

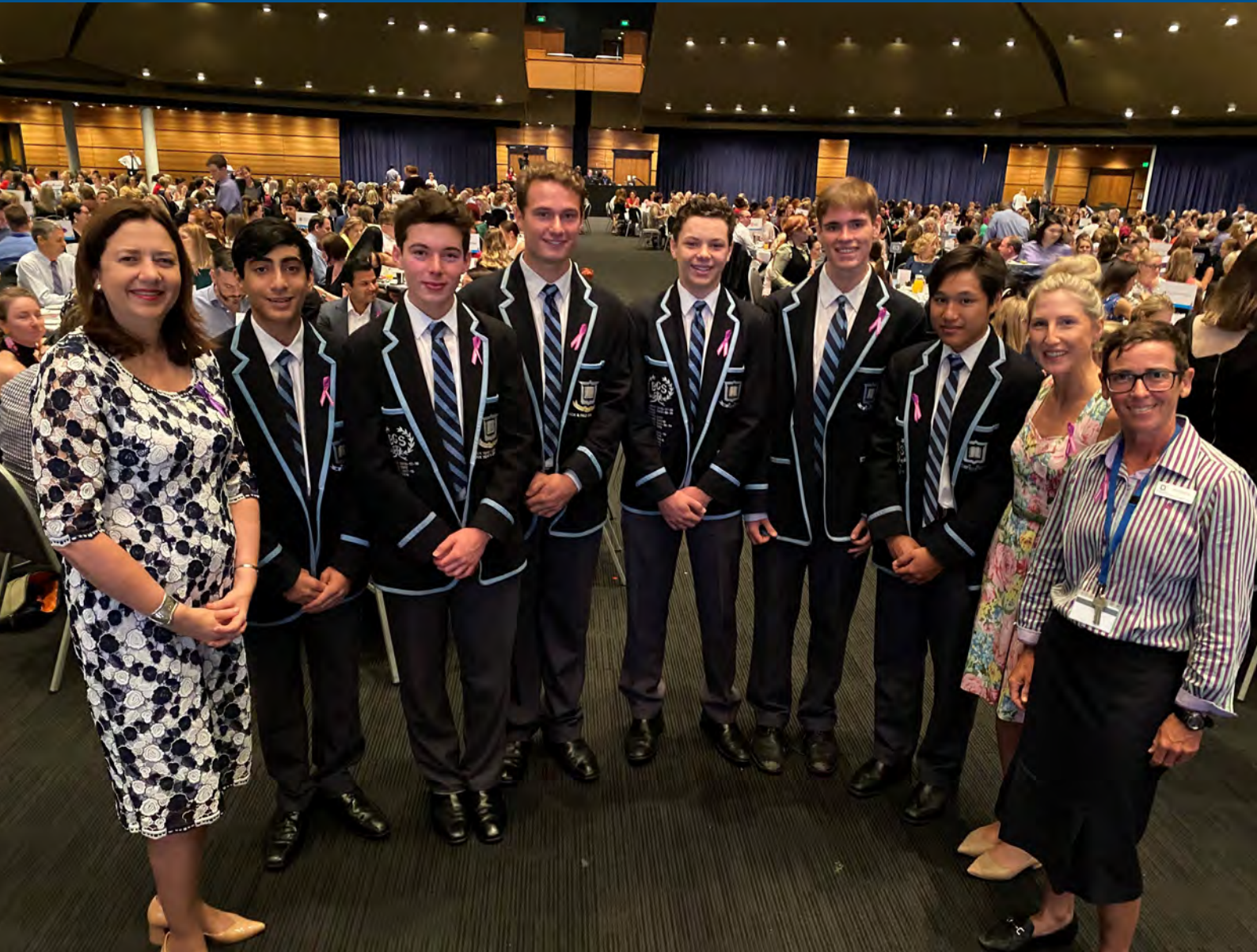


BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday 6 March 2020



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Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Chief Financial Officer

Mark Corgat

Coronavirus Update

On any given school day, Brisbane Grammar School hosts over 2,200 students, staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors. BGS is a significant and busy organisation that calls for authentic and effective risk management practices.

The daily unfolding of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has prompted the School's leadership to develop plans and processes to minimise the risk of the spread of any viral infection and to have a measured response where infection is suspected or diagnosed.

I would like to share with you some insight into what we are doing at Brisbane Grammar School to manage this issue.

When to Stay at Home and Away from School Events

We strongly urge parents to keep their boys at home if they are unwell. Similarly, staff should not attend the School or related events if they display any flu-like symptoms.

When Isolation is Mandated

People cannot attend any BGS site if they have:

- left, or transited through, mainland China within the last 14 days;
- left, or transited through, Iran on or after Sunday 1 March 2020; or
- left, or transited through, the Republic of Korea on or after 5 March 2020; or
- been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

People affected by any of the above situations can return to BGS after 14 days isolation and without presenting any symptoms of the virus.

Preventative Measures

To minimise the risk of spreading infection, we request all persons at our sites to adopt the following practices:

- regularly clean hands with soap or alcohol-based hand rubs;
- cover nose and mouth with a flexed elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing; and
- avoid contact with anyone who has fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, or laboured breathing.

People affected by any of the above situations can return to BGS after 14 days isolation and without presenting any symptoms of the virus.

Planning Overseas Travel

The Australian Government provides up-to-date information and advice for safe travel overseas. If you are heading overseas to destinations which may have been affected, check the advice on [Smart Traveller](#).

The BGS COVID-19 Response Plan

We have prepared a detailed plan to respond to any cases of suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 identified at any BGS site. The COVID-19 Response Plan is managed by a Crisis Management Team which includes the Headmaster, the School's Health Professional (Nurse) and leaders of students, boarding, risk, and communications.

Key matters addressed in our COVID-19 Response Plan include:

- incident response protocols (including isolation, involvement of emergency services and reporting to Government health authorities);
- detailed checklists for persons presenting with symptoms of COVID-19;
- specific response and isolation protocols for the boarding house;
- a designated isolation facility for cases of suspected infections;
- a crisis management team;
- communication strategies (for parents, media, senior leadership and Trustees);
- protocols for cleaning and maintenance staff;
- leave provisions for isolated staff; and
- continuity of education for isolated staff and students (minor and major scenarios).

The BGS COVID-19 Response Plan is fluid and is updated in response to pronouncements from relevant authorities, notably Queensland Health, the Public Health Unit, the Department of Education and the World Health Organisation.

Stay Informed

If you would like up-to-date information about COVID-19, please visit the [Queensland Health website](#).

The health and wellbeing of your children and our staff remain our number one priority.

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Quarantine Period | Year 12 Exam Preparation

This week, our Year 12 students started their quarantine period to prepare for the upcoming assessment. During this time, students come to school to study in The Lilley Centre. Parents will be pleased to hear they demonstrated outstanding focus as they collaborated with each other and with staff.

