

# Newsletter

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Friday 13 September 2019



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# **Executive Director - Advancement and Community Relations**

#### Heather Hamilton

#### Thank you to our volunteers

With busy schedules, it can be a challenge to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits can be enormous for the community and for the individuals who so graciously give up their time. While new friendships develop, BGS volunteers provide much-needed support for our boys and the community.

Building on the School's 150-year culture of volunteerism, our 300 volunteers continue to give up thousands of hours of their time. This gift of time helps BGS provide an outstanding education for boys and makes a significant difference to the lives of many families and Old Boys. The School is very grateful for this support.

Whether working in the Grammar Shop or the Tuckshop; running support groups; representing year groups; supporting boarding, outdoor education at Moogerah and public purpose; providing leadership development and mentoring programs; or coordinating events such as BGS Open Day, Grammar in Concert, the Art Show, annual reunions, Spring Luncheon and Valedictory Dinner – BGS volunteers are woven into the rich tapestry of the School's 150-year history.

In recent months, I have been inspired by our volunteers rallying together on weekdays to work in the Tuckshop and Grammar Shop, and on Saturdays supporting Open Day, the Art Show, Old Boys Annual Reunion Dinner, a quiz fundraiser for Cambodia, Moogs (Moogerah Committee) working bee, and our GPS sports teams.

The Moogs working bee, organised by parent and Moogs President Will Siganto, was a significant personal pride point. Working alongside 29 BGS parents and Old Boys, we helped staff at our Outdoor Education Centre develop the Bitenbar property. This included cutting a bushwalking track up a steep ridge and building erosion-resistant steps from the creek rock, constructing a new fence line, and setting up a composting toilet.

To this end, we extend an invitation to all BGS volunteers to join us for our annual volunteer thank you function to celebrate our community. An important element of this celebration is the Betty Howell Awards, presented by the Board of Trustees to volunteers who have exemplified selfless service and contribution to the School.

Nominations for the Betty Howell Awards close on the evening of Sunday 15 September. Click here for more information.

# BGS Volunteer Thank You Video 2019

Brisbane Grammar School extends a heartfelt thank you to our many volunteers. This video captures the incredible spirit of our volunteer culture at the School.

























# **Deputy Headmaster - Students**

#### **David Carroll**

#### **Exam Week**

One of the best aspects of my role is the connections I make with students and their parents. Each week, I am afforded the opportunity to meet with both. The focus of these meetings is usually on something that has not gone to plan. These incredibly powerful conversations that provide a catalyst for change. The best learning happens when mistakes have occurred, and the correct attitude at this time can make all the difference. Let me explain.

I recently met with a family whose son is feeling the pressure of exams. Sitting down as a family to discuss the issue was not working; their son did not want to talk, and any prodding only made it worse. Instead of forcing the topic, they decided to alleviate their son's stress by bringing joy through his passion for food. By making his favourite meals during the week and visiting a restaurant he enjoyed, these parents provided much-needed break for their son.

Being a member of your son's support team is crucial. Use your knowledge about your son's interests to your advantage. Sometimes, actions are more powerful than words.

#### **End of Term Arrangements**

I remind students and parents that assessment will be up to and including the final day of term. New work for Term 4 will also commence in the final week of Term 3. It is not appropriate for students to finish the term early. Term dates are published well in advance, and I expect boys to be present on the final day of school.

Term 3 concludes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 September. Term 4 commences on Tuesday 8 October. Boys should return to school in their summer uniform. In the Senior School, the end of the day moves from 3.00pm to 3.10pm. Parents are asked to check that their son's shirts still fit and ensure he returns with the correct hairstyle and with his hat.

Information regarding appropriate hairstyles is available in the year level section of MyGrammar.

#### Roma Street Parkland Route | Changes Effective Monday 16 September



On Monday 16 September, the new Brisbane Coach Terminal will open on Parkland Crescent, adjacent to Platform 10 of Roma Street station. Please follow the signs to safely navigate your way through the precinct from the Roma Street Parkland to the Roma Street train station. Make sure you look left and right when you cross the new pedestrian crossings into the train station.

#### Major Photo Day | Thursday 10 October

The final major photo day for the School Magazine will be Thursday 10 October, in Term 4 Week 1.

Boys in music ensembles are to wear performance uniform (white shirt and tie). All other boys are to wear summer uniform unless otherwise instructed by a coach or teacher.

Please see the photo schedule here.

# **Director of Boarding**

#### Berian Williams-Jones

On Sunday, we conducted our first wellbeing survey with the boarders of Harlin House. The results will help us better understand their journey in the residential community and how we can support them as they progress through the years.

BGS was one of the first schools to collaborate with Dr Julie Hodges when she began her pioneering work into boarder wellbeing, and it is wonderful to benefit from her work once again. In the intervening years, she has collaborated with a variety of boarding schools and has amassed a body of data relating to adolescent wellbeing. As we look to improve our understanding of the challenges posed by Harlin House boarders, contextualising our survey results will enable us to provide better care for the boarders at this challenging time in their personal development.

At a fundamental level, Dr Hodges' work ascertains how safe and happy the boys feel in the residential setting. This involves establishing the extent of the support network in place, how well boarders are using the support and how effectively the support cares for the boys.

