



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Newsletter

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BGS 2020 Student Leaders Announced

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Greening Grammar Bees



Year 8 Tie Ceremonies



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2020 Student Leaders

Headmaster Anthony Micallef

On behalf of the School, it is my pleasure to announce and congratulate the boys selected by their peers and staff to be Prefects in 2020.

As the Year 12s move closer and closer to graduating, the current Year 11 students have begun to assume greater responsibility for leading the student body.

I join the staff in saying that we have greatly appreciated the efforts of the Class of 2019 and look forward to assisting the Class of 2020 move into leadership positions in the coming weeks and next year.

2020 Prefects

Stephen Baronio	School Prefect Harlin House Prefect	Val Jara Melagrani	Harlin House Prefect
Flynn Boorer	School Prefect	Mitch Labrom	School Prefect
Will Chapman	School Prefect	Harry Logan	School Prefect
Dillon Chiang	School Prefect	Lewis Luck	School Prefect
Tom Cox	School Prefect	Alex MacGibbon	School Prefect Harlin House Prefect
Ben Du	School Prefect	JT Manuofetoa	Harlin House Prefect
Angus Elliott	School Prefect	William McEniery	School Prefect
Aiden Frick	Harlin House Prefect	Peter Muratidis	School Prefect
Hugo Gandhi	School Prefect	Charlie Selth	School Prefect
Rishi Goel	School Prefect	Daniel Skoien	School Prefect
Lachlan Gorringe	School Prefect	Ethan Stamatellos	School Prefect
William Hay	School Prefect	Sebastian Vu	School Prefect
Xavier Hay	School Prefect	Cadmus Wang	Harlin House Prefect
Mitchell Holt	Harlin House Prefect	Ryan Xiao	School Prefect
Daniel Horsley	School Prefect	Tony Zhong	School Prefect

2020 School and Harlin House Captains

William Hay	School Captain
Will Chapman	School Vice Captain
Alex MacGibbon	Harlin House Captain and School Vice Captain
Stephen Baronio	Harlin House Vice Captain

Head of Year 11 Nick Holland will publish the names of Form Seniors in the Newsletter in coming weeks.



Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

It has been a privilege to work with a talented Co-Curricular team to support our students' pursuits this year. Collectively, our students have set goals and strived for success. They have represented BGS well and have learned valuable lessons about themselves and others.

Many students achieved their goals this year, while others are learning through delayed gratification; marking future dates on the calendar and realigning their plans.

At Senior School Assembly today, the 2019 Co-Curricular prize recipients were announced ahead of Speech Day presentations in Week 6. It was a great opportunity to celebrate excellence. These young gentlemen should feel proud of their achievements, especially those in the Senior cohort, whose student leadership within sporting and cultural activities will leave a legacy for our future leaders.

While we celebrate excellence and honour a few boys, we must also be mindful of excellence within our broader student population. We may not officially recognise all those who toil and persevere without achieving the level of success they seek. However, the efforts of these boys are noticed and admired by many.

As parents, you see your son's dedication to rehearsals, training and studying at home. As teachers and coaches, we see his motivation and diligence while he is in our care. His willingness to apply himself, combined with the power of his peers doing the same, enriches our community and enables the success of the wider peer group.

Co-Curricular program leaders know the value of internal competition among a cohort of like-minded individuals. Our top musicians, orators, swimmers, footballers, rugby players and sailors are all better because someone challenges them, never allowing complacency or entitlement to creep in.

So, while we honoured significant achievement among our community this week, we also acknowledge the community itself, which enables our collective and individual achievements.

After many months of preparation, other significant, culminating events took place this week. I commend our youngest athletes on their performances at the Junior GPS Track and Field Championship on Thursday.

I wish the cast and crew of the Junior Dramatic Production *Trick or Treat* well for their production runs this week.

Tomorrow, we contest the annual GPS Track and Field Championship in the final event on the 2019 GPS calendar. I wish our BGS athletes and their coaches every success and trust that our students will support their peers, *as one*.

Speech Day

Wednesday 13 November | 12.30pm | QPAC Concert Hall

Speech Day and presentation of prizes will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 13 November. Years 9 to 12 boys have a student free day on Speech Day to celebrate the accomplishments of our young men. These boys will meet their Form Tutors for roll marking at 12.00pm at QPAC. They will not attend school during the first part of the day. Years 5 to 8 boys have a student free day and will not attend school on Speech Day.

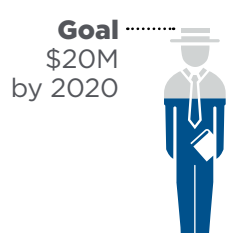
Tickets will be available for parents and family members on Monday 4 November. There is no charge, but tickets must be collected in person from the Administration Assistants, Level 2 in The Lilley Centre. Tickets will be distributed on a first-in basis until exhausted. Unfortunately, phone or email orders are not available.

Tickets are limited to two per family. There is no prior ticket allocation for seats at QPAC. For questions about arrangements for the day, please call Rochelle Lynch on 07 3834 5262. Please direct ticket enquiries to Lisa Solomon-Innes on 07 3834 5331.

Our 2020 Vision

Brisbane Grammar School students benefit enormously from the generosity of current and past parents, Old Boys, Trustees and staff. Bursaries play a vital role in fostering the diversity that is fundamental to a BGS education, giving students a firsthand understanding of different cultures, backgrounds, religions and means.

