



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Newsletter

Week 10 Term 3

Friday 20 September 2019



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Outdoor Music Concert



Top Geography Results

Headmaster

Anthony Micallef

This week we complete Term 3, and the boys and their teachers will enjoy a well-earned break after another busy term. Two weeks ago, our senior students completed the final Queensland Core Skills Test. QCS Tests are used to moderate their end of year results for tertiary entrance rankings. Our Dean of Studies Mr Mark Schumann did a sterling job preparing the boys for this examination. I congratulate our seniors on their responsible preparation and their positive team spirit. Our student leaders' efforts and positive influences are also greatly appreciated.



While the vacation is an opportunity for students to relax after a busy term, it is also important for senior students to consolidate their learning to finish their senior courses strongly. Every senior may still improve his current academic position with the tests and assignments yet to come. The OP score provides students access to tertiary courses; the better a student's OP score, the broader range of tertiary options he has. Our Student Services Department has provided ample information to senior students about tertiary entrance. Each senior should complete his first round preferences online before the end of the holidays.

Three of the School's core values are the advantages of hard work, pushing the limits of students' ability and getting involved in all aspects of the community. Each was on display this term.

First, the Year 12s set a great academic example with their serious preparation and performance in the QCS Test environment.

Second, I admired the persistence of the Basketball and Rugby players who did not neglect responsibility when faced with difficult challenges. Players continued to commit time and energy to training for each fixture.

Third, Year 12 students Ben Hains and Harry Barker (Rugby) and Sebastian Porras and Nick Athanasiou (Basketball), have been great role models. Their best achievements were not leading their team to victory, but leading each program with great mettle and dignity.

I also congratulate our Chess community on a highly successful GPS season resulting in a victory in the Premier division last Friday.

Planned and incidental events this term have reminded me that service and history play an important role in our community. Our School's reputation and character benefits from the decent and thoughtful acts of our community members. I recently received letters from the public thanking BGS boys for acts of unsolicited generosity and kindness. I won't disclose names, but I hope their behaviours are typical of the students whose actions I do not see or hear about.

Term 3 has been very constructive and worthwhile. I thank staff and students involved in the Co-Curricular program this term. It has been a full agenda for the Music, Debating, Chess, Drama, Art, Rugby and Basketball programs. I hope you all have a restful and safe holiday. After a challenging term, we wish the Year 12s a very enjoyable formal on Friday evening.

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mark Corgat

Composition of the Board of Trustees

The term of the School's current Board of Trustees is due to expire on Monday 15 June 2020. The Board may comprise up to nine Trustees, three of whom are elected by eligible BGS donors and the remainder nominated by the Education Minister. The Trustees generally hold office for a term of four years.

Persons interested in seeking election to the Board should note the election processes, timetable and eligibility which can be accessed on the BGS website [here](#). This also includes information on eligibility to vote in the election.

Persons who are interested in seeking nomination by the Education Minister may declare their interest to the Board Secretary, any Trustee, or directly to the Minister's Office. The current Board encourages and welcomes diversity in its membership.

The appointment of the School's Board of Trustees is governed by State legislation (including the Grammar Schools Act 2019).

The key dates in the Trustee election process are listed below:

28 October 2019	Request electors to update contact details
25 November 2019	Roll of Electors finalised
25 November 2019	Communication to electors calling for nominations
3 February 2020	Closing date for nominations
10 February 2020	Ballot papers distributed (if more than three nominations received)
9 March 2020	Election day
10 March 2020	Elections results determined and announced
10 March 2020	Candidates proposed for Ministerial appointment
15 June 2020	Term of current Board terminates

Traffic Management Update

In response to the feedback from both the parent survey and the School's traffic engineers, BGS and BGGS have arranged a joint meeting with our local Councillor to present proposed infrastructural changes to further improve safety and traffic flow around our schools.

Coincidentally, Brisbane City Council is undertaking works to upgrade the Gregory Terrace and Boundary Street intersection in Spring Hill, to improve safety as part of the Australian Government Black Spot Program.

The project involves:

- converting existing filtered right-turns to fully controlled right-turns at both approaches from Gregory Terrace into Boundary Street;
- extending the right-turn lane from Gregory Terrace into Boundary Street (Brisbane Grammar School) by removing the existing median;
- upgrading pedestrian kerb ramps across Boundary Street on the eastern side of the intersection; and
- providing additional cycle lane line markings on Gregory Terrace.

Construction is scheduled to start Saturday 22 September 2019 and is expected to be completed by Thursday 10 October 2019. The majority of works will take place between 7.00pm and 5.00am, Sunday to Thursday.