While the initial results will assist us in measuring the relative effectiveness of our current program, the true value of the wellbeing survey will be realised when it becomes an annual action. This will allow us to track the progress of students and to measure the impact of our actions with the different year groups more accurately.



A **bursary** is a monetary award that is **granted on the basis of financial need**.

Bursaries are funded by donations

Scholarships are merit-based and are awarded for academic, cultural or sporting achievement and are funded by the School.





## **Director of Outdoor Education**

#### **Derek Jervis**

The 10B Outdoor Education program was impacted by the severe weather conditions and bushfires in South East Queensland. Although the fires were not local to the Moogerah area, we put procedures in place to remove any risks of bushfire exposure. This meant 10B had an alternative program for the week, although some boys were relieved that the Mount Moon bushwalk was not an option.

In place of the three-day expedition, the class took on an aquatic orienteering competition on Lake Moogerah, competing for checkpoints. Boys then challenged themselves to rock climbing and abseiling at Pepperina Hill. They also facilitated a flat-water rafting session, with each student leading an activity.

Alex Lusis was a very mature student. He was helpful in group situations and prioritised the wellbeing of others. Max Ruddle showed leadership potential by setting an example, fully engaging in the program and facilitating group decisions. Lachie Robertson showed a genuine interest in the outdoors and was enthusiastic about all aspects of the program. He demonstrated his skills during the paddling and navigation activities.

Will Douglas was a strong leader. He volunteered and showed initiative throughout the week and was able to select and use appropriate leadership styles. Matt Pyman and Aly Sultan showed significant outdoor skill development. Their capabilities allowed them to assist their peers during activities.

The class was set the task to reflect on their experiences at Moogerah and were asked: What has the Outdoor Education program meant to you?

Aly Sultan came to the following conclusion:

"The Outdoor Education program has fostered a sense of brotherhood among the group. Our bond extends beyond Pepperina Hill, to the classroom and the sporting fields. Overall, the Outdoor Education program stresses the importance of holistic education and its role in student wellbeing. I appreciate the opportunity to forge lifelong connections and exercise my leadership skills."

Click to view the 10B photos and 10B video of the boys' final Outdoor Education experience.



## **Director of Student Services**

#### **Dale Nicholas**

#### **Year 12 Tertiary Applications**

Applications for tertiary entry are now open. Students should carefully note the closing dates for local and interstate applications via the links below.

Student Services staff have met with all Year 12 students throughout the year, and we will continue conversations about QTAC applications until the end of Year 12. QTAC no longer have a standard end-of-September closing date for applications, except for those listed on pages 20 and 21 of the QTAC Guide. However, we strongly encourage students to complete their QTAC applications before the end of the September school holidays so we can have follow-up meetings with students.

Please note that university scholarship applications have various closing dates and Year 12 students should check the relevant websites carefully. It is solely the responsibility of students to apply for a tertiary place and scholarships.

#### Queensland

To be eligible for an offer on the Monday 23 December round, students must apply and submit documentation by **Friday 6 December**.

To be eligible for an offer on the Wednesday 15 January round, students must apply and submit documentation by **Friday 13 December**.

There are multiple QTAC offer rounds with key dates outlined on pages 20 and 21 of the QTAC guide. Students have been reminded of fixed closing dates listed at QTAC key dates. Some courses have fixed closing dates listed as Monday 30 September (e.g. JCU Medicine) and earlier closing dates for auditions (e.g. QUT portfolios for Visual Art). It is important that students check these pages in the QTAC guide carefully.

Students must apply through the **Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)**. There is also **useful information for parents** on how to apply.

#### **New South Wales**

Early bird New South Wales applications via the University Admissions Centre close on **Monday 30 September**. There are multiple other closing dates on the **UAC website**.

#### Victoria

The closing date for offers in the early round on Wednesday 18 December is **Friday 6 December**. The closing date for the Wednesday 15 January 2020 domestic offer round is also **Friday 6 December**. Students should note all dates and apply via the **Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre website**.

#### **South Australia**

The on-time closing date for institutions in South Australia is **Monday 30 September**. Students should note additional dates on the **South Australia Tertiary Admissions Centre website**.

#### Western Australia

The closing date for applications is Western Australia is **Monday 30 September**. Applications are processed via the **Tertiary Institutions Service Centre website**.

## **Dean of Curriculum**

#### Greg Dabelstein

#### Year 10 2020 Subject Selection

Year 9 students have one week remaining to make their course preferences for Year 10 2020. All Year 9 students and parents have been emailed detailed information about the process.

Students have until 5.00pm Friday 20th September to submit their preferences with a digital sign off by their parents or guardian.

# **English**

#### **Public Speaking Competition**

The Years 9 and 10 Public Speaking Competitions took place earlier this term. Each speaker found a way to influence the audience with an engaging topic and purposeful delivery. We acknowledge the following boys for their achievements:

	Year 9	Year 10	
First place Ben Wood		Jaguar Ngo	
Runner up	Alexander Graves	Jackson Harvey	
Highly commended	Ned Boorer	Noah Guthrie	
Highly commended	Elton Fitzgerald	Sterling Saini	

For achievements in the Middle School competitions, please see the Acting Head of Middle School's section.