Please help more boys fulfil their potential by supporting your son's Year Group Bursary.

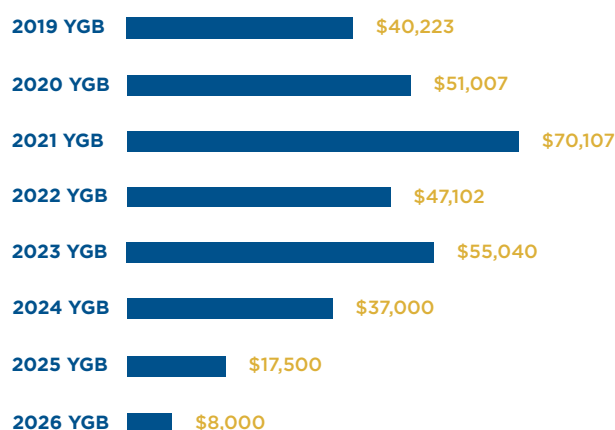


\$14,652,614

raised in total for the Bursary Fund

195 Current Parents raised \$325,978 for their sons' Year Group Bursary (YGB)

The year in which a student will graduate is their 'peer year'.



Please click on the relevant Year Group above to offer your support.

Voluntary contributions

Tax deductible donations on fee statements are allocated to the year group of the eldest son at the School (unless parents split donations between more than one son's peer year).

In 2019, parents contributed

\$109,087

2019 Year Group Bursary Balance

\$40,223

Thank you Year 12 Parents
for your contribution to the 2019 YGB!

43

 Students benefitted from bursaries in 2019

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[Click here](#) to find out more about the 2019 Annual Appeal.

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Study Tips for Students and Parents

My son, a BGS Old Boy studying in Melbourne, recently sent me an article by Dr Jared Cooney Horvath from the University of Melbourne. The article provides excellent advice for students to improve study and for parents to support their children; I encourage boys and parents to read it [here](#).

A key takeaway was the premise that studying smarter was more beneficial than studying harder.

For students, he suggests that the boys:

- Stop reviewing – start recalling
- Mimic the exam environment
- Space it out
- Sleep, sleep, sleep

For parents, he suggests that you:

- Involve yourself ... but not too much
- Help construct a schedule
- Embrace error
- Model perspective

GPS Track and Field

The 2019 Senior GPS Track and Field Championship is tomorrow, Saturday 2 November.

Students are not permitted to drive to this event. BGS buses will be provided for students travelling from the School. If boys are travelling directly to QSAC, they must travel by public transport or be dropped off by family members. Boys will not be allowed at the event if they do not abide by these rules.

Upcoming Date Claimers

Wednesday 13 November | Speech Day | Student Free Day Years 5 – 12

Boys in Years 9 to 12 will attend Speech Day.

Tuesday 26 November | Middle School Presentation Afternoon | Student Free Day Years 9-11

Boys in Years 5 to 8 will attend Middle School Presentation Afternoon

2020 Student Free Days

Education Queensland has moved the Monday 19 October 2020 staff professional development day and student free day to Friday 4 September 2020 (QCAA Confirmation day). The Brisbane Grammar School 2020 Term dates have been updated to include Friday September 4 as a student free day.

Frank McClatchy
Dean of Administration

Looking for a Valedictory Gift?

Parents looking for a Valedictory gift for students in the graduating Class of 2019 are encouraged to look at the Brisbane Grammar School merchandise page [here](#). There are several options available, including the limited edition **BGS150 silver cufflinks** in a presentation box, and the **BGS150 History Book - Light Dark Blue**.

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

In this season of student leadership announcements, I would like to share the analogy of Roman society with the Boarding community. As we embark on the process of handing over responsibility in Harlin House, I am reminded of the systems or processes used by soldiers in the legions.

I'm from an area of west Wales that still bears a strong imprint of Roman life, some 1600 years after they are thought to have departed the country. A small outpost of the empire was a fort in the nearby village of Coelbren, set among the upper moorlands of the Brecon Beacons. Colebren, or Colfein as it was named in Roman times, was located on Sarn Helen, an ancient roadway that the Romans paved and modernised during their occupancy of large tracts of western Europe, and incredibly several stretches of the stone surface remain intact to this day.

The manner and intent in which the legions marched between the various forts and communities along Sarn Helen is a wonderful signpost to our residential community of what it means not only to be a leader, but also to take the lead. The strength of the Roman legions lay in how the individuals worked together for a common goal, how they marched as one, and supported each other in covering significant distances on foot. They are reputed to have covered 30kms or more each day while following the standard-bearer's lead.

In Harlin House, the lead is provided by all the boarders in Year 12. The 'senior cohort' have the responsibility to set the tone, to be leaders (or bigger brothers) to the junior boys and to uphold the values and virtues at the core of the residential experience. The strength of any boarding community is rooted in the actions of all the senior boys, and they are expected to lead by example.

That said, as in any legion, we also need standard-bearers who will be ambassadors for the boarders, whose commitment to boarding is clear and visible to all, and who give selflessly of themselves for the betterment of the community.

I am therefore delighted to announce that our Harlin House Prefects for 2020 will be Stephen Baronio, Aiden Frick, Mitchell Holt, Val Jara Melagrani, Alex MacGibbon, JT Manuofetoa and Cadmus Wang. We congratulate each and wish them all well in the sure confidence that they will be excellent standard-bearers for the coming year.