The BGS quarantine period is a different approach from many other schools, who allow students to study at home. Given what I witnessed this week, I don't think boys can create the same culture of learning at home as they created in The Lilley Centre. Well done to all staff and students who made this possible.

Interim Reports

Over the next few weeks, all students in Years 9 to 12 will receive interim reports. These reports aim to give parents a sense of how their son is engaging in the learning process in his academic classes and socially in his Tutor Group. They are not based on academic grades, but on engagement levels.

Given the change to the QCE system this year, the timing of interim reports have been adjusted to best suit each year level. Year 12 parents will receive their son's interim report in Week 7, and students in Years 9 to 11 will receive their interim report in Week 9. I hope this helps you engage in a conversation with your son about his interim report.

CASE Space School

International Study Program December 2020

Brisbane Grammar School students are invited to join the CASE Space School International Study Program in December 2020.

CASE Space School is an amazing opportunity for students seeking to pursue success in a STEAM career. Students will experience exclusive space science activities and engage in an inspiring personal and leadership development program to empower them for changing times.

Senior Space School is management training for young leaders. Students have incredible access to NASA and visit areas not accessible by the public. This is an immersive program that hones their individual leadership, project management, crisis management and teamwork skills. Students engage directly with NASA experts to design and plan their own space mission within a given budget.

Students are cared for by dedicated Group Managers who are trained and certified by the California Association for STEAM Education. All Group Managers are Working with Children and Australian Federal Police checked, and hold current CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis certification.

Students return with big dreams and lasting confidence, inspired by the ultimate STEAM experience at NASA.

Students and parents can learn more about the program at an information evening on Tuesday 24 March in The Lilley Centre Forum from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Year 10 Parent–Son Kokoda trip

September 2020

An information session will be held on Wednesday 11 March for Years 10 and 11 parents interested in the 2020 BGS Parent–Son Kokoda trip, which will be coordinated by Aurora Adventures in September 2020. The evening will start at 6.00pm in The Lilley Centre Function Room. [Click here to RSVP](#).

Those who participated in the trek with their sons last year spoke of the remarkable experience and the friendships that develop between the parents and among the boys.

A detailed information brochure is available via the Years 10 and 11 sections of MyGrammar. Note that all boys who participate in this trek must be accompanied by a parent.

Captain's Corner

The Term 1 exam and assessment periods are in full swing with most of the Year 12s undergoing IA1 for the calculation of their ATAR. Boys are busy undergoing constant academic pursuits while balancing co-curricular activities. It has been great to see many boys eager to support today's much-anticipated GPS Swimming Championships with a large crowd.

Continuing our school focus and ambitions for every student to achieve their full potential, it remains a priority for boys to reflect on their previous assessment and engage with teachers on opportunities to develop further. This reflection not only enhances academic results but also produces a culture of always seeking improvement and becoming the best we can be.

I remind boys to maintain strong relationships, to be more tolerant during periods of elevated stress and to strive for the best in all academic and co-curricular pursuits.

Stephen Baronio
Harlin House Vice Captain

Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Aspiring Scholars Program | Applications Close Sunday 8 March

Applications for The University of Melbourne's Aspiring Scholars Community close this Sunday 8 March. If you are interested in studying in Melbourne next year, the scholars community is your chance to connect with like-minded students from across Australia and New Zealand and hear about what life at The University of Melbourne is all about. You will also receive exclusive invitations to online events, access to a dedicated staff member to answer your questions throughout the year and a chance to win a trip to the University of Melbourne's Open Day.

High-achieving Year 12 students interested in future study at the University of Melbourne should [apply here](#).

Are you interested in study in America?

Ms Amy Jarich, former Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Admissions at the University of California - Berkeley and a past College Board Faculty Institute Member, will deliver an American college application information session at BGS. Amy will unpack the American application process, drawing on her experience in the industry. These sessions are a must for any student, parent or staff member looking into the American university application process and are promoted by EducationUSA Australia, as part of the U.S. Consulate General.

The information session will be held in The Lilley Centre Forum on Wednesday 11 March from 5.30pm to 7.00pm and is suitable for students and their parents or guardians. Further information and registration is available [here](#).

Year 12 Studies and Tertiary Information Parent Evening | Monday 16 March

The Year 12 Studies and Tertiary Information Evening for Year 12 parents only will be held on Monday 16 March, starting at 5.30pm in The Lilley Centre Forum.

Deputy Headmaster - Teaching and Learning Steve Uscinski will provide an overview of the senior program including assessment, external exams, the new QCE and the ATAR.

Director of Student Services Dale Nicholas will provide an overview of the tertiary preparation program at BGS, including services available to students and parents.

Parents of students in Year 12 who plan to attend are asked to RSVP via email to the PA to the Deputy Headmaster - Teaching and Learning at Rochelle.Lynch@brisbanegrammar.com.

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

This week, students elected our first Boarders' Council representatives of 2020. Congratulations to Heath Coggan, Will Johnson, Manny Khan, Kyle Liang, Cameron Morris, Aly Sultan, Kipp Thrupp and Chanula Wanasinghe. They will join Harlin House Captain Alex MacGibbon and Harlin House Vice Captain Stephen Baronio on the council.

The Boarders' Council is very important to our community as it brings together boys from across year levels to represent the students' voice. We recognise that boarders should contribute to shaping our structures and routines. Their innovative and thoughtful solutions and ideas that we can put in to practice are truly valued.

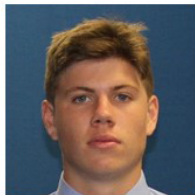
During each term, the council will present ideas about the boarding program and facilities. They will provide feedback to the catering manager and dietician about food and the Senior Boarding Tutor Tom Christie about the week-long activities structure.

We know boys do exceptionally well when they know what is expected of them, and when the boundaries are made clear. We replicate these conditions by following a simple principle in our meetings: we want boys to communicate what they think is going well, what needs further work or refinement, and innovations we may not have thought of yet. I am excited by the next few weeks and look forward to hearing from the boarders, as it really is all about their experience.

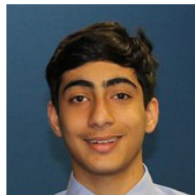
BGS BOARDING – Boarders' Council Semester 1



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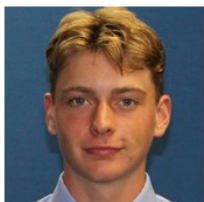
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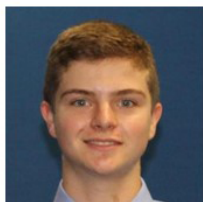
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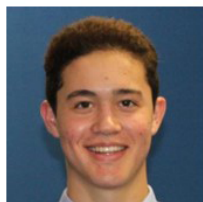
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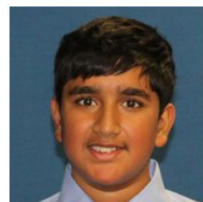
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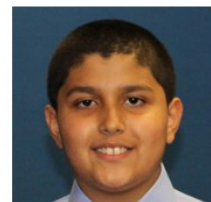
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Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

7G and 7H had an excellent week at Moogerah and embraced the learning outcomes related to the program focus of Endeavour. They were willing to take on new and challenging activities, support each other and come closer together as a Form Class.