Students in Years 11 and 12 who wish to compete in their respective competition should read the announcement in their English course. The Year 11 competition will be held in The Lilley Centre Forum after school on Thursday 10 October in Week 1 of Term 4. The Year 12 competition will be in the Great Hall at 3.30pm on Wednesday 16 October in Week 2 of Term 4

#### **Grammar Literary Competition**

The Grammar Literary Competition is open to students in Years 9 to 12 and aims to encourage and acknowledge student writing. The winner of each category will receive a Speech Day prize and have his work published in *The School Window*.

More information about the competition and its categories is available in each year level's English course announcements.

Entries must be submitted to the relevant dropbox by Friday 11 October.

Greg Howes
Head of English
Internal Public Speaking Coordinator (Years 9 to 12)

# **Australian Mathematics Competition**

BGS students achieved outstanding success in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition on Thursday 1 August. The following prize winners have qualified for the Intermediate Olympiad Competition: Oliver Schnitzerling (Year 7); Dylan Park and Jaden Teow (Year 8); Jacob Duncan (Year 9); David Jeong and Alex Zhang (Year 10).

Congratulations to the following students who achieved high distinctions in this challenging competition.

High Distinction Recipients							
Year 5	Jeric Gao	Year 8	Regan Chou				
Year 5	Max Gao	Year 8	Jeremy Strotton				
Year 5	Joel Wu	Year 8	David Sun				
Year 6	Vishnu Kangatharan	Year 8	Edward Thomas				
Year 6	Christian Ma	Year 9	David Beetham				
Year 6	Ali Rahim	Year 9	Alex Gu				
Year 7	Archie Austin	Year 9	Bernard Kang				
Year 7	James Brough	Year 10	Ken Anulomsombat				
Year 7	Thai Bui	Year 10	Cheng bin Saw				
Year 7	Jarrah Chien	Year 10	Elijah Wong				
Year 7	Isaac Chua	Year 10	Ryan Xu				
Year 7	Harsha Cikaluru	Year 11	Remi Fox				
Year 7	Morgan Gao	Year 11	Cadmus Wang				
Year 7	Daniel Luo	Year 11	Andy Xie				
Year 7	Jashinraj Premraj	Year 11	Andrew Yuan				
Year 7	Lachlan Smith	Year 12	Yi An				
Year 7	Oliver Tu	Year 12	Vincent Xu				
Year 7	Lewis Williams						

#### RSPCA Cupcake Day | Monday 16 September

The Year 5 Public Purpose committee is raising funds for RSPCA Queensland through our annual Cupcake Day sale. We are asking for donations of cupcakes to be brought to Mr Shears' room at MS 303 between 7.45am – 8.15am on Monday 16 September.

All cupcakes will be sold for \$1 - \$2. The more cupcakes we have, the more we raise for this very worthy cause, so get your bake on. If you are making your own cupcakes, please include a list of ingredients so we can check for dietary requirements.

Justin Shears Year 5 Public Purpose Coordinator

# **Deputy Head - Co-Curriculum**

#### **Greg Thorne**

The Baader-Meinhof phenomenon, or frequency illusion, describes the feeling when something new to you appears to come to your attention repetitively. This phenomenon can leave you with the sensation that everyone around you is talking about the topic that is on your mind. Of course, it is an illusion. Not everyone is thinking or talking about it, despite how it may feel.

This term, I experienced this phenomenon in two separate areas as I witnessed the work of our boys, coaches, parents, MiCs, Directors and opposition schools. The first is *results*. Across our Chess, Basketball and Rugby programs, we have had some great improvements, outstanding successes, terrific teamwork and exceptional character-building opportunities, along with many wins. Despite these, what has repeatedly come up for me are those games we have lost – especially those with great score differentials.

I could dismiss this as something I am acutely aware of, although I do not propose to do that. Instead, these contests and results need to be analysed, programs need to be health-checked and we need to ask for your feedback. Ultimately, we need to put boys in the best position to prepare and compete each week, having every belief in their preparation and prospects for success.

We will never seek to win at all costs, but in the few teams where boys are losing their games consistently, it is our responsibility to help and give them the tools to succeed. To simply accept these outcomes or wholly credit our opposition is to avoid the reality of the work we must do.

The second aspect which keeps coming up for me, for all the right reasons, is *connection*. Over and over, I keep noticing patterns of connection across all different activities. This connection may start with an energetic leader encouraging a boy to try a sport or activity for the first time. He enjoys it so much that when he leaves BGS and goes to university, he returns as a coach; he wants to give something back. Down the track, he could think of no other school for his son. Before he knows it, he is on the sidelines with the family, in the grandstand. Likely, most of the family have also spent time in the canteen and on the barbeque; again, giving back.

Connection is powerful and the support within our community, on every level, has energised and fuelled this term's Co-Curricular activities. We are truly grateful for this and your continued support of BGS and our work with your sons.

I wish our students every success this weekend. I look forward to seeing many of you at the final fixtures and the end of season functions which follow.

## **Basketball**

#### **BGS First V Results**

The BGS First V took on Brisbane State High School during Round 8. BSHS has been a formidable opponent in recent memory, and this clash proved no different. Due to a number of injuries, a couple of new players made their First V debut.

The boys in the *light dark blue* started the match energetically, turning in the best first quarter of the season. Captain Sebastian Porras paced the team with a couple strong finishes in the opening minutes. Ball movement early in the game was the best it has been all season, and the boys were in solid form.