Of these seven young men we especially congratulate Alex MacGibbon on his appointment as both the Harlin House Captain and Vice-Captain of School, and to Stephen Baronio who will be the Vice-Captain of Harlin House and a School Prefect.

To all these young men I remind them of John C Maxwell's quote, which most succinctly sums up my vision for leadership in boarding: "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

10G were an excellent class at Moogerah. They demonstrated the values and virtues of leading others and were willing to put in extra effort to support their peers.

Tom Gehrman was an incredibly supportive leader. He was always looking out for others and giving consistent praise to his peers. Tom led by example and took control during the return expedition to the centre. Andrew Shuttleton was also a strong leader during the expedition. He was calm when it got hard and kept the group focused. His peers recognised his motivation and leadership during the campsite set up when everyone was tired.

Brian Wakista showed great perseverance on the high ropes course. He was willing to challenge himself and made an effort to lead others through the course. Alex Kennedy was a standout leader. He was confident in the outdoors and chose the appropriate leadership style for the situation, making sure his group members were involved and supported.

Alex Forbes demonstrated a mature approach to challenges. He showed care and consideration for others, especially when bushwalking on the mountain. Eshaan Raj put in a great effort on the high ropes course. During the expedition, he was a motivator, and his sense of humour maintained a positive and light-hearted atmosphere. Seig Mackellar was a reliable and mature student who added value to his expedition group.

Tom Gehrman's reflected on his appreciation for the program and the relationships he formed, writing the following:

"Trotting past the Moogerah gate in Year 5, I gulped at the looming mountains and wobbly high ropes course. Outdoor Education has since fostered a sense of challenge while allowing me to connect with the environment. As a Year 10 student, I reflect on what the program symbolises for me. I have completed every adventure, challenge and activity that Moogerah has to offer. An offer of devotion, an offer of challenge, an offer of education. Perhaps most significantly, one Moogerah saying remains my biggest motivation - it's the effort put in that counts."

Click to view the [10G photos](#) and [10G video](#) of the boys' final Outdoor Education experience.



Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Drug and Alcohol Education

This week, the School welcomed Mr Paul Dillon to speak to boys in Years 10, 11 and 12 about drugs and alcohol. His talks were very engaging and well received by the boys. In the weeks ahead, boys will have the opportunity to continue discussions on the topics during their Student Wellbeing lessons.

Mr Dillon's presentations focus on harm minimisation and dispel some common myths about drug use and alcohol consumption. Topics covered in each year level's presentation are available [here](#).

This information is helpful when starting or continuing the conversation with your son/s. Deciding when and how to talk to your sons about alcohol and drug use can be a big decision. Working these conversations into everyday interactions can help it feel more natural.

For parents who were unable to attend the information evening, you can access Mr Dillon's presentation and information on alcohol and the teenage brain via MyGrammar > Wellbeing > Wellbeing Curriculum > Drugs and Alcohol Education with Paul Dillon.

Based on current research, Mr Dillon's provides practical tips for parents to keep their teens safe around alcohol and other drugs, including his three golden rules:

- know where your child is
- know who they're with
- know when they'll be home



SchoolTV - Special Report: E-Cigarettes and Vaping

E-cigarettes and vaping are quickly gaining popularity, especially among teenagers. Manufacturers of these products are deploying sophisticated marketing campaigns to glamourise and promote smoking to young people.

Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling the vapour produced by the heated nicotine liquid of an e-cigarette or vape pen. Many teens believe that vaping is less harmful than smoking, as it is often formulated with flavourings to appeal to younger users. Be aware that e-cigarettes stating 0 mg of nicotine may still contain nicotine. It is a highly addictive substance that can slow the brain development in young people, affecting their memory, concentration, learning and mood. Because vaping is new, short and long-term health effects remain unknown.

Studies have shown that teenagers who have tried vaping are more likely to smoke tobacco products later in life than those who have not tried vaping. As e-cigarettes leave little odour, they are particularly easy to conceal and use discreetly in public places.

This [Special Report](#) provides the facts relating to e-cigarettes and vaping, including the potential dangers and current legislation.

If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the School for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Important Year 12 Notices

Student Connect

Year 12 students should have already made a Student Connect account. This learning account allows students to access the following results online:

- QCST results available on Wednesday 13 November
- Year 12 and OP results available from Saturday 14 December

Students need their LUI number and password to activate their account via this link.

The initial password is the day and month of your birthday. If you have since changed and lost your new password, please see Ms Lancashire in IT.

If you have extra qualifications, check your student connect account to check qualifications have been uploaded. If qualifications are not included when QTAC makes offers, only your OP will be used.

Email Addresses

Please ensure that you have used a **private personal** email address for any applications (e.g. QTAC, Student Connect and scholarships). Personal email addresses should be professional, for example John.Smith@gmail.com.

QTAC Preference Changes

Students are reminded they have three free changes on your QTAC application. Each time you save an amendment is counted as a change. After the three free changes, charges will be incurred. Please refer to page 12 of your QTAC guide for further information.

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

Students applying for EAS through QTAC must submit their application as soon as possible to ensure it is assessed before first-round offers.

Documentation can be uploaded to your QTAC application [here](#), or you can send documentation to documentation@qtac.edu.au and include your QTAC application number.