In 7G, Angus McNamara proved to be a capable and enthusiastic student. He was considerate of others and embraced every challenge. Thomas Chambers had a positive attitude and demonstrated the Moogerah motto: *it's the effort put in that counts*. Oscar Zhang was a mature and reliable student. He was willing to put others first and showed initiative while helping teachers and peers. Charlie Prebble embraced every opportunity to take on a new outdoor activity. His enthusiasm had a positive impact on the rest of his class.

In 7H, Benjamin Buck tried hard and succeeded in the prussicking activity. He was willing to step in to help others and offered great support. Angus Cook and Taren Aponso were motivated and enthusiastic students who put effort into all activities, even when completing the centre duties of washing dishes and sweeping.

Max-ze Lee was positive and always had a smile on his face, even during challenging activities. His enthusiastic approach and willingness to try new activities will be valued in future Outdoor Education programs. Hayden Scholes pushed himself during height activities and succeeded in achieving his personal goals. Hayden was polite and considerate and set a great example for the rest of the class.

Year 11 leaders Jaguar Ngo, Lachie Robertson, William Ruddell, Max Ruddle, Lachlan Clayton and Peter Sophios made a group of strong, confident and reliable leaders to mentor the Year 7 students through their program. The leaders ran evening activities, facilitated meals and worked closely with the boys to support them through the program.

Form Teachers Mr Simon Canfield and Mr Ian Fardon joined their classes for the experience and took every opportunity to see the boys in action.

Click to view the [7G photos](#), [7G video](#), [7H photos](#) and [7H video](#) of the boys' experience.



Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Student Wellbeing Curriculum

On Monday, students in Years 6, 8 and 10 listened to Mr Cam Adair, an expert on video game addiction. Cam spoke about the reasons why people game, the warning signs that gaming is becoming a problem, and strategies to manage gaming habits.

What I liked about Cam's presentation was the language he used to frame his talk. He referred to gaming as either a hobby or a problem. His wording takes away the negative gaming connotations and recognises the positive influences gaming can have on young people's lives.

Cam asked students about their parents' limits on their use of technology, particularly gaming. Students clearly understood the parameters. Most students knew when they could access games, for how long they could play, the type of games they were permitted to play, and the consequences for not abiding by family expectations. So, while at times it may feel like an uphill battle, your efforts are paying off. Setting boundaries can be extremely challenging and tiring to enforce. However, setting clear boundaries and following through with consequences are the most effective measures to ensuring gaming remains a pleasurable hobby instead of developing into a problem.

More information about the student presentation and additional resources for families can be accessed [here](#).

Cape York Immersion Information Evening | Thursday 12 March

An information evening presented by Founder of Red Earth Arthur Alla will be held at in The Lilley Centre Forum on Thursday 12 March from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Your attendance at this evening does not commit your son to going, nor does your inability to attend exclude his involvement.

A comprehensive overview of the immersion is available via the Public Purpose page on MyGrammar.

International Women's Day Breakfast | BGS Gender Respect Committee

On Tuesday morning, Year 11 students Harry Anstey-Walsh, Ollie Cathcart, Robbie Frew, Jaguar Ngo, Tom Stunden and Aly Sultan attended the International Women's Day Breakfast, accompanied by Ms Sharee Verdon and Mrs Julia Vedelago. Members of the BGS Senior Leadership Team also attended, including Headmaster Anthony Micallef and Executive Director - Advancement and Community Relations Inma Beaumont, who is a non-Executive Director of UN Women Australia.

While the day celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women, it also serves as a reflection on how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development.

This year's theme was generational equality, encouraging equal opportunity for women and girls at home, school and in the workplace. Guest speakers included the Premier of Queensland Anastacia Palaszczyk, Executive Director of UN Women Australia Janelle Weissman and a panel of representatives from Women for Women, Sister Works and Real Futures.

Speakers explained the role of respectful relationships in fostering equal opportunities for women to learn and earn. Notably, education was at the forefront of the discussion, capturing its importance as an engine for breaking boundaries and building bridges. With 500 million illiterate women globally, there are significant hurdles to overcome in achieving the global goal of gender equality.

This has spurred the development of 'The Collaborate for Change' initiative – spearheaded by the BGS Gender Respect Committee. This committee is open to students in Years 9 to 12. We aim to educate our wider school community about gender inequalities and the importance of developing respectful relationships, to bring about a more equal and just world. Students will also be given the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and fundraise to support local women's charities. Boys who wish to be part of this committee can sign up [here](#).

Aly Sultan
Year 11 Student

Art

Year 9 Art Excursion

Year 9 Art students engaged in an authentic learning experience during their Brisbane City walking tour field trip to photograph the iconic landmarks that make our city unique. Learning the intricacies of photography using a DSLR camera requires our boys to think more deeply to capture an image, compared to using a smartphone.

Students' photos will be used to create an original design for a skateboard deck. The unit *Shifting Visions: colour, light and text* encourages boys to consider how artists have been revolutionary in breaking accepted cultural norms to represent innovative visions. By studying various art movements that defined Modern Art in the 19th century, students develop an appreciation for representational and non-representational art. They also enhance their ability to decode meaning.

Below are two student reflections from the field trip:

"On the trip, we explored the city to find and capture amazing urban items and themes that will help with our assignment, not to mention participating in a fun class activity. We experienced birds chirping, tall buildings, constant chatter and electric scooters zooming past to the sound of cameras clicking away. Our understanding of the this term's unit topic was broadened significantly due to first-hand inspiration for Cubism, Pop Art and Impressionism to put on our skateboards. We are looking forward to more activities like this in the future." – Jack Kaandorp

"Last week, the 9I Art class was extremely privileged to have the opportunity to explore the city. The purpose of the trip was to take photos of pop culture, landscapes and other objects such as buildings, street signs or logos. These photos are now being transferred to Photoshop, where we will adapt our photos to make them look like Pop Art, Impressionism and Cubism before painting the photoshopped plans onto a skateboard. Thank you to our teachers for taking time out of their day to extend our learning and understanding of art. I would also like to thank the Art Department for supplying DSLR cameras and transport for the trip. Overall, it was a great experience and the made the class look forward to our next Art lesson." – Rowan Tong-Law

Angela McCormack Head of Art



Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

I recently heard the saying, “the days are long, but the years are short”. This is certainly ringing true as we head towards Week 7.