However, early fouls by key contributors derailed BGS, allowing BSHS to seize the momentum with some early dunks, tightening their grip on the game. Although there was a marked improvement, the BGS team began to wilt in the second half under full-court pressure from BSHS.

Both captains had their strongest performances of the season, and Abineash Mayooran contributed another strong effort with his consistent approach.

Many thanks to the BGS Basketball community for their support and to the BGS boys who created an energetic and raucous crowd. This week, the boys prepare for Toowoomba Grammar School in what will be the final GPS Basketball round of 2019.

**Darrington Overstreet Director of Basketball** 

#### Middle School Basketball Parent Helpers Needed

Rounds 9 is an away games for BGS Basketball, meaning our senior player parents are not available to assist the canteen. If you are a Middle School Basketball parent, we would be grateful if you volunteer for canteen duties on Saturday 14 September.

If you can assist for an hour on either of these dates please contact Mel.Eveleigh@brisbanegrammar.com.

Mel Eveleigh
MiC of Basketball

## **Track and Field**

Tonight, BGS has a small team competing in the GPS Relay Titles at Nudgee. We have not entered field event teams as throws or jumps are not recorded. Discipline coaches will run a mini-competition at school during this week of training. Years 5 and 6 students are not involved in the relay meet.

The bus returns to BGS at approximately 8.45pm. If you have any concerns, please see your discipline coach or me.

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 Behaviour.

The next three weeks are crucial to ensure boys are well prepared for the Term 4 lead-up meets and for the GPS championships. Boys should attempt to make as many sessions as possible.

All Track and Field information can be found on MyGrammar.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Friday 13 September | Nudgee Invitational Carnival Relay Titles

4.30pm - 9.00pm at Nudgee

Monday 30 September, Wednesday 2 October and Friday 4 October | BGS Track and Field Training Camp Cost of \$5.00 for track use between 9.00am – 10.30am at UQ. To be confirmed.

Thursday 31 October | Junior GPS Championship

10.00am – 3.00pm at Nudgee

Thursday 31 October | 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 | End of Season Function

6.00pm – 7.00pm at QSAC

John Clancy MiC Track and Field

## Music

#### **String Performance Awards**

The Performance Awards season will continue in the first three weeks of Term 4, with sections for all instruments and levels of experience. Please check MyGrammar for details. All BGS students are welcome to register. The holidays will be a good opportunity to practice, so good luck.

Last week, we inadvertently omitted the results of one of the String Performance Awards sections. Our apologies for this. Congratulations to the boys listed below for their success:

Beginner B						
First Place Lachie Bellamy 06C (Bass)						
Second Place	Nirmidan Sasikaran 06A (Violin)					
Third Place	Samuel Chan 06A (Viola)					
Highly Commended	Kayzer Ali 07A (Cello) and Max-ze Lee 06A (Cello)					

#### **GPS Music Showcase 2020**

The GPS Music Showcase is a significant event. Musicians from all nine GPS schools gather for a rehearsal day, culminating in a spectacular concert in Brisbane's finest performance venue, the QPAC Concert Hall. They explore advanced repertoire and work with excellent conductors. The boys benefit enormously as musicians and young men from the event. Next year's showcase date is to be confirmed, but will likely be held on Wednesday 5 February 2020.

All boys from Years 7 to 12 can nominate for the Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band or Choir. In 2020, a Big Band will also perform at the GPS Music Showcase – an exciting addition to the program. The choir will be an SATB Choir and is open to boys with unchanged voices.

**Nominations are now open on MyGrammar and close on Monday 16 September**. Ensemble lists will be finalised early in Term 4.

We encourage as many boys as possible to nominate to ensure excellent representation from BGS at next year's GPS Music Showcase.

For more information, please visit MyGrammar or contact Peter.Ingram@brisbanegrammar.com.

Peter Ingram Head of Music

# **Junior Dramatic Production**



Would you rather toes for fingers or fingers for toes? Would you rather be reincarnated as a fly or cease to exist after you die? Would you rather be unable to use search engines or unable to use social media?

The cast of *Trick or Treat* have been asking the big questions in the rehearsal room as they attempt to out-scare and out-dare one another. We have had a lot of fun exploring the 'trick' in trick or treat.

Our focus has been on implementing stage combat, comedic interplay, atmospheric transformation and working on the cast's ensemble skills. One of our stories, Edgar Allan Poe's *The Tell-Tale Heart*, has undergone a clever reimagining, resulting in a tale that combines black comedy and dark gothic themes.

Please come along and support our talented cast and crew by purchasing your Trick or Treat tickets here.

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



# **Acting Head of Middle School**

#### Rebecca Campbell

Our annual Public Speaking Competition took place throughout Term 3. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and talent of our Middle School public speakers. Judging was incredibly tough due to the high calibre of entrants. I congratulate all students who participated in the competition. The place recipients for each year level are listed below:

Public Speaking Competition						
	Year 5	Year 7				
1st	Archie Boorer	1st	Drew Chudleigh			
2nd	Chayse Sheather	2nd Nick Scott				
3rd	Charles Nelson	3rd	Nate Stathis and Miles Tweed			
	Year 6	Year 8				
1st	Lucas Lu	1st	Jaden Teow			
2nd	Joshua Wood	2nd Ronan Mellick				
3rd	Hunter Neep	3rd	Henry Wang			

Thank you to Mrs Carla Salmon for organising and facilitating the competition, and to our team of judges for their contribution to making the Public Speaking competition a fun and valuable experience for our students.