QTAC Key Dates | Offer Rounds

Offer date	Due date to apply and submit documents	Final date to change preferences
Monday 23 December 2019	Friday 6 December 2019	10.00am Monday 16 December 2019
Wednesday 15 January 2020	Friday 13 December 2019	4.30pm Tuesday 7 January 2020

Greening Grammar

Native Beehive

Last Wednesday, apiarist Dr Toby Smith from Bee Aware Kids gave a presentation about native bees to staff and students. His presentation was very informative and entertaining.

The tragic life and often gruesome death of princesses that pose threats to the queen was one of many intriguing facts about Australia's native bee population. There are almost 2000 native bees in Australia, with the smallest of them only 1.8mm in size. Dr Smith's images of bees with their rainbow colours, metallic green or even polka dots were breathtaking.

After the presentation, Dr Smith split the School's native beehive which was purchased by Greening Grammar last year. According to Dr Smith, our hive is very healthy, in a great position and it was ready to be split.

Native stingless bees produce sugarbag honey and rely on the limited amounts produced to survive during the winter months.

I hope Dr Smith's talk inspired students and staff to acquire a native beehive for their garden.

Beate Poida
Coordinator of Greening Grammar



Public Speaking Competition

Results

Earlier this term, the BGS public speaking competition ended impressively with our Years 11 and 12 speakers. Competitors delivered speeches that were sophisticated, thoughtful and entertaining. Well done to all boys involved.

We were delighted to have Year 12 prize donor and Old Boy Ronald Wyllie '50 in the audience of the Year 12 competition to witness the skill of our speakers.

Congratulations to the following boys for their achievements:

	Year 11	Year 12
First Place	Indy Honan	Jude Forrest
Runner Up	Ethan Farr	Matthew Chiang
Highly Commended	-	Cameron Cormack-Thomson

Greg Howes

Internal Public Speaking Coordinator (Years 9 to 12)

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

Co-Curricular

Swimming

BGS swimmers have been preparing for the highly anticipated 2020 GPS Swimming season. Many boys who have continued their training have performed well at recent meets. I encourage all swimmers who have returned to the pool to start their preparations as soon as possible.

2020 Years 5, 6 and 7 Swimming Clinic | Wednesday 22 – Thursday 24 January 2020

The annual Years 5, 6 and 7 swimming clinic will be held at the BGS Indoor Sports Centre during the final week of the Christmas school holidays (Wednesday 22 January – Thursday 24 January). [Please click here to register.](#)

The clinic is an excellent opportunity for boys interested in trying out for the swimming team to accelerate their preparations. It also allows new BGS students to familiarise themselves with the School, staff and peers.

Sessions will involve stroke technique, land training and race practice. Boys who are also involved in BGS Cricket clinics are reminded that there will be a bus from BGS to cricket games on the morning of Wednesday 22 January after completing their swimming session.

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 2020 Years 7 to 12 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

Rugby

Notice of AGM – Normanby Blues

The BGS Rugby Support Group Normanby Blues will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 6 November 2019 in the BGS Woolcock Room at 6.15pm.

The 2020 committee will be elected at the AGM. Positions to be filled include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Member.

The Director of Rugby will also provide an overview of the season.

We encourage all parents who would like to support BGS Rugby more actively to come along. If you are interested, please nominate for a role on the committee. Nominations close Tuesday 5 November 2019 at 5.00pm.

If you have any questions or would like to nominate someone for the Committee, please contact Peter Hudson at phudson@stradbrokecapital.com.au.

Dougal Hains
President of Normanby Blues

Track and Field

This week sees the culmination of the Track and Field season with the GPS championships. On Thursday, the Junior GPS Championships were held at St. Joseph's Nudgee College. I will report on the event in next week's newsletter.

Tomorrow, the Senior GPS Track and Field Championship will take place at QSAC. Best wishes to all team members and coaches.

Senior GPS Championships | Saturday 2 November | QSAC

The BGS bus will depart the School at 7.30am on Saturday morning. Boys must arrive at the front of the School by 7.15am in their Track and Field uniform.

Boys can also arrange their own transport to QSAC, although parking is very limited.

Students must arrive 1.5 hours before their event. The competition program is available via MyGrammar.

Boys should bring: Track and Field uniforms, wet weather clothes, dry clothes, warm clothing, hat, pillow, food and drinks, money for the canteen if required. Boys can wear their Track and Field uniform to school only if they are travelling via private vehicle. Boys on public transport must wear their full school uniform.

Students are expected to abide by the School's Code of Expectations and Behaviour.

The following arrangements will be followed:

7.15am	Boys arrive at School in BGS Track and Field uniform
7.30am	BGS bus to Nudgee will depart from the front of the School
9.30am	First event starts
5.30pm (approximately)	Last event
5.45pm (approximately)	Presentations
6.30pm (approximately)	Bus departs QSAC to return to BGS
7.00pm (approximately)	Bus arrives at BGS

Senior GPS Team End of Season Wrap-up | Saturday 2 November | QSAC

The end of season wrap-up will take place immediately after the GPS championship presentation in the QSAC stands. The wrap-up will involve presentation of trophies from the day. Food and drinks will not be arranged.