Over the past two weeks, Heads of Year have conducted pulse check surveys across each year level to ascertain how well the boys have settled into their new class. Pleasingly, 91% of Year 8 students have experienced a smooth transition, and 93% indicated their intended co-curricular involvement for 2020. 81% of Year 7 students have found the transition either “highly enjoyable”, or “enjoyable” and 95% are finding the curriculum load manageable.

Our Year 5 data indicates that the boys are happy to come to school each day, but some are taking time to adjust to homework expectations. In Year 6, 100% of boys confirmed they had at least one good friend at school.

The pulse check data is important as it allows us to determine what is working well and to identify students who may require additional support. Form Tutors will be working closely with Heads of Year to address any pastoral concerns emerging from the data.

Experience tells us that Week 7 is usually the time when meltdowns can occur as the demands of school life increase and assessment looms. Ensuring your son commits to his homework routine, gets enough sleep and is engaging in physical activity will help him to navigate the next few weeks of Term 1. Please contact your son’s Form Tutor or Head of Year if any concerns arise.

Our Years 5 and 7 students have now completed their Outdoor Education program for 2020. I have no doubt they are looking forward to building on their experience in future years. Engaging in Outdoor Education in Term 1 is an important part of our induction program for our intake years. It allows our boys to form connections, challenge themselves and develop learning dispositions that are transferable to the classroom.

Thank you to Director of Outdoor Education Derek Jervis and the Outdoor Education staff for facilitating such a wonderful program for the boys. Next week, our Year 8 boys embark on their Outdoor Education program, and I look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Today, our BGS Swimming team is competing at the GPS Swimming Championships. I wish these boys all the best as they proudly represent BGS.

Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

Leadership

In recent newsletter articles, I have explored the School Values of Learning, Endeavour, Respect and Community. This week, I will focus on Leadership.

Leadership is aspirational for some and is a natural condition for others. The art of leadership fascinates me, and the presence of great leadership inspires me. If you take the time to study leadership in theory or practice, common themes and traits will emerge. Broadly speaking, great leaders are:

- authentic, honest and humble;
- focused on action rather than title or position;
- courageous, confident and determined; and
- conscious of their influence and actively empower others.

I could easily list more attributes, but I offer this brief list to ask you this challenging question: Are we promoting these traits in your son through his Co-Curriculum involvement? I know the answer will not be unanimously affirmative, as each student has their own unique journey, and we do not always get it right. That said, this is one of our goals – to promote leadership of self and others through Co-Curriculum involvement.

Teachers and coaches are constantly working with your sons – supporting them in their pursuit of excellence in the classroom, at sport, in the theatre and in the rehearsal room. Their interactions hone these leadership traits. Thanks to the talents of our staff and student leaders, your sons benefit from the modelling of leadership.

I wish all our student, staff and parent leaders every success over the weeks ahead.



Music

Senior Strings Festival | Wednesday 11 March at 6.30pm | BGS Great Hall

The BGS community is warmly invited to attend the culminating concert of the 2020 Senior Strings Festival. This year, over 100 of the finest string players from various schools in South-East Queensland are participating. Several schools will present short programs by themselves, including a program from our very own Chamber Strings.

The highlight of the concert will be when the schools form a combined ensemble to present a wonderful selection of professional standard string repertoire. If you have never attended this event before, you really must put this date in your diary as the standard is incredibly high.

We wish our boys all the best and thank our Director of Orchestras Stephen Chin for all his hard work. It will be a spectacular event.

Music Soiree and Welcome Function | Friday 20 March

Music Soiree 5.00pm in the Great Hall

Welcome Function 6.00pm in The Lilley Centre

Ensembles Grammar Vocal Ensemble, Grammarphones, Grammar Singers, Vocal Group, Chamber Strings, Clarinet Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Brass Quintet, Trombone Quartet

Are you looking for a pleasant afternoon of excellent music? Are you new to the BGS Music community and keen to find out more about what will be on offer in 2020? Would you like to share a drink and some conversation with friends while being entertained by our wonderful student musicians? If so, please come to our Music Soiree and Music Support Group Welcome Function.

The free event will begin at 5.00pm in the Great Hall with performances from the Chamber Strings and some of our choirs and ensembles. The music will continue in The Lilley Centre for the Welcome Function at 6.00pm. Various brass and woodwind chamber ensembles will provide musical entertainment while you connect with other BGS music families.

The Music Support Group will provide drinks and other refreshments for the informal gathering. Head of Music Peter Ingram will share some information about the Music program, making this event perfect for families new to the BGS Music Program. We would also like to see continuing families connect and share. Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there.

Please register your attendance [here](#) by Tuesday 17 March so catering can be organised.

Peter Ingram
Head of Music

Senior Dramatic Production



Technical Crew Announcement

We are thrilled to announce *The 39 Steps* technical production team. We have selected a team with advanced lighting and audiovisual skills which will make our performance shine.

Led by the unparalleled Technical Director Michael Moloney, the team includes Cameron Quagliotto (Lighting Technician), Jackson Mathias (Audio Technician), Rahul Kumar (Audio Advisor) and Theo Dickey (Backstage).

Following the huge success of 2019's *Richard III*, we also welcome back Jason Glenwright as our Lighting Designer. Jason is an award-winning designer who regularly lights shows at QPAC and is currently working on *Medea* - a production from Myths Made Here.

Every year, the technical team work tirelessly on parts that are not seen by the audience; *The 39 Steps* is no exception. They will support the play and transport the audience from the BGS Theatre to a variety of locations. Dingy streets of London will become crowded trains, old bridges will emerge from the Scottish Highlands, and small cottages will turn into large mansions. This is not an easy task, but we have no doubt our technical team have the expertise and creativity to make magic on stage.

Ben Newth, Patrick Last and Naomi Russell
Senior Dramatic Production Creative Team



Director of P.E., Sport & Activities

John Clancy

Over the past week, it has been pleasing to see various BGS Co-Curriculum programs receiving letters not only complimenting the quality of performance but also about the humility and sportsmanship displayed by our boys.

Well done to boys in the Rowing and Volleyball programs in particular for representing the School well. These letters highlight the boys' enactment of our core values, including Endeavour (preparation, participation, process and performance) and Respect (self, team, opponents and sport).

I encourage all boys to embrace the core value of Community by supporting our championship teams at today's GPS Swimming Championships and at the GPS Head of the River next Saturday.

Good luck to all boys involved.

Chess

BGS Chess players have been very busy in recent weeks, with two significant tournaments.