Last weekend, our Middle School boys participated in the World Vision Backpack Challenge, led by Ms Michelle Ragen and our Year 8 Public Purpose committee. They raised over \$16,000 to support World Vision and people around the world who have been forced to flee their homes.

Congratulations to our highest year level fundraising classes: 5D, 6C, 7I and 8C. Each of these classes raised over \$1,000. Congratulations also to our top four fundraisers: Vishnu Kangatharan, Zac Jakupovic, Henry Kerrigan and Hunter Neep for their enormous efforts. The generosity of our Middle School community remains strong, and I am very proud of all boys and staff who participate in or supported the Backpack Challenge to assist those in need.



Next Friday, we will host our final Term 3 assembly. Parents are warmly invited to attend, and we look forward to sharing our end of term celebrations with you. Assembly commences at 9.25am and seating is available in the Centenary Hall Gallery.

# **Middle School Sport**

At next week's final term assembly, we will present the Players' Player awards for the BGS Basketball and Rugby teams. Parents are welcome to attend and should be seated in the Centenary Hall Gallery by 9.25am.

The interwing touch competition will be played during Periods 5 and 6 on the last day of term. All boys from Years 5 to 8 come together in a fun, friendly but serious competition to finish off another demanding term. An email will be sent home on Monday with the event details.

#### Track and Field

Our Track and Field community has put a call out for throwers, particularly strong boys with the potential to develop into shot putters under the guidance of coach Mr Matt Logan. Potential athletes should attend one of the training sessions listed on MyGrammar.

Please note that the invitational meet tonight is at Nudgee College, instead of QSAC.

Track and Field Athlete of the Week - BSHS Invitational Meet						
10 Years	Ned Horton	12 Years	Anson Qiu-Tang			
11 Years	Dom Scott	13 Years	William Murphy			

#### **Basketball**

Last Saturday's supplementary fixtures against Churchie were a difficult assignment for BGS Basketball teams. However, it was pleasing to see that many of our teams closed the gap in the score margins and are continuing to improve throughout the season.

With the final round of fixtures against Toowoomba Grammar School this Saturday, we are fortunate that our Middle School teams will not have to travel away this week. We will have many supplementary and internal fixtures at multiple venues, and some internal games played this afternoon.

On Saturday afternoon, the 2019 GPS Basketball community will celebrate the end of the season in The Lilley Centre. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to acknowledge the efforts of all involved. Please check MyGrammar for details.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
5A	ACGS	6A	ACGS	7A	BSHS	8A	BSHS
5B	ACGS	6B vs BGS 6C	BGS	7B	BGS	8B	BSHS
5C	ACGS	6C vs BGS 6B	BGS 6B	7C	BGS	8C	BGS
		6C	ACGS	7D vs BGS 7E	BGS	8D	BGS
		6D	ACGS	7E vs BGS 7D	BGS 7D	8E	NC
		6E vs BBC 6D	ACGS				

	Player of the Week								
5A	Arnav Thapar	6A	Dom Scott	7A	Max Balthes	8A	Weili Cao		
5B	Henry Kerrigan	6B	Harry Beirne	7B	Jarrah Chien	8B	Ronit Relan		
5C	Ruben Tavakol	6C	Liam Buktenica	7C	Arthur Hames	8C	Ben Watson		
		6D	Max-ze Lee	7D	Tom Gulliver	8D	Anush Mondal		
6E Illian Ivanoski		7E	Ollie Shearer-Smith	8E	Orlando Bell-Bray				
			Alex Spence						

#### Rugby

Congratulations to the 12A and 13A BGS Rugby teams on their wins against BSHS last Saturday. Victories are not easily achieved in this competition and the boys should be proud of their efforts.

This Saturday's round against Toowoomba Grammar School will be a logistical challenge with some of our teams playing in Toowoomba and others at BBC.

On Saturday evening, the BGS Rugby community will have the opportunity to come together for the last time this season at the end of season function. I hope that many of you can attend to close the season and acknowledge the effort of our boys, their coaches and their managers.

Please check MyGrammar for this week's team selections and match details.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
11A	ACGS	12A	BGS	13A	BGS
11B	NC	12B	ACGS	13B	BYE
11C	ACGS				

	Player of the Week							
11A	11A Oliver Dauber and Hamish O'Sullivan 12A Xander Bourke 13A Jack Kaandorp							
11B	Yahya Hussain	12B	Mackenzie Quirk	13B	BYE			
11C	Doug Forno							

#### **Debating**

This week, the 5.1 QDU Debating team had their catch up round and debated with the Year 7 teams at BGS. Unfortunately, the boys were unsuccessful in arguing that all city students should be required to complete a term at a rural school.

The Year 7 teams had a Short Prep debate and did very well with the less familiar format.

Team	5.1	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7
Opposition	AHS	AHS	AHS	GT	GT	LHC	BGGS	VC
Result	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	L

#### Chess

At the recent round of Interschool Chess, our Years 5 and 6 players performed strongly. Teams 1 and 2 in the premier division placed second and third respectively and proceed to the state finals in October.