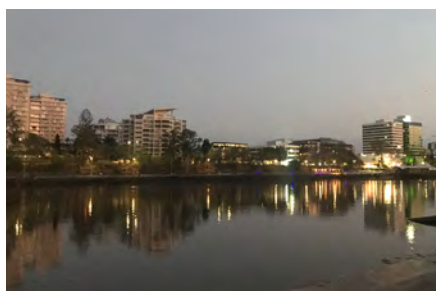
Rowing

King of the Hill Regatta

Congratulations to our Years 9 to 11 boys who contested the King of the Hill event against Gregory Terrace last weekend. The traditional rivalry between the schools always makes this head-to-head race a lot of fun. While it's early in the preseason and crews have not been formalised, it's a great first outing against another GPS school.

The BGS boys showed their strength, with strong performances across all year levels. Results are not recorded, as the event is a 'friendly' regatta, but boys from both schools concluded there was an equal number of wins. The strongest performances for BGS were in the Year 11 First division and Open Second division, who recorded winning margins of up to eight boat lengths (~150 metres).

Off the back of a successful weekend, the boys reignited with enthusiasm and continued along their Term 4 journey of fitness and skill refinement.



Rowathon

On Saturday 9 November, BGS rowers will be participating in their Rowathon fundraising event. The boys find sponsors to pledge a per kilometre dollar amount toward their efforts at the event.

All funds raised go directly back into the BGS Rowing program. If you would like to get involved, please see details on MyGrammar.

Rowing Camps

Camp information has been distributed to Rowing families. If you have not received the email or have any questions, please contact the Director of Rowing at matt.marden@brisbanegrammar.com or the Rowing Shed on 07 3834 5372.

The following camp dates have been arranged:

2020 Year 9 Camp 1

Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December | Day camps in Brisbane

2020 Years 10 to 12 Camp 1

Monday 2 December to Saturday 7 December | Residential camp in Grafton, New South Wales

2020 Years 9 to 11 High Performance Camp

Monday 13 January to Thursday 16 January | Day camps in Brisbane

2020 Years 10 to 12 Camp 2

Saturday 18 January to Thursday 23 January | Residential camp in Grafton, New South Wales

2020 Year 9 Camp 2

Saturday 25 January to Monday 27 January | Day camps in Brisbane

Matt Marden

Director of Rowing

Volleyball

Last weekend, 21 students took an opportunity to broaden their understanding of volleyball. BGS hosted two professional learning courses: a Level 1 Referee Course and a Level 2 Coaching Course.

Congratulations to the students who have completed their Level 1 Volleyball officiating course:

- Cooper Boardman
- Thomas Clarke
- Michael Coyne
- Alec Fitzgerald
- Elton Fitzgerald
- Hamish Goodwin
- Jed Green
- Jayden Ho
- Edward Holmes
- Joel Kerola
- Isaac McNally
- Liam Middlemass
- Lucas Sherington
- Harry Snape
- Connor Waite

Course presenter and long-serving BGS First VI referee Chris Kelly said, "All 15 boys passed the exam with ease. I was impressed by their knowledge of the rules and the standard of questions throughout the day. They also had a good grasp of the signals required to referee a game."

Congratulations to Jayden Ho, Joel Kerola, Harry McGregor, Liam Middlemass, Ben Ren, and Jim Xiao who obtained their Level 2 Volleyball Australia Coaching accreditation; it is a wonderful achievement.

Olympic Beach Volleyball player Matthew Grinlaubs challenged participants to think differently about volleyball and develop practical teaching strategies. Well done to all involved and thank you to Chris and Matthew for leading each day.

Reminders

- **Gold Coast Tour** – final payments are due now
- **Year Level Trials** – 2020 Year 9 teams (current Year 8 students) are expected on court next week
- **Pre-Season Performance Camp** – Monday 20 January to Friday 24 January 2020

Rhys Cox
Director of Volleyball

Music

Music Celebration | Friday 8 November | 6.30pm for 7.00pm | Hillstone, St Lucia

All Music families are invited to attend the end of year awards night. Formerly known as the Music Dinner, the event recognises the outstanding achievements of our young musicians and farewells our senior musicians in a casual atmosphere.

Students who placed first, second, third or were highly commended in the recent Performance Awards will be presented with their certificates at this event.

The Music Celebration evening will feature a host of music performances. It is a perfect opportunity for families to catch up with friends and celebrate a wonderful year of music.

Details are available on MyGrammar and invitations have been emailed. Please RSVP by Friday 1 November. Please arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Music Performance Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts.

Guitar Performance Competition

	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
First Place	Lachie Bellamy 06C	Alexander Dalglish 1010	Shafaat Husain 1115
Second Place	Arran McKenzie 08I	Ethan Love 08G Jack Love 08H	Fin Murrell-Edwards 1214
Third Place	Harry Beirne 06A	Angus Newman 0906	Sebastian Beirne 1006
Highly Commended	Salvatore Leotta 06B	Tom Jackson 0916	-

Drum Kit Performance Awards

	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
First Place	Lukas Geissler 0913	Sze Yong Ng 08G	Jake Ramalingam 1115
Second Place	Henry Mercer 07E	Ryan Wakista 1009	Oliver Cafferky 1201
Third Place	Michael Wong 07C	Charlie Ridgeon 0910	Noah Guthrie 1002
Highly Commended	Harry Beirne 06A	James Hill 1003 Liam Middlemass 1102 Lachlan Yu 0918	Sebastian Beirne 1006

