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and gratitude.”





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**D**istinguished guests, students, staff and parents. Today we are here to celebrate with joy and gratitude all that is good this year at Brigidine College St Ives.

Behind me on the screens you will see a selection of some of the wonderful happenings that have occurred this year.

Our Brigidine heritage is of great importance to our community. This year marked the 125th anniversary since the Brigidine sisters arrived in NSW to establish a school at Coonamble. Staff and Year 7 students travelled to Coonamble to take part in this historic weekend. What an opportunity for us to focus on the wonderful contribution the Brigidine sisters have made to education.

This year we have had many rich experiences in the liturgical life of our students. Our Opening School Mass where we welcomed new staff and students to our community; our Ash Wednesday and Easter liturgies; our Founders' Day Mass; our Leadership Mass; our involvement in World Youth Day activities, where students from our Brigidine schools in Victoria and South Australia stayed in our Gym and had the opportunity to participate in activities with our staff, students and parents; our Assembly that allowed students and staff to participate in the historical apology to the indigenous people.

Our deep commitment to social justice again reflects our Brigidine heritage and demonstrates our Christian values and generosity of spirit to help those who need our support.

Tradition tells us that St Brigid had an extraordinary compassion and concern for the poor people of her time. Here at our College we have been challenged by Brigid's example and we have tried to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

The Year 12 charity this year, Green Gecko, had wonderful support from our extended community. Our Year 12 students are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievement in raising over \$16,000. This money will be used to buy a bus to transport the children at the Green Gecko Orphanage in Cambodia.



Other events such as the International Food Fair, House Activities, the Year charities, in particular Year 9 Breast Cancer Charity, Year 10 Chernobyl Charity and the tremendous contribution of Year 11 students, parents and staff to Cafe Cana.

All of these events continue to remind us how fortunate we are to be part of such a caring Brigidine community.

Again this year we have Year 11 students who will be accompanied by Mrs Skye Wachter on the Pilgrimage of Hope to India. This service project enables our students to work with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity to enrich others who suffer the realities of absolute poverty.

Our students are privileged to have so many opportunities to participate in a great variety of co-curricular activities. Whether it is Debating, Public Speaking, playing Volleyball, going on the Soccer tour to Queensland, travelling to New Zealand to play Hockey and Waterpolo, joining in the Musical, dancing in the Dance Spectacular. Where do I stop?

I wish to sincerely thank the extraordinary efforts of our parents, our Sports Convenors, coaches and supporters who are integral to the success of every student. Staff, in particular Mr David Chant and Mrs Skye Wachter, and the many other staff members who give so generously of their time to make our Co-curricular program so successful. A special note of gratitude to our Year 12 Student Leaders who have worked tirelessly to also ensure the success of these activities.

I thank all families for the commitment to Brigidine College St Ives. We appreciate the work of the P & F and wish the new committee every success and encourage all parents to participate in the P & F sponsored events which build strong friendships in our community.

Our 21st century classrooms are very different places to those I remember as a student, a few years ago! While the addition of technology is one obvious change, the addition of exciting and challenging, student-centred learning activities provide opportunities that I could not have imagined.

Here at Brigidine College St Ives we have a talented and dedicated teaching staff. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks said about teachers, 'Teachers open our eyes to the world. They give us curiosity and confidence. They teach us to ask questions. They connect us to our past and future. They're the guardians of our social heritage. We have lots of heroes today – sportsmen, super-models, media personalities. They come, they have their fifteen minutes of fame, and they go. But the influence of good teachers stays with us. They are the people who really shape our life'.

Mr Rupert Murdoch was asked to deliver the 49th Annual Boyer Lectures this year. Mr Murdoch in his second lecture entitled 'Who's Afraid of New Technology' states that 'as technology advances, the premium for educated people with talent and judgement will increase. In the future, successful workers will be those who embrace a lifetime of learning'. In his fourth lecture 'Fortune Favours the Smart' he asserts that 'the best path to success is through an education that will allow us to fulfil our potential. That begins by setting high standards... and ensuring that when you do leave school, you leave with the tools that will help you get ahead in life'.

Our teachers have embraced a lifetime of learning and many are completing post graduate qualifications. The teaching staff set high standards for our students and ensure that our students have reached above average results in all national testing this year. Thank you for the encouragement and inspiration you give to our students every day.

Our teaching staff have been ably assisted by our support staff who ensure that our College facilities are well maintained and our services are of an excellent standard.

One of the common Celtic descriptions for St Brigid is 'earth woman'. This is because she was believed to have a close affinity with the land and understood the importance of the basic elements of life: earth, air, fire and water. At our College we are surrounded by a beautiful environment and we are very aware of the importance of appreciating and caring for nature.

It was in this spirit that this year we have installed five water tanks which hold 225,000 litres which is the largest storage of water in the Ku-Ring-Gai municipality. We have widened and improved our front drive and redeveloped the Year 11 recreation space near the tennis courts. – all projects that benefit our students.

I would like to thank and extend our best wishes to those staff who leave our College at the end of the year or left during 2008.

Mrs Heather Chaplin and Mrs Anne Locke, passionate Science teachers who are retiring; Mrs Donna Littlewood, a long-serving and dedicated teacher of our students in the Chisholm Centre and Mrs Nola McMullan our Learning Support teacher who worked tirelessly to help our students. Mr Clive Meyers, an exemplary Mathematics teacher, Mrs Kelly Young, our creative Drama teacher, Ms Rachel Malpass, an inspirational teacher and Mr Michael Halliday, Assistant Principal-Mission who has made a major contribution to the life of our College.

Their dedication to teaching and wonderful pastoral care of our students will always be long remembered by our community with affection.

Members of our support staff also have retired or left to explore professional opportunities beyond Brigidine.

Mrs Michelle Becchio	Publications
Mrs Judy O'Reilly	Uniform Shop
Mrs Cheryle Owens	Clerical Support
Mrs Mary-Ann Shalders	Human Resources
Mr Nathan Tozer	Maintenance

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to thank our College Board for their excellent contribution to our College and the Brigidine sisters who are always so encouraging and supportive of what we are doing at Brigidine College St Ives.

We are very proud of our students and what they have achieved this year. We wish our Year 12 students success and happiness.

We celebrate the academic success of our prize winners knowing that every one of our students has contributed to the pride we feel in belonging to Brigidine College St Ives.

Mrs Joanne Atkins  
*Principal*







*"It takes a whole village to raise a child" is an African proverb.*

This African saying emphasises the importance to a young person of contact with a wide variety of people who can nurture and influence them as they develop and, in doing so, can ensure that they are able to nurture others. Empathy is basic to positive interaction at home, at school and in the broader community. It is the ability to 'step into other people's shoes' and to see life from their point of view.

In reflecting on the community of Brigidine College St Ives, I believe there are parallels with the African village where all have a special part in the growth and development of the young girl who enters Brigidine St Ives as a Year 7 student and emerges as a young woman with the skills, the strength and the gentleness ready to take her place in society.

The major role in raising a child rests and will always remain with the parents. Parents take great care and often make great sacrifices in choosing the school that they believe will develop and educate their daughters. Over the six years of secondary school there are serious challenges to parents and daughters. How does a girl achieve the "letting go of childhood" and the acceptance of inspiration from, and an emerging adult friendship with, parents? How do parents know when to allow new freedoms and yet to guide and lead and just to be there when growing up is not as easy as it appears?

Other students play a significant role in the "African village" model. Friendships are formed, friendships fade. How many times do we say to girls in Years 8 and 9 "if you make a new friend you do not need to be nasty to your old friend"? Girls mature at different rates, come to develop stronger personalities,

are looking for friendship and support and only as time goes by realise that in giving support and friendship they will receive. The example and inspiration of the senior girls is a powerful influence in the development of all. For staff it is always extremely encouraging to see the bonds that form in Years 11 and 12: not just friendship groups but the ability to relate to a wider cohort and to look beyond themselves to a wider world.

Brigidine College St Ives is fortunate to have committed, focused, professional teachers who are able to balance their educative and formative roles. The passion teachers have for their particular subjects sparks the interest of different students. Teachers are also fully aware that their interactions and their example have a profound influence on the girls in their classes and indeed in the school.

Assisting the students and the teaching staff are a variety of important additional staff who keep the organisational wheels running. Administration, library, technicians, grounds people and many others enhance the College and either directly or indirectly have an impact on the atmosphere and environment in which the students move and work.

The leadership of the Principal and the Executive helps to build a culture where students experience opportunities for spiritual, educational and personal growth in an environment that is Catholic in the Brigidine tradition. The emphasis this year "Proud to be Brigidine" has rung out on so many occasions and is both challenging and encouraging.

Through the activities of the Parents and Friends Association opportunities for social interaction between parents creates a depth to the "village" community and this year also provided significant funding assistance which included an additional pod of computers for use in the classrooms. Also many parents are involved in providing the wide variety of clubs available to the girls. The generosity of all involved is appreciated and provides social and team building opportunities for students with similar interests.

The Governance of the College is the responsibility of the Trustees i.e. the Brigidine Sisters and a Board is appointed by the Trustees to carry out this role. In the Constitutions the Board is appointed to manage the company which is Brigidine College St Ives.

At its meeting on 19th November 2007, the College Board, mindful of concerns expressed and issues raised by various members of the school and parent community, took the following decisions after consulting with the Trustees of Brigidine College and with the agreement of the Principal. I quote from the Letter to Parents and

Staff of 30 November 2007 from myself as Chair of the Board and Sr. Chanel Sugden, Province Leader for the Trustees.

"The Board, with the approval of the Trustees, will engage independent educational consultants immediately to conduct:

- A review of the College's governance structures, including an examination and appraisal of the roles and responsibilities of all groups within the school community
- A cultural audit of the College
- A review of all school and leadership structures
- A review of the Strategic Plan and its implementation, and the College's internal and external communication procedures
- An appraisal of the College's management of resources

These reviews will include co-operation of the Principal, staff and parents in working closely with the educational consultants to achieve a way forward for all in the College. As a normal and expected part of her professional development, the College Principal will undergo a formal comprehensive appraisal by the end of Term 2, 2008."

To this time personnel from Cookson Cummins & Associates have completed the appraisal of the College Principal, a Leadership Structure Review and a Communications Strategy Report. The cultural areas are to be addressed by Sr Brigid Arthur from the Brigidine Secondary Schools Committee in Victoria. The further commitments will be honoured in 2009.

The Board and Trustees wish to thank the Principal, Executive staff and parents for their co-operation with the consultants. We acknowledge the commitment of all to providing an environment where our students can learn, develop their potential and emerge from the College as self-confident young women imbued with the values instilled in them by their families and their Brigidine heritage.

Yes, it does take a whole village, a whole community, to raise a Brigidine young woman. Thank you to each person for your part in this work and to the girls for their co-operation. We look forward with confidence to continuing to build on the traditions and heritage of Brigidine College, whilst at the same time embracing whatever is good in all that this new century has to offer.