Parents should anticipate changed traffic light conditions at the start of Term 4.

Mark Corgat

Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Chief Financial Officer

Did you know?

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

Our
2020
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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Child Safe School Environment

Thank you to those who contacted me about my Week 8 newsletter article outlining the School's Child Safe School Environment Framework. A video presentation explaining the framework will be available on MyGrammar early in Term 4.

To maintain a safe environment, BGS staff are conscientious about questioning visitors without identification. If you are at school for an interview with a Middle School staff member, then you are required to sign in at the Middle School office. Those visiting staff in the Senior School are required to sign in at the main reception. If your meeting is outside of normal office hours, the staff member you are meeting with may make other arrangements. Parents attending major events such as parent-teacher interviews, parent information evenings or drama performances are not required to sign in.

If you are a volunteer at school or are here to attend P&F Auxiliary meetings, please wear the name badge provided by the P&F Auxiliary. Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Term 4 Arrangements

Term 4 commences on Tuesday 8 October and boys must return to school in their summer uniform. In the Senior School, the end of the day time shifts from 3.00pm to 3.10pm. Please check during the holidays that your son's shirts still fit and ensure that he returns with the correct hairstyle and his hat. All information regarding hairstyle is in the year level section on MyGrammar.

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

My years of experience tells me there is never a quiet term in boarding, but Term 3 posed some significant challenges.

The QCS Test season and trial examinations for boys in Years 11 and 12 required sustained momentum. A quick glance around the Dining Room last evening confirmed that we are all ready for a well-earned break.

To round off the term, this week we have the boarders v day boys touch rugby game; the Year 12 Formal; a film and pizza celebration; and preparations for the Year 10 Cambodia service immersion in the holidays.

In response to parents' feedback over the mid-year break, we have strengthened our management of portable technology this term. Thanks to the parents who took the time to respond to that questionnaire.

We have made prep a phone-free zone, and our Middle School boarders have an activity-rich Sunday morning that doesn't allow for any technology. Boys initially resisted these changes, but now accept they need to be active and to sleep well. We will continue to review our policy and welcome feedback.

The arrival of the Harlin House polo shirts caused much excitement in mid-August. They have been designed by the committee. Boys have worn them enthusiastically at dinner, a Middle School basketball festival, the odd rugby session, and quite a few events in between.

At the end of this term, we farewell Mr Lachlan Johnstone from the boarding house. He has accepted a full-time teaching position in the Design Department at BGS and will focus on his teaching. We hope Mr Johnstone will join the Boarding Tutor team in the new year, further strengthening the relationship with the day school.

We also farewell Ryan Vardy, who will continue his studies on the Gold Coast. We thank Ryan for his contribution to our community, and especially his notable participation in our Swimming and Rugby programs.

In closing, a reminder that Harlin House opens for Term 4 at 12.30pm on Monday 7 October.

Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

This week, the 10C Outdoor Education program was affected by the hot and dry conditions that created a bushfire risk. We enacted the severe weather plan, and the class undertook alternative program activities. The boys enjoyed time on the water in inflatable rafts and completed an aquatic orienteering course. They camped out and completed a variation of the planned bushwalk to test their navigation and leadership skills.

Nate Robertson was a mature and respectful student. He was able to give thoughtful and specific feedback to others during the debrief and led by example. Hamish Goodwin was willing to step into a leadership role and keep his group on task during the student-led bushwalk. During the reflection, his peers acknowledged his ability to take on this role.

Joe Duncan and Robert Ekeledo-Smith maintained a positive attitude all week. They were willing to get involved in every aspect of the program, and their enthusiasm had a great impact on their group. Lucas Raaymakers faced challenges with a smile. He maintained positivity when challenged and was willing to put the needs of his group before his own.

Clancy Kelly was recognised by many peers for contributing to the group and demonstrating the values and virtues of leadership. Clancy was willing to ask for and offer advice during the navigation components of the week to complete the expedition and orienteering activities.

On Friday, the students spent time reflecting on the experiences they have had at Moogerah since Year 5. Robert Ekeledo-Smith felt he learned much about his peers and wrote:

“Over the past four years, Moogerah has meant a lot to me. It is always the highlight of my year, even when it was mid-assessment. I have always loved doing the long walks and sitting around the campsite with my mates. It is great finding out what my mates are like when they have to get their hands dirty, are pushed out of their comfort zone or when they lack sleep. These small things truly define friendships.”

Click to view the [10C photos](#) and [10C video](#) of the boys' experience.



Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

SchoolTV: Blended Families

Blended or stepfamilies present in a variety of forms. Today, the term blended family is more commonly used, opposed to stepfamily. While these terms are now used interchangeably, their original meanings differ slightly due to negative connotations associated with fairytale characters, such as the evil stepmother or stepsister.

The blended family is the fastest growing family dynamic in the world with one in five families now being blended. However, when families combine, it is rarely a smooth process. Some children resist change, and parents can become frustrated when the new family does not function in the same way.

For many step-parents, the biggest challenge lies in determining their role within the family. This process can be both rewarding and challenging. Children affected by the union of a new couple may not be excited at the prospect of becoming part of a new family. Blending families requires adjustment and patience from everyone involved.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will be provided guidelines of real expectations that can help their new family work through the growing pains. [This month's SchoolTV can be accessed here.](#)

Australian Geography Competition

Outstanding Results

Congratulations to the Brisbane Grammar School students who competed in the 2019 Australian Geography Competition. Students use important skills such as map reading, analysing graphic information, and aerial and satellite interpretation to complete questions.

With 76,000 entries nationwide, BGS placed first in Queensland and eighth in Australia. Of the 628 BGS students who undertook the competition, 13% obtained a high distinction. In addition, 46% of students obtained a credit or better.

Some individual results are also noteworthy. Oliver Schnitzerling achieved first in Queensland in Year 7, and James Murray and Edward Thomas tied first in Queensland in Year 8. Jacob Duncan (Year 9), Tom Macpherson (Year 9) and Simon Gong (Year 10) placed in the top 1% in Australia.

Thanks to the Geography Department for invigilating the competition and for the teaching and learning experiences that have enabled student success.

Amanda Hart
Head of Geography



Literary Competitions

We are pleased to share some news about student achievement in the annual IEUA-QNT / ETAQ Literary Competition. This is a state-wide competition organised by the Independent Education Union and the English Teachers Association of Queensland, and supported by James Cook University and Penguin Random House Australia.

Congratulations to the following boys who will be presented with their awards at a special ceremony on Wednesday 16 October:

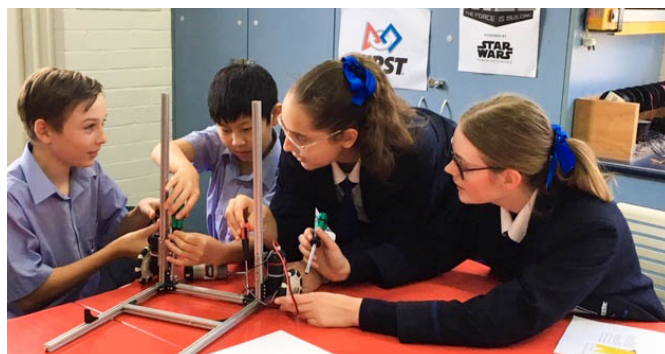
Category	Award	Name
Short Story (Years 5 to 6)	Second Place	Chayse Sheather (5A)
Short Story (Years 7 to 8)	Highly Commended	Sze Yong Ng (8G)

For students in Years 9 to 12, entries for the BGS Grammar Literary Competition must be uploaded by **Friday 11 October**. Prizes for each category are awarded at Speech Day. More information is available in each year level's English course.

Greg Howes
Head of English

FTC Robotics Season Launch

Brisbane Grammar School has two robotics teams competing in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC). Two weeks ago, we welcomed Brisbane Girls Grammar School students to join our teams. This partnership has already proved beneficial, as our co-ed teams are working creatively to solve our latest competition goals.



This season's challenge is called SKYSTONESM. FTC has partnered with Lucasfilm and parent company Disney to create a very challenging Star Wars competition. In SKYSTONESM, our mission is to create a structure that 'pushes into the skies' to represent our team alliance. Our robots help us overcome obstacles that stand in our path to 'building a superstructure of the future'.

The [game launch video](#) helps to explain some of the complexity of the new competition. Our teams will use a two-volume game manual to plan and prepare before we commit to building our first prototype robots.

Last week, two team members attended the FTC Queensland Captains and Coaches Day. Students and coaches from South East Queensland attended a day-long event where we built the playing field, explored the complexities of the competition and had a workshop with the competition referee.

We also had a look Team Australia's working robot they are taking to Dubai for the FIRST Global Challenge in October. This robot and team will represent Australia against 170 teams from around the world. It was inspirational to see this high-level robot in action.

We look forward to building our robots and developing collaboration skills with our colleagues from Brisbane Girls Grammar School during the season.