Vocal Performance Awards

	Treble B	Treble A	Intermediate B
First Place	Afthab Shanavas 0914	George Mercer 07C	Toby Davidson 0914
Second Place	Oliver Mellick 05B	Sathya Gururajan 08E	Alden Sommerfeld 0918
Third Place	Jason Zhang 07F	Tom Harris 06C	Josh Lotzvie 0914
Highly Commended	Jeric Gao 05C Alexander Redhead 05B	Harry Beirne 06A Maxwell Miu 06A Michael Wong 07C	Jackson Mercer 0912 Ishaan Patel 1001

	Intermediate A	Advanced
First Place	Declan Mount 0906	Sebastian Beirne 1006
Second Place	Alexander Graves 0914	William McEniery 1117
Third Place	Damon Cayas 0903	Alexander Cain 1014
Highly Commended	James Lowe 1017 Tharuka Perera 08A	Joel Gorman 1002 Brendan Jeffery 1114 Thomas McCarthy 1117

Brass Performance Awards

	Beginner B	Beginner A	Intermediate B
First Place	Ryan Lam 06C (Trumpet)	Rohan Morris 05B (Trumpet)	Luke Telford 06D (Trumpet)
Second Place	Alvin Wang 06D (Trombone)	Jack Sinclair 07E (Trumpet)	Lawrence Sun 0917 (Trumpet)
Third Place	Joshua Liu 06D (Trumpet)	Andrew Bade 07E (Tuba)	Leon Qin 08I (French Horn)
Highly Commended	Casey Hughes 06B (Euphonium) Xavier Karmel 06C (Trombone)	Owen Begley 05B (Tuba)	Liem Dang 06C (Trumpet) Cameron McCabe 08B (Trumpet)

	Intermediate A	Advanced B	Advanced A
First Place	Ed Thomas 08G (French Horn)	Robbie Gilbert 0908 (Trombone)	George Mellick 1101 (Tuba)
Second Place	Oliver Waterhouse 08A (Euphonium)	Elliot Chiang 08G (Trombone)	Mitchell Holt 1106 (Trumpet)
Third Place	Edward Nelson 07E (Trumpet)	Cade Barrientos 1018 (Trumpet)	Imraan Jhetam 1116 (Trumpet)
Highly Commended	Ed Cooper 07D (French Horn) Dylan Yin 0913 (Trumpet)	James Crilly 1018 (Trombone) Oliver Waterhouse 08A (Trumpet) Chris Yesberg 07B (Euphonium)	Harry Dickson 0907 (French Horn) Glenn Schaffer 1118 (Trombone) Alden Sommerfeld 0918 (Trumpet)

Peter Ingram
Head of Music

Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

Academic prize winners were announced at today's Middle School Assembly. General Merit and subject prizes will be formally recognised at the Middle School Presentation Afternoon on Tuesday 26 November. General Merit prizes are awarded to students who achieve in the top 10% of each cohort. Subject prizes in Years 7 and 8 are allocated to the highest achieving student in each subject. Congratulations to all students who have achieved outstanding results.

Certificates of Merit and Certificates of Academic Endeavour recipients were also recognised at today's assembly. Certificates of Merit are awarded to those students who achieve in the next 20% of each cohort in Years 7 and 8 and the next 10% in Years 5 and 6. Certificates of Academic Endeavour are awarded to a further 10% of Year 5 and 6 students who exemplify the School's core value of endeavour. These certificates will be formally presented at upcoming year level assemblies.

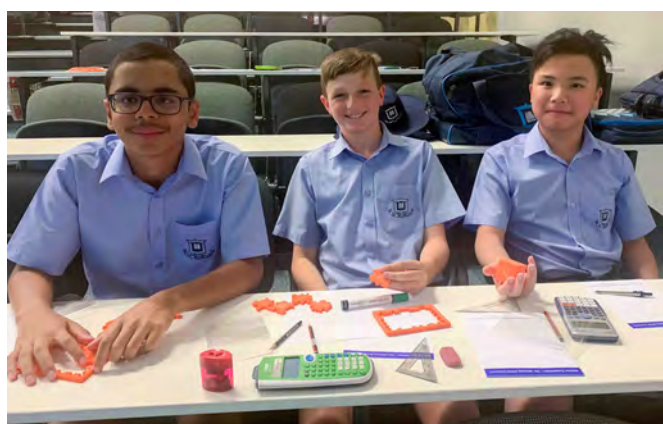
Striving for academic excellence by pursuing one's personal best is integral to academic progress. I encourage all students to work diligently over the next few weeks through the upcoming assessment period.

As Mr Steve Uscinski mentioned in last week's newsletter, the School's commitment to academic excellence can be traced back to the founding principle of providing a broad liberal education to the young men of Queensland. Our strong learning culture encourages students to engage collaboratively while challenging them to reach their potential. Co-curricular awards and ICAS High Distinction Certificate winners will be announced at assembly in Week 6.

It was an exciting week for our Year 8 students as they participated in their tie ceremonies. The ceremonies are an important part of the boys' transition to Senior School, symbolising the start of a new journey and the passing down of wisdom and tradition between generations.

School Captain Nick Miller and Vice Captains Noah Roseman and Tim Weber addressed the Year 8 students, sharing the history and symbolism of the tie. Year 9 students also attended to share their perspectives and provide some useful transition tips. Thank you to all who attended this special occasion. Photos of the ceremonies are on the following page.

