From the Headmaster

This week saw our academic scholars – those young men who achieved an OP1 or 2 - return to the College. The Scholars’ Assembly provided an opportunity for us, as a community, to acknowledge the exceptional achievement of these young men as they prepare for their next challenge, tertiary study.

The 2016 student cohort achieved outstanding results with 31.9% of OP eligible students securing an OP1 or 2, 55.4% achieving a score between 1 to 5 and 100% between 1 and 15. However, the real success story belongs to all of our 2016 Seniors, who are now forging their individual journey beyond the school gates, having excelled in their pathway of choice.

At this time of year, commentary is often focused on OP scores alone. However, at BBC it’s the future we’re interested in; we’re interested in enabling each boy to get where he wants to go and in helping him navigate from one academic arena to another.

This week the College received news that 95.2% of students who applied for a tertiary course of study via QTAC, received an offer. More than 88% received their first, second or third preference. Offers continue to be provided by QTAC on an ongoing basis and we believe the overall percentage will ultimately rise to close to 100%. These figures speak to the legitimacy of pathways and the importance of supporting all boys to reach their goals, by empowering them with choices as to how they can achieve them.

We recognise that the future isn’t what it used to be so we must empower our young men to set and achieve big ambitions and take responsibility for their own journey.

It’s exciting to see boys opting to pursue a variety of careers from agribusiness, medicine, engineering, psychological science, music, environmental management, property economics and more. For us, these are the real stories; the outcomes that result from an exceptional education and we look forward to hearing of our young mens’ ongoing achievements.

We are immensely proud of all of our young men and congratulate them once again for their efforts in what was an outstanding year and for their commitment to the possibilities that lie ahead.

Mr Graeme McDonald
HEADMASTER

Upcoming Events

Saturday 28 January
GPS Cricket – Round 1 (H)
GPS Volleyball vs BGS – Round 1 (A)
GPS Rowing Regatta #1 – GT - Lake Wyaralong

Tuesday 31 January
7.30pm Music Support Group Meeting - Music Department Tea Room

Wednesday 1 February
6.00pm McKenzie House Family Service – College Chapel

Friday 3 February
GPS Swimming Meet #2 – IGS - Sleeman Aquatic Centre

Save the date

P&F Welcome Party
Thursday 23 February
College Hall Foyer
FROM THE CHAPLAINS

A very warm welcome to those of you who are new to the BBC community in 2017. We trust that your time at the College will be rewarding and productive. As you may well be aware, it is certainly our intent to provide opportunities for all students to grow academically, socially, physically and spiritually. It really is exciting watching our boys slowly but surely become young men. As the Christian faith is at the heart of the life of the College, all students are involved in Christian Education classes and chapel services throughout the year. Within these settings, students will have the opportunity to explore their beliefs and convictions with their peers and see the value of developing the spiritual dimension of their lives. There will also be opportunities for students to be involved in the Interschool Christian Fellowship should they choose to do so. If you would like further information or have any question about the spiritual life of the College, please don’t hesitate to call Graham Cole on 3309 3558 or Thomas McPherson on 3721 5954. The following are some of the services we will conduct over the coming weeks that students and their families are welcome to attend. Further information about these services will come from the boys’ Housemasters.

McKenzie House Family Service
Wednesday 1 February at 6.00pm - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘Who’s going to save you!’ Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm on the veranda outside the Chapel prior to the service.

Boarders Worship at Ann St Presbyterian Church
Sunday 5 February at 9.00am
Rudd House students will attend worship at the Ann St Presbyterian Church adjoining King George Square. Members of the BBC Pipe Band will also be playing before and after the service. An invitation is extended to the BBC community to join the boarders at this service.

Flynn House Family Service
Tuesday 7 February at 6.00pm - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘You are growing!’ Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm on the veranda outside the Chapel prior to the service.

Campbell House Family Service
Sunday 12 February at 9.00am - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘Who’s going to save you?’ Morning tea will be served in the Boarders’ Dining Room following the service.