On 21 and 28 February, BGS competed in the Somerville House High Schools Chess Tournament. In the novice division, the BGS 3 team of Oliver Christie, Evan Findlay, Nic Carter and Afthab Shanavas finished first. The BGS 4 and 5 teams finished second and third respectively. Individual medals were won by Evan Findlay (best Board 2), Declan Brown (best Board 3) and Max Butler (best Board 4).

In the Open division, the BGS 1 team of Tony Zhong, Sze-Yong Ng, Jaden Teow, Ken Anulomsombat and Shaun Li finished in first place. Individual medals were won by Tony Zhong (best Board 1), and Sze-Yong Ng (best Board 2).



In between the Somerville competitions, 18 students competed in Round 1 of the Brisbane Secondary Inter-Schools Chess Tournament. In A division, the BGS 1 team were below full strength and did well to finish sixth in a very talented field. A ribbon of merit was awarded to Nadula Tennakoon. The BGS 4 team of Logan Zellmer, Nhan Nguyen, Elliott Dudgeon and Ryan Xu finished first in B Division, with Evan Findlay from the BGS 5 team placing third in the entire division. Ribbons of merit were also awarded to Aohang Ding, Nic Carter, Oliver Bieber and Oliver Christie. A strong effort all around!



Peter Brunckhorst
MiC Chess

Cricket

Round 5 | BGS v ACGS

With Brisbane bathed in beautiful sunshine, Round 5 saw BGS and Churchie compete in 31 GPS matches. It was the first time that many teams experienced a home game and the first time our First XI hosted for the season. Unfortunately, the bragging rights for the day were taken out by Churchie with a 19 – 12 victory.

A few matches had nail-biting finishes, with the last wicket partnerships in the Second XI and 9A matches seeing BGS to victory. The First XI finished nine runs short in their run chase. BGS finished the day with three wins out of the eight A level matches and were unsuccessful in the supplementary match against Nudgee College.

Pleasing performances included three half-centuries, three four-wicket hauls and an unbeaten first wicket partnership of 94 runs to win the 9B match. Congratulations to the 11B, 9B, 7B, 7C and 5A teams who have kept their undefeated seasons intact.

Round 5 Notable Performances			
First XI	Hugh Weibgen 3/16 (10 overs)	9B	Duncan Feltham 53 not out
Second XI	Will Chapman 40 runs and 1/21	8A	Cooper Penrose 4/12
11A	Sam Ireland 67 runs and 3/24, plus two catches	8B	Bede Stuckey 51
11B	Arjun Dhanani 31 and 4/11 (5 overs)	8D Sky	Jordan Donald 29 (19 balls) and 1/18
11C	Nick Clegg 40 runs (24 balls)	7A	Hugo Spencer 47
10A	Ryan Logan 2/23 and 20 runs (27 balls)	6A	Oliver Dauber 25 not out
10B	George Labrom 3/18	6C	Hamish O'Sullivan 40 runs
10C	Alec Donald 37 not out (31 balls)	6D	Eamman Conomos 36 not out (23 balls) and a match-winning catch

Team of the Week

BGS Second XI 9/142 defeat Churchie 8/141

The BGS Second XI bowled first and had to be patient as Churchie set about building partnerships. Some disciplined bowling by Tom Siddle and valuable wickets by Tom Heading saw BGS restrict their opposition to 141 off 40 overs.

Our run chase started cautiously; however, at 4/92, the game seemed well in control, thanks largely to a 49-run partnership between Will Chapman (40) and Tom Heading (25). A steady flow of wickets restricted our flow of runs, and when we lost our ninth wicket at 132, the game seemed to be slipping away. However, our final partnership showed great resolve and we successfully knocked off the last 10 runs to secure a nail-biting victory.

Congratulations, boys!



Player of the Week

Sam Ireland (11A) – 67 runs, 3/24 and two catches

Sam Ireland produced a great all-round performance in his match against Churchie contributing with the bat, ball and in the field. Unfortunately, his efforts weren't enough to get his team home as they attempted to chase down a mammoth 197 runs.

Partnership of the Week

Duncan Feltham and Tharuka Perera

Duncan Feltham (53 not out) and Tharuka Perera (23 not out) achieved an undefeated 94 run opening partnership. Well done, boys.

Pink Stumps Day | Round 6

This weekend, we take on The Southport School at Northgate in a season-defining round for many of our teams. We will also be raising money for the McGrath Foundation's Pink Stumps Day. Please bring cash to purchase goods from the sweet stall and help us achieve our goal of \$500. [Click here](#) for more information, or on the image below to donate.

I encourage all bowlers to be patient with the ball and urge our batters to bat with intent; good shot-selection must be paramount. Players are also reminded to play hard, but play the BGS way – which is always within the good spirit of our wonderful game. Please respect all umpiring decisions, regardless of your opinion.



Trevor Irvine
Director of Cricket

Rowing

Regatta Recap

The fourth GPS Regatta was held at Wyaralong Dam on Saturday 29 February.

The boys arrived at Wyaralong calmly ahead of a busy day. During the week, we spoke about how the regatta can be influenced by the way we show up and how we behave in the first hour. With this in mind, our boys set the tone as a positive, energetic and passionate team.

This message echoed as the captains led the clearest, loudest warcry we have heard from the BGS Rowing team in quite some time. The emphasis on meaning what we say was at the forefront of their call. Congratulations to the captains and boys for this effort.

Crews enjoyed good training sessions throughout the week. Encouragingly, many crews who didn't finish the week well still had strong performances at the regatta. These efforts are positive ahead of the final two weeks of training as the boys prepare for GPS Head of the River.

Congratulations to our Year 9 9th Quad who won their Round 2 race after 'catching a crab' during Round 1. Congratulations also to the BGS Open Third VIII. Nudgee had only just beaten them in Round 1, but our boys pushed boat lengths ahead of them in Round 2 to secure their first win of the 2020 GPS Rowing season. Collecting the winning pennant was enjoyed by all of the boys and their coaches. Well done!

For the fourth week in a row, the BGS Open First VII won both of their races. Their outstanding performances were matched by their sportsmanship as they paused on the podium to applaud their competitors who had a difficult race. To be successful is not to be just a good rower, but to be a good man. This level of sportsmanship demonstrates the boys' humility in competition. Well done, gentlemen.

Tomorrow, BGS will host the fifth regatta of the season and the last before the GPS Head of the River on Saturday 14 March. Bus information for supporters attending the GPS Head of the River will be distributed shortly.

The fifth GPS regatta draw is available [here](#).

