25 years and believes the best way to protect young people is to empower them through education and good quality information. His best-selling book for parents Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs was released in 2009.

Paul's presentations to the students are always well-received. As a former teacher with a tremendous wealth of knowledge, Paul has an ability to connect with students, something staff comment on each year. His key focus is on developing a trusting relationship with the boys, which ensures that the information he offers is highly valued.

Parents from all year levels are encouraged to attend his Parent Information Evening, which will be held at Brisbane Grammar School on Tuesday 29 October at 6.00pm in The Lilley Centre Forum.

Please **click here** to register for the evening.

#### Art Support Group | Annual General Meeting

The Art Support Group invites you to attend our Annual General Meeting on Friday 18 October at 9.00am in the Woolcock Room.

All voluntary positions will be declared vacant. Nominations must be received by Monday 14 October.

For nomination forms or further information, please contact Art Support Group Secretary Kylie Tolhurst at **kylietolhurst@bigpond.com** or 0431 165 857.

Kylie Tolhurst Art Support Group Secretary

# **Director of Student Services**

#### **Dale Nicholas**

#### 2020 ATAR Information

In 2020, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) as the standard pathway to tertiary study for Queensland Year 12 students.

The Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre (QTAC) is responsible for calculating and administering ATARs. QTAC has released documents for parents and students to aid understanding of the ATAR. A useful factsheet on their website is called *Tertiary Entrance in 2021 – Quick reference for students and parents* and is **available here**.

The QTAC site also includes technical information and videos explaining ATAR 2020. Please see below for a information about two important documents available on the QTAC website **here**.

#### All about your ATAR

The document provides detailed current information on ATARs. Two further editions of this publication will be released next year in February and December, in conjunction with the release of ATARs to students. The full document is available under ATAR guides and technical documents at the above link.

#### ATAR quick factsheets

The above link has useful ATAR quick factsheets. *ATAR: an overview* is a shorter, more accessible version, of *All about your ATAR*. This document includes a useful summary of the QCE and ATAR.

QCE	ATAR
Certifies learning, showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level and may be considered for further study and employment.	Tells us about a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.
Shows a set of results across QCE subjects. Your results in a subject show your performance in the subject against every student who took the subject.	Your ATAR measures your position (or ranking) against the whole Queensland Year 12 age cohort, where a variety of combinations of subjects have been studied. Is based on scaled results
Is awarded and released by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA)	Is calculated and released by QTAC

# **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

September was a huge month for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in Australia with the 60th Anniversary celebrations in full swing.

His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex KG GCVO visited Australia to take part in the celebrations, which included a National Gold Award ceremony at Sydney Town Hall, a Duke 4Sport reception at the Sydney Cricket Grounds and a series of events across the country.

Brisbane Grammar School was recognised in a special Queensland ceremony at Government House. The event was hosted by the Governor of Queensland and Patron of the Award in Queensland His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, alongside Mrs Kaye de Jersey.

The School was recognised as one of the longest-running Award Centres, alongside BGGS. Deputy Head of Co-Curriculum Mr Greg Thorne and Award Leader and teacher Ms Kimberley Kovacevic were presented with a certificate of service to acknowledge the hard work of the volunteers who make the Award possible at BGS.

The Award is open to all BGS students older than 13 years 9 months old seeking personal growth.

Please direct all enquiries to kimberley.kovacevic@brisbanegrammar.com.





Kimberley Kovacevic DofE Coordinator

# **Deputy Head - Co-Curriculum**

#### **Greg Thorne**

#### **Holiday Activities**

While many boys enjoyed the break from regular schedules over the holidays, others were active in camps, preseason training and fixtures. I offer my gratitude to those who supported the the boys in these activities throughout the break. This extends to the non-teaching staff who prepared our co-curricular activities for Term 4.

#### Track and Field

The BGS Track and Field team has been preparing well for the GPS championships later this month. I wish the Track and Field athletes and coaches success ahead of the Junior and Senior championships.

#### Music

Congratulations to the 22 student musicians selected for the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP). The selection process was exhaustive, highlighting the boys' outstanding skill, tenacity and talent.

Students will work intensively on advanced repertoire with outstanding conductors across the weekend, culminating in a concert at the Conservatorium. It is gratifying to see boys strive for selection in this extended program. I commend these students as well as their teachers and tutors, who work diligently to foster their talents and enthusiasm.