Birtles House Family Service
Tuesday 14 February at 6.00pm - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘You are growing!’ Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm on the veranda outside the Chapel prior to the service.

Knox House Family Service
Wednesday 15 February at 6.00pm - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘You are growing!’ Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm outside the Chapel prior to the service.

Rivers’ Family Service
Sunday 21 February at 9.00am - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘Bringing it all Together!’ Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the service at the Junior School Undercroft where a number of new boats will be blessed. All rowers and their families are invited to attend.

Wesley House Family Service
Tuesday 21 February at 6.00pm - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘Who’s going to save you?’ Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm outside the Chapel prior to the service.

Wheller House Family Service
Wednesday 22 February at 6.00pm - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘You are growing!’ Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm outside the Chapel prior to the service.

Hamilton House Family Service
Sunday 26 February at 9.00am - College Chapel
The theme of the service will be ‘Who’s going to save you?’ Morning tea will be served in the Boarders’ Dining Room following the service.

Reverend Graham Cole and Mr Thomas McPherson

CHAPLAIN AND ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

FLIPPING OUT OVER BOTTLE FLIPPING

Bottle flipping. You do know what I’m talking about, don’t you? It seems to have become the modern day schoolboy fad. The equivalent, if you like, of the old school yo-yo or rubix cube. There are boys everywhere, in groups, in pairs, in the playground, at bus stops, on the side of sporting fields, all flipping half-filled plastic water bottles in an attempt to land the bottle upright, somewhat like an Olympic gymnast landing after a tumbling run. If you are still not sure what I’m talking about, ask your son. He’ll give you a demonstration that may go for hours and/or suck you into this new teenage addiction.

It is interesting how we look at these things when boys are engaged in what appears to be a frivolous and annoying activity. I’m sure many of us look back fondly on our wasted time as young folk, hours spent perfecting a myriad of yo-yo tricks and the odd broken string endangering windows as we went ‘around the world’, the futility of marbles and the mental frustration of that ridiculous coloured cube. In a world that now sees our boys forever on their ‘devices’, checking their social media and their number of ‘likes’, and immersed in a difficult to define ‘virtual world’, it is easy to yearn for our own childhood and the simple pleasures we found playing basic games as children. The ability to occupy ourselves at times appears lost… I find myself often wishing this for my children…

To me it is interesting to see, not only the boys’ fixation with bottle flipping, but many of our (adult) reactions to such an activity or dare I say youthful pastime? I must admit my initial reactions to this new found sport in and around the grounds at BBC (and even in airport waiting areas…) was one of frustration and annoyance. How annoying was this game? Why would a sane child want to do this? The thud of the bottle landing. The sound of the laughter for no real reason. Please, just stop. And stop it now!

However, on further reflection I observed something deeper. Here were groups of boys finding a way of entertaining themselves using minimal physical resources (dare I say recycling?), not needing an app, a device or a virtual connection. Here were boys connecting, in a real sense, with each other over a whimsical challenge. Sharing, competing, laughing hysterically, showing perseverance, concentration and clearly having fun whilst not doing any damage, to anything. It was a new slant on some old school ways of amusing one’s self. It was also an unrecognised science experiment on display and being enjoyed. Very clever really. And all of these skills and characteristics are the same as what boys need to maximise their learning.

In this context, the activity was typically boy. There is movement, competition, success and failure, laughter and connection with others. Socially, there was a lot going on and many of the characteristics we want to see in our boys on display. We want to see them smile and laugh, compete and enjoy others company. Boys also need to do something whilst they’re doing nothing, which I referred to last year as the ‘nothing box’.

So, as we watch another bottle tumble through the air and, as mature adults, feel the need to ridicule such an activity as the
annoying and frustrating thing that it is, perhaps we should think again about the ingenuity of our boys and how great it is to watch them discover joy from something so simple. Boys are the simplest yet most complex of creatures and we should celebrate and learn from their capacity to find pleasure in simple things. If we all took a leaf from this book perhaps we would find a little more happiness.

