



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Anthony Micallef

New Era for BGS and BGGs Rowing

I am pleased to inform the community of an exciting development for the Rowing programs at BGS and BGGs. For many years, our two schools have shared the Rowing shed at West End, with boys rowing for their GPS season in Terms 4 and 1, and the girls utilising this resource over their competitive season in Terms 2 and 3.

In a show of collaboration, the two schools will be funding the construction of a new larger pontoon, which will replace the existing facility. With two new ramps and an improved, safer surface, this cutting-edge design will reduce the time rowers spend getting boats on and off the water during training sessions, leaving more time for training and timely return to the respective school campuses for the start of the academic day.

The cost of this project will be shared fairly between the two schools, with each school covering a third of the costs. The BGS Rowing support group Tipperoo, and the BGGs Rowing Support Group will engage in fundraising to contribute the remaining third.

I would like to thank BGGs Rowing Coordinator Mrs Sallie Callie, BGS Rowing Director Mr Matt Marden and the committees of both school support groups for their cooperation and contribution to this project, which will herald a new era for BGS Rowing.

Board of Trustees Election 2020 – Update

The term of the School's current Board of Trustees is due to expire on Monday 15 June 2020. The Board can 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.

Details of the election process are available [here](#).

More than three nominations for the election were received by the closing date of 3 February 2020 and consequently, a ballot will be performed. Voting papers will be posted to eligible persons on Monday 10 February 2020 and the count of votes will be performed on Tuesday 10 March 2020. The results of the election will be communicated as soon as practicable after the count has been performed.

Mark Corgat
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

2020 Fee Accounts

2020 Fee Accounts were emailed to all parents on Friday 13 December 2019. Please check your junk folder if you do not recall seeing it.

First instalments are due on or before Monday 17 February 2020. If you are paying your account in full to receive the 4% discount, payment must be received by this date. Your account will be adjusted accordingly if payment is not received.

Please contact BGS Accounts if you have any questions.

Kay Goodwin
Director of Finance

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Each summer break, I enjoy visiting my wife's farming family in Toowoomba. As they are a farming family, this allows me to engage with the running of a farm. For those who work on the land, recent years have been challenging because of the drought. I hope that the recent rain and the longterm prediction of more rain eases the suffering for Australian farmers.

On a much smaller scale, I have seen the transition of my lawn and garden over the last few weeks. The quantity of rain has changed the brown spaces into thick green grass that changes the whole dynamic of our outdoor spaces. It requires a little bit of extra work, but the impact it has on my house and the others in my neighbourhood is significant.

I shared this sentiment with senior students on their first day of school last week. The most influential group in our school each year is the senior cohort; they set the tone and drive the engagement of other students at many levels. I believe the School's consistent success is largely a result of the example set by our seniors.

At today's assembly, we inducted the Class of 2020 and recognised the School and Harlin House Prefects. It was delightful to have the parents of our Prefects present to witness this important occasion. I reminded all seniors that leadership at Brisbane Grammar School is a form of service. It requires a commitment to others and an understanding of other-centred actions.

The 2020 Form Seniors will be inducted at future Middle School and Senior School Assemblies. This group of young leaders will work with younger students during Tutor Groups, Student Wellbeing lessons and break times. The goal, as always, will be to connect boys to the community to help them feel safe and supported.

I wish to congratulate all senior students as they start their final year. In particular, I want to acknowledge the School Prefects, Harlin House Prefects and Form Tutors for their leadership responsibilities. I do not doubt that under the leadership of Head of Year Mr Nick Holland, Assistant Head of Year Ms Sarah McDonald and the Year 12 Form Tutors, the Class of 2020 will enhance our community in a way that reflects a connection to the past and a sense of innovation for the future.

Before the start of the school year, the Prefects gathered to plan for 2020. Under the guidance of School Captain William Hay, Vice Captain Will Chapman, Vice Captain and Harlin House Captain Alex MacGibbon and Harlin House Vice Captain Stephen Baronio, they developed the theme for 2020. In the School Captain's inaugural speech to the community, William Hay outlined the cohort's theme, *We Rise*. He spoke brilliantly about why they chose this statement and how it will connect the community. I encourage you to read his Captain's Corner article later in this newsletter..

Finally, I wish to congratulate the BGS Volleyball flagship team that was also announced at assembly today.

Parent Information Evenings | Date Claimers

Year 9	Thursday 13 February 6.00pm The Lilley Centre Forum
Year 10	Tuesday 28 April 5.00pm To be confirmed
Year 11	Monday 10 February 6.00pm The Lilley Centre Forum
Year 12	Wednesday 12 February 5.30pm The Lilley Centre Forum

Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Year 12 Studies and Tertiary Information Evening | Monday 16 March

The Year 12 Studies and Tertiary Information Evening for **Year 12 parents only** is on Monday 16 March commencing at 5.30pm in The Lilley Centre Forum.

The Schedule for the evening is as follows:

- Deputy Headmaster – Teaching and Learning Steve Uscinski will provide an overview of the senior program including assessment, external exams the new QCE and ATAR.
- Director of Student Services Dale Nicholas will provide an overview of the tertiary preparation program at Brisbane Grammar School, including information on services available to students and parents.