Sr Angela Ryan csb  
College Chair



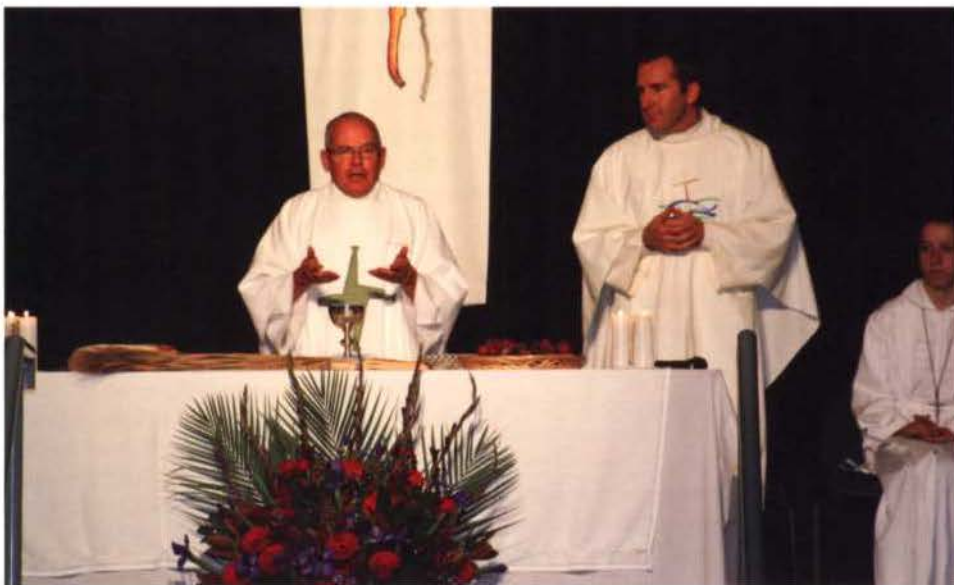


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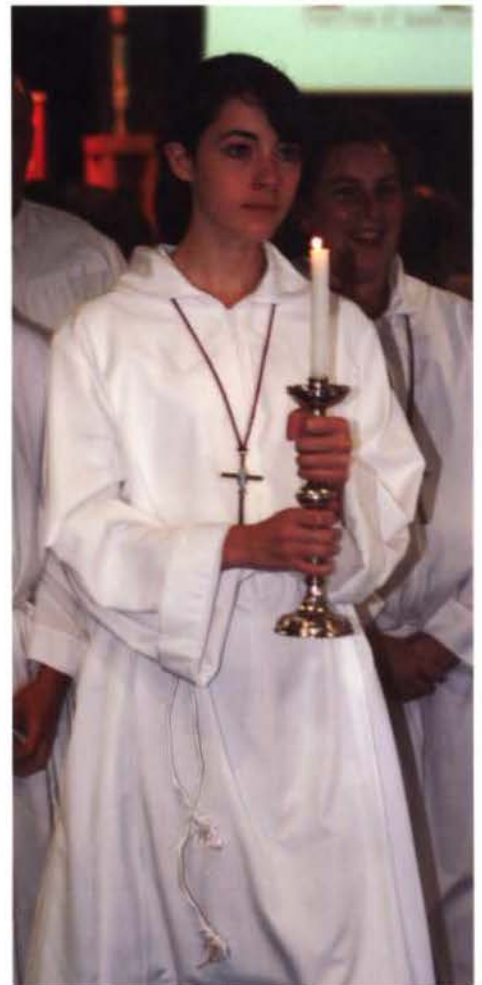




The Feast of St Brigid was celebrated with the Commencement Mass in Bowie Hall. This Mass also marked the end of the Bicentenary of the Brigidine Sisters and the start of celebrations of the 125 years of Brigidine education in NSW.

Sr Maree Marsh csb, who spoke at Mass, is the Congregational Leader of the Brigidines worldwide. Sr Chanel Sugden csb was also present, marking the end of her inspiring leadership as Province Leader of NSW over the last five years. Sr Chanel has given great support to our College: we wish her well in her future work. Sr Dorothy Costigan csb now takes on this role and we look forward to welcoming her to the College in her new position.

All staff and students joined in blessing our new staff and to welcoming the new Year 7 students to our wonderful College.





In June a group of Year 7 students, together with Mrs Atkins, Mr Halliday, Ms Egan and Mrs Goddard travelled to Coonamble to celebrate the anniversary of 125 years of Brigidine education in NSW. They attended a traditional liturgical ceremony held at the grave sites of the Brigidine Sisters who had died in Coonamble which was the Mother House of the Congregation for many years. The service was very moving as relatives or friends of those who died spoke about each Sister's life. Sadly many had died as young women, though their pioneering spirit lives through the Sisters still resident in Coonamble. The respect and reflections of the residents of Coonamble demonstrate that these women will not be forgotten.

On the Saturday night staff members attended a Gala Dinner of over 300 people. There they heard reminiscences of past students and met people who had only been educated by Brigidine Sisters.

"The trip to Coonamble was both a rewarding and educational experience which we all will remember for the rest of our lives. We have learnt many things about the Brigidine Sisters and what they did for the education of Australia. The children at St. Brigid's had to practice their letter writing in sand boxes and the floor had gaps in which snakes would crawl up into the classroom. Times have changed now and there are only three nuns in Coonamble. We have a lot to be thankful for and if it weren't for the nuns coming out in 1883 the education would not be the same", said Year 7 students Alex McInnes, Kristie Nixon, Emma Nedov, Minnie Baillie and Annalise Neal.







This January four of our Year 12 students, Sophia Goodwin, Sinead Keaveney, Verity Paton and Jessica Tasso, together with ex-student Simone Delaney (Class of 2007) and Miss Kate Brannan commenced a remarkable physical, spiritual and emotional journey to India that would alter their lives.

Our Brigidine students joined nine schools from around Australia in the pilgrimage. Their experiences working in homes established by Mother Teresa and the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata are a source of inspiration for all students.

"Verity, Jess, Sinead and Sophia completely immersed themselves in the experience and represented Brigidine College so well with the challenges they faced. They generously gave their time and selves to the poor and disadvantaged of Kolkata, in a truly selfless way during the three weeks we spent there", said Miss Brannan who was also the leader of the Brigidine Pilgrimage in 2007.

"I realised that you can be happy with nothing", said Sinead. "We were able to see a completely different side of the world and realise how unimportant material things are."





### Year 8 Reflection Day

On the 17th of September Year 8 attended our Reflection Day at the Tracey Centre in Oxford Falls. The theme of the day was "The Olympics" with the motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius" meaning swifter, higher, stronger. When we arrived at the Centre Miss Brannan organized a Mini-Olympics to build our teamwork skills. We enjoyed playing these games in our Mentor Groups. Shortly after we all had to write one of our goals for this year on a coloured strip of paper. Each mentor had a different colour and they were joined together to make a ring; we joined them together to make the Olympic rings. We learned how the rings represent respect and the unity of the countries and that the flame symbolised friendship and the motto taught us about excellence. The white of the Olympic flag represents goodness and purity.

After recess we participated in a meaningful activity which taught us about the diversity of opinion in many different situations. For lunch we enjoyed a sausage sizzle and free time to explore the grounds.

Once we had returned from lunch we had the opportunity to reflect on our lives by listening to the song "Permission To Shine". We all had a great day which could never have happened without the teachers support. We would also like to give a special thank you to Mr Halliday for organizing the day and to our Year Co-ordinator, Mrs Radcliff.

Tiasha Bastianpillai, Clare Hansen, Katherine Vail and Chloe Steele



### Year 9 Reflection Day

"Respect" - our theme for the day. We arrived buzzing with excitement as the buses rolled into the grounds of St Pius X oval. We ambled into the main room where after a prayer with Mr Halliday, our first activity began. We split up into our Mentor groups and were given two brightly coloured posters. One poster was to represent the pressures in our age group. The second poster was to display the forms of support available to us.

Throughout the day we participated in activities such as ball games which brought us closer together as a Year group. We were split into three groups with whom we participated in three different activities. These consisted of a discussion with Mr Loughland about what we thought the issues were in our Year group, a reflection with Mr Halliday on respect in our lives and finally, a serene meditation with Mrs Barrs in which we listened to meaningful lyrics as she told us a story showing that our actions have consequences.

To top off our enlightening experience the school staff presented us with our own baby Lemon Myrtle tree. This tree became a symbol of the foundation that we had built together and will continue to build as a Year group. By harnessing all that we had learnt throughout our Year 9 Reflection Day we returned to school more aware that our lives should be motivated by respect.

Amanda Chong and Grace Turnbull

### Year 10 Reflection Day

On Friday 14th November, Year 10 departed Brigidine in the morning without many expectations for their Reflection Day; however, when the day had come to a close, it was assured that the change of venue to Camp Kedron brought with it a change of heart.

After Year 10 arrived at Ingleside amongst the change of scenery of the bush and the warm up activities conducted by Miss McDonald, the day began with two enlightening stories of teachers, Mrs Young and Mrs Wright. We were able to gain a greater sense of respect for our teachers through their free, unconstrained and trusting way of sharing personal memories and truths with us, especially as students.

We then split off into mentor groups where each person explained the importance of a symbol they had brought, reflecting who they are. Through this experience we were able to bond with those people in our mentor, on an informal, and in some cases, a much deeper level.

After this we came together again as a Year group to listen to Mrs Pritchard talk to us about the role of God and forgiveness in her life, adding in her humorous anecdotes and stories. Then came the favourite part of the day.

We separated into classes after collecting cardboard flowers and a paper flower basket. Then in pairs, we proceeded to talk on-on-one to each person in our class, reminding them of the unique qualities that they possess, that make them special, giving them a flower to represent the quality. After talking to the whole class, each person had a basket filled with flowers representing why



they are so individually loved. We concluded the Reflection Day with a liturgy before returning to school on the buses.

The Reflection Day as a whole enabled Year 10 to contemplate the role of God, the Christian way and the role of the Year group in their life. Thank you so much to all teachers, especially Mrs Summerhayes, for all their efforts in organising the day. The Reflection Day was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, enabling each person to gain a sense of worth, belonging and a sense of pride to be part of the Brigidine community.

Emily Briggs



**Year 11 Retreat**

Before arriving at San Remo none of the forty Year 11 girls attending the camp knew what to expect. We didn't know what the accommodation or food was like – not that it should matter – or what exactly we were hoping to get from the retreat. However, as soon as we arrived at Camp Breakaway, all the anticipation was forgotten. The beautifully maintained grounds created a perfect environment for reflection.

Throughout the time that we were at Camp Breakaway, the main focus was 'finding your inner self' and 'being true to yourself'. A number of activities helped to encourage this idea. On the first night of retreat, we watched *Billy Elliot*, (a movie that was a prime example of being true to yourself), and throughout the remaining time at retreat, we referred to how Billy found out who he was and how to be true to himself.

On the final night at Camp Breakaway, we split into the groups that we had worked in for the duration of the camp, and each group planned a certain part of a liturgy. We all came together and conducted each part of the liturgy. When all the components of the liturgy came together, it was a beautiful time of reflection.

On the last day of retreat, in our groups, we wrote positive messages about each person in our group about what we had learned about them.

The Camp Breakaway San Remo retreat was a really relaxing time away from our busy lives and gave us time to reflect on who we are and what is ahead of us in senior years. Spending time with our best friends and even those we might not have known overly well, and helping them reflect on who they are was



really rewarding and in return they helped us find ourselves.

All of the girls on this retreat would like to thank the guidance of the teachers who reflected with us, and in particular, Mr Halliday who organised the retreat.