I encourage us all, to occasionally, join in the frivolity, and connect with our boys. I can’t wait to see what they’ll teach us in 2017.

Mr Kyle Thompson
DEPUTY HEADMASTER

WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to what will be an outstanding year! This may be seen by many as a very early call about the year ahead. 2017 will be an outstanding year by any measure based on the effort required to surpass the exceptional feats of 2016. The bar has been set very high and I am extremely confident in the calibre of young men within the Middle School to think big and to back up these big ideals with considered planning and a steely resolve to stick to their blueprint for success.

The start of the academic year should see boys dialled in and enthusiastic towards learning, new peers and staff, establishing workable routines, early familiarisation of changes to operational matters, an appropriate mix between academic and social activity and a greater ownership for their learning.

The Year 7 boys received tremendous support from parents, staff and an amazing group of Year 11 students who proudly wore the title of Big Bro’s, starting the year with the Connect Retreat Orientation Program, which was held at Lake Somerset. This experience provided boys with an invaluable opportunity to immerse themselves in the BBC culture. The school strongly believes relationships are the foundation for learning and growth and the program enabled boys to establish strong connections with their peers, Principal Teachers and Housemasters, which means they are well placed to flourish within our Middle School environment.

I provided the boys with four pieces of advice before heading off to camp, those being:

1. All boys here today are new to the Middle School and start their journey together. Support each other and bring your positive mindset to all that is on offer.
2. Be yourself and don’t change or modify who you are to fit in with others. Be authentic and proud of all the things that make you so special.
3. Give every activity a go, or more importantly, give them a fair go. If you are a young Bear Grylls type, lend your expertise to assist others. If you are preparing for a new challenge, be honest about your skills remembering it is a challenge by choice environment. The only person you are competing against is yourself.
4. Listen carefully and continue to ask questions until you completely understand what to do.

Much of this advice should also resonate with our returning Middle School boys.

The Year 8 and Year 9 boys began their first day with a ‘Welcome to 2017’ assembly that asked boys to stop and reflect on the importance of the significant Christmas and New Year holiday break. I shared the success story of young test batsman Matt Renshaw and his maiden test century, scoring 184 against Pakistan at the Sydney Cricket Ground. This made the cover of the Courier Mail (January, 2017) but it was the other main story that needed to be highlighted.

“Deadly Game. Boy, 13, dies taking part in online craze” exposed the tragic story of a young Brisbane school boy and promising cricketer who lost his life after being choked in what is referred to as the ‘good boys game’. Dangerous crazes or stunts that have the potential to kill should not be promoted as some sort of character test or challenge or dare for the entertainment of others. I spoke about the importance of true friendship and the need to step up and stop friends from contemplating dangerous activities. That is the hard part of being a true friend. Just as boys were asked to reflect upon the positive aspects of the holiday period, I also asked them to reflect upon any risky pursuits and why they felt compelled to place themselves or others in harms way.

I finished by introducing the 2017 Middle School theme, that being ‘Right Thoughts, Right Words, Right Actions’ and the origins of this theme, which will form an ongoing discussion at assemblies throughout the year. Year 7s will join the conversation next Wednesday at our first full Middle School Assembly.

A special welcome to all our new boys and families as they settle into our vibrant community. Please do not hesitate to contact staff as per the ‘lines of communication’ flowchart explained in my last communication so that questions can be answered promptly.

Lastly, I remind all parents about the upcoming Middle School Parent Information Evening in College Hall on Thursday 9 February 2017 commencing at 6.30pm. There will be a number of presenters speaking about academic, pastoral, behavioural and social matters as well as an overview of the start of the academic year.

I do hope you can make this event.

Mr Ian Macpherson
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL
BBC BUS SERVICE 2017

Brisbane Boys’ College offers five chartered bus routes each morning and afternoon, during term time. All vehicles are air conditioned, equipped with seat belts, GPS tracking and carry only BBC students. Bus Routes can be found on the Getting Here section of the College website with links to Google maps to outline each route.