Max Butler produced a perfect score across seven rounds to take a Board Prize in the premier division. Our A division teams also placed second and third, and our B division team placed fourth to complete a solid all-round performance.



Glenn McFarlane
Director of Middle School Sport

# **Middle School Library**

Liam Liang is the newest member of our Accelerated Reader Hall of Fame for Years 5 and 6 boys. Since the start of the school year, Liam has earned 578 points, taken 57 quizzes and read an astonishing 4,047,552 words. Liam thoroughly enjoys reading fantasy books and has read many series including *Septimus Heap*, *Artemis Fowl* and *Ranger's Apprentice*. Congratulations on this fantastic effort.

Vicki Palmer Teacher Librarian



## **Volunteer Roster**

#### Week commencing Monday 16 September 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
16 September	Jenny Humphris	(Team Captain)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Florence Tiong	Fara Tavakol	Rachel Moss
17 September	Helen Dobson	(Team Captain)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Helen Webster	Fiona Brockhurst	Cathy Carew
18 September	Virginia Bowdidge	(Team Captain)	
<b>Thursday</b> 19 September	Wei Shi Palingu Aponso Donna Schultz	Gabby Elliott (Team Captain)	Allison Kay
<b>Friday</b>	Natasha Kalinina	Jo Wong	Jodie Curtis
20 September	Sirie Palmos	(Team Captain)	

# 2019 Calendar

Term 3

Tuesday 16 July – Friday 20 September

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**

#### Strategic Plan Summary 2019 - 2020

How can we best support families at Brisbane Grammar School?

BGS Strategic Imperatives								
Education Culture Infrastructure Sustainability Communit								
Leadership in research-driven teaching and learning, wellbeing and co-curricular practices.	Maintain and enrich a culture of growth, collaboration and care.	Preserve and develop infrastructure to enable all programs and activities.	Safeguard a sustainable financial position that supports the School's progress.	Ensure that the BGS identity is synonymous with excellence in education.				

# P&F Auxiliary Major Focus Areas How can we best support BGS families & the School?

Care	Connect	Contribute
Care for all within the BGS community and foster a culture of inclusivity.	Connect the parent community through promoting fellowship and assisting families.	Contribute funds to BGS for the benefit of students, present and future.

	Support and Service	Commercial Efficiency	Governance	Community	Fundraising
t	Provide support for the School, BGS families and boys.	Ensure all P&F Auxiliary's commercial operations are aligned with best practice.	Develop and adopt policies and practices that are aligned with best practice.	Build community and fellowship through fostering a positive culture of care and support among all.	Through commercial and philanthropic activities, raise funds to provide support for BGS students and the School's endeavours.

The P&F Auxiliary's strategic plan informs all its philanthropic and commercial decision making. Our guiding philosophy is 'How can we best support BGS families and the School?'

The P&F Auxiliary is committed to sustainability, including the use of pre-loved uniform, books and stationery. We offer the following options:

- The Grammar Shop accepts dry-cleaned second-hand blazers in good condition as a donation, or to sell on consignment. The seller is paid \$100 when the blazer is sold for \$170 (compared to the new price of \$285).
- The Grammar Shop accepts donated second-hand textbooks in good condition (offered for sale at a 25% reduction on new price).
- To increase the life of students' hats and reduce waste, a hat repair service was established this year, with very positive feedback received.

#### **External Second-hand Options**

Parents who would like to buy or sell other second-hand book or uniform items may also consider these options, which are **not** run by the School:

- Facebook Groups these are closed groups which you need to request to join. Once accepted, you will be able to access posts from other group members offering sale items or making requests. You then contact each other through Facebook and arrange a mutually convenient time and place for collection and payment. The following Facebook groups are recommended:
  - BGS uniform and school item swap and trade 695 members
  - BGS and BGGS Uniforms 240 members
- Sustainable School Shop Australia's No.1 website for second-hand school items. It is free to register and search for advertisements by school, and you can contact sellers directly. Those that wish to sell items may advertise on a single-item basis or with an annual subscription (currently \$21.95). This platform is more readily searchable than Facebook but does include a small cost to advertise items for sale. Click here to access the site.

#### **Donating Items**

BGS receives donated second-hand uniforms, including unclaimed items from lost property. These items are given to bursary students and boarding students when they have lost or left essential items at home. The Health Centre and the Laundry also use these items as spares.

Second-hand items that are clean and in good condition can be dropped off at the Grammar Shop.

We plan to collect and donate unused stationery items to organisations such as the Homework Hub in Kelvin Grove (used by many refugee families), Indigenous community schools and other student community service projects. Please look out for further details in Term 4.

#### **Future Plans**

The Grammar Shop has upgraded its point of sale software, which will enable online ordering and a 'Click and Collect' service. BGS and the P&F Auxiliary are also examining a centralised process to enable the Grammar Shop to offer second-hand uniforms.

Please watch this space for further details.

Julie Farr P&F Auxiliary President

# **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 we head towards the end of the year, we prepare to say goodbye to 25 wonderful Year 12 parent volunteers.