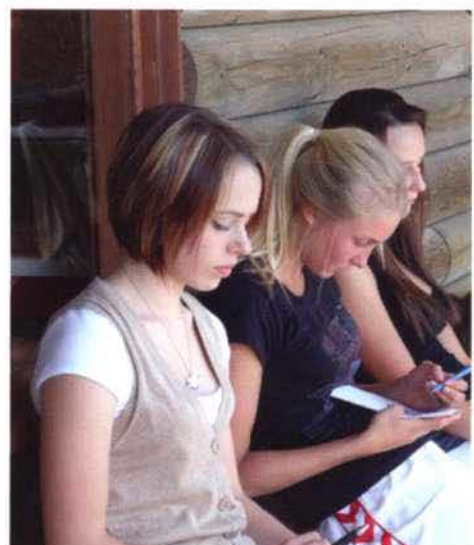
Jesse Mikaelian and Angelique Williams

**Year 12 Retreat**

The theme for Wednesday with Year 12 was 'Keeping a Balanced Life'. We heard about ways to keep healthy both physically and emotionally during this final year of school. The panel of experts, consisting of ex-students and other key people including Mrs Ticehurst (our parent representative), Mrs Ledley (our Careers Advisor), Ms Appleton (one of our Counselors) and Mrs Preston (our AP Academic) answered many questions about the year ahead. It turns out, that you don't need to be stressed this year AND there is life after the HSC! After lunch Year 12 headed for Goulburn for their final retreat. Here are some comments from the girls... "the Youth Mission Team did a fantastic job to stimulate our ideas about self worth and our treatment of others through various

activities and dramatizations"... "One of the most rewarding parts of our retreat was our final session, entitled "Affirmations"...each girl had the opportunity to write a small letter to as many people as she wanted...we ended the camp with a really positive, caring attitude to our entire year group'.

Kate Boyd and Eleanor Chandler





### Liturgy Society Report

With World Youth Day celebrations bringing new vitality to the Catholic tradition, this year has been a truly inspirational one for young Catholics and the greater Brigidine community. The year 2008 has been an exciting and enjoyable year with the Liturgy Society benefiting greatly from a close relationship with the St Vincent de Paul Society. With our shared commitment to Social Justice, the culmination of spirituality and compassion has been a core theme of both societies and as such, our resulting liturgies and masses.

The spiritual life of the College has always been a central part of the "Brigidine" experience, with masses and liturgies throughout the year not only reasserting our common beliefs, but reasserting our feelings of acceptance and belonging within our day-to-day interactions. In the hectic experience of high school, it is comforting to take some time out every now and then to meditate and reflect on what it is that brings us together as students of strength and gentleness.

The arrival of the World Youth Day cross and icon to our very own College hall was a very exciting event with many girls and families getting involved in celebrations over that weekend as we hosted the main WYD event for the cathedral. Year 12 students later attended a World Youth Day event at Oxford Falls, where numerous schools of the diocese were encouraged to pray and worship together.

### St. Vincent de Paul Social Justice Society

Each year, Brigidine girls take the initiative to actively participate in activities promoting social justice within Brigidine and extending into the wider community. Activities that took place in 2008 included – fundraising, Red Cross blood donations, Café Cana, Winter Appeal, Christmas Appeal and the World Vision 40 Hour Famine.

The St Vincent de Paul Social Justice Society undertook a range of small projects in 2008. The society worked closely with Mr Halliday and Mrs Grubba (in 2007), as well as a small group of enthusiastic students who have helped organise many of the activities.

At the end of 2007 the main project was the annual Christmas appeal in which the entire Brigidine school community contributed food and gifts to create Christmas hampers. These hampers were distributed to families who receive very little during Christmas. This was a huge success with every mentor group creating at least one hamper (over 80 hampers in total!). To encourage the appeal,

To all those who contributed and supported the Liturgy Society this year: your guidance has been much appreciated. A particular thank you to Mr Halliday and Mrs Grubba for their undiminished support and innovations throughout the year. To all the girls who (often with very little warning) offered their support in readings, communion distribution, bearing gifts and a multitude of other roles, the Liturgy Society would not have been able to exist without your continued enthusiasm.

Thank you and God Bless.

Catriona Daly  
*Liturgy Society President*



Brigidine was surprised with a visit from 'Summer Heights High' character 'Jonah' who spoke about the importance and value of such a worthwhile cause. An amazing effort by all involved, thank you!

The year 2008 saw another wonderful success – The Winter Appeal. To aid the appeal, Year 12 held a Christmas in July celebration which involved food being donated for those less fortunate than ourselves.

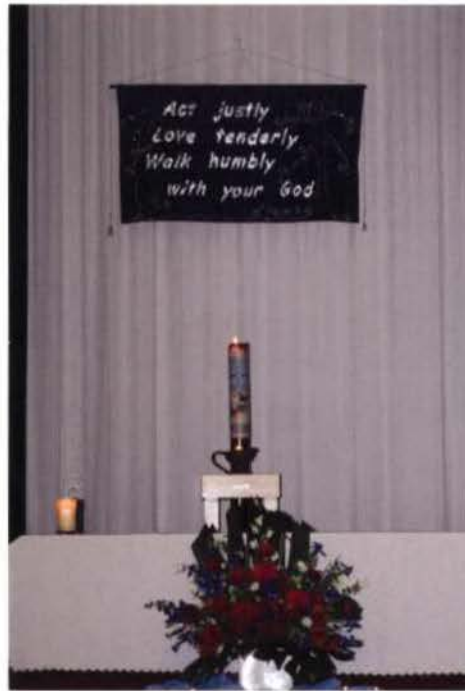
In December 2007, during a festival event coinciding with World AIDS Day, the WYD Cross and Icon journeyed to Brigidine College. Brigidine students were privileged to encounter such an experience, with a large group of us given the task of carrying the cross into the celebration held in Bowie Hall. The Diocesan Youth Team ran the day, helping to commemorate the visit of the WYD Cross and Icon to our Diocese, whilst also raising awareness of issues surrounding the spread of HIV AIDS in our world today and how we as a "church" might respond in light of the

Gospel. A real eye-opener was Hugh Evans' speech about AIDS, which highlighted the underlying importance of social justice in societies worldwide. Hugh was the Young Australian of the Year 2004 and Founder of Oak Tree Foundation.

I would like to thank all those involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Social Justice Society throughout this year, for their time, support and generosity. Final thanks go to Mrs Grubba and Mr Halliday as without their commitment and enthusiasm towards social justice, our work could not be done.

Charlotte Owen  
*St Vincent de Paul Society President*





In Week 1 of Term 4 Fr Guy Carlson presided over the Leadership Mass in Bowie Hall.

This was a special occasion for over 100 of our Year 11 students as they were blessed and commissioned with their roles as Senior Leaders of the College for 2009.

During the Mass the College Captain for 2009, Rebecca Quinn addressed the student body on the meaning of the passage:

*"Act Justly  
Love Tenderly  
Walk Humbly with your God"*

Rebecca Quinn's eloquent address retold the story of *"Footsteps in the Sand"* demonstrating that God always supports each and everyone of us which was a relevant and meaningful message for our 2009 Leaders.

Rebecca also accepted from the 2008 College Captain, Clare Keighery, the Lamp of Learning as a symbol of the passing of leadership from 2008 to 2009.



Official guests at the Mass were Mrs Julie Wilson, her daughter Jessica and Ms Yvette Elliott from Green Gecko. Clare Keighery presented to Green Gecko a cheque for over \$16,000 on behalf of the Class of 2008 and the College community. Jessica Wilson expressed her heartfelt thanks for the money that has been raised for her cousin's orphanage in Cambodia and indicated that it will help purchase a bus for the orphanage.





# MOTHERS' DAY MASS AND FATHERS' DAY MASS

## Mothers' Day Mass and Muffins

Over 100 mothers and daughters celebrated a special Mass in St Brigid's Chapel on Wednesday 7 May, celebrated by Fr Michael Stoney sj.

Fr Michael reflected on the special role of mothers to 'give life'. He spoke of the great potential for goodness and for love that exists with every pregnancy. Fr Michael went to make the point that in a sense we are all pregnant, both men and women; that we should all consider ourselves as pregnant with the love and life of God which we can give birth to in the world.

During the Mass each student handed a card to their mother with a reflection "Thank you for being for me".

It was wonderful to have so many mothers joining their daughters at the Mass and for muffins in Bowie Hall afterwards, particularly the three generations of "McElhones" - Mrs Denise McElhone joined her granddaughter, Amelia from Year 7, and daughter, Anne Baillie.

## Fathers' Day Mass and Muffins

Over 120 fathers and their daughters shared together this special Mass in St Brigid's Chapel to celebrate Fathers' Day. Fr Michael Stoney sj asked fathers to be 'reckless' with their love for their daughters, to heal and share their daughters' lives so that they would be free to love and care for others.

Fathers prayed together for their daughters: "Lord guard and protect her heart and mind, surround her always, guide her, and sustain her through all the trials and tests of life."

After Mass fathers joined their daughters for coffee and muffins in Bowie Hall.





During the weekend of the 18th and 19th of July Brigidine College St Ives hosted about 100 staff and students from Brigidine schools in Victoria. This meant welcoming and feeding them and making sure that they were warm and comfortable as they slept at the College overnight prior to their pilgrimage to Randwick for the Papal Mass.

This hospitality could only be achieved with the generous support of College staff and Brigidine Families, in particular the Mc Inness, Eather, Fong, O'Sullivan, Pedersen,

Dingle, Keighery and Petherbridge families, Michael Halliday, Brian Riordan, Robyn O'Bryen and her husband David, and Anne Summerhayes, Ingrid Thompson, Vicki Scott, Helen Carlson, Gail Dugan and Carol Notter who all make this such a wonderful and memorable weekend.

As they left the College it was inspiring to see the enthusiasm of these young people as they made their way to North Sydney for their walk to Randwick.





This year the Founders' Day Mass celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Brigidine Sisters in Coonamble and 125 years of Brigidine education in NSW. It was also an opportunity to farewell Fr Jack Robson, who has celebrated Mass at the College over many years, and to welcome to Corpus Christi parish Fr Jim McKeon.

Five Brigidine Sisters were special guests at the Mass: Sr Joan Bell csb, Sr Mona Cowburn csb, Sr Margaret Doyle csb, Sr Ann Harrison csb, Sr Maureen Keady csb and Sr Val McKenna csb. The Mass focussed on what being Brigidine means to all of us, with prayers and reflections on Bishop Delany and the original, courageous, Brigidine Sisters who founded the order in Australia. The congregation was invited to consider the motto *Fortiter et Suaviter* (Strength and Gentleness) and what it means for the Brigidine community.

With the first reading from 1 Timothy urging us to be faithful to the vocation to which we are called, Sister Maureen Keady csb spoke also of the vocation of the Brigidine Sisters today. She made us aware of the Sisters' three main areas of focus: refugees and asylum seekers, the trade of women as slaves and prostitutes, and environmental stewardship. Brigidine Sisters around the world are working together on these issues, lobbying governments and forming their own NGO to strengthen their cause.

Sr Keady's quote from Margaret Mead (anthropologist) was a wonderful and powerful way to end the Founders' Day liturgy: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."







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STAFF: Mrs Ingrid Thompson (Head of Department), Mr Michael Halliday, Ms Brodie Byrne, Ms Maureen Mahon, Ms Evana Russo, Mr Brian Loughland, Ms Colleen McKeown, Mrs Kata Collimore, Ms Marine Choquenet, Mrs Rose Pritchard

The Religious Education Department at Brigidine College St Ives endeavours to enable students to grow in knowledge both in a spiritual and in an academic sense. Academically the girls continue to achieve outstanding results in this subject both in public examinations and in internal assessment tasks.

The girls have a natural enthusiasm for this subject and I am constantly amazed by the depth of their spirituality and their enthusiasm for the subject matter. In 2008 Year 7 produced beautiful prayer journals which we displayed in the library. These journals are hopefully something that the girls can use throughout their lives. Year 8 worked a unit on Sacraments of Initiation and produced work of an outstanding standard in their Sacraments task. Year 9 groups wrote and presented liturgies on Reconciliation and Year 10 produced their own web pages on the theme of Social Justice. The Senior Studies of Religion students at both 1 and 2 unit level covered a diverse range of topics including Religions of Ancient Origin, Depth Studies in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and a unit on Religion and Peace.