How to register for bus travel
If your son’s will be travelling on a BBC chartered bus this year, there is a two-step process that you will need to follow:

Step 1: Purchase a bus pass (Term or 20 Trip Pass)
Families have the option of purchasing a Term Bus Pass ($315 per term) or a 20 Trip bus pass ($110 per pass). A Term bus pass is most cost effective for passengers travelling more than 40 trips per term.

Click here to purchase a Term 1, 2017 bus pass
Click here to purchase a 20 Trip bus pass

Note: The default bus route is Bus Route 1 to Clayfield. Please ensure you purchase a bus pass for the registered bus route.

Once you have purchased a 20 Trip Pass, your son will be notified to collect his pass from his school office (Junior School Office, Middle School Office or Man Reception). No bus pass is issued for Term Pass holders.

Step 2: Complete the bus registration form
Brisbane Boys’ College requires every passenger to be registered prior to travel (once per school year). Please complete the Bus Registration Form below, once you have purchased a Bus Pass, to register your son’s pick-up and drop-off stops. It is recommended that students in the Early Years (Prep to Year 3) travel with an older brother or friends.

By the end of week two each term (co-curricular schedules should be finalised by this time) families must identify the bus route and pick-up/drop-off bus stops for the remainder of the term.

Your understanding and acceptance of the BBC Bus Service Conditions will be required upon registration. The registration information will be passed on to Brisbane Bus Lines to ensure your son’s pick-up and drop-off stops are added to the travel register. Your registration will enable BBC to gauge the size of the bus required for each term ensuring there are enough seats for all travellers.

Click here for the Bus Registration Form

Further information can be found on the Events section of the College website http://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/events/bbc-bus-passes

Brisbane Boys’ College remains committed to providing the best possible charter bus service to our community.

Co-curricular Activities

GPS TRACK AND FIELD

National Championships results
Six College athletes represented Queensland at the national championships in December.

National 10 to 12 Years Exchange
- Ben Woodley named national champion.
- Ben Woodley and Jack Gersekowski travelled back from Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush with five medals between them. Ben won the 12 Years High Jump with a personal best of 1.69m, placed third in the Long Jump, as well as a bronze medal in the Queensland 12 Years 4x100m Relay team.
- Jack placed third in the 12 Years multi event (100m, Long Jump, Shot Put and 800m), and won a gold medal in the long jump relay with a personal best of 5.30m.

JACK GERSEKOWSKI AND BEN WOODLEY: FIVE NATIONAL MEDALS BETWEEN THEM

Australian All Schools Championships, AIS Track, Canberra
- Matthew Bennett Under 14 1500m - eighth
- Jacob Fuller Under 14 90m hurdles - sixth
- Pat Thygesen Under 16 1500m - 13th; Under 16 3000m - seventh
- Pat Jaffe Under 18 400m hurdles - ninth

Mr Russel Hansen
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS (TRACK AND FIELD, CROSS COUNTRY)
TENNIS

Over the holidays BBC competed in the Brisbane International Schools Challenge. The College was represented by Sam Bell, Angus Norris, Jay Pyman, Mitchell Slattery and Sammy Taylor. The boys finished in a creditable sixth position. They also had the opportunity to watch some great tennis and met some players.

Thanks to Ethan Wilkinson for managing and coaching the team.

All tennis coaching commences next week. Students have the options of doing group coaching, private coaching and the GPS standard students can participate in the Senior Development Squads. The registration forms can be collected from the Tennis Office. For further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me via 3309 3619 or crolph@bbc.qld.edu.au

There were many outstanding tournament results over the holidays including Dane Sweeny finishing third at the National Under 16 Championships and competing in the Australian Open Grand Slam Junior Event. Further results will be highlighted in next week’s College News.

Mr Chris Rolph
DIRECTOR OF TENNIS

ROBOTICS

All students who have chosen robotics as an activity in 2017, please go to the robotics page on Highlands and click on the link provided to obtain enrolment information.