Pointscore — Round 1		Pointscore — Round 2		First VIII — Round 1		First VIII — Round 2	
GT	92	NC	94	BGS	First	BGS	First
NC	92	GT	85	TSS	Second	BBC	Second
TSS	81	TSS	78	BBC	Third	TSS	Third
ACGS	70	BGS	76	NC	Fourth	NC	Fourth
BGS	66	BBC	68	GT	Fifth	GT	Fifth
BBC	62	ACGS	67	BSHS	Sixth	ACGS	DNS
BSHS	7	BSHS	4	ACGS	DNS	BSHS	DNS



Photos | Years 8 to 12 | Saturday 7 March at 7.00am

A BGS GPS Squad photo for Years 9 to 12 will be taken on Saturday 7 March at 7.00am. **Boys must wear their BGS zoot suit and a BGS sports cap.** The boys can wear UV shirts to training but will remove them for the photo.

Year 8 team photos will also be taken on Saturday 7 March at 8.30am. More information will be sent to Year 8 parents.

End of Season Celebration | Saturday 14 March

Please join us to celebrate the end of season after the GPS Head of River on Saturday 14 March. All families from Years 8 to 12 are invited. Please ensure you RSVP via the [attached flyer](#).

Rowing Camps | September 2020 – January 2021

Camp dates for the 2020/2021 holiday periods are now available. Please refer to these dates when planning your holidays.

Camp	Dates	Year Level (2021)	Details
Baseline Camp	28 September – 2 October	Years 10 – 12	A five day preseason fitness camp held in a coastal New South Wales town over the September holidays. Boys will be invited to attend based on fitness tests near the end of Term 3. Get fit boys, you don't want to miss this one.
Sweep Camp	30 November – 4 December	Years 11 – 12	This five day camp at Maroochydore replaces the high performance camp and will involve leadership and team-building activities.
Scull Camp	30 November – 4 December	Years 9 – 10	A five day non-residential scull skill camp held at the BGS Rowing Boatshed daily from 5.00am – 11.00am.
Senior Boat Camp	16 January – 21 January 2021	Years 10 – 12	All Years 10 – 12 students are invited to attend the senior boat camp at Noosa North Shore.
Junior Boat Camp	18 January – 21 January 2021	Year 9	All Year 9 students are invited to attend the junior boat camp at the BGS Rowing Boatshed daily from 5.00am – 11.00am.

Matt Marden
Director of Rowing



Swimming

GPS Swimming Championships

The 2020 GPS Swimming Championships is currently underway. The team has prepared thoroughly and are expecting a very tight competition with the other schools this year. Good luck to all swimmers in the junior and senior championships.

I look forward to reporting on our successes in next week's newsletter.

Matt Logan
MiC Swimming

Debating

This time of the year is very busy for debaters with Round 4 of GPS Debating having just finished and the QDU competition for Years 8 to 12 having just started.

Recently, 13 boys from Years 10 to 12 took the opportunity to trial for the Queensland Debating team. Congratulations to Lewis Luck and Conrad Pun for making the top 24 debaters and to Jaguar Ngo for reaching the top 12. Jaguar will now train and compete over the coming weeks, with the last debate being held on Monday 23 March.

Looking ahead, BGS will compete against Ipswich Grammar School on Friday 20 March for an away round. Please visit MyGrammar for more information, including sign-on for the bus. Please note there will be a change in the bus routine for the round.

Ainslie Hunter
MiC Debating

Cross Country

2020 Easter Camp | Years 7 – 12

Each year, we hold a three-day training camp during the Easter school holidays for boys in Years 7 to 12. The camp is a good opportunity for focused training and advice, as well as developing team culture and direction for the season. This year's camp will be held from Monday 6 April to Wednesday 8 April at the Gold Coast Recreation Centre, Tallebudgera.

Sign-on and payment is now available via the Cross Country page on MyGrammar or via the [attached flyer](#). We apologise for the tight timeframe, but we need responses by Friday 13 March.

Training and Nutrition

Preseason training continues to be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6.30am. This year, we are focusing on nutrition and recovery as part of our training. As such, boys are strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle for training and a small carbohydrate-rich snack for consumption immediately following each session.

2020 Cross Country Sign-On

If your son has not yet signed up to Cross Country but would like to be part of our community, please direct him to the sign-on link via the Cross Country page on MyGrammar.

Nick Holland and Brad Scholes
MiCs Cross Country

Fencing

Sign-On Closed

Thank you to all boys who have signed on. This year, we have more than 160 boys interested in Fencing.

First IV and Year 10A Foil Trials

Foil trials for the Year 10A and First IV teams will be held on Monday 9 March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm in the Indoor Sports Centre (cricket nets). Fencing whites will be provided along with the usual gear. If possible, fencers are encouraged to bring their own gear.

Parent Information Evening | Tuesday 17 March | 6.00pm | The Lilley Centre Forum

Families new to BGS Fencing are invited to an information evening, which will explain the sport and what is required of boys throughout the season. The evening will be held on Tuesday 17 March from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in The Lilley Centre Forum.

Boys are very welcome to attend or do homework in The Lilley Centre Learning Commons.

Whites Hire and Fittings

The Musketeers Support Group provides whites for hire and sells appropriate uniforms for boys in the BGS Fencing program. The group helps fencers get fitted properly and can answer any questions you might have.

Boys can attend fittings on the day listed for their year level below. Fittings will be held from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the ISC. Please bring the completed hire form (available via MyGrammar) and have payment ready.

Years 5 – 6	Monday 23 March
Year 7	Tuesday 24 March
Years 8 – 9	Wednesday 25 March
Years 10 – 12	Thursday 26 March

This service is not part of the BGS Grammar Shop. The Musketeer Support Group volunteers are generous with their time, but every effort must be made to comply with the above times. If you are not able to attend during your allocated time, please contact Judith Mertiny at judithmertiny@gmail.com to discuss alternative options.

Melanie Chin
MiC Fencing

Football

Trials

All year level surveys are now closed.

Some age-group trials started this week and others will commence shortly. Please check MyGrammar for more information regarding trial dates, times and locations. Students who did not complete the sign-on survey must speak to Mr Greg Di-Losa before they are allowed to attend trials.

All trials will run until the last week of Term 1. Preliminary teams will be selected at the end of Week 9, and a full training schedule will start in Week 10. Please note the preliminary A/B squads from Years 8 to 11 will play a trial match against Churchie on Wednesday 1 April. Years 8 and 9 teams will play at Churchie while Years 10 and 11 will play at Northgate. Buses will be provided for each year level.

This year, we will be committing to only five teams per year level in Years 8 to 12. While every attempt will be made to get the senior boys a game, numbers will be limited due to some schools not having as many players as BGS.

Greg Di-Losa
Director of Football

Middle School Sport

Interwing Track and Field

Our Interwing Track and Field Carnival will be held at UQ on the last day of Term 1 (Friday 3 April). As the first significant Interwing event for the year, attendance is compulsory for all boys in Years 5 to 8.

The focus of this carnival is participation, and all boys are expected to nominate for as many events as they can manage. Students have been sent a link for the nomination survey. They must use their BGS email address to complete the survey, not one belonging to their parents. To avoid disappointment, the survey should be completed before it closes at midnight this Sunday 8 March.