The day to day teaching of this all important subject is facilitated by the wonderful and dedicated Religious Education Staff within the College. I would like to sincerely thank this group of very talented women and men on my behalf and on the behalf of the students that they teach.

Mrs Ingrid Thompson  
Head of Religious Education





STAFF: Mrs Sherryl Bremner (Head of Department), Mr Matthew Esterman, Mrs Laura George, Mrs Susan Gibson, Mrs Noela King, Ms Colleen McKeown, Mrs Sharon McKinnon, Ms Julia Collings (Semester 2)

Each year the History Department is justifiably proud of our results in both the HSC and School Certificate and the 2007 results more than lived up to expectations.

In 2008 our students have been engaged in a variety of tasks and topics as they develop their skills as historians, especially the ability to analyse historical evidence in order to explain history. While some may argue that History is about story-telling, many of the stories our History students tell are well grounded in both research to collect the facts, analysing the evidence and then telling our version of History. This applies as much to Year 7 telling the stories of the ancient Egyptians, the Year 8 telling the stories of medieval life, the Year 9 and 10s telling the stories of Australian history in the 20th century, or the students of Year 9 and 10 Elective History who tell many stories, from shipwrecks, from the French Revolution, from Tudor England and beyond, even to Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. Our senior students in Ancient, Modern and Extension History also analyse evidence from as far afield as Pompeii and Herculaneum and the Western Front, to the Roman Emperor Augustus and to Weimar and Nazi Germany and Conflict in the Pacific. Extension History students grappled with the changing nature of history over time and the case study on Tacitus' view of the Roman Principate. This is only a sample of the range of topics that History students study at Brigidine College.

One of the highlights of the year were the Harmony Days attended by Elective History students at the Jewish Museum and at Masada College where students engaged in understanding the values and culture of other faith groups who live in our local region.

Our staff have been busy making further use of ICT in their History classes. Each History course has its own Virtual Classroom where students can access classwork and activities, as well as uploading some of their work including assessment tasks. Mrs King's History classes also produced some excellent posters with the use of Comic Life. Mr Esterman and Mrs Gibson are commended for their personal success in their post graduate studies of ICT in the classroom.

Mrs Sherryl Bremner  
*Head of History*



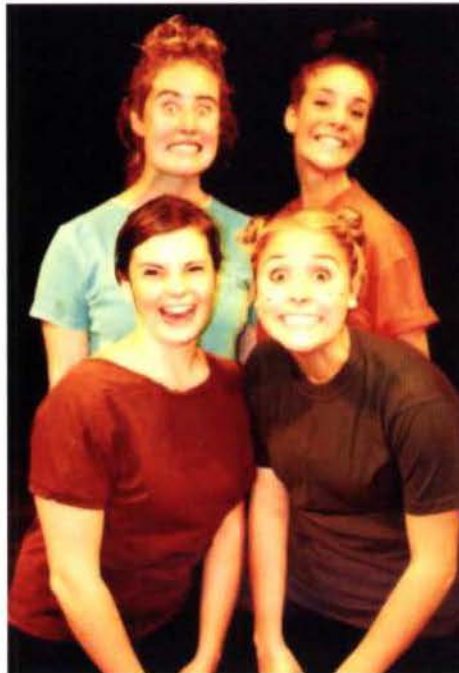


STAFF: Miss Dianne McDonald (Head of Department), Ms Kelly Young, Miss Emma Conolly

Year 12

Our two wonderful Year 12 Drama classes in 2008 have demonstrated high standards of professionalism and commitment both on and off the stage. There certainly has been plenty of Drama in the Drama Rooms! A packed Bowie Hall thoroughly enjoyed the HSC Drama Individual Performance and Project Evening in June, and the HSC Drama Group Performance Evening in July.

In addition to performance work, students grappled with the academic content on the HSC Drama syllabus. The Contemporary Australian plays of *Ruby Moon* and *Still Angela* provided fabulous stimulation to performance and class discussions. As did our other content topic, Irish Theatre – many a time could the Irish accent be heard outside the Drama Room! Both classes were taught by Ms Young. All of our Year 12 Drama students worked incredibly hard and deserve the accolades. I wish our Drama girls a life filled with drama of every kind!



Year 11

This year has seen the largest ever cohort of Year 11 Drama students – 53 students in total! The Year 11 Drama course covers all aspects of theatrical production including directing, design, performance, acting, group performance, individual performance, reviewing, and scriptwriting. The Year 11 Drama classes have attended a wide variety of live theatrical performances including *OnStage* (Seymour Centre), *7 Stages of Grieving* (Sydney Theatre Company), *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* (Wildfire) and *Women of Troy* (Sydney Theatre Company). Many of our Year 11 Drama students have been active members of the Glen Street Subs Club.

Many of the Year 11 Drama students were also involved in the fabulous Year 11 Play, *The Brady Bunch* (four episodes of the original series – with permission from the original writer and Paramount Pictures USA!) directed by Miss McDonald which played to packed audiences in Bowie Hall in June, and was then offered a return season at the professional theatre at Star of the Sea Theatre in Manly in August. The Year 11 Drama students performed in the Drama Showcase in October, enthralling the audiences with the sophistication of their theatrical skills in individual and group performance work. All three Year 11 Drama classes have been taught by Miss McDonald and they have been delightful to work with – their performance and theatre work have displayed their fabulous talent and passion.





## Year 10

**Y**ear 10 Drama students consolidated their dramatic skills, with a particular emphasis on comedy. We began with a unit on Shakespeare in Performance allowing us to creatively interpret Shakespearean work in any way including movement, music, rap, duologue and scene. We also studied the absurdist play *The Bald Prima Donna*, invoking plenty of puzzled laughter in the Drama Rooms. We then looked at contemporary comedy such as *Kath & Kim*, and then traced back to comedic roots to the Italian masked comedy of the commedia dell'arte. We finished the year with political theatre which invoked many interesting discussions and performances. Our Year 10 Drama students are encouraged to see mainstream productions and be involved in outside school shows. All Year 10 Drama students were taken to the lovely Sydney Theatre Company production of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Sydney Theatre Company. A terrific year of Drama!



## Year 9

**F**or nearly all Year 9 students, this year has opened their eyes to the wonderful world of Drama! It's been fabulous to see our Year 9 Drama students gain so much self-confidence in their own performing abilities, and to learn how to work in group situations. In Year 9 Drama students are involved in improvisation, play building, script analysis, group-devised performances, voice and movement skills, non-realistic skills and theatrical history – all through a variety of practical, experiential and theory work! Year 9 have also discovered the joys of logbook work and were all taken to The Zeal Theatre Company's production at the Sydney Theatre Company. A very special group (along with Miss McDonald) actually met Cate Blanchett and Andrew Upton on a photo shoot as we did a behind the scenes tour! Thank you to Ms Young and Miss Conolly for inspiring our Year 9 drama queens!



## Brigidine Drama OnStage

**F**or the second time, Brigidine Drama entered a team in the Wakakirri Performing Arts Festival. At the NSW State Final at the Bankstown Performing Arts Centre, our fantastic team of Ellie Biles, Sophie Brindle, Mille Brown, Ella Vawdrey, Hannah Goodwin, Sami Manson, Genevieve Daneel, Rebecca O'Brien, Alex Hooper and Rebecca Chandler dazzled the judges with their performance called *Adamant*. The girls had spent many hours rehearsing with Miss McDonald in writing, devising and directing this performance. The judges commented that their performance was "highly original, with fabulous characterisation, amazing use of the props, extremely relevant and super effective" and awarded the performance two gold and two silver medals.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 9 Drama students who performed at the AHIGSA competition at Santa Sabina in September. Georgia Boyle, Sydney Eismen, Lindi Van Rhijn, Bronte Phillips, and Chloe Gillespie performed a self-devised piece called *Short and Sweet*. These girls wrote and performed their own group performance, and competed against much older students. The girls were wonderful ambassadors for Brigidine Drama.

## Staff

**I**t is not uncommon to find Drama teachers at Brigidine working with our Drama girls after school and on weekends. We are so fortunate to work with such passionate and motivated students. And, of course, everyone loves to wear their Drama Blacks around the school!

The Drama staff have been busy this year, especially as the numbers electing Drama increase each year. I spent 2 ½ weeks HSC marking all over the state – a wonderful professional development experience. Ms Young and I marked HSC Trial performances in a variety of schools including St Ignatius Riverview, Shore School, Mater Maria Warriewood, Roseville College, William Clarke College and Castle Hill High. I have been involved in lecturing at the Sydney University HSC Drama Day as well as running workshops for Drama teachers.

We have also been blessed to have a terrific student teacher in the Drama Department this year. Chris Rutherford (Sydney University) in Term 2 was a wonderful practitioner and made a significant contribution to the Drama Department through his involvement as assistant director for *The Brady Bunch*.

Thank you to my wonderfully supportive colleagues this year. Drama is a demanding subject but we are truly blessed to have such passionate and energetic students whose love of Drama makes our job such a joy!

May your lives be filled with Drama! Remember that all the world's a stage....

Miss Dianne McDonald  
*Head of Drama*



## ENGLISH AND ENGLISH PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

STAFF: Mr Brett Harrison (Head of Department), Mrs Julianne Barrs, Mrs Andrea Fernandez, Mrs Leslie McLeod, Mrs Sharon Cimen, Mrs Catherine Hickie, Mrs Robyn Stone, Mrs Meredith Collins, Mrs Noela King, Mr Matthew Esterman, Miss Emma Conolly

**B**rigidine students achieved impressive results in the 2007 HSC. In Standard English, 48% of our candidates achieved Bands 5 and 6. The State average was 3%. Kayla Barakat and Natasha Nixon were listed in the Board of Studies Merit List as they achieved a mark over 90%. Only .07 percent of Standard students in NSW accomplished this feat.

In Advanced English, 30% of Brigidine students achieved a Band 6. The State average was 9%. In Extension One English, 73% of our candidates achieved the top band. The State average was 22%.

Our Year 10 students gained impressive results in the School Certificate Examination with 58% of students being placed in the top two bands. The State average was 33%.

A highlight of the year was the annual Public Speaking Competition. Every student from Year 7 to 11 composed and presented a speech and the two best speakers from each class participated in the Public Speaking Evening (for full report see next page).

There were several incursions and excursions throughout the year. Students from Year 7 to 11 participated in workshops on poetry with Miles Merrick and satire with Tug Dunley. Students also learnt more about the techniques used in film making through participation in a workshop called "The Filmmaker's Tools". Year 12 students attended a live performance of Michael Gow's play, *Away*.

Thank you to all members of the English staff for their expertise and love of literature. Thank you to the students for their enthusiasm and diligence.

**Mr Brett Harrison**  
Head of English







Year 11 Finalists, with Katherine Pochroj the Overall Winner at left



Year 10 Finalists



Year 9 Finalists



Year 8 Finalists



Year 7 Finalists

## English Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to all those who participated in the English Department Public Speaking Finals on Thursday 21st August 2008. All the speakers' presentations were of a very high standard. Miss Tina Jedrzeczyk (Class of 2004) was the Guest Speaker. Tina spoke with great perspicuity, outlining how her public speaking experiences at Brigidine College have been invaluable in both her university and corporate careers. Other guests included eighteen ex-Brigidine students who adjudicated the competition. All these ex-students commented on the students' enjoyment of the competition and the insightfulness of their speeches.

Special thanks also to Mr Pat Moran, a former long serving staff member of the school, for his support of the competition throughout the years and to the English Department and especially, Mr Brett Harrison, who organised this most successful event.