Mr Simon Canfield
FTC Robotics Coach

Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

It is often not until the end that we learn and appreciate the scope, value and impact of our endeavours. This was evident on Saturday evening, when we celebrated our Basketball and Rugby seasons. It was rewarding and encouraging to talk with boys and parents about their experiences this term; scores were rarely mentioned, the quality of Co-Curricular experiences was central and the relationships fostered through the season were obvious.

Boys cheered as their coaches received awards, and coaches looked on with pride as their teams were recognised for their achievements and involvement. Senior boys were honoured in their final year competing, and they expressed sentiments that their time in the program had rushed by too quickly.

On Friday evening, along with the Headmaster, I had the pleasure of watching our Chess students compete in their final GPS fixture of the year. With all GPS Chess students playing together in the one venue, our Premier team had the pressure applied by Toowoomba Grammar School, narrowly taking the results to secure an undefeated 2019 GPS Chess Premiership for BGS.



I commend all our Co-Curricular leaders, teachers, coaches, parents and students for their efforts across a demanding and rewarding term.

I hope the holidays bring a period of restoration ahead of the excitement, celebration and preparations throughout Term 4.

Chess

GPS Undefeated Premiers

The GPS Chess season concluded on Friday 13 September with all schools playing their final games at Churchie. With a win over Toowoomba Grammar School, the BGS Premier Team (pictured below) of Nadula Tennakoon, Tony Zhong, SzeYong Ng and Jaden Teow finished the season as undefeated GPS Premiers. This is a magnificent achievement.

The Open C team of Nhan Nguyen, Joshua Wong, Oliver Bieber and George Butler and the Open E team of Oliver Christie, Sam Wolrige, Roc Woodhouse and Max Fuller also finished first in their divisions.

GPS Chess Team Placings	
Premier Team	1st Place
Senior Team	3rd Place
Junior Team	6th Place
Open A Team	3rd Place
Open B Team	2nd Place
Open C Team	1st Place
Open D Team	2nd Place
Open E Team	1st Place
Open F Team	2nd Place

Congratulations to all members of the squad. Thank you to our coaches Tom Maguire, Tom Yang and Nelson Guo for their efforts throughout the season; our chess Captain and Vice Captain Saravanan Somasundaram and Karan Kanwar for their leadership; and Mrs Cathy Oxley and Mr Jay Taylor for their hard work and support.

Peter Brunckhorst MiC Chess



Rowing

Registration Closing Today | 2020 GPS Rowing Season

Sign-up for the 2020 Rowing Season is still available. Boys currently in Years 7 to 11 are invited to sign on.

More information about BGS Rowing is available on MyGrammar. After sign-up, you will receive updates with information about the Rowing season.

Registration closes today, Friday 20 September.

[Click here to sign-up for the 2020 Rowing Season.](#)

Skills Development | Thursday 3 October – Friday 4 October | 8.00am – 3.00pm

Boys currently in Years 9 to 11 are invited to our skill development sessions, held during the school holidays. This will be the first opportunity for the boys to meet their coaches and get together as a team ahead of the 2020 GPS Rowing season.

Sessions will focus on technical learning and skill acquisition. They will run from 8.00am – 3.00pm on Thursday 3 October and Friday 4 October.

Shed Inductions | Saturday 5 October and Sunday 6 October | 8.00am – 3.00pm

Boys in Years 7 to 8 and their parents are invited to our shed inductions, held on the last weekend of the September holidays. The inductions will give boys an opportunity to see the shed and to learn procedures before commencing in Term 4.

Year 8 shed inductions will be held on Saturday 5 October from 8.00am – 3.00pm. **Year 7 shed inductions** will be held on Sunday 6 October from 8.00am – 3.00pm.

Tipperoo River Party | Save the Date | Saturday 19 October | 7.00pm

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

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

Matt Marden
Director of Rowing

Swimming

GPS Swimming Training

I have been pleased to see so many BGS swimmers training at school over the winter season. BGS Swimming will have a large contingent at the Brisbane Open Water Championships at Kawana Waters during the September holidays.

We encourage swimmers interested in the upcoming GPS season to start swimming training as early as possible. Term 4 GPS Swimming training times are listed below. If these times clash with other co-curricular commitments, please see Mr Logan to discuss alternative training times.

All swimmers who will be in Years 7 to 12 next year and want to be part of the GPS team should attend the annual swimming camp in the Christmas holidays. Please see the attached flyer for registration details.

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

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

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 school holidays (Monday 20 January – Wednesday 22 January 2020). The camp provides essential preparation for boys who want to try out for the 2020 GPS Swimming Team. All swimmers in Years 7 to 12 (2020) are invited to attend. The camp includes pool sessions, beach visits and other activities.