Last week, Jaden Teow, Ed Thomas and Aryan Bakshi participated in the state final of the Queensland Association of Mathematics Teachers' Mathematics Quiz at The University of Queensland. I am delighted to report that the boys won this event and congratulate them on this wonderful achievement.



On Friday, our last 2019 interwing event was held at Centenary Pool. The interwing swimming carnival is a hotly contested event, and North Wing was victorious. It was pleasing to see high participation and good sportsmanship on show throughout the day.

Thank you to Mr Glenn McFarlane for his meticulous preparation and organisation, which ensured all boys had the opportunity to participate.



Middle School Sport

Interwing Swimming

The final interwing event of the year, the Swimming carnival, was held at Centenary Pool last Friday. It was a great day of friendly competition with hint of serious rivalry.

Following this year's trend, North Wing was unmatched in competitor numbers and converted this advantage into another win.

The final placings for the day were North, West, South and East, respectively. This gives the boys of the North a clean sweep of all 2019 events. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Track and Field

I was impressed to see the number of Middle School boys who spent all day at the Swimming carnival then competed in the combined BGS and BBC Track and Field meet at UQ last Friday night. The boys' desire to fine-tune preparations at this meet was rewarded with a string of excellent performances at the Junior GPS Championships at Nudgee College on Thursday.

Congratulations to all team members on placing fifth placing at the GPS championship, and a special mention to the boys who achieved a personal best performance on the day.

I acknowledge some wonderful individual performances, including George Collins who won the 12 years Division 2 High Jump and Tom Gulliver who won the 12 years Division 5 200m. Congratulations to the 12 years Division 2 100m Relay team of Henry Slatter, Charlie Renshaw, Max Romer and Nick Scott, who had an impressive win.

Good luck to all boys competing in the Senior GPS Track and Field Championship events this weekend.

2020 Term 1

Training is well underway for next year's Term 1 co-curricular activities, with Cricket, Rowing, Swimming and Volleyball preseason sessions underway. These sessions are advertised in the Daily Bulletin and on MyGrammar. Boys must sign up and attend preseason opportunities as soon as they can.

Good luck to all cricketers competing in the Powderfinger Cup matches next week as we look to improve on last year's results.

Glenn McFarlane

Director of Middle School Sport

The Great Book Swap

Indigenous Literacy Day 2019

The Year 5 Public Purpose Committee is again supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The foundation provides books and literacy resources to remote Indigenous communities and raises community awareness of Indigenous literacy issues.

This year, we are running the Great Book Swap for Years 5 and 6 students at lunchtime on Friday 22 November.

How it works:

- Students bring in books that others will appreciate. Books must be in good condition and of reasonable quality.
- For each book they want to swap, students need to make a \$2 donation.
- For each book they bring in, students will receive a swap voucher, allowing them entry to the book swap. Boys can swap the same number of books as they provided. If a student brings in three books, he can swap them for three books, and it will cost him \$6.

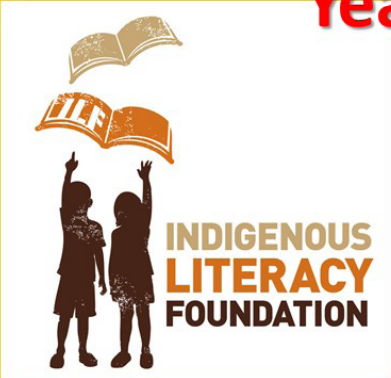
We will start collecting next **Monday 4 November**. Books and money are to be brought in by **Thursday 21 November**.

Books can be brought to our collection point outside the Middle School Office between 8.00am and 8.20am each morning. Student details will be recorded for the swap vouchers. Vouchers will then be given out on the day of the Great Book Swap.

Please encourage your sons to get on board. We hope to make this our best year for this very important cause.

Justin Shears

Coordinator of Year 5 Public Purpose




INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION


Years 5 & 6 GREAT BOOK SWAP

FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER (Week 7)

Imagine if you could not read the newspaper, instructions on medication, or read the time on a digital clock. This is reality for some in over 250 remote Indigenous communities.



Helping Big Kids



Helping Little Kids

All proceeds go to help Indigenous children develop reading skills!

To help these children, bring in books and \$2 per book to Middle School Office (8:00-8:15am)!

Middle School Book Fair

This year, our Book Fair will run from Monday 4 – Friday 8 November in the Middle School Library. With Christmas approaching, this is a fantastic opportunity to acquire the latest titles or some old favourites. There will also be a range of gift merchandise.

Boys will be able to shop before school, at lunch and after school until around 3.30pm. Parents are welcome to drop in during the day as well.

Books and other items are supplied by Dymocks Brisbane, with new stock arriving daily. Please contact vicki.palmer@brisbanegrammar.com if you have any questions.

Vicki Palmer
Teacher Librarian



Monday – Friday
Week 5
4 - 8 November

**You will be able to
purchase books in the
Middle School Library.**

Lots of fun things to buy!

Pay by cash or card.