Year 12 parents are asked to RSVP via email to PA to the Deputy Headmaster – Teaching and Learning at Rochelle.Lynch@brisbanegrammar.com.

Dean of Curriculum

Greg Dablestein

Year 7 Tablet PCs

This week, Year 7 students received their Tablet PC and participated in a full day induction to teach boys how the devices are to be used to complement their learning.

Students will learn how to use the device in each subject more effectively over the next few weeks. Boys will complete tasks to demonstrate that they are aware of the proper procedures and use. Boys are currently not permitted to take the devices home.

Students will also receive a digital stylus, which will gradually be used as the primary input method for student in-class written work.

Parents can access the PowerPoint presentation from the Year 7 parent information evening via the Year 7 page of MyGrammar.

P&F Auxiliary Annual General Meeting | Wednesday 4 March

The P&F Auxiliary Annual General Meeting will be held at 9.00am on Wednesday 4 March in the Great Hall.

All voluntary positions will be declared vacant. Nomination forms are available from Main Reception and need to be returned to the P&F Auxiliary Office by Thursday 27 February.

Morning tea will follow the AGM in the Woolcock Room and all current BGS parents are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact P&F Auxiliary Secretary Kate Rutter at katerutter@optusnet.com.au.

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

At today's Prefect Induction Assembly, I had the great privilege of presenting badges to each Harlin House Prefect.

These seven young men have already made a fine start as the standard-bearers of our community. I am truly in their debt for all that they contributed, especially in their vital roles during the Boarder Induction program.

I know that the responsibility they have accepted means a great deal to the Captain and Vice Captain of Harlin House. Together with Alex MacGibbon and Stephen Baronio, Harlin House Prefects Aiden Frick, Cadmus Wang, JT Manuofetoa, Mitchell Holt and Val Jara Melagrani, will be outstanding ambassadors of our residential community.

Leadership is much more than a badge or title; it is the capacity and desire to serve others. A central quality for any great Harlin House leader is the ability to put the needs and the whole boarding community before their own. I can already see that the 2020 Harlin House Prefects have the capacity to be such leaders.

That said, my firm belief is that each boy in the House is a leader – particularly Year 12 boys.

We have evolved a culture where we recognise that each of the Year 12 boys have a part to play and a voice in our community. Mr Nick Byron and I meet with all seniors on a weekly basis, and we have benefitted hugely from their insightful contributions and their work in setting the tone and standard for the House.

We continue to see the benefits of such a diversified view of leadership and I look forward to sharing similar developments over the course of the year.

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

Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Public Purpose Sign-On

There are many exciting opportunities for students who wish to participate in 2020 Public Purpose and Leadership Programs.

Students who want to be involved in Public Purpose activities must complete the relevant sign-on surveys for their year level via MyGrammar > Wellbeing > Public Purpose > Sign-up for Public Purpose Projects 2020. Parental consent is required for off-campus projects.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the following year level coordinators:

Year 5 **Mr Justin Shears**

Year 9 **Mr Gus Robertson**

Year 6 **Mrs Michelle Ragen**

Year 10 **Mrs Crystal Thompson**

Year 7 **Ms Stella Gardener**

Year 11 **Ms Sharee Verdon**

Year 8 **Mr Matt Kleinschmidt**

Year 12 **Mr Scott Deegan**

If you require general information about the Public Purpose Program, please go to MyGrammar or contact at Philippa.Douglas@brisbanegrammar.com.

Year 7 Learn to Lead Program Registration

Students in Year 7 can develop their leadership skills by participating in the Learn to Lead program. The program's activities provide an opportunity to lead and make a difference in the BGS community.

Students who are interested in being part of this program are asked to complete the Learn to Lead registration form via MyGrammar > Wellbeing Curriculum > Leadership.

If you have any questions, please contact the Year 7 Learn to Lead Coordinator at Brendan.Kelly@brisbanegrammar.com.

Managing Stress

This coming Monday, Year 11 students will attend a presentation by *Batyr* – an organisation that empowers young people to become mentally healthy. The *Stressed Out* presentation is designed to equip students with coping strategies for dealing with stress and management anxiety. Students will walk away with tips they can implement in their daily lives, knowledge of supportive resources and services available, and being able to practise effective mindfulness.

More information on how you can support your son during his transition to senior year can be accessed via MyGrammar > Wellbeing > Wellbeing Curriculum > School TV.

Year 7 Disaster Master Workshop

During Term 1, Year 7 students will attend a Disaster Master workshop facilitated by Peer Power.

Disaster Master is an engaging workshop designed to provoke students' thinking about how they approach senior schooling and becoming effective role models. The workshop complements the Learn to Lead program, and the key ingredient is enabling students to see the choices they are making regarding effective or ineffective actions.

- Challenging their current behaviours in group dynamics and as role models.
- Understanding that our self-perception is dramatically affected by what we believe others think about us.
- Developing an awareness that how we see ourselves affects how we relate to others.
- Challenging victimhood and alpha behaviour and thinking.
- Exploring mechanisms to change ineffective behaviour and affirm effective behaviour.