### • Year 7

Highly Commended: *Sarah Caprarelli, Nicolle Harcombe and Lauren Rice*

Winner: *Elsa Chapple*

### • Year 8

Highly Commended: *Emily English, Rachel Petherbridge and Ellen Thompson*

Winner: *Nicola O'Neil*

### • Year 9

Highly Commended: *Tara Dingle, Monisha Ediriwira and Danielle Rice*

Winner: *Georgia Boyle*

### • Year 10

Highly Commended: *Shannah Connell, Hannah Pearce and Tahlia Woo*

Winner: *Shannon Baker*

### • Year 11

Highly Commended: *Emma McRobie, Corinne O'Sullivan and Anna Tjsoe*

Overall Winner of the English Department Public Speaking Competition was *Katherine Pochroj* who spoke on the topic "Shall I Compare Thee?"



STAFF: Mrs Annemarie Mitchell (Head of Department), Mrs Julia Bevan, Mrs Maria Jackson, Mrs Eleanor Phelan, Ms Amanda Angelo, Ms Evana Russo, Mr David Chant



Approximately 440 students studied Italian and / or French this year.

Languages teachers incorporated energy and innovation into our teaching and learning strategies. We attended many inservices this year to keep up to date with the latest trends and information about the syllabus. We have been blessed to be able to acquire various resources, such as books, flashcards, games, CDs, DVDs, magazines, etc. We have books with ICT components to complement student learning and to develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Girls sat the National Assessment of Language Competence tests in August. Our results have been excellent.

We offer students in all years a "taste" of the target language, both culturally and with food. Year 7s ate canolli / pain au chocolat, Year 8s gelatos / croissants, Year 9s antipasto / escargots, Years 10 and 11 had lunch, Year 12s lunch / afternoon tea.

Culturally, Years 7 and 8 celebrated "Carnevale" in February by making their own masks which have been put on display in SY2. Year 8s experienced a Languages Day which included Drama workshops in French / Italian. Year 9s had "Commedia Dell'Arte / Leap into Language French Drama workshop, Year 10s had Leap into Language Italian workshop / Alliance Française visit, Year 11s vjsited Leichhardt / Alliance Française, Year 12s attended mock speaking skills examination practice. Italian and French "assistantes" helped our seniors throughout the year to perfect their speaking skills because they are required to fluently and confidently speak to an HSC examiner for 10 minutes in the target language.

In the 2007 HSC Italian Continuers Examination, Emily Gentle achieved 4th place in the state. At a presentation night at Doltone House, Pymont, the Director of the Italian Consulate presented her with a return trip to Rome.

I wish to thank all of the French and Italian languages teachers for their commitment in providing such an enjoyable and enriching environment for their students.

Mrs Annemarie Mitchel  
Head of Languages









STAFF: Mr Allen Carters (Head of Department), Mrs Philippa Goddard, Mrs Liz Heffernan

This year has seen a continuation of the development of the library into a multi functioning space. Of course research and support of the College curriculum remains our primary function, however, we also strive to be a gallery space where the fruits of the education the girls receive at Brigidine can be shared throughout the College population.

Before school and at lunch times continue to be our busiest time with often not a spare chair or computer to be had. And as I walk around the library and Info-lab, all of the girls are busy on work related tasks.

One of the most appreciated aspects that the library offers is a display area for the work particularly of the Visual Arts girls. Our walls and always covered with their works – painting, drawings, photographs etc. Visitors to the College often comment on these displays. Of course we certainly cannot forget the annual display of the Carnivale Masks from the girls studying Italian. After the Year 7 Reflection day we were very fortunate to have the girls Friendship Figures adorning the rear wall of the library which were fabulous. We have also been hosts to the History and Science departments. All of these are great avenues to show to a wider audience what is being done in the classrooms at the College and just how talented our girls are.

We took this one step further this year with the “Last Friday in the Library” project. This programme was originally to be held on the last Friday of each month however it has been so successful that we have had a function nearly every Friday since its implementation. What we are doing is offering the library as a performance space for the girls and so far we have had:

- Promotions for the College Musical
- Promotions for the Drama Nights
- A guitar extravaganza
- Year 12 Music Recital and Drama Performance
- The Staff/Student Debate
- Presentations by Year 11 and 12 Visual Art students explaining their works
- A presentation by the Animal Welfare Group
- The Science Club presentation
- And most spectacularly, a gymnastic display by a group of Yr 7 girls

The response to these performances has been nothing short of amazing with the library packed to the rafters for each performance.



Some might question whether these are appropriate functions of a library however my view is that they are powerful avenues to not only affirm the performers in front of their peers but also to show the audience

- a) what their peers are capable of
- b) what they can aim for, and
- c) generally promote various College departments and their staff and the Co-Curricular activities.

I hope that we will be able to continue this programme next year and further plans are afoot to carry the library out of its four walls into the wider College community but more of that later!!

*Mr Allen Carters  
Head of Library*





STAFF: Mr Michael Palme (Head of Department), Mrs Jacqui Bridges, Mr Pankaj Choithramani, Mr Karen Dunsmore, Mr Patric Hobsbawn, Mr Greg Johns, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Liz May, Mr Clive Meyers, Mrs Ros Summerfield, Mrs Bharti Sharma (who replaced Mr Meyers in Term 4)



If nothing else 2008, was at least an eventful year numerically speaking. It was an even number; divisible by 4 so it was an Olympic year; it had only 4 factors (I hope Year 7 students check this!) and the stock market figures changed dramatically!

Mathematically, the year continued at pace.

- The HSC results which came out at the end of 2007 created a wonderful beginning for 2008. Students' results were particularly pleasing with all four courses recording higher than the state averages.

- Computer use continued to be included in lessons when appropriate, as new software and computer based activities became available.

- MM4 was again the scene for before school Mathematics tutoring each Tuesday morning. This year Mr Hobsbawn and Mrs Lindsay offered to lead this tuition service and I thank them for giving up their time to help the students who attended. Over the year there were a few regular attendees taking advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity and sessions were usually full to overflowing prior to any assessments.

- The Mathematics Olympiad was undertaken by Mr Hobsbawn's Year 8 class this year. Classes of students across the State participate in this competition. While five questions in half an hour on five separate occasions over Terms 1, 2 and 3 might not seem too demanding, the style of questions has continued to be challenging. Congratulations to the girls in this class for continuing to smile while being presented with this mathematical contest. The top achieving student, with a score of 15 was Stephanie Kim.

- 113 students from Years 7 to 11 participated in the Westpac Maths Competition early in Term 3. Year 12 chose to miss the competition as it clashed with the Trial examinations.

The students who achieved Distinction awards were:

**Year 7** – Rachel Hellyer, **Year 8** – Stephanie Kim, Ann Matthias, Jessica Squires, Rebecca Iacono. **Year 9** – Alana Gibson, **Year 10** – Chloe Brennan, Elise Gillard, Niusha Khastoui, **Year 11** – Hayley Reeves, Laura Lynch, Ida Prescott

A statistical breakdown of our students' achievements this year:

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Distinction	1	4	1	3	3
Credit	19	24	16	8	1
Proficiency	8	1	7	5	2
Participation	2	1	1	3	3

The Prudence Award is awarded to the student who achieves the highest number of consecutive questions correct, starting from question 1, independent of which year the student is enrolled. This year, the Prudence Award has been won by Stephanie Kim in year 8 who answered the first 12 questions correctly. Congratulations Stephanie!

Thank you to all the wonderful teachers. While many consider teaching to be a demanding profession, teaching Mathematics seems to need a special type of person and all these teachers are definitely special.

Postscript: The long service leave which Mr Meyers took in Term 4 turned into a departure as Mr Meyers has chosen to pursue teaching away from schools. He and a friend have set up a coaching business.

Mr Michael Palme  
Head of Mathematics



STAFF: Mrs Roslyn Boyd (Head of Department), Mrs Lorna Hall. PERIPATETIC STAFF: Mrs Judith Allan, Miss Jenny Binovec, Ms Katy Jenkins, Mr Paul Murchison, Ms Katrina Papallo, Mr Matt Roberts, Mr Andrew Warren, Miss Ami Williamson

2008 music activities began with our wonderful production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella". After many rehearsals it was great to see such a successful and entertaining performance on stage. Congratulations to all the cast, orchestra and crew, and a huge thank you to all the staff and parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

Our talented student soloists and ensembles have performed at a number of functions including the Music Cabaret Evening, Opening Mass, Open Day, Spotlight on Music Concert, and a variety of College and community events. The Concert Band achieved a Gold Award at the Yamaha Band Festival and along with the Choir, entertained the residents at Kari Court Retirement Village. The String Ensemble performed for the opening of the Art Exhibition, it is wonderful to see our girls sharing their talents with such generosity and enjoyment. Our Music Cabaret Evening was a special event, featuring internationally renowned flautist, Jane Rutter, who performed at the concert after giving the students a masterclass in the afternoon.

The Music Club has enjoyed a new influx of members under the leadership of Eleanor Chandler and Kate Boyd (both Year 12) who have led the way by their outstanding participation in Choir, Concert Band, Musical and Music Camp.

At the time of printing we are busy preparing for the auditions for next year's musical, "Oliver", as well as Grandparent's Day. There is never a shortage of performance opportunities at Brigidine!

Amidst all this, the classroom music lessons continue, with elective music classes enjoying the Music Computers and programs to assist in their composition skills; and junior classes displaying their skills on guitars, keyboards and glockenspiels.

Congratulations and thank you to all the girls who have participated in music activities throughout the year; the College is certainly a more musical place with your help, and your experience at school much richer.

Thank you also to Mrs Lorna Hall, whose unfailing encouragement and assistance help to make all these activities possible.

Mrs Roslyn Boyd  
Head of Music



Sting Ensemble





Concert Band



Choir



STAFF: Ms Jo Baker (Head of Department), Miss Kate Brannan, Mrs Donna Kuper, Mrs Alex Skyba, Mrs Leigh-Anne Hartwig (Maternity Leave), Mrs Gina Mathlin (Maternity Leave)

With the Olympic spirit in full flavour at the time of writing this report, our department is abuzz with lunch-time viewing of the competition finals, inter-class competitions and the Yr 7 flag design competition.

This year has seen the introduction of Physical Activity (PA) lessons into Years 7 to 10. These lessons have allowed students to enjoy incidental movement and structure play with much enthusiasm. The additional activities that students have been involved in through PA lessons included: juggling lessons, ballet dance and boxercise, Latin American dance, cricket NSW instruction clinics, just to mention a few.

Year 7: How wonderful it has been to see the somewhat shy and reserved new arrivals blossom into lovely young ladies over the year. They have undertaken studies centred on getting to know themselves and others better.

Year 8: The early unit on first aid provided an informative and practical focus for the start to the year. The girls are now well prepared to manage any injury that may occur. At the conclusion of the nutrition unit all students were able to design a healthy lunch. What a lovely array of lunches there were.

Year 9: At the time of writing the students are involved in AFL coaching clinics which have proved very enjoyable for the girls, and they have benefited from the expertise of coaches from NSW AFL. Many have questioned why there is no local competition for girls? In their theory lessons, they have been exploring discrimination issues which were tied into the Paralympics, where students viewed the John McLean documentary on disability awareness.

Year 10: This year we re-ordered the units of study which proved more suitable for the students. The year kicked off with driver safety and the hazard perception issues that young drivers can face. One student's comment was "I had no idea that we had to deal with so many issues when driving". The Young Women's health issue assignments were terrific and demonstrated the wonderful resourcefulness of so many of our students.