Please see the [attached flyer](#) or MyGrammar for further information for the camp. Registrations close on Friday 15 November 2019.

Matt Logan
MiC Swimming

Basketball

BGS First V Results

In Round 9, the First V took on a vastly improved Toowoomba Grammar School team. The boys were well prepared for the match following a strong week of preparation, despite a few line-up changes due to injuries.

The BGS First V had another strong start to the game, securing several early rebounds and executing defensive sequences to slow down the TGS team. The cause was helped by aggressive drives to the basket, the efforts of the guards and timely mid-range floaters in transition.

Toowoomba responded to our early efforts by funnelling the ball to their 6'10 interior presence, who performed efficiently for TGS. Despite the best efforts of the BGS team, TGS secured the victory.

Congratulations to the boys in the *light dark blue*, who endeavoured to see out the end of the season with their best overall game and their highest points scored.

Thank you to all of the boys, especially Captain of Basketball Seb Porras and Vice Captain of Basketball Nick Athanasiou. Thank you also to the parents, coaches, the Hardwood Club and the BGS Senior Leadership Team for their support throughout the 2019 GPS Basketball season.

Darrington Overstreet
Director of Basketball

Captain's Corner

BGS had a successful final round against TGS, winning 22 of the 37 games played.

There were many impressive games on the day, but the Second V stood out. They were neck-and-neck the entire match, before pulling away in the final minute following crucial rebounds and free throws.

The First V performance was the best team effort of the season. Ned Brassil and Lachlan MacNicol were strong performers on the day, both breaking the press with ease resulting in many points from our attack. While we did not win, the team came out with the right mindset, finishing the season with determination and grit.

I would like to thank Headmaster Mr Micallef, the Senior Leadership Team, Head Coach and Director of Basketball Darrington Overstreet and MiC Mrs Eveleigh for giving Nick and myself the privilege of leading BGS Basketball this year. I look forward to seeing the future of the program and wish the best of luck to boys competing next year.

Captain of Basketball
Sebastian Porras

Track and Field

Well done to all boys who competed in the relay event at Nudgee College last week.

I recently talked to the boys about holiday training and encouraged all students to attend all Term 4 meets. These meets are essential to practice competition strategies and preparation. They also help us select the team. With only two individual meets and a BGS-only meet remaining, it is important we build as a team towards the championships.

Training for all squad members is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the second week of the holidays at the UQ track from 9.00am to 10.30am. All disciplines will be catered for. The cost of training is \$5.

Upcoming Events

Monday 30 September, Wednesday 2 October and Friday 4 October | BGS Track and Field Training Camp

Cost of \$5 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, good luck.

Section	Heats	Finals
Piano	N/A	Friday 18 October
Percussion	Monday 14 October – Wednesday 16 October	Tuesday 22 October
Woodwind	Monday 14 October – Wednesday 16 October	Tuesday 22 October
Drum Kit	N/A	Wednesday 23 October
Guitar	N/A	Wednesday 23 October
Brass	Tuesday 15 October – Thursday 17 October	Thursday 24 October
Vocal	Tuesday 15 October – Thursday 17 October	Thursday 24 October

Sing and Swing | Sunday 20 October | 4.00pm

This year, the Music Department has been aiming to add variety to our musical offerings with different sections of the program collaborating in concert.

Early next term, the Choirs and Jazz Bands will come together to present *Sing and Swing*. This concert will be a casual affair and will replace the two regular concerts: the *Jazz Afternoon* and *Singing for your Supper*. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own refreshments and enjoy some fine music. Tables and chairs will be provided, but picnic blankets are most welcome.

The performance will be held at 4.00pm Sunday 20 October on the Cricket Nets near BGS Oval No. 2. This space, now known as The Sound Shed, offers plenty of covered areas and room for audiences.

The following bands will perform at the concert:

- Big Band
- Parker Jazz Band
- Morrison Jazz Band
- Basie Jazz Band
- Grammar Vocal Ensemble
- Vocal Group
- Grammarphones
- Chamber Choir
- Grammar Voices

There will be a distinctly jazz flavour to the music, with the choirs exploring jazz repertoire ranging from beautiful ballads to snappy classics. Our Jazz Bands will continue to entertain with their wide selection of Big Band repertoire. The afternoon will also feature combined performances.