Captain's Corner

The Class of 2020 — Our Vision

Week 2 brought about an important event in the School's calendar: the Prefect Induction Assembly.

At this assembly, I had the opportunity to express, on behalf of Will, Alex, Stephen, and the greater Prefect body, how humbled and privileged we feel to have been elected to these positions of responsibility and to have been given the opportunity to serve the School in 2020 – to give back to the community that has given so much to each of us. As a team, we are excited for all that lies ahead, both the opportunities and the challenges. We are confident that this year will be another great chapter to add to the over 150-year life of BGS.

I also had the privilege to announce the Class of 2020's school vision – *We Rise*. The catchcry *We Rise* embodies our aim for this year. This aim is to build a stronger-than-ever connection between the senior cohort and the younger grades, to build a sense of pride and belonging in donning the *light dark blue* and to build upon the cultures and traditions that have been laid out before us and rise.

I hope that together, as a BGS community, we can reflect back on this year having achieved our vision.

I wish everyone good luck and all the best for the upcoming year.

William Hay
School Captain

Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off

We are aware of the difficulties and delays involved in dropping off and picking up your sons at the front of the School, especially at the start of the school year. We ask BGS families to be patient and supportive of staff while they move traffic through the drop-off zone at the front of the School.

Please adhere to the following procedures to ensure the safety of the BGS community:

- The front entrance between the traffic lights and the passenger loading zone is to be kept clear. It is not to be used as a waiting area before 3.15pm pick-up.
- Cars can enter the passenger loading zone to pick-up and drop-off passengers before 8.30am and after 3.15pm.
- Do not exceed the 5km speed limit in the pick-up and drop-off zone.
- Pay attention to traffic controllers and security guards – they keep our community safe and deserve our respect and cooperation.
- Exercise patience and courtesy towards other drivers.
- Please move as far as possible into the pick-up and drop-off zone to ensure efficient traffic flow.
- For safety reasons, please do not pick-up or drop-off your son before the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the zone.
- The pick-up and drop-off zone has a two-minute parking limit. Drivers must stay with their vehicle during this time.
- The staff car park on College Road is not a designated drop-off or pick-up zone for students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Frank McClatchy
Dean of Administration

Robotics

FTC Robotics Sign-Up for Years 7 to 11

Students in Years 7 to 11 interested in 2020 FTC Robotics are invited to [apply here](#).

Students will work in teams to design, build and drive robots to competition guidelines. FTC Robotics is a competitive activity and we aim to have teams compete at the National Finals again this year. We will be preparing for the **MegaBot Madball** during Semester 1, and for the **FIRST Tech Challenge** during Semester 2.

FTC Robotics sessions will be held on:

- Wednesdays during lunchtimes (H301)
- Wednesdays after school, finishing at 4.15pm (A201/202)

All interested boys are invited to join us for an introductory session next Wednesday 12 February during lunchtime in H301.

If you have any questions, please contact Simon.Canfield@brisbanegrammar.com.

Simon Canfield
Robotics Club Coordinator

Future Problem Solving

Future Problem Solving Competition Sign-Up

This year BGS is competing in Future Problem Solving (FPS). FPS is an international academic competition that runs all year. Brisbane Girls Grammar School students will be working with us for this activity.

Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in CB101/2. The first session will start in Week 4 on Tuesday 18 February. Places are limited and competitive.

We are focusing on Year 8 students but experienced FPS students from Years 7 to 10 are also encouraged to apply. Interested students should visit the Future Problem Solving Program Australia [website](#) and explore the Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS) program for more details.

All applicants must complete the [application form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Simon.Canfield@brisbanegrammar.com.

Simon Canfield
Robotics Club Coordinator



FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING
PROGRAM AUSTRALIA

Art

Welcome to the new decade! It will be exciting to see how the students will make their mark this year. I want to take the opportunity to introduce our new Teacher of Art Ms Amanda Stuart to the BGS community. We also see Mrs Renee Coombe, Ms Bernadette Moy and Miss Kimberley Kovacevic and Teacher Aide Mr Maxim Varghese return full time.

Following the lively staff professional development session *BGS: Towards 2030 with Professor Sohail Inayatullah*, we have taken time to consider the needs of our students in the future. A 20-year-old today is expected to live to at least 100!

This week, Ms Stuart challenged her class with this provocation:

"Imagine you are standing beside train tracks. In the distance, you spot a runaway train racing down the tracks towards five railway workers who cannot hear it coming. Even if they do spot it, they won't be able to move out of the way in time. As this disaster looms, you glance down and see a lever connected to the tracks. You realise that if you pull the lever, the train will be diverted down an alternative set of tracks away from the five unsuspecting workers. However, the alternative track has one lone worker, just as oblivious as his colleagues. Would you pull the lever, leading to one death but saving five?"

This is a short version of the classic thought experiment known as the trolley dilemma, developed by philosopher Philippa Foot in 1967.

In their current unit – Cultural Identity – 8A Visual Art students design and construct a driverless vehicle. The trolley dilemma stimulated students to consider whether the moral value of an action is determined solely by its outcome.