#### **GPS Calendar**

Several years ago I was involved in a discussion about how to best distribute GPS activities across the calendar year. The purpose was to offer advice to the GPS Management Committee regarding curriculum changes planned for the new ATAR era.

The GPS accommodates 13 separate GPS competitions, catering for over 12,500 students spread across South East Queensland, and deconstructing it to plan for the future presented challenges and possibilities. In addition to considering students and parents, we also had to consider the governing bodies relevant to each activity or sport because they provide officials and venues for GPS activities.

Our discussion was wide ranging: we looked at the timing, range and suitability of offerings, and the length and format of seasons. We discussed the viability of finals, current timings of each sport, possible variations to the standard nine week formats in some sports, how we can rationalise preseasons to provide greater equity across sports, and explored options used in similar competitions interstate, like commencing Term 1 sports in Term 4.

This discussion was energising, free-flowing and confronting. The GPS Association continues to ensure we meet the needs of our students to learn, interact, represent, compete and enjoy their participation in the relevant GPS activities. We disregard our traditions at our peril, and likewise, we must not change for the sake of change.

The curriculum change we were planning for is now very much upon us, but you may notice over the coming months that the 2020 GPS calendar remains largely unchanged. The minor adjustments to the 2020 GPS Calendar have been considered carefully to ensure that our Co-Curricular offerings complement academic programs, while respecting traditional GPS timings and events.

Our GPS Association has changed dramatically since I was a student at a GPS school and it will continue to evolve through outstanding leadership and governance, provided by the GPS Headmasters and the Directors of Sport and Activities from the nine member schools. Various GPS Subcommittees with representatives from each school provide expert advice. These groups meet regularly throughout the year, to plan, enact, review and implement change, for the benefit of your sons. Along with the Headmaster, I will continue to keep you aware of GPS developments over the years ahead.

# **Track and Field**

Well done to all boys who attended the school holiday training camp.

Boys are required to attend all Term 4 meets and as many training sessions as possible. These meets are essential to practice competition strategies and preparation. They also help us select the team. With only two individual meets and a BGS-only meet remaining, it is important we build as a team towards the GPS championships.

Students are required to 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 Behaviour.

Information relating to Track and Field can be found on MyGrammar > Sports and Activities > Track and Field.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Friday 11 October | Nudgee Invitational Carnival

4.00pm - 9.00pm at Nudgee

Friday 18 October | Toowoomba Grammar School Invitational Carnival

4.00pm - 9.00pm at Nudgee

Friday 25 October | BGS Carnival

4.00pm - 7.30pm at UQ

Monday 28 October | Junior and Senior Team Announcements

10.20am at The Lilley Centre Forum

Tuesday 29 October | Pre-Championship Meeting and Photos

3.10pm - 4.45pm at the BGS Oval Score Board

Thursday 31 October | Junior GPS Championship

10.00am - 3.00pm at Nudgee

Thursday 31 October | Junior End of Season Function

3.00pm - 4.00pm at Nudgee

Saturday 2 November | Senior GPS Championship

9.00am - 6.00pm at QSAC

Saturday 2 November | Senior End of Season Function

6.00pm - 7.00pm at QSAC

John Clancy MiC Track and Field

# Rowing

#### **Queensland School State Championships**

Boys who rowed during Term 3 had the opportunity to attend the Queensland School State Championships during the break, where they enjoyed their first race since March. The boys represented the School strongly, securing a Silver and three Bronze medals. Congratulations to all boys involved.



#### **Season Preparation**

Over the holidays, we hosted a coaching workshop, where rowing staff were invited to a two-day clinic on the Sunshine Coast. The workshop included information and practical sessions to enhance the rowing experience for our boys. Coaches also completed CPR training. Thank you to all coaches who attended.

During the final four days of holidays, boys were invited to the Rowing Sheds for a season induction. On Thursday and Friday, we welcomed Years 9 to 11 boys back for two days of skills and fitness training. On Saturday and Sunday, we welcomed our new rowers in Years 8 and 7 respectively.

It was fantastic to see so many new faces in the program, with 60 Year 7 and 45 Year 8 students participating this year.





#### Tipperoo River Party | Saturday 19 October | 7.00pm

The 2020 BGS Rowing season launch will be celebrated on Saturday 19 October at the Brisbane Grammar Rowing Sheds. The invitation is available here.

If you have any questions, please contact **Matt.Marden@brisbanegrammar.com**, or the Rowing Shed on 07 3834 5372.