**Books and items provided by
Dymocks Brisbane**

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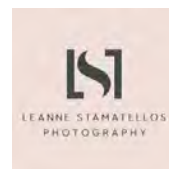
2019 Spring LUNCHEON

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Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 4 November 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 Five	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 4 November	Sharne Tierney	Louise Rosemann (Team Captain)	Anna Maria Sciacca
Tuesday 5 November	Helana Barrientos	Judith Edmunds (Team Captain)	Sam Harris
Wednesday 6 November	Vanessa Simpson Leta Demspey	Catriona Labrom (Team Captain)	Fiona Brockhurst
Thursday 7 November	Julia Long Donna Schultz Bronwyn Jerrard	Christine Matheson (Team Captain)	Alison McConaghy
Friday 8 November	Alice Chiang Yeni Cook Sirie Palmos	Andrea Hurwood (Team Captain)	Janelle Munns

2019 Calendar

Term 4

Tuesday 8 October – Friday 29 November

Upcoming Events

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.

Tuckshop

Thank you to the P&F Auxiliary and the Advancement and Community Relations Events team for a wonderful Spring Luncheon last Friday. It was lovely to see 602 ladies in attendance, with many familiar faces.

It has been another big week in the Tuckshop as we farewelled more Year 12 mums. A special thank you to Simone Muller and Lee Perkins two volunteered at BGS for an outstanding 13 and 14 years respectively. Thank you also to the boys who wrote special notes to their mums; it was a treasured moment.



Blazer Embroidery

To check when your blazer is ready for collection, please visit [MyGrammar > P&F Auxiliary > Uniforms > Embroidered item pick up list](#). Payment can be made at the Grammar Shop.

Year 8 Senior School 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.

Grammar Shop Opening Hours

The Grammar Shop will continue regular hours until Tuesday 26 November, after which it will close for stocktake and the holidays.

The Grammar Shop re-opens the week before school commences next year, from Tuesday 21 January – Thursday 23 January. The shop will be open between 7.30am – 11.00am on these days.

On Friday 24 January, the Grammar Shop will only be open to students based outside of Brisbane.

The Grammar Shop will re-open for general business on Tuesday 28 January ready for 2020 Term 1.

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.

BGS150 History Book Purchase now



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

Brisbane Grammar School Music Support Group

CHRISTMAS 2019 SALMON DRIVE

Fresh and Premium Tasmanian Smoked Salmon \$50 per 1kg pack

Each resealable pack contains a salmon fillet of exactly 1kg that is pre-sliced and vacuum-sealed to ensure absolute freshness. Salmon can be refrigerated for up to 3 weeks or frozen for up to a year.

ORDER NOW

ORDERS CLOSE: Sunday 17 November

Payment by direct debit or cheque made payable to "BGS Music Support Group"

COLLECTION

3pm - 6pm Wednesday 27 November from the BGS Tuckshop.

ENQUIRIES

Tammy: tamal@bigpond.com / 0409 032 047 or Karen: ktseifert@hotmail.com / 0437 551 861

Return the form below to the music office OR by email to tamal@bigpond.com

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NUMBER OF PACKS:

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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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

Friday 22 November

Time

7.00am to 8.30am

Tickets

\$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

Dr Greg Malone

T 0422 996 962 **E** gmalone@brisbaneurologyclinic.com.au

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T 61 7 3834 5741 **E** communityrelations@brisbanegrammar.com

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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 9 Parent Casual Morning Tea



**You are invited to join fellow Year 9 parents
for a casual morning tea.**

Date

Friday 15 November 2019

Time

7.30am - 10.00am

Venue

The Garden Room, 1 Parkland Boulevard, Roma Street Parklands

Morning tea at guest's own expense

RSVP here

by Wednesday 13 November

**For more information please contact
Year 9 Parent Representative:**

Wendy Ricato

E wendy.ricato4@outlook.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 10 Parent Casual Morning Tea



**You are invited to join fellow Year 10 parents
for a casual morning tea.**

Date

Friday 15 November 2019

Time

8.30am - 10.30am

Venue

Buzz Bistro, Gasworks Plaza, 76 Skyring Terrace, Newstead

Morning tea at guest's own expense

RSVP here

by Tuesday 12 November

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

Gemma Ruddell / Melina Vrettos

E gemmaruddell@hotmail.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 7 Parent Casual Morning Tea



**You are invited to join fellow Year 7 parents
for a casual morning tea.**

Date

Thursday 21 November 2019

Time

8.30am - 10.30am

Venue

The Garden Room, 1 Parkland Boulevard, Roma Street Parklands

Morning tea at guest's own expense

RSVP here

by Monday 18 November

**For more information please contact
Year 7 Parent Representative:**

Rachel Emery

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BGS SWIMMING

JUNIOR CLINIC (Y5 - Y7)

2020



22 - 24 JANUARY 2020
BGS POOL

FOCUSING ON TECHNIQUE, FITNESS AND SPRINT SKILLS

The clinic is open to all boys who are in Year 5, 6 & 7 at BGS in 2020.

The intensive swimming week is an excellent opportunity for boys who are interested in trying out for the Swimming Team and kick starting their preparations.

It also gives any new boys coming into the BGS community, a chance to familiarize themselves with the school and some of the staff and students.

The sessions will involve stroke technique work in the pool, dry land training and race practice. Breakfast will be provided for all the swimmers at 8.00am each morning. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Matt Logan - (07) 3834 5337.



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Sessions and Breakfast Daily



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**6.30AM - 8.30AM
BGS INDOOR POOL**



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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SWIMMING CAMP 2020



20 – 22 JANUARY 2020
KAWANA, SUNSHINE COAST

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.



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