During their dynamic debates about driverless cars, the students identified several moral issues and ethical conundrums. For example, would the computer in the car be programmed to protect pedestrians even if it meant sacrificing its passenger?

Increasingly, education aims to equip students with the skills to adapt to a world of technologically-driven change. However, while such skills are critical for students' success, research suggests that technology skills are secondary to problem-solving skills.

Visual Art offers students the opportunity to develop problem-solving skills such as effective critical thinking while fostering creativity. Skills that assist students to reason, think creatively, analyse, interpret and work collaboratively are essential for future success.

Angela McCormack and Amanda Stuart
Head of Art and Teacher of Art

Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

Community

Before this term began, we gathered over 150 coaches involved in Term 1 sports for our first BGS Sport Coach Forum for 2020. The first words I said to the group were 'thank you'. I explained that we could not offer a wide range of opportunities to our students, at the standard we do, without their contributions. Those in the room varied from veteran to beginning coaches and their engagement was encouraging. We worked through many topics, including child protection training; ensuring our coaches continue to contribute to our Child Safe School Environment.

We also covered the expectations the School has of our staff, including coaches. Being a good role model for boys is essential, and we rely on our coaches to align with and promote our values. The best coaches go about developing good people in their teams, knowing that with this, comes character and results. The challenge of being a coach is leading the team when emotions are high. You are close to the contest, invested in the team and everyone looks to you for leadership, especially in times of adversity. That is precisely when character comes into its own.

Supporting our coaches are an outstanding group of program leaders, head coaches, age/year group managers, teacher coaches and managers, along with middle and senior leaders. As parents and valued members of our community, we also rely on your support of our coaches and our work in engaging, developing and leading your sons to their best performances.

I was delighted to read one Co-Curriculum program leader's attempt to address this within a section of our community in his communication this week:

Along the way, we will face challenges among our team; I need to stress that this is completely normal. There will likely be injuries, illness, flat tyres, poor weather, sleep-ins, cancellations and so forth. There is no need to stress over these; instead, we embrace the adversity and continue on our way. While we do everything we can to avoid these situations, we cannot wrap every boy in cotton wool, nor do we want to, so please stay with us and enjoy the journey, in all its glory.

Thank you for taking this journey with us, for supporting your son in his Co-Curriculum involvements, whether they be in the performing arts, sport or activities, or a combination.

His BGS education is incomplete without this engagement and the quality of our offerings are the product of an intricate network, powered by the community.

Swimming

2020 GPS Swimming Season

The GPS season has started with excellent attendance at training sessions over the past two weeks. Swimmers are competing at the first GPS lead-up meet of the season at Chandler this afternoon.

All swimmers are reminded that regular attendance at training and the lead-up meets is essential to compete well at the GPS Swimming Championships this year. Any students who are thinking about joining the swimming team are encouraged to begin training and sign-up for the next lead-up meet on Friday 14 February via MyGrammar.

School Championship

Last Friday, the School championship was held at the Chandler Aquatic Centre. It was great to see more than 100 boys from Years 5 to 12 competing in the first week of school.

There were some outstanding performances by the swimmers. Most notably, eight new School championship records were achieved. Special mention to Cashy Luo (Year 6) and William Jordan (Year 10), who each broke three records. Year 12 swimmers Alex Fenton and Gus Whittome also broke records on the day. Some of the records that were broken had stood the test of time for over 20 years.

Congratulations to these boys for their magnificent performances, and to the 2020 BGS Swimming Age Champions.

2020 New School Championships Records		
Cashy Luo	11 Years 50m Backstroke	36.02
	11 Years 50m Butterfly	33.36
	11 Years 200m Individual Medley	2:49.45
William Jordan	16 Years 200m Individual Medley	2:18.39
	16 Years 400m Freestyle	4:05.39
	16 Years 200m Freestyle	2:00.24
Gus Whittome	Open 100m Butterfly	58.45
Alex Fenton	Open 100m Backstroke	1:00.62

Open Age Champions		Points
First	Alexander Fenton	57
Second	Hunter Pyne	55
Third	George Rimmington	46

16/U Age Champions		Points
First	William Jordan	68
Second	Patrick Holmes	30
Second	Sam Mellick	30

15/U Age Champions		Points
First	Sebastien Roy-Bryant	63
Second	Edward Sommerville	53
Third	Joshua Anderson	36

14/U Age Champions		Points
First	Lachlan Elliott	64
Second	Ed Rimmington	47
Third	Ronan Mellick	36

13/U Age Champions		Points
First	Charlie Lutton	67
Second	Kyan Bigby	49
Third	Morgan Gao	42

12/U Age Champions		Points
First	Cashy Luo	58
Second	Charles Nelson	46
Third	Lachlan Anastasia	41

11/U Age Champions		Points
First	Jack Gorry	50
Second	Mitchell Ackermann	43
Second	Samuel Kelley	43

10/U Age Champions		Points
First	Alexander Donaldson	58
Second	Tom Rollason	34
Third	Oliver Catterick	28

Matt Logan
MiC Swimming

Cricket

Preseason and Tri-Grammar Recap

BGS Cricket teams were well prepared for the first GPS fixture, having completed a thorough preseason program during Term 4 and over the holidays. The preseason involved boys testing their skills at the annual cricket camp and trials matches. The development and First XI squads also toured Sydney in January as part of their preparation.