Mr Colin Noy
MASTER IN CHARGE, ROBOTICS
**MUSIC REHEARSALS**

All Music rehearsals will begin next week as per the schedule below. If you are unsure of your ensemble please email the Music Department (music@bbc.qld.edu.au)

**Meet Music @ BBC**

Come along to meet the Music staff of BBC and learn about the program. Junior, Middle and Senior School parents and students most welcome.

Monday 6 February
6.30pm to 8.00pm
Earl Larmar Rehearsal Room (College Hall)

**Save the Date**

Wednesday 8 March
6.30pm College Hall
More information to follow.

Mr Theo Kotzas
HEAD OF PERFORMANCE MUSIC

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### PIPE BAND

I would first like to wish everyone all the best for 2017 from BBC Pipe Band. A very busy year lies ahead once again for the band with pipers and drummers requested to perform at many school and community performances. Our band will also be building towards the five week tour to Scotland in 2018 to participate in the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

The band looks to head overseas every two years, and as any of the Pipe Band boys will attest, it is a fantastic opportunity for our boys to see the world through music.

If boys would like to join the Pipe Band or find out a little more about it, don’t hesitate to contact either Mr Quill squill@bbc.qld.edu.au or myself via sstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au

Mr Steven Stanley
PIPE BAND DIRECTOR

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2017 SWIMMING CAMP

As a holiday destination, the Gold Coast is known for three things - sun, sand and surf.

In January, however, for members of the BBC Senior Swimming group, the Gold Coast was all about squad, starts and sprints.

At the onset of the camp, 33 individuals arrived at the BBC pool to begin their own journey on a path to the 2017 GPS Swimming Championships, a mere six weeks away. The first question asked of each swimmer was, “Why do you swim?” What was made abundantly clear was that nearly every individual had a different response.

Throughout the four-day camp, processes were implemented, experiences were gained and the various interactions had helped these diverse paths unite and a sense of unity amongst the group was achieved.

All training sessions were set by the Senior Squad Coach and BBC Old Boy, Alex Russell, with the guidance of BBC Head Coach, Adam Hosking. Sessions were set so that the swimmers were pushed and their limits extended. The Student Leadership group, comprised of swimmers from all Senior squad age groups (Under 13 to Open), took a pivotal role within the group in setting the tone for the squad’s attitude, as well as the processes that would be implemented for the upcoming season. The notion of pushing yourself and working for the edge over your competitors, both within the squad and from other schools was evident.

Those in attendance at camp indicated that whilst third place in the GPS Championships for the past three years is the best result in the College’s Swimming history, the goal is to do even better. It is hard not to think that the achievement of the 2016 BBC Track and Field team provided the impetus for this. Not swimming so that it is simply comfortable, striving to go one or two places better than the person in the lanes either side of you and not skipping out on completing all laps in the set were some of the examples used to describe how this could be achieved.

However, with the sun and sand now gone, it is time for the boys to get into the competition mind-set that will see all of our BBC Swimmers vying for a coveted place in the College GPS Swimming team on Friday 3 March. The first of the steps along this path is this Friday which sees the first of the lead-up meets at Chandler. Best of luck to all of these boys in the coming weeks’ lead-up meets!

Meet #1 – Friday 27 January

This Friday’s meet will be held at Sleeman Aquatic Centre, Candler. The Junior program (10 and Under – 12 and Under) will run from 4.30pm to 6.30pm, whilst the Senior program (13 and Under – Open) will be held from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

As will occur for each of the Term 1 Swimming meets, transportation to the venue will be available for boys, should they require it. The school buses will leave from the Sports Complex carpark at 4.30pm and will return to school after the completion of the meet schedule (approximately 9.00pm).

Should any boy wish to secure a place on the bus, they must come up to the PE Office in the Sports Complex to place their name on the list by the end of school on Wednesday of each week.