To maintain the same level of service to the boys and families, we need replacements. If you can give some time to the school community, please sign up now while the Year 12 parents are still here to mentor and assist you. We have vacancies to suit working and non-working hours. Assisting at the Grammar Shop or Tuckshop is a great way to make friends, learn about school life and develop support networks.

The sign-up form is available on MyGrammar under P&F Auxiliary > Tuckshop or Grammar Shop > Volunteers. Alternatively, you can contact Roster Secretary Wendy Smith directly at wsmith@visis.com.au.

#### **Grammar Shop**

A warm welcome to our new volunteer Belinda J, who started in the Grammar Shop this week.

We need volunteers on the Wednesday of Volunteer Week 4 for the last two shifts on Wednesday 30 October and Wednesday 27 November. If you are available on those mornings from 7.30am until 11.00am, or for as much of that period as is convenient, it would be great to have you.

#### **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 do 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.

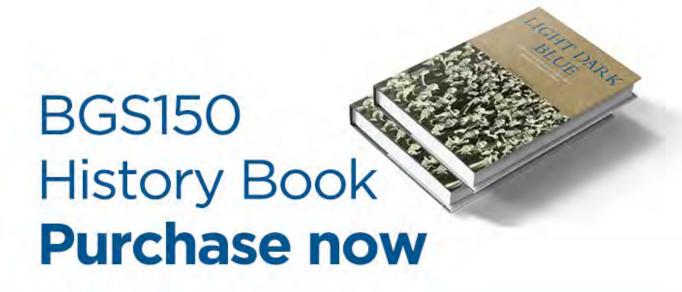
Joanne Villiers P&F Auxiliary

## **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.





# Bursaries have a transformational impact!





# Major Photo Day Thursday 10 October 2019

		STATION 1 - CENTENARY HALL	ВУНДП					STATION 2 - CENTENARY HALL	НАП		
Period	Time	Group	Group Size	MiC/Staff Required	Minutes	Period	Time	Group	Group Size	MiC/Staff Required	Minutes
	7.50am	Grammar Vocal Ensemble	95	Peter Ingram	20		8 Olam	Scholarship Awardees	9	Anthony Micallef	10
Before			3	Alicon Harbottle	C		8.10am	Prefects	29	AEM, LC, TH, DC	10
	8.10am	Grammar Symphony Orchestra	80		70	Before School	8.20am	Formal Committee	4	Tim Holzgrefe	5
	8.30am	Vocal Group	75	Bec Thomas	20		8.25am	Grammar Generations	36	Tim Holzgrefe	15
Period 1	8.50am	Grainger Concert Band	22	Jim Noble	15		8.40am	Senior DVD Committee	12	Andy Copeland	10
(8.30am)	) 9.05am	Grammar Symphonic Band	55	Jim Noble	15	Period 1	8.50am	Spirit Committee	4	Tim Holzgrefe	5
	9.20am	Williams Concert Band	58	Philippa Robinson	15	(8.30am)	8.55am	Academic Support Committee	10	Tim Holzgrefe	10
	9.35am	Holst Concert Band	48	Aileen Bryant	15		9.15am	First XV Rugby	20	Phil Mooney	10
Period 2	9.50am	Sousa Concert Band	40	Aileen Bryant	15		9.25am	Cooking Club	15	Lisa Whitcher	10
(9.25am)	) 10.05am	Clarinet Ensemble	8	Aileen Bryant	5		9.35am	Flute Ensemble	8	Philippa Robinson	5
	10.10am	Chamber Choir	33	Bec Thomas	15	Period 2	9.40am	Saxophone Ensemble	2	Philippa Robinson	5
T/M		Photogra	Photographer Break			(9.25am)	9.45am	Stradivari Strings	39	Lynne Backstrom	15
	10.45am	Double Reed Ensemble	6	Natasha Kalous	5		10.00am	Paganini Strings	27	Lynne Backstrom	10
	10.50am	Rowing Year 9 Second Quad	5		5		10.10am	Titration		Kerry Inder	10
	10.55am	Strategic Games	35	David Hills	10	M/T		Photographer Break	her Break		
Period 3 (10.45am)	11.05am	Vivaldi Strings	31	Alison Harbottle	10		10.45am	Boom Percussion	12	Lucas Gordon	5
	11.15am	Tartini Strings	29	Alison Harbottle	10		10.50am	Senior Percussion	12	Lucas Gordon	5
	11.25am	Corelli Consort	24	Amy Phillips	10	Period 3	10.55am	Junior Band	23	Lucas Gordon	10
	11.35am	Grammar Engineers	10	Gustav Joshi	5	(10.45am)	11.05am	Crash Percussion Ensemble	11	Phil Usher	5
Period 4	11.40am	Aristotle Club	12	Jenny Tap	10		11.10am	Junior Percussion Ensemble	12	Phil Usher	5
(11.40am)	11.50am	State and National Reps	70	Ron Cochrane	20		11.15am	Duke of Ed Participants	50	Kimberley Kovacevic	15
12.10pm		Photogra	Photographer Break				11.30pm	Duke of Ed Awardees	9	Kimberley Kovacevic	5
	12.35pm	Art Extension	25	Angela McCormack	10	(11.40am)	11.35pm	Bridge Award	10	Casey Walker	5
Lunch	12.45pm	ISCF	20	Noël Chan/lan Grice	15			Photographer Break	her Break		
(12.35pm)	<mark>رر</mark> 1.00pm	Physics Olympiad	21	Noël Chan	10		12.35pm	ІҮРТ	9	Noël Chan	5
	1.10pm	Year 5 Debating	54	Dominique Fitzgerald	15	•	12.40pm	Senior A Debating	9	Ainslie Hunter	5
200	1.25pm	Year 7 Debating	57	Dominique Fitzgerald	15	(12.35pm)	12.45pm	Year 12 Debating	15	Ainslie Hunter	10
(1.20pm)	1.40pm	Year 9 Debating	45	Ainslie Hunter	15		12.55pm	Year 6 Debating	52	Dominique Fitzgerald	15
	, 1.55pm	Year 11 Debating	35	Ainslie Hunter	15		1.10pm	Year 10 Debating	70	Ainslie Hunter	20
							1.30pm	Year 8 Debating	40	Ainslie Hunter	15
						(1.20pm)	1.45pm	Make: Clubs*	09	Jamie Foulger et al	20