While in Sydney, the First XI competed in the annual Tri-Grammar cricket competition. Particular highlights included an exciting draw against Melbourne Grammar School in the second two-day match and a gritty T20 victory against Sydney Grammar. Half-centuries to Matthew Lockhart and Angus Tolhurst along with amazing bowling figures of 4/63 from 36 overs by Hugh Weibgen were also wonderful achievements.

The development tour also yielded successes against Newington College and Cranbrook School, with half-centuries to Oliver Spence, Hugo Malone and Ben Mooney as well as a four-wicket haul by Dan Skoien. Several games were interrupted with rain during the tour.

Four of our boys gained selection in the Tri-Grammar Representative XII. Congratulations to Matthew Lockhart, Will Sheedy, Hugh Weibgen and Angus Tolhurst.



GPS Round 1

Last weekend, the GPS Cricket season started with fixtures against Toowoomba Grammar School. This was an extremely hard-fought round and BGS recorded wins in 13 out of 27 matches. A highlight of the day was all teams in Years 5, 6 and 11 winning their matches. Well done.

Notable Performances — Round 1

Will Chapman (Second XI) — 4/30	Chester Battley (9C) — 44 not out and 1/5
Max Sawley (11A) — 47 not out	Ferdi Rombola (7B) — 4/10 (4)
Stirling Saini (11C) — 47 runs and 2/8	Jed Siganto (6C) — 27 not out and 3/4
Kirijan Vijeyakumar (11D) — 52 (38)	Oliver Harris (5A) — 27 not out

The 5A was our team of the week. Playing their first-ever match for BGS, one could excuse them for being nervous and apprehensive. This was far from the case, with our entire team batting without the loss of a wicket finishing 0/141 off their 20 overs. Our bowlers then went about their business restricting the Toowoomba batsman to just 90 runs. It was a great all-round team performance. Congratulations, boys.

Choosing a player of the week was difficult, but Jed Siganto produced a great all-round performance in his first-ever game of cricket for BGS. Jed scored 27 runs in rapid-fire fashion and then backed up with the ball with figures of 3/4. Well done, Jed.

Round 2 is our scheduled bye round, but we have trial matches against a range of schools and internal matches between year levels.

I have been very impressed with the application shown at training this week and feel confident we will be well prepared for matched against Ipswich Grammar School in Round 3.

The Cricket community is reminded that the Willow Club's season launch function at the Victoria Park Golf Complex is next Friday 14 February, 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

Good luck to all teams this weekend.

Trevor Irvine
Director of Cricket



Fencing

Fencing Sign-On

Middle School boys wishing to participate in BGS Fencing during Term 2 should keep their eye out for the Fencing sign-on form in next week's Daily Bulletin.

Training will be held in the Indoor Sports Centre for all fencers during Term 2. Inter-school team fixtures will be held on Saturday mornings.

Jackets and breeches can be hired for a very reasonable fee from our Fencing Support Group – The Musketeers. All other gear is supplied by the School.

The Musketeers Working Bee

Parents and friends are encouraged to join the working bee on Saturday 15 February in the Indoor Sports Centre from 9.00am to 11.00am.

We will be sorting the whites, labelling new pistes and checking the canteen equipment – all enjoyable light work and a chance for the community to get together.

Information Evening | Friday 20 March | 6.00pm to 8.00pm in The Lilley Centre

Families new to BGS Fencing are invited to an information evening, which will explain the sport and what is required of boys.

Trials for First IV and Year 10A Teams

All boys who sign on to fencing will be placed in a team. However, boys with experience and ambition are encouraged to put their names down for the following fencing trials:

- **Epee | First IV and Year 10A trials**
Friday 21 February, 3.30pm – 6.30pm in the Indoor Sports Centre (cricket nets)
- **Sabre | First IV and Year 10A trials**
Friday 28 February, 3.30pm – 6.30pm in the Indoor Sports Centre (cricket nets)
- **Foil | First IV and Year 10A trials**
Monday 9 March, 3.30pm – 6.30pm in the Indoor Sports Centre (cricket nets)

If you have any questions, please contact fencing@brisbanegrammar.com. Additional contact details are available via MyGrammar on the Fencing page.

Melanie Chin
MiC Fencing

Gymnastics Support Group Meeting | Thursday 20 February

Parents of BGS Gymnasts are invited to attend the next meeting of the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Supporters (MAGS) Group on Thursday 20 February at 5.30pm in the Indoor Sports Centre (Classroom 1 opposite the weights room).

For further information, please contact MAGS Group President Karuna Hoole at karuna.hoole@gmail.com or 0422 818 505.

Cross Country

Preseason Training

"I don't run to add days to my life, I run to add life to my days" – Ronald Rook

Preseason training for GPS Cross Country begins next week. BGS has a proud tradition of success in cross country due to our impressive rates of participation. We hope to see large numbers of boys at training to continue the School's success this year.