Matt Marden Director of Rowing

# **Swimming**

#### **GPS Swimming Training**

Swimming training is in full swing this week after welcoming students back from holidays. We encourage all students interested in the GPS Swimming season to commence training now.

Term 4 GPS Swimming training times are listed below. If these times clash with other co-curricular commitments, please contact Mr Matt Logan to discuss alternative training times.

2021 Years 7 to 12 students interested in joining the GPS Swimming team should attend the annual swimming camp held during the Christmas school holiday period. Please see the attached flyer for registration details.

During Term 4, junior swimmers will train after school. Years 5 and 6 swimmers will be assessed at their first session and assigned to the appropriate squad.

Senior GPS Swimmers Years 7 - 12					
Activity	Time	Day	Venue		
Swim + Gym	5.30am - 7.30am	Tuesday	BGS		
Swim + Gym	5.30am - 7.30am	Thursday	BGS		

Junior GPS Swimmers Years 5 - 6					
Activity	Time	Day	Venue		
Swim	After school (times will depend on squad allocation)	Monday - Thursday	BGS		

#### GPS Swimming Camp 2020 | Years 7 - 12

The annual swimming camp will be held at the Sunshine Coast during the last week of the Christmas holidays (Monday 20 January – Wednesday 22 January 2020). The camp provides essential preparation for boys who want to try out for the 2020 GPS Swimming Team. All swimmers in Years 7 to 12 (2020) are invited to attend. The camp includes pool sessions, beach visits and other activities.

Please see the **attached flyer** or MyGrammar for further information for the camp. Registrations close on Friday 15 November 2019.

Matt Logan MiC Swimming

# **Tennis**

#### **Holiday Competition**

The BGS boys played some great tennis over the September holidays. Our Rockhampton trip for the 2019 Head Queensland State Age Tournament was a success, with the boys competing in over 70 matches in only four days. The boys made many great memories and topped the trip off with some fantastic results and improvements.

Highlights included Angus Gentner winning the 16 and Under Boys Singles, Angus Gentner and Elliott James winning the 16 and Under Boys Doubles, and Sam Fancutt securing Runner Up in the 14 and Under Boys Consolation. A special mention to Aaron Alphonso, who won the 10 and Under Boys Singles and Doubles.

Over the holidays, many boys also competed in New Zealand, Bundaberg, Miami and KDV tournaments. Well done to Elliott James who was Runner Up in the 16 and Under Boys Singles at KDV. Special mention to Kanika Jayathilake and William Jesser who competed well in the New Zealand International Tennis Federation tournaments.



#### **Super League**

The final stages of Super League will take place this term. The fixture competition has seen amazing results so far, with 11 of our teams in the running for semi-finals. If you would like extra match play before the end of the year, please contact Harry Lee at tennis@brisbanegrammar.com to arrange a game.

Harry Lee Tennis Administrator



#### **Term 4 Overview**

I trust that all musicians and their families enjoyed a relaxing break and are ready to finish the year off well in Term 4. It is an exciting time of celebration, with plenty of performances on offer. I look forward to sharing in the celebrations with you.

This term will feature the following events.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Concerto Competition | Sunday 13 October | 9.00am | Great Hall

This much-anticipated event features our finest soloists in a musical highlight of the year. Everyone is invited to come along and support our musicians.

#### BGGS Gala Concert | Saturday 19 October | 7.00pm | UQ Centre

BGGS always presents a spectacular concert with their finest groups, including our BGS Grammar Singers. Tickets can be purchased **here**.

#### Sing and Swing | Sunday 20 October | 4.00pm | BGS Cricket Nets (Multipurpose Courts)

This new event combines our Jazz Bands and choirs to present an entertaining program of Jazz favourites. Everyone is invited to bring along a picnic for a relaxed afternoon. The BGS Cricket Nets are located near the Middle School Social Space.

#### Bands Showcase | Tuesday 29 October | 6.00pm | Centenary Hall

This showcase is an end of year concert for our Concert Bands & Percussion Ensembles.

#### Strings and Orchestras Showcase | Thursday 31 October | 6.00pm | Great Hall and Centenary Hall

This progressive concert will start in the Great Hall with all String Ensembles, followed by the Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras in Centenary Hall. This will be the final performance for our graduating Year 12s and will feature some of their fine solo works. This will be an iconic event not to miss.