Congratulations

Archie Boorer, Harvey Munday and Angus McNamara have been selected in the City District AFL team. Congratulations, boys.

Cricket

Player of the Week — BGS v ACGS Round 5					
5A	Jonathon Tennakoon	6C	Hamish O'Sullivan	7D Navy	Thomas Gordon
5B	Edward Driessen	6D	Eamman Conomos	8A	Cooper Penrose
5C	Kristoffer Dark	7A	Hugo Spencer	8B	Bede Stuckey
5D	Alexander Amarasena	7B	Michael Dore	8C	Fergus Parsell
5D Sky	Nikkhil Jain	7C	George Swan	8D	Alec Bemrose
6A	Oliver Dauber	7D	Colby Smith	8D Sky	Jordan Donald
6B	Jake Miller	7D Sky	Rayan Mazumder		

Volleyball

Player of the Week — BGS v IGS Round 5					
7A	Sebastian Stoneley	7D	Yoshi Becker	8B	Thomas Poll
7B	Luke Saywell	7E	Aaron Gong	8C	Bowei Chen
7C	Ryan Bashirzadeh	8A	Isaac McNally	8D	Jack Webb

Swimming

Swimmer of the Week			
10 Years	Brayden Huo	12 Years	Vikram Kumar
11 Years	Joshua Brand	13 Years	Cormack Willersdorf

Glenn McFarlane
Head of Activities

Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 9 March 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 Six	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop 7.30am – 11.00am
Monday 9 March	Volunteer Needed	Cathy Findlay	Jude Mertiny
Tuesday 10 March	Helana Barrientos Stella Bowker	Karen Randall (Team Captain)	Linda Young
Wednesday 11 March	Maria Carter Rebecca Johnson Karen Boorer	Shona Brice (Team Captain)	Maria Hirschfeld
Thursday 12 March	Ceri Jury Anne Clifton	Ceri Jury (Team Captain)	Wendy Ricato
Friday 13 March	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

Sportsman's Lunch

Friday 27 March

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.

Winter Uniforms

Students in Years 9 to 12 are required to wear senior winter uniforms from Tuesday 5 May 2020. Blazers and white shirts can be purchased at the Grammar Shop.

If blazer embroidery is required, students must collect a yellow awards slip from the Co-Curriculum Office and bring it to the Grammar Shop with the blazer by Friday 20 March. Blazers will be ready for collection on Monday 27 April. If there are any questions regarding the senior uniforms and embroidery, please contact the Grammar Shop at 07 3834 5347.

Derivan Art Sketching Set

Back orders of the Derivan Art Sketching Set have arrived at the Grammar Shop. If you have ordered and paid for your sketch set but didn't receive it in your book pack, please visit the Grammar Shop to collect it.

Joanne Villiers
P&F Auxiliary

P&F Association Annual General Meeting | Wednesday 18 March

The Brisbane Grammar School Parents and Friends Association (Inc.) AGM will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2020 in The Lilley Centre Function Room at BGS, starting at 6.30pm. P&F Association parent members (all parents and guardians of students currently attending Brisbane Grammar School) and friend members (those accepted as a member following application) are entitled to attend and vote. All are eligible to nominate for positions on the Management Committee.

The voluntary positions of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will be declared vacant. A nomination of Nicola Rahman for the position of Vice President has been proposed by Simon Tolhurst, and seconded by Chris Smith. No nominations have been received for the positions of President, Secretary or Treasurer. Nominations for each of those positions may be taken from the floor of the AGM.

Light refreshments will follow the AGM and all current BGS parents, guardians and friend members are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact kristine.luke@gmail.com.

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.

[Click here](#) to order *Light Dark Blue*.

[Click here](#) to view all BGS150 merchandise – limited stocks remain.

BGS150 History Book Purchase now



Did you know?

**All boys benefit from the diversity
bursaries bring to BGS.**

Our
2020
Vision



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



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Sportsman's Lunch

Community Invitation



Join Greg Martin (MC) and All Blacks legend Andrew Mehrtens at Howard Smith Wharves for an afternoon of stories, banter and World Cup analysis.

Tables of 10 (and individual tickets) are now available, although selling fast (limited availability). See below for booking details.

Fantastic auction items and raffle prizes will be available on the day, including a week at a private ski resort in Montana, USA and a signed Mick Fanning surfboard.

Funds raised will go to establishing a perpetual bursary, giving a young boy and his family access to a fabulous education at BGS, continuing the School's long history of philanthropy and diversity.

For further information, please contact:

Simon Tolhurst: stolhurst@hwle.com.au

Simon Fenwick: simon@6dartstreet.com

Wren Bligh: wbligh@ords.com.au

Iain Tucker: itucker@tradecoastcentral.com.au



Date

Friday 27 March 2020

Time

12.00pm

Venue

Howards Hall West
Howard Smith Wharves

Tickets

\$175.00

Tickets still available

Buy Ticket Here

For assistance, please contact
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Telephone +61 7 3834 5206 **Email** communityrelations@brisbanegrammar.com

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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Cricket

GET OUT FOR PINK STUMPS DAY

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

Friday 6 March

BGS Newell Quadrangle
Lunchtime

Sausage Sizzle
\$2.00

Saturday 7 March

Northgate Playing Fields
8.00am – 1.00pm

Sweet Stall

- Lolly Bags
- Cupcakes
- Other sweet treats

CASH ONLY

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Sleep for health

Parent information evening



30% of primary school children and 70% of teenagers are sleep deprived. Is your son one of them?

Not enough sleep can have an impact on:

- Learning and academic performance – concentration, motivation, memory retention
- Emotional and mental health – depression, anxiety, negative body image, low self-esteem
- Body systems – growth, brain development, immune system, weight gain
- Behaviour and decision making

Sleep expert **Lisa Maltman** will discuss the effects of sleep deprivation among students, and empower parents with knowledge and practical strategies to make informed decisions about sleep health for all family members.