While BGS has some extraordinary runners who compete at state and national levels, many boys participate to build fitness for other sports or for the social benefits. All boys are welcome, regardless of their motivation.

Boys who would like to participate can complete the sign-on survey [here](#) or via MyGrammar.

Training starts at 6.30am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Boys can attend sessions that fit their schedules and training goals.

Key Dates

Meet 1 | Friday 20 March

Meet 2 | Friday 27 March

Holiday camp | Monday 6 to Wednesday 8 April

Meet 3 | Friday 24 April

Meet 4 | Friday 1 May

Meet 5 | Friday 8 May

Meet 6 | Friday 15 May

GPS Championships | Wednesday 27 May

If you have any questions, please contact Nick.Holland@brisbanegrammar.com or Brad.Scholes@brisbanegrammar.com.

Nick Holland and Brad Scholes
MiCs of Cross Country

Tennis

Training

Tennis training has begun at the BGS Tennis Centre and coaching sessions are available for all ages and skill levels. More information is available via the Tennis page of MyGrammar.

Super League Fixtures

Super League is a fixture competition run year-round at tennis centres in Brisbane. Super League is for all ages and skill levels and is a great way to get match-play.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact tennis@brisbanegrammar.com.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Music

Upcoming Music Concerts

String Fest Concert | Wednesday 11 March | 6.30pm in the Great Hall

Our most experienced string players join other accomplished string players for our annual String Fest Concert, which is being held earlier in the year than usual. Rehearsals will occur in the days leading up to the concert.

Music Soiree | Friday 20 March | 5.00pm in the Great Hall

This event features performances by selected ensembles, followed by the Music Support Group's welcome function at 6.00pm in The Lilley Centre.

Junior Music Retreat | Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 April | BGS

The vocal group, paganini strings, corelli consort, junior band and sousa band will spend a weekend rehearsing and developing their skills before performing a final concert on Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm in Centenary Hall.

Intermediate Concert 1 | Thursday 30 April | 6.00pm in Centenary Hall

This concert will feature performances from locatelli strings, stradivari strings, williams band, philharmonic orchestra, parker jazz band, junior percussion ensemble, boom percussion ensemble and the crash percussion ensemble.

Intermediate Concert 2 | Thursday 7 May | 6.00pm in Centenary Hall

This concert will feature performances from Chamber Choir, Grammar Voices, vivaldi strings, tartini strings, holst band, grainger band, morrison jazz band, basie jazz band.

Grammar Community in Concert | Sunday 17 May

The event will feature our finest ensembles, including grammar vocal ensemble, grammarphones, grammar singers, symphonic band, senior percussion ensemble, big band, symphony orchestra, chamber strings, vocal group and the fabulous Grammar Community Choir.

Peter Ingram
Head of Music

Senior Dramatic Production

The 2020 BGS Theatre season has begun! This year's Senior Dramatic Production is Patrick Barlow's adaptation of *The 39 Steps*. This riotous retro spy caper will be performed at breakneck speed in homage to Alfred Hitchcock's famous thrillers.

Many Years 11 and 12 students auditioned for a role in the senior ensemble and successfully transported the BGS Theatre back to London, circa 1935. Characters were brought to life as students attempted a variety of Scottish, German and regional British accents; it was pleasing to see each student's interpretation of the text.

The Creative Team were incredibly impressed by the acting talent from auditionees across the senior cohort and look forward to the intensive and rewarding rehearsal process. Well done to all students who participated in this process.

Patrick Last
Senior Dramatic Production Creative Team



Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

During my Orientation Day address to Years 5 and 7 parents, I shared our updated Middle School Philosophy Statement. This statement provides all community members – staff, students and parents – with a clear and shared understanding of what we value and strive to achieve through our middle years program. The Middle School Philosophy Statement is available via the year level pages of MyGrammar.

Importantly, our Middle School philosophy is underpinned by the five core School Values and the boys will spend much of Term 1 exploring and unpacking these in their form class.

Learning	A culture of learning and excellence that leads to the pursuit of individual best
Leadership	Boys become confident and thoughtful men of character through leading self and leading others
Endeavour	Nothing is achieved without hard work – <i>nil sine labore</i>
Respect	Community members demonstrate high levels of respect for themselves and others
Community	A supportive and inclusive learning community with a strong partnership between home and school

Along with developing productive routines, establishing and maintaining a strong and supportive learning culture is a priority in the first term of any school year. A collective commitment to upholding our School Values is the first step in achieving this goal. I encourage all parents to engage in conversation with their sons about our School Values and for boys to consider how they can positively contribute to our Middle School community.

This week, we hosted parent information evenings which focused on supporting boys' learning at BGS. A key aspect of middle schooling is the establishment of strong partnerships between home and school. We often refer to this relationship as a tripartite partnership between student, parents and teachers. PowerPoint presentations from each of the Parent Information evenings, along with handouts from our Student Wellbeing series are available via the year level pages of MyGrammar.

Next week, our Years 7 and 8 parent welcome functions will be held at Victoria Park Golf Club. These events are a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect with others within their son's year group. I very much look forward to meeting new and continuing families at these events. Click to view invitations for the [Year 7](#) and [Year 8](#) parent welcome functions.