<sup>\*</sup> Robotics, mechatronics, coding, lunchbox, lapidary, the shed

Boys in music photos are to wear performance uniform (white shirt and tie). All other boys to wear summer uniform, unless instructed otherwise by your teacher/coordinator. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your scheduled photo time.



Friday 25 October

> Ticket Price \$115

Main Auditorium Brisbane City Hall 11.30am to 3.00pm

RSVP - Payments close 5.00pm Friday 17 October 2019

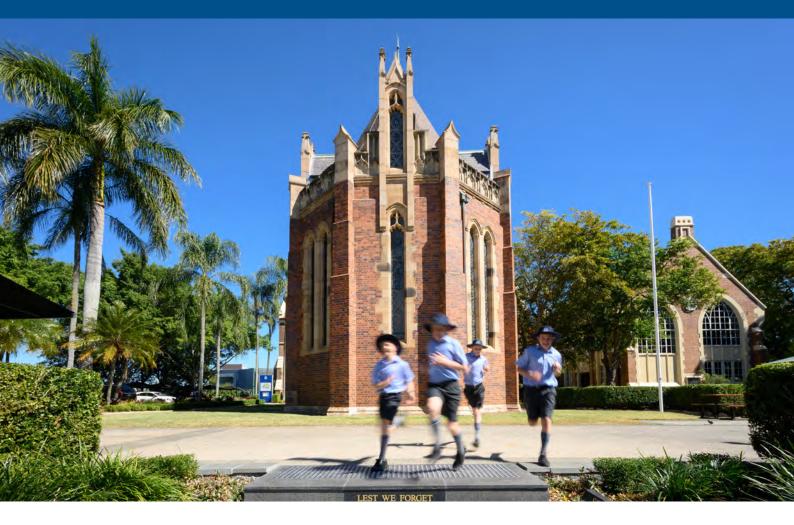




**PURCHASE TICKETS** 



# End of Term Assembly Middle School



# Middle School parents are invited to attend our end of term assembly

Date Time Venue

Monday 20 September 2019 9.25am Centenary Hall Gallery

Please be seated in the Centenary Hall Gallery

For more information please contact

Dionn Bichel - PA to Head of Middle School



# 2019 BGS Rugby End of Season Function



# Please help us in celebrating the 2019 GPS Rugby Season

Date

Saturday 14 September 2019

Venue

The Great Hall Brisbane Grammar School 24 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill. Time

6.30pm - 9.30pm

#### **Tickets**

\$36 per person (includes cocktail hors d'oeuvres and beverages)

**RSVP** here

RSVP Friday 6 September 2019

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

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



# 2019 BGS Basketball End of Season Function



# Please join us in celebrating the 2019 GPS Basketball Season

Date

Saturday 14 September 2019

Time

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Venue

The Lilley Centre, Brisbane Grammar School 24 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill

#### **Tickets**

\$36 per person (includes gourmet BBQ and beverages)

RSVP here

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# Year 11 Parent Casual Morning Tea



# You are invited to join fellow parents for coffee and a chat to end the term.

**Date** 

Time

Friday 20 September 2019

8.00am - 10.00am

#### Venue

Tumbling Stone, The Johnson Hotel, 477 Boundary Street, Spring Hill

Morning tea at guest's own expense

RSVP here

by Friday 20 September

For more information please contact Year 11 Parent Representative:

**Wendy Keir** 

E dwkeir@bigpond.com



# Year 12 Senior Formal Parent Function



# Whilst your sons are enjoying their Formal, please join us for a parent gathering.

Date Time

Friday 20 September

7.00pm to 11.00pm

#### **Tickets**

\$47.00 per person (includes welcome drink, canapes and substantial item)

#### Venue

Tattersalls Club, 215 Queen Street, Brisbane

**Purchase tickets here** 

by 5.00pm Monday 16 September 2019

For more information please contact Year 12 Parent Representative, Jo Mower

**E** jomower@me.com



# 2019 BGS Chess End of Season Function



# Please join us in celebrating the 2019 GPS Chess Season

Date

Friday 11 October 2019

Venue

Function Room
The Lilley Centre
Brisbane Grammar School

Time

5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Tickets** 

\$35 per person (buffet dinner and beverages)

**RSVP** here

RSVP Friday 4 October 2019

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

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