#### Music Celebration | Friday 8 November | 6.30pm arrival | Hillstone St Lucia

Formerly known as the Music Dinner, this is now a cocktail evening rather than a formal sit-down dinner. It will feature a host of performances by our Chamber Ensembles (instrumental and vocal), as well as the presentation of all Performance Awards. It is also a final opportunity to pay tribute to our Senior musicians. Please arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. I look forward to sharing this special night with you all. Invitations will be distributed soon.

#### Speech Day | Wednesday 13 November | 1.00pm | QPAC

A highlight of Speech Day will be performances by Grammar Vocal Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Symphony Orchestra.

#### Middle School Music Showcase | Tuesday 19 November | 4.00pm | Centenary Hall

This will feature performances by all Year 5 students as the culminating concert of the Immersion Music program. They will be supported by the Vocal Group and will conclude with the Year 5 Symphony Orchestra.

#### Lessons and Carols | Sunday 24 November | 7.00pm | Great Hall

This traditional Christmas celebration features excellent performances by Grammar Singers, Grammarphones, Chamber Choir and Grammar Voices as well as communal singing of popular Christmas carols.

#### Middle School Presentation Afternoon | Tuesday 26 November | QPAC

The annual recognition of our outstanding Middle School students will have music front and centre, with performances by the Middle School Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, the Vocal Group and Choir.

#### Peter Ingram Head of Music

# **Junior Dramatic Production**



#### **Set and Lighting Inspiration**

Halloween season has officially begun.

Over the holidays, Mr Michael Moloney, Ms Naomi Russell, Ms Sharni Folland and the maintenance team prepared the BGS Theatre for *Trick or Treat*. Lights have been hung, jack-o-lanterns strung and painting has begun.

The set has a 'kitsch' Halloween theme, with the repetition of three playing a large role in the design. Three colours, three windows and three groups of lanterns reference the three stories we delve into during the production – each getting a little darker.



Year 10 student and Lighting Designer Cameron Quagliotto will create lighting states that play up to the dark comedy, keeping a few tricks up his sleeve to surprise the audience along the way.

Please support our talented cast and crew by purchasing your tickets now. Tickets are available via the Events page on the BGS website **here**.

Dates | Thursday 31 October and Friday 1 November

**Time** | 7.00pm

Venue | BGS Theatre

**Cost** | \$15

Michael Moloney, Sharni Folland and Naomi Russell The Creative Team - *Trick or Treat* 

# **Acting Head of Middle School**

#### Rebecca Campbell

Middle School students started the term by engaging in Signature Programs. I have enjoyed visiting classrooms to witness strong collaboration and problem solving as the boys immersed themselves in projects.

This semester, a new program was introduced, encouraging our talented musicians to compose and create their own musical piece. Thank you to Mr Ian Grice and our Signature Programs leaders for preparing and facilitating these engaging learning experiences.







During the break, I attended the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL) national conference in Sydney. It was an inspiring and informative conference, affirming the current efforts at BGS. I left the conference with fresh ideas and a broader perspective on current issues in education, which I look forward to sharing with staff.

Australian authors Andy Griffiths and Matt Stanton were special guests and reiterated a message close to my heart – the value of reading for pleasure and the importance of finding books that engage students and draw them into the world of literature. There is a strong correlation between reading and academic performance, and we encourage boys to make reading part of their everyday lives.

I encourage all boys to visit the Middle School libraries over the next week to borrow books and to find at least 15 – 20 minutes each day to read. Our teacher-librarians are extremely knowledgeable and are always willing to help boys find books that capture their interests. As significant adults in our children's lives, it is important to recognise our influence over boys' reading behaviours. Never underestimate the message it sends when children see us reading for pleasure.

Term 4 is a short and busy term with many significant community events, including the Year 5 camp, the Year 8 tie ceremonies and the Middle School Presentation Afternoon. Parents are encouraged to view the Semester 2 date claimers located on each year level page on MyGrammar.

Finally, a reminder about haircut and uniform expectations. Unfortunately, several boys have returned to school with inappropriate haircuts. I seek your support in ensuring your son's hair and uniform comply with our uniform policy. Our School Marshall has issued reminders throughout the week and will be following up students throughout Week 2. I appreciate your support with this matter.

# **Middle School Sport**

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Kobi Griffiths, who was invited to trial for the Brisbane Roar Academy. He was selected for the Roar U13 team in the upcoming 2020 Junior National Premier League.