PASS: Has seen the students learn about the anatomy of their body structure and how it applies to movement. They have explored the different issues of Women in Sport and the changing perceptions over time. The practical lessons involved activities including rock climbing, golf, surfing and volleyball.

Year 11 & 12: The intensity of knowledge and understanding of the content certainly increases



when in the senior school. The girls have proved themselves by taking on challenges and they have produced clear and concise responses during in class and assignment tasks, preparing themselves for depth and breadth of the HSC Course Syllabus.

Ms Jo Baker  
Head of PDHPE





Mr Rob Farr (Head of Department) Mrs Glenda Chidrawi, Mrs Heather Chaplin, Mr Pankaj Chothramani, Mrs Audrey Coburn, Mrs Margaret Driscoll, Mrs Judy Gerhardt, Mrs Nikki Greig, Mr Graham Hughes, Mrs Anne Locke, Mrs Mary Radcliff, Mrs Virginia Reed (Term 1), Mrs Anne Summerhayes, Ms Simone Webb, Mrs Lindsey Wright



Science Club



CSIRO "Labs on Legs" Visit to Year 9



Science in the Library

In what has again been a very busy year for the Science Department, we welcomed Mrs Wright into the teaching staff. Mrs Wright replaces Mrs Reed who retired at the end of Term 1. We wish Mrs Reed a long and adventurous time after over twenty years at Brigidine. Our Science Club continues to attract students at lunchtimes into various exciting and engaging activities, organised and supervised by Mrs Chaplin and Mrs Wright. Balloon rockets and crystal growing prove to be popular with the club!

In August, a videoconference with a representative from the Childrens Medical Research Institute at Westmead was held in the Chapel. Students from Year 9 were able to ask questions and various topics from genetic diseases to cures for cancer and receive an immediate answer from a real person. Senior students who were among the observers of the videoconference were most impressed with the depth of knowledge evident by the younger students' questions.

The University of New South Wales Science Competition again proved to be a success for many of our students in Years 7 to 10, with 22 being awarded Distinctions and Phillipa Reeves of Year 8 achieving a High Distinction for the second year running.

Excursions to various destinations including the local bushland, Mona Vale beach and the Powerhouse Museum have been held throughout the year, with Year 8 being treated to a "hands-on" talk about snakes and other reptiles earlier in the year. With the increasing use of computer technology throughout the programs in Science, it is still great to get one's hands dirty doing real live experiments and investigations. Thanks again to our two laboratory managers Mrs Gerhardt and Mrs Driscoll who so efficiently keep the experiments coming each day.

**Mr Rob Farr**  
*Head of Science*



Open Day Displays



STAFF: Mr Mark Hill (Head of Department), Mrs Danielle Ballesty, Mrs Melissa Cash, Ms Marine Choquenot, Mrs Kata Collimore, Mrs Mandy Doyle, Mrs Susan Gibson, Mrs Betsy Harvey, Mrs Lisa Kalocsai, Ms Maureen Mahon, Mrs Jenny Preston, Mr Rein Wever

2008 proved to be another very busy year in the Social Science Department. Fieldwork was carried out in both semesters and across the Year groups.

Year 8 Geography visited Taronga Zoo to study threatened habitats and endangered species. Year 10 Elective Geography was lucky enough to include a visit to the Easter Show as part of their studies in agriculture and farming. Year 10 Australian Geography spent their fieldwork time at Dee Why, Long Reef and Collaroy beaches investigating the interaction of the physical and human environments. Year 11 Fieldwork trekked into the bush to compare the pollution levels in two creeks, examining soil and water pH, turbidity, species abundance, phosphorous levels and the introduction of exotic plants. Year 12 Geography class visited Narrabeen sand dunes as part of their fieldwork study on coastal dune ecosystems to examine, identify, measure, estimate, sketch and analyse data.

Business Studies completed two studies, "Big Screen Business" and "Fishy Business" examining the strategies employed by Imax and Sydney Aquarium to attract visitors and maintain operations. Year 10 Commerce visited the Downing Centre, Justice and Police Museum to participate in a role play of Passing a Bill and to view the enforcement procedures of the legal system. Year 9 Commerce students enjoyed making substantial profits as they operated businesses at "Market Day".

The enthusiasm of both students and teachers in utilising new ICT learning resources is to be commended. There are many documents and activities uploaded to the Virtual Classroom area of the portal and these remain available across the curriculum. Many of our students regularly submit their assignment work and practice essays through the portal. These are marked and returned the same way.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the members of the Brigidine Social Science Department and to thank them for their energy, involvement and commitment that they have shown to all students.

Mr Mark Hill  
*Head of Social Sciences*



Students at Narrabeen



Students at Bantry Bay

Elective Geography



Market Day



STAFF: Mrs Betsy Harvey (Head of Department), Mrs Lisa Kalocsai



The Vocational Education and Training (VET) Department began 2008 with wonderful academic news. Simone Ferguson was ranked first in the state in VET Business Services in the 2007 HSC and Roxanne Cates was ranked fourth. Splendid results!

Students of Business Services work towards Certificate II in Business over their senior years. This is a nationally recognised vocational qualification. Congratulations to Suzanne Furness, Hannah Littler, Ellie Millington and Jessica Wilkinson on achieving this qualification in 2008.

Business Services students at Brigidine College St Ives gain valuable skills while operating our Virtual Enterprise, TechnoVision. TechnoVision trades with a network of other Virtual Enterprises throughout Australia. The students produce catalogues and price lists for our products, receive orders, send invoices and bank cheques as part of their hands-on processing of accounts receivable. They also purchase products from our trading partners and process accounts payable documents.

Year 11, with Mrs Kalocsai and Mrs Ledley, undertook our second destination survey. This involved contacting all the 2006 Year 12 leavers and asking them to complete a questionnaire relating to their post-school transition to study and/or work.

Both Year 11 and Year 12 students are required to complete mandatory work placement. The girls have a chance to interact with employers in the world of business and to apply the skills they have learned. Brigidine girls receive glowing reports and each year several are offered casual employment positions.

Mrs Betsy Harvey  
Head of Vocational Education and Training





STAFF: Mrs Sue Brown (Head of Department), Miss Amanda Angelo, Mr Russell Bebb, Mrs Sue Frawley, Mrs Rebecca Hill, Ms Deborah Rattray, Mrs Michelle Read-Zorn, Mrs Jan Whiddon, Mr Ben Yuen. SUPPORT STAFF: Mrs Niki Bargh (Food Technology), Mr Brian Manifold (Workshop)

This year we have added on to the department the Computing subjects, Information Software and Design and Information Processes and Technology. We have welcomed Ben Yuen who teaches these subjects, and have also been happy to have Deborah Rattray come in Semester 2 to take the classes previously had by Michelle Read-Zorn who has taken on the Careers role.

Our students work in many different areas involving practical components as well as theory work. There is always a constant buzz of activity in the Food Technology room, the Textiles rooms, the Computer rooms, and the Workshop. The computer Pods have also become well used in all of these areas. Skills such as preparing meals featuring other cultures, meals for teenage needs, or cafe meals, sewing bags, shorts, pyjamas, creative textile art pieces, corsets, original formal wear designs, silver jewellery making, electronics, small and large wood projects, web designs, magazines, architectural designs, robotics, and software designs are just some of the products that students have worked on this year.

We are always trying to instill in our students the need for safety, consideration for the environment, and experimentation in order to strive for the best outcome in design. There are always new ways of doing things as we discovered this year with our Year 10 Textiles and Design students. Corset patterns were made by wrapping masking tape firmly around the body over the top of a T shirt. This was then marked out in panels and cut off to produce flat paper patterns used to cut out the fabric. The girls really enjoyed this activity.

Excursions this year have included a visit to the "Texstyle" display and a rendering workshop for Year 12 Textile and Design students, a visit to Kelloggs for Year 12 Food Technology students, and a visit to Sydney Tower for Year 11. These were all very informative and positive experiences for our students.

We congratulate our Year 12 students from 2007 on their wonderful HSC results and in particular, our three students chosen to display their Major Textiles Projects in the "Texstyle" Exhibition – Christie Hutton, Camille Pollett, and Jessica Urriola. We wish our Year 12 students this year many successes in the years ahead.

### Computing

Year 9 IST was introduced to software programming using a language called Logo. They enjoyed it immensely as it helped them use their imagination to construct patterns,



pictures and scenarios about Sydney, fireworks and the beach.

This led into the topic of Robotics where they used Lego to build and program robots of various shapes and sizes.

Some of the topics studied in Year 10 IST included Database Systems, Artificial Intelligence and Authoring and Multimedia. In Authoring and Multimedia, students were very creative in using Flash to animate scenes of their choice.

The senior course Information Processes and Technology (IPT) trained students in learning about technology and the information processes which make up an information system. In Year 11 IPT students learnt the basic tools and technology involved, before venturing deeper into topics such as Communication Systems and Multimedia in preparation for the HSC.

Many thanks again must go to our enthusiastic and very hard working TAS staff who inspire the students to be so creative as well as teaching them the skills required. It is always very rewarding to see our students develop new skills and confidence in their designs and abilities.

Mrs Sue Brown  
Head of TAS









STAFF: Ms Lu Buckley (Head of Department), Mrs Lucille Flory, Ms Kieren Taylor, Mrs Brodie Byrne, Mr Phil Donnson, Mrs Jo O'Connell (Art Assistant)



The highlight this year was the Annual Visual Arts, Visual Design and Photography Exhibition during Term 3. The exhibition was opened by Artist and Educator - Michael Keighery in the Romuald Visual Arts Centre. Student's artworks from Years 7 - 11 were exhibited along with the highlights of the HSC 'Bodies of Work' reflecting the culmination of skills developed over their years of studying at the College. It is a rewarding experience for the students, teachers and parents who have all worked hard together to achieve these excellent artworks. The Brigidine College St. Ives Collection prize was awarded this year to Alex Summers for her H.S.C. Body of Work titled "God is in the Detail".

The use of new media such as digital photography and computer generated artworks are areas increasing in popularity. Students are utilizing these facilities for their final productions and also to help with their processes for planning paintings, drawings and other traditional art forms. An excursion at the beginning of Term 1 to the 'Art Express' exhibitions at The College of Fine Arts and The

Art Gallery of New South Wales inspired and enthused the students to continue with their own Body of Work and aspire for great results!

Mrs Barrs, Mrs Payne, myself and Year 11 students embarked on the annual trek down south for the Bundanon Art Camp: a few days in this tranquil environment, rekindling the human spirit and connecting with nature to create artworks. Arthur and Yvonne Boyd's adjoining properties of Bundanon and Riversdale give our students the opportunity to meet artists in residence and to participate in workshops and tours run by the education officers. This includes a visit to Arthur Boyd's studio to where they lived. Their home is full of artworks made by generations of the Boyd family. Our students always remember the Bundanon Art Camp as one of their most memorable school experiences.

Year 10 Visual Art students spent the year drawing, painting and sculpting, using the human form as subject matter. An excursion to the Brett Whiteley Studio in Surry Hills was also great inspiration for a bundle of drawings they completed at the studio. Meanwhile Year 10 Visual Design students attended a lecture

and exhibition at The Powerhouse Museum during Sydney Design 08 Festival.

Year 9 Visual Art and Visual Design students have worked in a wide range of forms from wearable art, painting, collage, drawing and digital imaging. While the focus for our Year 7 and 8 students has been on developing skills in both the artmaking, historical and critical practice.

During 2008 we had a few changes with our staff. Mrs Byrne joined our department to teach Visual Arts to Years 7 and 8. Mrs Flory had her long service leave during Term 1 and we were fortunate to have Mrs Payne join our department again. Mrs Taylor will be taking maternity leave from Term 4. Finally, I thank my colleagues for their contributions in helping our students achieve their goals in becoming informed and talented art students.