Date

Monday
9 March 2020

Time

6.00pm
to 7.00pm

Venue

The Lilley Centre
Forum

Register here

For more information please contact
Event Organiser, PA to the Deputy Headmaster Students

Telephone 07 3834 5260 **Email** dhm.students@brisbanegrammar.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Rowing End of Season Function



You are invited to join the
BGS Rowing Community to celebrate the
2020 GPS Rowing Season

Date

Saturday 14 March 2020

Time

6.00pm till late

Venue

Souths Leagues Club,
Jane Street, West End

Dress

Cocktail/ Smart Casual

Cost

\$50.00 per person
(including students)

RSVP here

by Monday 9 March 2020

BGS Rowing is proudly supported by



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

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



BGS Cricket

End of Season Function



Please join us in celebrating the 2020 GPS Cricket Season Years 5 - Year 6

Date

Saturday 21 March 2020

Time

12.00pm - 1.00pm

Venue

BGS Playing Fields, Nudgee Road, Northgate QLD 4019

Dress

Casual

*Students to wear school uniform

RSVP

Louise Evans - PA to Deputy Head Co-Curriculum
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by Monday 17 March 2020

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BGS Cricket End of Season Function



Please join us in celebrating
the 2020 GPS Cricket Season
Years 7 - 12

Date

Saturday 28 March 2020

Time

7.00pm - 10.00pm

Tickets

\$45 adults
\$15 students

Venue

Allan Border Field, 1 Greg Chappell Street, Albion QLD 4010

Dress

Smart Casual *students to wear summer uniform

RSVP here

by Monday 23 March 2020

For more information please contact
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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Invitation

Year 12 Parents



You are warmly invited to join fellow Year 12 parents
for a cocktail function.

Date

Thursday 2 April 2020

Time

7.00pm to 10.00pm

Venue

The Lord Alfred,
68 Petrie Terrace,
Brisbane

Tickets

\$50.00pp

Details

Cost includes share platters and a drink
on arrival.

RSVP here

By Friday 27 March 2020

**For more information please contact
Year 12 Parent Representative - Wendy Keir**

Email: wmkeir66@gmail.com



BGS Cross Country Camp

Year 7 - Year 12



FOCUSING ON RUNNING TECHNIQUE, NUTRITION, RECOVERY & TEAM CULTURE

Date

Monday 6 April -
Wednesday 8 April 2020

Time

Buses are provided.
8.00am BGS, Spring Hill
Monday 6 April 2020

Tickets

\$280.00 per student
Cost includes:
2 BLK Track Training Sessions
Transportation
All Meals
BGS 2XU Running Visor
Additional Sessions
(training runs and activities,
yoga, movie, etc)

Venue

Gold Coast Recreation
Centre, Tallebudgera

Students will return,
12.30pm BGS, Spring Hill
Wednesday 8 April 2020

[Register Here](#)

For more information please contact
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BGS Football Camp

Year 5 - Year 12



Date

Thursday 16 April &
Friday 17 April 2020

Time

Junior (Year 5 - 7)
Clinic 8.30am- 12.00pm

Senior (Year 8 - 12)
Clinic 12.00pm- 3.30pm

Buses will be provided
Junior (BGS Spring Hill)
8.00am Pick Up, Return 12.30pm

Senior (BGS Spring Hill)
11.30am Pick Up, Return at 3.30pm

Tickets

\$45.00 per student

Cost includes:

Junior – Morning tea
(muffin, fruit and powerade)

Senior- Afternoon tea
(muffin, fruit and powerade)

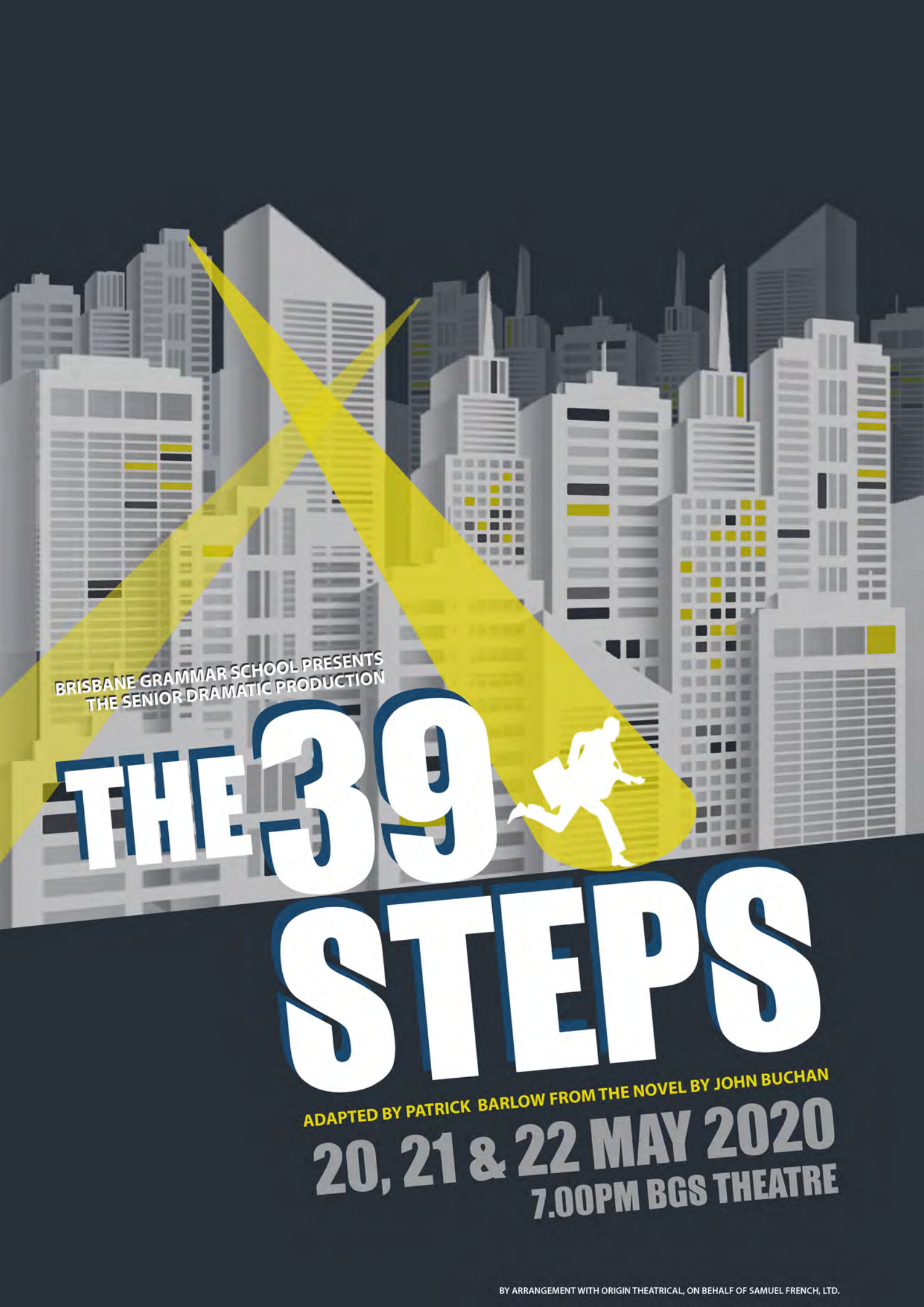
*Please bring PE uniform, boots,
shinpads, waterbottle and hat.*

Venue

BGS Northgate Playing Fields

[Register Here](#)

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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



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