BBC Squad Morning

The decision has been made that, in order to enhance the sense of team unity and identity within the entire BBC Swimming community this year, one training session in the week has been identified as the ‘BBC Squad’ morning. This initiative will be run every Wednesday morning during the competitive season with boys participating in both a Strength and Conditioning component in the weights room, as well as technical component in the pool. For the timing of this session, please refer to the training schedule in the Swimming Season Information document that has previously been sent via email.

In addition to this, the Swimming Support Group will be firing up the BBQ near the end of this session and making available to the boys a cooked breakfast. The cost of this breakfast will be $5 per breakfast ordered and payment is to be made to the Swimming Support Group account before the Wednesday morning sessions.

It was a fantastic turnout this week, with 47 Senior squad swimmers attending the first BBC Squad session. Combine this with the 20 Junior squad swimmers, as well as the fact that the Year 7 students were still away on camp, and the pool was abuzz with enthusiasm and excitement.

2017 Uniform

The decision has been made that, in order to enhance the sense of team unity and identity within the BBC Swimming community, all boys from Under 10 to Open who swim for the College in any the lead-up meets are to wear the following uniform:

- BBC College togs
- BBC Swimming cap
- Black BBC Swimming shirt
- Black PE shorts

All of these items are available for purchase from the College Shop.

2017 Swimming Annual Awards

Tickets are now available to be purchased for the end of season Swimming Annual Awards. The event flyer, providing all of the necessary details for this event, can be found in this edition of College News.

WATER POLO

Met West Trials

Please note the following details for the 2017 Met West Water Polo Trials:

- Date: Wednesday 8 February
- Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm
- Venue: Yeronga Pool, 55 School Road, Yeronga
- Cost: $20 nomination fee
- Ages: 13 – 17 years old in 2017

In order to be eligible to attend the trials, a Water Polo Player Nomination Form must be completed and emailed to both the Met West office and me by Wednesday 1 February. This form can be collected by boys from Student Services.

2017 Sign On

To give boys enough forewarning, those students who want to play water polo for BBC this year will be asked to come down to the pool in week four on Wednesday 15 February during lunch to add their name to the player list.

Mr Brett Shields
DIRECTOR OF AQUATICS
**TUCKSHOP**

Roster week commencing 30 January

**Monday 30:** Jacinta Wrakuale

**Tuesday 31:** Susan Nielsen, Lori Graham, Melissa Lennon, Helen Barnard, Gaynor Edwardson

**Wednesday 1:** Katrina Hall, Anita Allen, Jode Yarde, Dana Bradberry

**Thursday 2:** Alani Daniskevicius, Sophie Weitemeyer, Sharon Kelly-Knowles

**Friday 11:** Kristine Evans, Monica Rylands, Rachel Martin, Karen Amos

Ms Barbara Harvey  
TUCKSHOP CONVENOR

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**PARENT CONNECTIONS**

On behalf of Parent Connections, the social arm of the Parents and Friends’ Association, welcome to Term 1. Parent Connections seeks to provide a link of friendship and fellowship for parents across the College community. We would encourage you to mark the following dates in your diaries for year level gatherings and particularly the P&F Welcome event on 23 February.

You are also welcome to attend Parent Connections meetings that are held each term in College House on the second Thursday of the month. The first meeting for 2017 is Thursday 9 February at 9.30am.

**Year 7**  
Come and meet your fellow Year 7 Parents for a coffee catch-up.  
**When:** Thursday 3 February from 8.00am (week two)  
**Where:** Regatta Hotel (parking onsite or a short walk from Toowong)  
Drinks and food available for purchase on arrival.  
**RSVP:** Helen Barnard via SMS 0428 274 740

**Year 8**  
Share a tea or coffee and chat with Year 8 parents.  
**When:** Week three - day to be advised  
**Where:** Regatta Hotel  
Further details will be provided by Year 8 Parent Representatives Samantha, Sam, Terriann, Susie and Kylie.