Thanks to the Music Support Group, our performers will be supported by new band risers and a professional sound engineer to ensure everyone can see and hear properly.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Peter Ingram
Head of Music

Junior Dramatic Production

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS A JUNIOR DRAMATIC PRODUCTION

TRICK OR TREAT

A DARK COMEDY 🎃 BGS THEATRE 🎃 OCT 31 – NOV 1 🎃 7PM

A YEAR 9 AND 10 PRODUCTION



The cast and crew of the Junior Dramatic Production (Years 9 and 10 students) have been working hard over the past few weeks advancing their skills in dramatic, heightened and satirical performance. In our final rehearsals before the holiday break, we have applied Physical Theatre techniques to reimagine an old ghost tale *Hide and Seek*. Our technical team and creatives will create the set over the holidays, which will fully encapsulate the Halloween aesthetic.

Next term, we are excited to challenge the cast as they refine their acting skills, build in dynamic transitions, and incorporate the audiovisual elements to bring the 'trick' in trick-or-treat to life.



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

Dates | Thursday 31 October and Friday 1 November

Time | 7.00pm

Venue | BGS Theatre

Cost | \$15

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

Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

Today's assembly highlighted the broad range of experiences available to our Middle School boys. Acknowledging various achievements was a wonderful way to conclude Term 3. We were delighted to acknowledge the efforts of our young thespians for their contributions to the Middle School Dramatic Production. We also congratulated our geographers, who were awarded over 40 high distinctions and three joint first places in Queensland in the Australian Geography Competition. We presented our 'best and fairest' Rugby and Basketball recipients as well as those who achieved outstanding results in various Mathematics competitions. Finally, our September Grammar Man awards were presented to students across Years 5 to 8. Taking the time to acknowledge these special achievements is important and I congratulate all students who received these awards at today's assembly.

I also had the privilege of attending the end of season Basketball function last Saturday evening. It was wonderful to see a large number of Middle School boys involved in the Basketball program, and it was evident from the year group speeches that the boys thoroughly enjoyed the season. Thank you to our Assistant Head of Year 7 and MiC Basketball Mel Eveleigh for her tireless efforts in making the season an enjoyable and rewarding experience for our boys.

The Track and Field season is well underway. Those who were involved in Basketball and Rugby in Term 3 are welcome to join the Track and Field program as a Term 4 activity. Boys should now consider their Co-Curricular options for 2020 and look out for pre-season opportunities that arise throughout Term 4.

Our boys have been busy in all aspects of school life this term. I wish all Middle School students a relaxing and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing them on Tuesday 8 October.

Middle School Sport

Track and Field

With the completion of Basketball and Rugby, boys can now commit to frequent Track and Field training sessions. Only two invitational meets and one BGS only meet remain before the GPS championships. Athletes need to start preparing now if they have not already done so.

While the holidays are a time to recover, it is also an opportunity to prepare for next term's endeavour. Athletes should consider the BGS training sessions and home programs available on MyGrammar.

Basketball

Last Saturday, our boys finished the GPS Basketball season with another solid performance against Toowoomba Grammar School. Once again, our Year 8 boys led the way with high scoring performances.

On Saturday evening, we closed the 2019 Basketball season with award presentations in The Lilley Centre. It was wonderful to see a theme of gratitude throughout the boys' speeches. The Middle School players had a successful season, and the sport continues to grow in popularity.

Congratulations to MiC Basketball Mrs Mel Eveleigh on her enthusiastic leadership of the program. Thanks also to Director of Basketball and Head Coach Darrington Overstreet for his efforts in preparing our teams. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work by our parents, particularly those involved in the Hardwood Club, for their ongoing commitment to BGS Basketball.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
5A	GT	6A vs BGS 6C	BGS 6A	7A	TGS	8A	BGS
5B	GT	6B	TGS	7B	BGS	8B	BGS
5C vs BGS 6B	BGS 6B	6C	TGS	7C	BGS	8C	BGS
		6D vs BGS 6E	BGS 6D	7D vs BBC	BGS	8D vs NC	Draw
		6D vs BGS 5C	BGS 6D	7E vs BBC	BGS	8E vs NC	NC
		6E vs BBC 6D	BGS 6D				

Player of the Week							
5A	Tom McCredie	6A	Daniel Madhok	7A	Rushil Motomarri	8A	Weili Cao
5B	Harvey de Aboitiz	6B	Samuel Chan	7B	Sam Chappell	8B	Dylan Park
5C	Sahil Mohan	6C	Lachie Bellamy	7C	Nick Scott	8C	Oliver Buck
		6D	Johnny James	7D	Manul Jayasena	8D	Jo Gehrmann
		6D	Daniel Wu	7E	Jasper Gottliebse	8E	Orlando Bell-Bray
		6E	Michael Dore				

Rugby

Last Saturday, the 2019 GPS Rugby season closed with strong prospects in some year levels. I encourage boys to work hard next season to create competitive teams.