Please take the time to read the following housekeeping matters regarding uniform, traffic and BGS Supervision.

Uniform

All students are required to travel to school in full academic uniform, even if they have Physical Education in Periods 1 or 2. Students change into PE uniform at the start of their lesson. The only time students arrive at school in PE uniform is when travelling by public transport for special events, e.g. Inter-wing track and field or Activities Day.

Traffic

- Students are only permitted to cross the road at the zebra crossing.
- Please refrain from dropping your son off or attempting to pick him up before you have crossed the zebra crossing in your vehicle.
- The drop off zone is a 2-minute waiting zone and parents must remain with their vehicle.
- It is important to follow the directions of the traffic controllers.
- Safety is paramount, therefore, it is important that these rules are obeyed by all members of our community.

BGS Supervision – Years 5 and 6

BGS Supervision is available for all students in Years 5 and 6. Bookings are not required. However, all boys are requested to sign in with their School ID card. Please read the below reminders:

- Supervision is available from 6.30am – 7.45am and 3.45pm – 5.30pm.
- If your son knows he is attending BGS Supervision in the afternoon, he should go directly to the MS Library (not the drop-off zone). Students can bring afternoon tea to eat outside the library on the veranda before entering BGS Supervision.
- Any Years 5 and 6 students remaining in the drop-off zone at 3.45pm will be directed to the MS Library to attend BGS Supervision.
- If your son finishes co-curricular training or rehearsals before 5.30pm and is not collected at this time, he must attend BGS Supervision in the MS Library. When arriving to collect your son, please phone the BGS mobile number (0438 797 312) and the supervising teacher will send him to the drop-off zone.
- Students in Years 5 and 6 are not permitted to wait in the drop-off zone with older siblings any time after 3.45pm.
- The BGS Supervision phone is not monitored before 3.45pm. If you arrive before 3.45pm, please contact your son directly on his mobile phone.
- If you wish for your son to be collected by an older sibling or by another parent, please contact Mr Paul Kenny. He will make a note on the database to inform the supervising teachers of the alternative arrangement.

Middle School Sport

Cricket

Last Saturday, the GPS Cricket season started with fixtures against Toowoomba Grammar School. Strong results were recorded across the board, but the highlight was an amazing victory by the 5A team, who did not lose a single wicket.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
5A	BGS	6A	BGS	7A	TGS	8A	TGS
5B	BGS	6B	BGS	7B	BGS	8B	TGS
5C	GT	6C	BGS	7C	BGS	8C	TGS
5D	Internal	6D	GT	7D	TGS	8D	TGS
5D Sky	Internal			7D Sky	TGS		

Player of the Week							
5A	Oliver Harris	6A	Archie Boorer	7A	Hugo Spencer	8A	Nick Scott
5B	Lachlan Webber	6B	James Butler	7B	Ferdi Rombola	8B	Bertie Kendall
5C	Conor Gleeson	6C	Jed Siganto	7C	Hunter Neep	8C	Sam Klaassen
5D	Edward Mulholland	6D	Isaac Reid	7D	Micael Crookes	8D	Olly Taylor
5D Sky	Raul Selva			7D Sky	Daniel MacPherson		

Swimming

The School championship was held at Chandler last Friday evening and the individual performances suggest we have a promising team for the GPS Swimming season ahead. It is a busy time in the competitive swimming calendar and we wish Mr Matt Logan, Mr David Lush and their team of dedicated coaches and swimmers, all the best for the season ahead.

Swimmer of the Week	
10 Years	Alexander Donaldson
11 Years	Jack Gorry
12 Years	Cashy Luo
13 Years	Charlie Lutton

Volleyball

The GPS Volleyball season starts this weekend with our Years 7 and 8 boys playing against Gregory Terrace. Matches will be held at GT and BGS. Last Saturday's strong trial results against Churchie showed plenty of talent in our younger teams. We wish all players and coaches the very best for the season ahead.

Please check MyGrammar for team lists and match details.

Debating

The Year 8 GPS Debating teams were our only Middle School teams to debate last Friday evening. Brisbane Boys' College proved to be formidable opponents with the 8.1 and 8.2 teams going down, and the 8.3 team our only winners.

This week, all teams from Years 5 to 12 will be in action, competing against The Southport School in a home round. Congratulations to Jackson Webb from the 8.3 team, who was named as the debater of the week.

Cross Country

BGS Cross Country training has started. Boys of all abilities are encouraged to participate, whether they intend to compete or not, to improve their fitness. Cross country is a great way for boys to prepare for other co-curricular activities such as football, tennis or basketball.

Please check MyGrammar for session details.

Football

Boys who want to participate in GPS Football during Term 2 are asked to [complete the sign-on survey](#). Please take note of the approaching trial dates for each year level, available via MyGrammar.

Glenn McFarlane
Head of Activities

Middle School Library

Library Orientation for Years 5 and 7

This year's library orientation for Years 5 and 7 students involved two engaging hands-on activities that required teamwork while exploring the library facilities and resources.