Congratulations to Caspian Tuckwell on his invitation from Tennis Australia to attend the 13th Birth Year National Doubles Camp in Perth. This event is held in conjunction with the Fed Cup final and is an extraordinary achievement in Junior Tennis.

#### **Interwing Touch and Swimming**

On the last day of Term 3, we held the inaugural Interwing touch competition. Congratulations to the North Wing boys for winning their third title of the year. The allstar final was bound to be close, with North Wing dominating the Year 7 pool matches, and West Wing dominating the Year 8 pool. With scores locked and a drop off enforced, North Wing claimed a thrilling victory during the golden point overtime. Well done to all boys for their efforts.

The Interwing Swimming Carnival is the final event of the year and will be held in Week 3, Friday 25 October. **Nominations must be completed by 8.00am Monday 14 October**. Applications will not be processed after this date. This is a compulsory event for Middle School students.

More information regarding the Interwing Swimming Carnival will be sent home in Week 2.

#### Track and Field

This Friday night's invitational meet at Nudgee College will allow us to gauge athletes' progress following the break. The meet will be an opportunity for boys to familiarise themselves with the Nudgee facilities, where the Junior GPS Championships will be held later this month.

The upcoming weeks are a busy time for Middle School boys, with Signature Programs, Year 5 camp and the Interwing Swimming Carnival. I encourage all our athletes to stay focused and work hard at training sessions to achieve the results they desire at the championships on Thursday 31 October.

#### **Term 1 2020 Co-Curricular Programs**

Training has commenced for many Term 1 co-curricular programs, with Cricket, Rowing, Swimming and Volleyball now underway. Training session times are available in the Daily Bulletin and on MyGrammar. Boys must sign-up and attend these preseason opportunities as soon as possible.

**Glenn McFarlane Director of Middle School Sport** 

# **Volunteer Roster**

#### Week commencing Monday 14 October 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
<b>Monday</b>	Cecilia Chan	Bronwyn Stilwell	Tomomi Tanowaki
14 October	Jenny Humphris	(Team Captain)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Florence Tiong	Fara Tavakol	Rachel Moss
15 October	Helen Dobson	(Team Captain)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Helen Webster	Fiona Brockhurst	Cathy Carew
16 October	Virginia Bowdidge	(Team Captain)	
<b>Thursday</b> 17 October	Wei Shi Palingu Aponso Donna Schultz	Gabby Elliott (Team Captain)	Allison Kay
<b>Friday</b>	Natasha Kalinina	Jo Wong	Jodie Curtis
18 October	Sirie Palmos	(Team Captain)	

# 2019 Calendar

Term 4

Tuesday 8 October – Friday 29 November

## **Upcoming Events**

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.

#### **Year 8 Senior Uniform Purchases**

Year 8 students must come to the Grammar Shop in Term 4 for their Senior uniform fitting. The senior summer uniform consists of the senior blue shirt, grey trousers and grey trouser socks. We encourage a parent or caregiver to attend to approve the sizes we recommend, but if this is not possible, we are more than happy to fit the boys on their own.

Appointments are not necessary. The boys can come in any time during our hours of trade – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30am to 11.00am; Tuesday and Thursday 7.30am to 9.00am.

#### **Year 11 Textbooks**

Year 11 students must come to the Grammar Shop to purchase textbooks for this term's Units 3 and 4 if they have not already done so.

#### **Tuckshop**

Welcome back to the final term of the year. Thank you for your support at the end of Term 3 and the first day of Term 4, which is always a challenging day.

Welcome to our two new volunteers, Fiona and Mika. We hope you enjoy your time at the Tuckshop.

We will be tweaking this term's menu and we will keep you posted with the new items on offer.

Breakfast time will be busier than usual as we are catering for the rowers' breakfasts, along with other morning sports and co-curricular activities. Please inform the boys that we will be open from 7.50am.

It is a big term for our amazing Year 12 parents who will be departing at the end of the year. We hope you all enjoy your last days at school with us. Thank you very much for all your help with volunteering over your many years at BGS.