*Ms. Lu Buckley  
Head of Visual Arts*









STAFF: Miss Gloria Perin (Teacher - Special Ed.), Ms Therese Sullivan, Mrs Robyn O'Brien, Mrs Jo O'Connell, Mrs Jenny Connolly

Special Education has undergone some changes as of this year and, unlike the global financial crisis, the future of Special Education at Brigidine has a positive prediction for strong growth.

During the year Special Education engaged two new teachers Miss Gloria Perin (Special Education – Disabilities) and Ms Therese Sullivan (Special Education – Learning Difficulties). The College welcomes these two teachers and looks forward to forging a strong working relationship with them and their students. Both teachers have started to extend their students beyond their comfort zones and have commenced achieving results well beyond those previously attained.

For those who may be new to the College community and therefore unfamiliar to the mechanics of Special Education, this area of education embraces those students whose educational needs cannot be fully attained in the mainstream classroom with respect to these students disabilities and/or learning difficulties.

The area of Special Education (Learning Support) differs from Special Education (Disabilities) in that Learning Support is a service that provides support (either in class or out of class) to enhance learning if difficulties have been professionally assessed. However, Special Education (Disabilities) is a specific educational direction that is provided for students that have been assessed with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. Students are provided with either withdrawal lessons or with an aide to support these students in attaining their personal best in each of her subject areas.

With respect to the educational content within Special Education - Disabilities, most programmes run parallel to those in mainstream but with modifications, commonly endorsing Life Skills outcomes.

The future of Special Education at Brigidine will continue to prosper thereby providing the best possible educational experience for all of the partners involved; students, parents and teachers.

A note of thanks is in order to all of those personnel who have provided to all past, present and current students of Special Education.

Miss Gloria Perin  
*Special Education Teacher*





Congratulations to Eleanor Chandler, Catriona Daly, Clare Keighery, Felicity Littlewood, Charlotte Owen and Olivia Rolleston. These students have been part of the Honours Programme for the last five years and have met all the requirements to graduate at the Senior Level. They have received their Honours Lines and will graduate with an Honours Medal at the Annual Presentation of Awards and Prizes.

Our Year 8, 9 and 10 students have been in training for the Future Problem Solving Program (FPSP). This year, four teams from Years 9 and 10 were entered into the FPSP Competition. To our delight, two Year 9 teams were invited to attend the Australian Final of the Competition in Melbourne. The girls successfully completed a challenging future scenario on Neurotechnology. Team M15 members were Manisha Ediriwira, Claire

Feather, Laura Flannery and Anastasia Leon. Team M10 members were Catherine Dell, Isobel Leonard, Bronagh Marley and Natalie Mendes. Clare Needham was a member of this team, however she was unable to attend the finals. Both teams reached the final round in the National Finals, completing a scenario on Debt in Developing Countries. Both teams finished in the top 15 teams in Australia.

In addition, several other competitions were entered in 2008, including the Asia Wise Competition (Year 8), the DaVinci Decathlon (Year 8) and the Connell Wagner engineering competition which required the construction of a bridge. Our Year 9 Team of Catherine Dell, Bronagh Marley, Natalie Mendes and Clare Needham built an excellent bridge that held up very well when tested in the load cell.

Year 11 have completed an additional piece of academic research and a Principal's Essay

entitled "From an ethical point of view, what does the rest of the world think of Australia?"

Honours Programme students in all years complete many hours of service to the College and to the broader community.

As always, it has been a pleasure to mentor the Honours students. It is affirming when another school adopts our Honours Programme as a model for their own enrichment programme, as has happened this year.

Mrs Betsy Harvey  
*Honours Programme Coordinator*







Using wireless technology

This year the number of Tablet PCs increased and trolleys were moved into more accessible locations. This has greatly increased the usage of these machines which are bookable through the Portal. In addition, some classrooms were fitted out with data projectors, desktop computers and audio systems so that these rooms became more flexible learning spaces. These changes have altered the dynamics of classroom learning so that, with an expanded software suite and improved accessibility to video and still cameras, there is now the potential for greater variation of student and teacher activity. This leads to improved engagement with topic material and ultimately a better platform for learning overall.

All teachers have developed their technology skills and are now adept at creating and developing virtual classrooms. These are repositories of learning materials which are accessible from any internet connection: learning is no longer limited by the boundaries of the classroom. Also many teachers are now opening up their virtual classrooms so that all students and parents have access and can see what is going on. The Portal showcases this sharing process by having a "Site of the Week". Students are encouraged to develop wikis, make web pages, work with video and sound and create comic-style storybooks. Work can now be uploaded to the portal and marked online and returned with feedback quite quickly.

In Year 9 Science, Graham Hughes introduced girls to an online wiki-based program which provides learning activities linked directly to syllabus outcomes. Using a library of learning activities on our Portal and internet-based

interactives they have been able to extend the work beyond the typical linear textbook approach. The students have handled the increased focus on technology and many are now quite comfortable learning in the online environment. As a part of Science Week 9U participated in a video conference with Ruth Gordon from the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) at Westmead Hospital. The girls were able to ask questions related to genetic disease and receive instant answers from an expert.

Last term the College was honoured to host a group of 13 teachers from Maris Stella High School, Singapore. A delegation of senior teachers, led by their Principal, visited the College to investigate Brigidine's use of Information Technology to facilitate learning. The group was impressed with the College, and in particular was excited by the IT integration and its impact on teaching and learning opportunities. They visited an English class that is currently studying a unit on "alienation" using class wiki (a collaborative class website). The wiki is available to be read and edited by students through their Virtual Classroom anywhere, anytime. While the students were working, their teacher was able to monitor their progress and keep them on task, through a program called Heucampus, which was developed in Singapore. This program allows the teacher to observe all student screens; to transfer files; receive homework submissions and to run surveys to check understanding. During their morning visit, the group were also able to interact with special needs students and a PDHPE class to see first-hand, how effective classroom IT can be across a range of subject



Using wireless technology



An English class working in the library



English class with visitor from Singapore



A visitor from Singapore watches Tegan Grunwald use her tablet

areas when incorporated into the curriculum in a meaningful way.

The College can be proud of its achievements in having a robust, world-standard infrastructure and skilled teachers and students who know how to make the most of these resources.

**Mr Graham Hughes**  
*Facilitator of Learning Technologies*





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**Mr Brian Loughland***Assistant Principal - Pastoral*

The vision we hold for students at Brigidine College in the 21st century involves the following ideals and statements.

We hope that our students feel safe and secure and connected to their community. We want them to be self-motivated, independent and resilient to the demands and pressures of a changing world.

Through our student management procedures and actions we hope to develop the students to be Christian role models, inspired by the example of Christ in the Gospel to be friendly, inclusive, courteous and respectful of the dignity of all other people. We hope they are motivated by our Brigidine traditions and Catholic heritage to be resilient, considerate, optimistic and to develop a sense of community, belonging and connectedness.

We want them to be prepared to make a difference in the world, aware of those less fortunate, considerate of people's difference and individuality and willing to be responsible global citizens. We hope they are competent and confident in their own abilities, independent and self-motivated and ambitious to embrace all that life has to offer. People with a love of learning, equipped with the ability to adapt, set goals and have the flexibility to face life's challenges. They will be students with integrity and humility, who will develop a sense of moral courage in a climate of Christian values and with a concern for all of God's creations.

**Mrs Jennifer Preston***Assistant Principal - Studies*

The Brigidine community is a special community. It is an active, vital and engaging community. The College is very proud of its 'open door' policy, with parent involvement welcomed and encouraged. Under the provenance of the Parents and Friends' Association we commenced the year with the Annual Cocktail Parties, well attended by parents and staff.

In Term 1 the Parent/Teacher interviews were conducted with a theme of goal setting. As many parents have said to me, knowing in advance what is expected of their daughters helps them to encourage their girls, rather than waiting until the exams to find out the needs of their daughters and how they can help. While teachers were involved in the interviews all day special programs were organized to make constructive use of the time made free for the other year groups. Year 8s had their History and Geography excursions and Snakes Alive incursion; Year 9 had their Self Defence classes and Juggling workshop; Year 7 were involved in Cartooning workshops and all Year groups had an English program involving writer, Tug Dumbly.

This year I have been greatly supported by the Pastoral team who have lived out our vision with the students in practical and human ways each and every day. With the support and care of our Counsellors and all the Mentors, the College has endeavoured to provide the necessary emotional and personal support that young people require in the difficult years of adolescence.

In 2009, our Pastoral approach will be enlivened with the development of a systematic and holistic approach to student management based on the principles of Restorative Justice. Each teacher will be trained in the principles and practical application of this approach and, in conjunction with a revised review of the Mentor system and a new Handbook, we hope that more students will begin to feel justly and fairly treated in all student management instances, and that they will feel a stronger sense of connection and social cohesion in their mentor group.

We plan on reviewing the Co-curricular life of the College and the Club and Society structure. In particular, we will renew the student leadership model throughout the school and also review the current Year 12 Student Leadership model as well. The students will benefit from greater opportunities at leadership throughout Years 7- 12, and our leaders will benefit from clearer roles and expectations in relation to their positions and responsibilities.

It has been a wonderful first year for me in this role and I thank all the parents and staff who have welcomed me to Brigidine College. I hope to get to meet and know more parents through our interactions at school events and on the sidelines at various sports and activities as well.

At many College events such as the Musical and Year 11 Play, the attendance of large numbers of staff in the audience in addition to the contribution of teachers as scene painters and shifters, front of house, wardrobe mistress, rehearsal and change room supervisors, producers and directors was admirable. The Public Speaking Competition run by the English Department culminated in a finals evening organised and attended by the English faculty. The enthusiasm of staff who give so freely of their time to show their support for the College ethos has been, and is still one of the distinguishing features of our College community and something which is worth cherishing.

Information evenings were held for students choosing elective subjects in Years 8 and 10 for their movement to the next Stage of their schooling and for incoming Year 7 students and their parents. Year 7 were also involved in Orientation Day which was topped off with a morning of testing in Numeracy and Literacy to assist in class placement for next year. By that day, the girls were feeling that they were a part of Brigidine already.

The view of the College from Mona Vale Road, a leafy arbour, suggests peace and tranquility. Behind the walls however is a bustling, happy and thriving community of students and staff involved in a true learning community.