Congratulations to the 11A, 12A and 12B teams for ending the season with victories. The 12B game was one of the most impressive comeback performances of the year, overcoming a large deficit to win the match. I was impressed with the resolve and resilience of the boys.

The 2019 Rugby season produced many positives; boys were better prepared to play and the new grading system showed that with further adjustments, it will have the the desired outcome of keeping boys safer.

Thank you to Director of Rugby Phil Mooney and all coaching staff for their thorough preparation. I also acknowledge the incredible efforts of our Normanby Blues volunteers. The many volunteers at the medical room and the barbeque at Northgate shows our community at its collaborative best.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
11A	BGS	12A	BGS	13A	TGS
11B	TGS	12B	BGS	13B	TGS
11C	BBC				

Player of the Week					
11A	Lachlan Russell	12A	Xander Bourke	13A	Sam Forbes
11B	Cooper Wolski	12B	Aiden Lee	13B	Will O'Sullivan
11C	Max Uhlmann				

Chess

I would like to acknowledge Year 8 students Jaden Teow and Sze Yong Ng for their extraordinary GPS Chess season. The boys played Board 3 and Board 4 respectively in our Premier team, who were undefeated GPS Chess champions. This is a remarkable achievement for any student, but even more impressive given their age.

Glenn McFarlane

Director of Middle School Sport

Great Book Giveaway

There is something magnetic and irresistible about free books.

This week, our Library staff put out hundreds of books on tables outside The Lilley Centre, only for them to be quickly taken by students and staff. These books had been accumulating in The Lilley Centre basement over the past 10 years; we decided they needed to move on to better homes.

The timing of the book giveaway coincided with the Year 11 Quarantine – the boys browsed the tables whenever they needed a break from their studies. It was very rewarding to see boys surrounding the tables, looking at books, talking about books, comparing books, finding old favourites and then taking armloads and boxes of books home. We hope that during the holidays many of these great books will be enjoyed by a new generation of readers.

Cathy Oxley
Director of Information Services



Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 7 October 2019

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

Grammar Shop hours

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

Tuckshop hours

Weekdays 7.00am – 2.00pm

Week Three	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 7 October	Queen's Birthday Holiday		
Tuesday 8 October	Helana Barrientos	Judith Edmunds (Team Captain)	Sam Harris
Wednesday 9 October	Vanessa Simpson Leta Demspey	Catriona Labrom (Team Captain)	Fiona Brockhurst
Thursday 10 October	Julia Long Donna Schultz Bronwyn Jerrard	Christine Matheson (Team Captain)	Alison McConaghy
Friday 11 October	Alice Chiang Yeni Cook Sirie Palmos	Andrea Hurwood (Team Captain)	Janelle Munns

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

Connect – Care – Contribute

The P&F Auxiliary is a subcommittee of the P&F Association that facilitates fundraising and fosters parent fellowship and the sense of strong community that abounds at Brisbane Grammar School. All profits are returned to the School to enhance the experience for students and families.

Year 8 Senior Uniform Purchases

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

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

Term 4 Opening | Tuckshop and Grammar Shop

Both the Tuckshop and Grammar Shop will re-open on Tuesday 8 October, the first day back in Term 4.

Have a great break and see you next term.

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



Did you know?

Bursary recipients are reviewed annually to ensure eligibility.