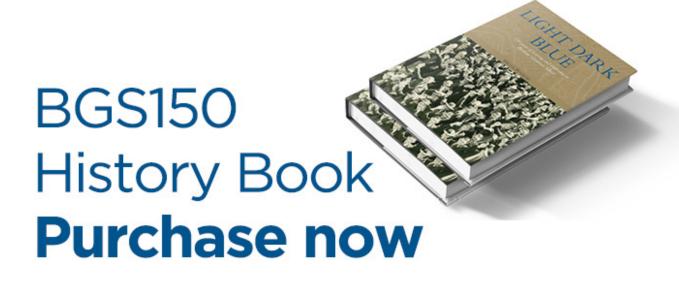
Joanne Villiers P&F Auxiliary

# **BGS150** memorabilia

Light Dark Blue: 150 Years of Learning and Leadership at Brisbane Grammar School is available for purchase. 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.





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





# LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE



Friday 25 October Main Auditorium Brisbane City Hall 11.30am to 3.00pm

Ticket Price \$115

RSVP - Payments close 5.00pm Friday 17 October 2019





**PURCHASE TICKETS** 



# 2019 Willow Club First Test Breakfast





Join the Willow Club for their traditional First Test Breakfast featuring Melanie Jones OAM, veteran Australian women's cricketer and commentator and Wayne Phillips, former Australian batsman and wicketkeeper.

Date Time Tickets

Friday 22 November

7.00am to 8.30am

\$60.00 per person

#### Venue

Tattersalls Club, 215 Queen Street, Brisbane

- \*Discounted parking available at Queens Plaza and Wintergarden
- \*\* Please note this event is not open to children of school age

**Purchase Tickets** 

by Friday 15 November

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase during the breakfast.

Some great prizes available.

#### For more information contact

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# BGS Rowing River Party 2019



# You are invited to join the BGS rowing community to celebrate the upcoming rowing season.

Date

Time

Venue

Saturday 19 October 2019

7.00pm til late

**BGS** Boatshed

#### Dress

Cocktail/ Smart Casual

#### Cost

\$80.00 per person Includes drinks & Catering by Mathias Can Cook

#### **RSVP** here

by Saturday 12 October

BGS Rowing is proudly supported by













# BRISBANE GRAMMAR SWIMMING CAMP 2020



The camp is an essential part of preparation for boys who are interested in trying out for the 2020 GPS Swimming Team.

# FOCUSING ON TECHNIQUE, FITNESS AND SPRINT SKILLS

All swimmers in years 7-12 (in 2020) should be attending. The camp will involve pool swimming, beach visits and a range of other activities.

The cost of the camp this year is \$550; this includes 2 nights accommodation, food, transport, activities and BGS Swimming Uniform. Swimmers new to BGS Swimming will need to purchase the BGS togs from the BGS uniform shop, to use for training throughout the season.

Please contact Mr. Matt Logan on 07 3834 5337 if you have any questions or concerns.









#### A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

From 2020, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) as the standard pathway to tertiary study for Queensland Year 12s. The ATAR is used nationally for tertiary admission and shows a student's position relative to other students. It is calculated on a 2000 point scale from 0 to 99.95. The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will be responsible for calculating and administering ATARs.

#### **HOW TO GET AN ATAR**

To receive an ATAR, students must:

- 1. satisfactorily complete an English subject
- 2. complete five general subjects, or four general subjects plus one applied subject or VET course at AQF Certificate III or above
- 3. accumulate subject results within a five-year period.

The English subject result will only be included in calculation of the ATAR if it is one of the student's best five subjects.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will ATARs be calculated?

ATARs will be calculated using:

- a student's best five scaled general subject scores, or
- a student's best four scaled general subject scores plus one applied subject or completed VET course at AQF Certificate III or above.

QTAC will only receive Units 3 and 4 results from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

What is scaling?

Inter-subject scaling is where raw scores for a given subject are adjusted so the results for that subject can be compared fairly with the results of other subjects.

I am studying a VET qualification (Cert II, III, IV or diploma). How does this work with the ATAR?

A VET qualification can be used in two ways:

- 1. It will be incorporated into the ATAR calculation; and/or
- 2. the qualification may be used on its own to gain entry to a tertiary course.

Each institution in Queensland has its own policy for accepting VET Qualifications for entry.

A university course I'm interested in lists the prerequisite as English (Units 3 & 4, C). What does this mean?

This means that you must complete Units 3 and 4 of a General English subject and achieve a grade of C or better in order to be eligible for the course.

What subjects will give me the best chance of getting a high ATAR?

You should take subjects that you enjoy and are good at in order to achieve the best results possible. It is also important to remember to make sure you choose subjects that meet university prerequisites.

#### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You can read more about these changes by visiting qtac.edu.au or by calling 1300 467 822.

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