**Year 9**  
Come join your fellow Year 9 parents for a coffee catch-up.  
**When:** Friday 17 February from 8.00am (week four)  
**Where:** Regatta Hotel  
Coffee and cake available for purchase.  
**RSVP:** Nicole McPherson via SMS 0419 208 586.  
We look forward to seeing you then!

**Year 10**  
The Year 10 catch-up will be held in week five (commencing 20 February). Kelly and Anna will provide further details as soon as possible via College News.

**Year 11**  
The Year 11 catch-up will be held in week seven (commencing 6 March). Karen will provide further details as soon as possible via College News.

**Year 12**  
The Year 12 catch-up will be held in week eight (commencing 13 March). Ryl will provide details as soon as possible via College News.

Ms Helen Barnard  
PRESIDENT PARENT CONNECTIONS

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**BRISBANE BOYS’ COLLEGE**

2017 P&F Welcome Party

BBC’s Parents and Friends’ Association together with Parent Connections warmly invites you to a cocktail party to welcome in the new school year.

**All parents welcome to attend**

**Thursday 23 February**  
6.00pm to 8.00pm, College Hall Foyer

**RSVP by Monday 20 February**  
to Jennifer Sharp  

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to Jennifer Sharp  
Each year Brisbane Boys’ College offers a number of scholarship and bursary opportunities for boys to benefit from a BBC education.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS
Awarded for excellence in academic achievement. Please ensure you apply for the correct exam type.

DECUS (EXCELLENCE) SCHOLARSHIPS
Awarded to boys who exhibit the personal qualities for which the College is known and can demonstrate excellence in sports or performing arts.

BOARDING SCHOLARSHIPS
Awarded to students with the potential to achieve good results in the classroom and embrace the wider school programs.

BUSH KIDS BURSARY
Recently established to provide an opportunity for a deserving student from a rural background who has the potential to maximise the benefits of a BBC education.

GUY ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to a young man who demonstrates sound academic ability, character and leadership attributes, and the ability to contribute to the co-curricular life of the College.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS
Academic scholarships are awarded based on ACER examination results, recent academic record and may involve an interview with parents and the applicant.

2017 REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION DATES
Monday 6 February - closing date to register for the Cooperative Program and Primary Cooperative program.
Saturday 25 February - ACER Scholarship exam
Saturday 18 February - closing date to register for the alternate ACER Scholarship exam day (Tuesday 28 February).

To register visit www.bbc.qld.edu.au/scholarships

FURTHER INFORMATION
Student Admissions
Brisbane Boys’ College
T (07) 3309 3658
E admissions@bbc.qld.edu.au
Swimming Annual Awards

BBC Swimming invites Junior and Senior squad swimmers and their family to celebrate the season at the Annual Swimming Awards Break Up.

DATE       Friday 3 March
TIME       7.00pm for a 7.15pm start – late
VENUE      Diamond Room, Easts Leagues Club
            40 Main Avenue, Coorparoo
TICKETS    Adults: $75; Students/Children: $50
            Tickets are to be purchased via
            bit.ly/BBCSwimmingAnnualAwards
RSVP       Please purchase tickets online by
            Monday 27 February

ENQUIRIES  For further information
            contact Brett Shields,
            Director of Aquatics via
            bshields@bbc.qld.edu.au
            or 3309 3562
SUNDAY 26 MARCH

LOCATION
BRISBANE BOYS’ COLLEGE
MISKIN OVAL
TOOWONG (BRISBANE) QUEENSLAND 4066
ENTRANCE OFF MOGGILL ROAD

ENQUIRIES
STEVIE STANLEY VIA 0400 953 126 OR
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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BRISBANE-BOYS-COLLEGE-
SCOTTISH-HIGHLAND-GATHERING-1492478321017792/

11.00AM - 4.30PM

WHAT TO EXPECT
PIPE BANDS AND MASSED PIPE BANDS
DRUM MAJORS
SCOTTISH STALLS AND SCOTTISH CLANS
FOOD OUTLETS

FREE ENTRY