Major Photo Day Thursday 10 October 2019

STATION 1 - CENTENARY HALL						STATION 2 - CENTENARY HALL						
Period	Time	Group	Group Size	MiC/Staff Required	Minutes	Period	Time	Group	Group Size	MiC/Staff Required	Minutes	
Before School	7.50am	Grammar Vocal Ensemble	95	Peter Ingram	20	Before School	8.00am	Scholarship Awardees	6	Anthony Micallef	10	
	8.10am	Grammar Symphony Orchestra	80	Alison Harbottle, Mark Sullivan	20		8.10am	Prefects		29	AEM, LC, TH, DC	10
Period 1 (8.30am)	8.10am					Period 1 (8.30am)	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 (8.30am)	8.50am	Grainger Concert Band	55	Jim Noble	15	Period 1 (8.30am)	8.40am	Senior DVD Committee	12	Andy Copeland	10	
	9.05am	Grammar Symphonic Band	55	Jim Noble	15		8.50am	Spirit Committee		4	Tim Holzgrefe	5
Period 2 (9.25am)	9.20am	Williams Concert Band	58	Philippa Robinson	15	Period 2 (9.25am)	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 (9.25am)	9.50am	Sousa Concert Band	40	Aileen Bryant	15	Period 2 (9.25am)	9.25am	Cooking Club		15	Lisa Whitcher	10
	10.05am	Clarinet Ensemble	8	Aileen Bryant	5		9.35am	Flute Ensemble		8	Philippa Robinson	5
M/T	10.10am	Chamber Choir	33	Bec Thomas	15	M/T	9.40am	Saxophone Ensemble		7	Philippa Robinson	5
	Photographer Break						9.45am	Stradivari Strings		39	Lynne Backstrom	15
Period 3 (10.45am)	10.45am	Double Reed Ensemble	9	Natasha Kalous	5	Period 3 (10.45am)	10.00am	Paganini Strings		27	Lynne Backstrom	10
	10.50am	Rowing Year 9 Second Quad	5		5		10.10am	Titration			Kerry Inder	10
Period 3 (10.45am)	10.55am	Strategic Games	35	David Hills	10	Period 3 (10.45am)	10.45am	Boom Percussion		12	Lucas Gordon	5
	11.05am	Vivaldi Strings	31	Alison Harbottle	10		10.50am	Senior Percussion		12	Lucas Gordon	5
Period 3 (10.45am)	11.15am	Tartini Strings	29	Alison Harbottle	10	Period 3 (10.45am)	10.55am	Junior Band		23	Lucas Gordon	10
	11.25am	Corelli Consort	24	Amy Phillips	10		11.05am	Crash Percussion Ensemble		11	Phil Usher	5
Period 4 (11.40am)	11.35am	Grammar Engineers	10	Gustav Joshi	5	Period 4 (11.40am)	11.10am	Junior Percussion Ensemble		12	Phil Usher	5
	11.40am	Aristotle Club	12	Jenny Tap	10		11.15am	Duke of Ed Participants		50	Kimberley Kovacevic	15
Period 4 (11.40am)	11.50am	State and National Reps	70	Ron Cochrane	20	Period 4 (11.40am)	11.30pm	Duke of Ed Awardees		6	Kimberley Kovacevic	5
	Photographer Break						11.35pm	Bridge Award		10	Casey Walker	5
Lunch (12.35pm)	12.35pm	Art Extension	25	Angela McCormack	10	Lunch (12.35pm)	Photographer Break					
	12.45pm	ISCF	50	Noël Chan/Ian Grice	15		12.35pm	IYPT		6	Noël Chan	5
Period 5 (1.20pm)	1.00pm	Physics Olympiad	21	Noël Chan	10	Period 5 (1.20pm)	12.40pm	Senior A Debating		6	Ainslie Hunter	5
	1.10pm	Year 5 Debating	54	Dominique Fitzgerald	15		12.45pm	Year 12 Debating		15	Ainslie Hunter	10
Period 5 (1.20pm)	1.25pm	Year 7 Debating	57	Dominique Fitzgerald	15	Period 5 (1.20pm)	12.55pm	Year 6 Debating		55	Dominique Fitzgerald	15
	1.40pm	Year 9 Debating	45	Ainslie Hunter	15		1.10pm	Year 10 Debating		70	Ainslie Hunter	20
Period 5 (1.20pm)	1.55pm	Year 11 Debating	35	Ainslie Hunter	15	Period 5 (1.20pm)	1.30pm	Year 8 Debating		40	Ainslie Hunter	15
							1.45pm	Make: Clubs*		60	Jamie Foulger et al	20

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.

* Robotics, mechatronics, coding, lunchbox, lapidary, the shed



2019
Spring
LUNCHEON

Friday
25 October

Main Auditorium
Brisbane City Hall

11.30am
to 3.00pm

Ticket Price
\$115

RSVP – Payments close 5.00pm
Friday 17 October 2019



PURCHASE TICKETS



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 12 Senior Formal Parent Function



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

Date

Friday 20 September

Time

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



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Rowing

River Party 2019



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

Date

Saturday 19 October 2019

Time

7.00pm til late

Venue

BGS Boatshed

Dress

Cocktail/ Smart Casual

Cost

\$80.00 per person

RSVP here

by Saturday 12 October

BGS Rowing is proudly supported by



Tipperoo Support Group

Anne Clifton - BGS Rowing Events Coordinator

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Sing and Swing

Spring 2019

4.00pm Sunday 20 October
Cricket Nets near BGS Oval No. 2

featuring BGS Choirs and Jazz Bands in a relaxed outdoor concert

*Pack a picnic for the
whole family and join us
for a delightful
spring evening
of jazz!*





BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS

TRICK OR TREAT

BGS THEATRE 🎃 NOVEMBER 1 🎃 7PM

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

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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