In the Centenary Library, Year 7 students played a *Library Smarts* board game, where team members used library resources to completed challenges. Teams also wrote down library guidelines learned from *Grammar Man* and *Grumpy Cat* when they landed on their respective icons during the board game.

Year 5 students participated in *Escape the Library*, which is based on the *Breakout EDU* immersive learning games concept. The class was divided into four teams, each competing to solve five puzzles to open the final box and escape. Along the way, they learn important information about the library, such as the number of items they can borrow, how to access the catalogue and where the different types of resources are located.

Both year levels embraced these lessons with wonderful enthusiasm and competitiveness. These orientation lessons adopt the increasingly popular 'gamification' in education to provide a fun, effective and engaging way for students to familiarise themselves with the BGS Libraries.

Vicki Palmer
Teacher Librarian



Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 10 February 2020

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

Grammar Shop hours

Weekdays 7.30am – 11.00am

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 10 February	Jo Beach	Captain Needed	Jude Mertiny
Tuesday 11 February	Helana Barrientos Stella Bowker	Karen Randall (Team Captain)	Linda Young
Wednesday 12 February	Maria Carter Rebecca Johnson Karen Boorer	Shona Brice (Team Captain)	Maria Hirschfeld
Thursday 13 February	Ceri Jury Anne Clifton	Ceri Jury (Team Captain)	Wendy Ricato
Friday 14 February	Breakfast volunteer needed	Cindy Dean (Team Captain)	Susan Deuchars

2020 Calendar

Term 1

Wednesday 29 January – Friday 3 April

Term 2

Tuesday 21 April – Friday 19 June

Term 3

Tuesday 14 July – Friday 18 September

Term 4

Tuesday 6 October – Friday 27 November

Upcoming Events

BGS Winter Ball

Saturday 22 August

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 at Brisbane Grammar School. All profits are returned to the School to enhance the experience for students and families.

Embroidery

There are several embroidery items awaiting pickup. To check if your item is ready for collection, please visit My Grammar > P&F Auxiliary > Uniforms > Embroidered item pick up list.

Volunteers

Thank you to all of our new parent volunteers and to those who have returned for another year.

The Grammar Shop and Tuckshop have had a busy start to the year. The new Tuckshop team is grateful to those who have been so helpful as they settle into their roles.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Tuckshop or Grammar Shop, we would love to hear from you.

All parents are warmly invited to join us at any time during their BGS journey. Whatever availability you may have, we are likely to find a role for you. Volunteering in the shops provides a great opportunity to meet and network with parents while providing a much-appreciated service to the School.

If you have any questions, please contact Roster Secretary Wendy Smith at wsmith@visis.com.au.

Joanne Villiers
P&F Auxiliary

P&F Auxiliary Annual General Meeting | Wednesday 4 March

The P&F Auxiliary Annual General Meeting will be held at 9.00am on Wednesday 4 March in the Great Hall.

All voluntary positions will be declared vacant. Nomination forms are available from Main Reception and need to be returned to the P&F Auxiliary Office by Thursday 27 February.

Morning tea will follow the AGM in the Woolcock Room and all current BGS parents are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact P&F Auxiliary Secretary Kate Rutter at katerutter@optusnet.com.au.

BGS150

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.

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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS
THE SENIOR DRAMATIC PRODUCTION

THE 39 STEPS



ADAPTED BY PATRICK BARLOW FROM THE NOVEL BY JOHN BUCHAN
20, 21 & 22 MAY 2020
7.00PM BGS THEATRE



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Invitation

Year 7 Parents



You are warmly invited to join fellow Year 7 parents
for morning tea at Victoria Park Bistro.

Date

Thursday 13 February 2020

Time

8.30am to 10.30am

Tickets

\$22.00pp

Venue

The Orchard Room
Victoria Park Bistro
309 Herston Road, Herston

Details

Cost includes a selection of sweet and
savory foods, fruit platters,
tea, coffee and cool drinks.

RSVP here

By Friday 7 February 2020

**For more information please contact
Year 7 Parent Representative - Palingu Aponso**

Email palingu@gmail.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Invitation

Year 8 Parents



You are warmly invited to join fellow Year 8 parents
for morning tea at Victoria Park Bistro.

Date

Friday 14 February 2020

Time

8.30am to 10.30am

Tickets

\$22.00pp

Venue

The Terrace
Victoria Park Bistro
309 Herston Road, Herston

Details

Cost includes a selection of sweet and
savory foods, fruit platters,
tea, coffee and cool drinks.

RSVP here

By Monday 10 February 2020

**For more information please contact
Year 8 Parent Representative - Rachel Emery**

Telephone 0409 470 973 Email rachelemery@optusnet.com.au



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Invitation

Year 11 Parents



You are warmly invited to join fellow Year 11 parents
for a welcome function

Date

Saturday 29 February 2020

Time

7.00pm to 10.00pm

Tickets

\$63pp

Venue

Hello Gorgeous
32A Chester St
Newstead

Details

Cost includes a drink on arrival and
finger food.

RSVP here

By 9.00am Monday 24 February

**For more information please contact
Year 11 Parent Representative**

Gemma Ruddell - gemmaruddell@hotmail.com



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