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 McRobie Emma Victoria  
 MEEK Jessica Ann  
 Michailidis Alexandra Irene  
 Mickan Julia Elizabeth  
 Mikaelian Jesse Lee  
 Mitchell Ashleigh Margaret  
 Morris Sophie Anne  
 Nelson Gemma Lynne  
 Nettleton Jordan Hayley  
 Norris Georgia Louise  
 O'Brien Caitlin  
 O'Neil Ellen-louise Ellie  
 O'Sullivan Corinne Elise  
 Owen Sian Crystal  
 Papandrea Holly  
 Pazos Queraalt Amanda  
 Pedersen Hanne Frances  
 Peters Molly Eliza  
 Phillips Alexandra Joan  
 Pochroj Katherine Ann  
 Prescott Ida  
 Quinn Rebecca Jane  
 Reeves Hayley Elizabeth  
 Renshaw Theresa Kathryn  
 Ristuccia Jabot Bernadette  
 Rodgers Aleesha Victoria  
 Rosati Isabella Maree  
 Ryan Ashleigh Kate  
 Shalders Laura Jane  
 Shepherd Ely Rose  
 Shuttler Siena  
 Solomonson Catherine Louise  
 Sullivan Alyce  
 Sweeney Camille Margaret  
 Tavana Golnoush  
 Taylor Jessica  
 Testini Ariella Nicole  
 Teulan Emily Kate  
 Theodor-Gallagher Kate  
 Thompson Lauren Brianna  
 Torode Caitlin  
 Trauer Katharina Danielle  
 Turnbull Katherine Elizabeth  
 Tyler Lauren Angeline  
 Tysoe Anna Margot  
 Vaughan Eleana Patricia  
 Veil Isabella Laura  
 Venteman Jacqueline  
 Veyret Joanne Elizabeth  
 Wale Megan Patrice  
 Williams Angelique Mary  
 Windass Melissa Jennifer  
 Wong Iris Vanessa  
 Wright Lauren Elizabeth

## YEAR 10

Abdi Sara Louise  
 Ackroyd Alison Jane

Alcorn Persephone Ross  
 Allen Victoria Rose  
 Allman Katie Louise  
 Anderson Kathryn Caroline  
 Ansell Kyla Louise  
 Arancibia Bianca  
 Atkins Joanne Louise  
 Baker Shannon Kathleen Mary  
 Barker Emily Grace  
 Bayliss Amelia Lea  
 Biles Eleanor Frances  
 Blanche Tara Elizabeth  
 Boyd Victoria Maree  
 Brennan Chloe Jacqueline  
 Briggs Emily Jane  
 Brindle Sophia Primrose  
 Brown Camilla Elizabeth  
 Brown Zoe Ballard  
 Burt Matilda  
 Calamos Danielle Patricia  
 Calloway Courtney Renee  
 Carlisle Imogen May  
 Caronna Sofia  
 Casarotto Stephanie  
 Casella Amelia Elizabeth  
 Cashel Claire Marie  
 Chandler Rebecca Louise  
 Chen-Conway Cia  
 Cleary Nicola Jane  
 Connell Shannah Fidler  
 Cornell Tamara Katherine Ann  
 Curby Suzannah Rose  
 Daneel Genevieve  
 Dawe Lara Marie  
 Dawson Courtney  
 Deer Maddison  
 Delaurier Meaghan Elizabeth  
 Denton Daisy May  
 Dilworth Jessica-rose  
 Douglas Anna Caitlin  
 Ellam Madeline Joy  
 Evans Shelby  
 Everett Brooke Jade  
 Ferguson Elyse Monique  
 Flynn Michaela Kathleen  
 Funayama Nadia Yuka  
 Gilder Jessica Jane  
 Gillard Elise Victoria  
 Gleeson Zoe Rebekah  
 Goodwin Hannah Lillian  
 Gregoire Charlotte Marie  
 Hardie Sarah Catherine  
 Harris Kate Rose  
 Hartwig Mikhaela Jade  
 Hayman Jessica Louise  
 Head Nicola Margaret  
 Helsham Alexandra Jane  
 Hesketh Jennifer Mary  
 Hitchman Katie Michelle  
 Hooper Alexandra  
 Hooper Gabriella  
 Jardine Stephanie  
 Jin Anne Marie Sinong  
 Johnston Isabella Caitlin  
 Jolly Renae Maree  
 Jones Jessica Anne  
 Jurkschat Kali Emma  
 Kella Megan  
 Kennett Julia Deborah  
 Khastoui Niusha  
 Kuper Anna Grace  
 Law Man Kar  
 Layton Emily Jane  
 Lewis Sarah Emily  
 Li Jamie  
 Livingston Ashleigh Erin  
 Louw Lauren Jane  
 Mackay Rebekah Louise  
 Mackay Sara Kathryn  
 Madigan Sophie Catherine  
 Manson Samantha Clair  
 Marcellino Kandace  
 Martin Abigail Tess  
 Maurer Christine  
 McGain Alexandra Louise  
 McHugh Felicity Ann

Meathrel Christina Lara  
 Milne Jessica Kate  
 Moloney Rose Ellen  
 Morris Madeline Kara  
 Morrison Alannah  
 Munsayac Therese Elizabeth  
 Natoli Anastasia  
 O'Brien Michelle Jasmin  
 O'Brien Rebecca Catherine  
 O'Brien Bernadette Moya  
 O'Loan Camilla Rose  
 Pearce Hannah Clare  
 Pelser Lauren  
 Penning Monique Stevie  
 Pennino Vanessa  
 Philpot Stacey  
 Princi Pina  
 Raffan Freya Eloise  
 Raymond Bridget Louise  
 Reid-Anderson Sarah  
 Romeo Christina Louise  
 Schober Ainslie May  
 Shanahan Amelia Kate  
 Shoppee Georgina Elizabeth  
 Smith Jessica Mary Dyer  
 Soans Emma Louise  
 Spadon Ellen Wayness  
 Stevenson Kathleen  
 Stewart Hayley Louise  
 Tams Rachael Cordinna  
 Thomson Jorja May  
 Tran Lisa  
 Turner Corinne  
 Turton Lara Elizabeth  
 Van Der Walt Caitlin Sarah  
 Vawdrey Gabriella Alice  
 Vrandich Emily Anne  
 Walsh Natalie  
 Ward Katherine Rachel  
 Watkins Sarah Jane  
 Westhoff Sigrid Lorraine  
 Williamson Hayley Patricia  
 Woo Tahlia Siobhan  
 Worsley Sarah Elizabeth  
 Wust Jessica Angela

## YEAR 9

Adams Terri Pamela  
 Aivazian Ashleigh Anne  
 Atkins Isabella  
 Aubrey Georgina Rudelle  
 Back Rebecca Louise  
 Bisset Nicola Amy  
 Borrowman Madeleine Ella  
 Bowey Ciara Danielle  
 Boyle Georgia Grace  
 Bradley Rachael Louise  
 Brown Aysha Annabel  
 Butcher Louise Sarah  
 Caprarello Olivia Jane  
 Carter Danica  
 Chennell Dutton Nyssa Jessie  
 Chong Amanda Hui Wan  
 Chue Jaimee Siobhan  
 Claremont Alexandra Mary  
 Cornale Bianca Angela  
 Coskinas Chloe Elle  
 Cunningham Nicola Leigh  
 Davies Millicent Rose  
 Dell Catherine Joan  
 Dingle Tara Kathryn  
 Divaris Callie Helen  
 Domazet Stephanie  
 Du Preez Chantel  
 Du Preez Monique  
 Ediriwira Manisha Nayantara  
 Eismen Sydney Mary  
 Ek Saskia Ellen  
 Evans Nina Lauren  
 Favalaro Nicole Maree  
 Feary Brigitte  
 Feather Claire Elizabeth  
 Flannery Laura May  
 Flynn Laura Anne  
 Garay Tertia Anne  
 Geier Grace Emily



Gibson Alana Jade  
 Gilholme Erin Alexis  
 Gillespie Chloe Alysse  
 Gillott Kristyn Louise  
 Gould Kate Marie  
 Gruzin Emily  
 Hall Alexandra Morgan  
 Hall Juliette Diana  
 Hamilton Georgia Clare  
 Harcombe Lauren Christy  
 Harris Rachael Madaleinie  
 Heath Rachel Ellen  
 Heath Tiarne  
 Heraghty Georgia Elizabeth  
 Herbert Chelsea Natasha  
 Hill Tarryn Ashleigh  
 Hollis Alexandra Murphy  
 Hourigan Francoise Patricia  
 Howald Madeleine Grace  
 Howe Alexandra Juliette  
 Hull-Moody Jayde Estelle  
 Jackson Monisha Patricia  
 Jones Gemma Amanda  
 Kampen Camilla Susanne  
 Keighery Alice Ya-fen  
 Kenny Latrishia Alice  
 Kersten Sophia Michelle  
 Khashtoui Rojan  
 Knight Emily Jane  
 Kovacs-Hegedus Ellena Avri  
 Lahood Natasha Lana  
 Langer Alison  
 Lawes Renee  
 Layden Naomi Ellen  
 Leon Anastasia Daniela  
 Leonard Isobel Kathleen  
 Littler Isobel Mae  
 Livisianos Fiona  
 Lodge Aimee Frances  
 Lynch Katie Amber  
 Mahon Jessica Louise  
 Marley Bronagh  
 Masone Taylor Marie  
 Maurer Jacquelyn  
 McAlister Hayley Jean  
 McMahon Amber Lee  
 McMichael Sophie Louise  
 Meek Alexandra Patricia  
 Mendes Natalie Grace  
 Merrick Julia Elizabeth  
 Miller-Bliss Clare Sally  
 Mills Christina Catherine  
 Moore Danielle  
 Moore Rosalie Mary  
 Morris Isabelle Nicolette  
 Murphy Samantha Maree  
 Nalbandian Clara  
 Needham Clare Jennifer  
 Nuttall Katherine Michelle  
 Oates Nicole Evangeline  
 O'Brien Casey Ann  
 O'Donovan Emily Clare  
 O'Loan Courtney  
 Oesterheld Heather Louise  
 Olizon Cristina Beatrice  
 O'Neill Kathleen Anne  
 Osada-Phornsiri Alissa  
 Ostowari Kiah  
 Oswald Angela  
 Owen Isabel Patricia  
 Owens Cayleigh Ann  
 Papandrea Chloe  
 Paul Madeleine Margaret  
 Peters Brianna Kate  
 Phillips Bronte May  
 Powell Louisa  
 Rahme Olivia Ivy  
 Rice Danielle Alexandra  
 Roach Georgia Simone  
 Roberts Jessica Shannon  
 Roberts Saskia Clare  
 Robotham Alexandra Hope  
 Ryan Maddison Georgia  
 Santiseban Jennifer  
 Scotter Katrina Amy  
 Scrivener Ashleigh Laura

Sechi Rachael Marie  
 Stephens Kate  
 Strupitis-Haddrick Anneke  
 Grace  
 Sweeney Madeleine Joan  
 Tanner Rachel Maree  
 Thomas Bethany Mary  
 Thomas Jade Hannah  
 Thompson Madison Lee  
 Thompson Paige Louise  
 Trupiano Ashleigh Maree  
 Turnbull Grace Victoria  
 Turner Kelly-ann  
 Van Rhijn Lindi Marlene  
 Walsh Melissa Ann  
 Walsh Sophie Lynn  
 Walsh Madeleine May  
 Ward Lauren Amanda  
 Watts Emily Mirei  
 Welsh Courtney Deborah  
 West Abby Georgina

## YEAR 8

Aikins Stephanie Claire  
 Allcorn Pierette Haimes  
 Andrews Madeleine Kate  
 Atkins Chloe Anne  
 Baird Rachel Lydia May  
 Baker Brittany Jayde  
 Barrett Lily Anne  
 Barry Isabella Rose  
 Bastianpillai Tisha Sarala  
 Beck Lauren Kate  
 Beck Smith Joelle  
 Belbin Bridgette Alexandra  
 Bennett Georgia Rose  
 Biles Annabel Florence  
 Bisset Kirsten Holly  
 Blake Shelby Joanne  
 Blanche Hanna Jane  
 Blaxland Priscilla  
 Bose Tamara Jade  
 Breen Francesca  
 Brink Jordan Marie  
 Buchanan Kate Jennifer  
 Carnegie Larissa Therese  
 Carroll Mackenzie Jai  
 Chalhoub Ashley Maree  
 Champion Kasumi Jacqueline  
 Clark Eloise Caitlin  
 Colinares Carmela Lourdes  
 Connery Abbie-may  
 Cook Olivia Margaret  
 Corbett Camilla  
 Corfield Jessica Louise  
 Cormio Brianna Grace  
 Courtney Monica Rosa  
 Czynok Rosalinde Harriet  
 Day Isabella Marie  
 De Berardinis Claudia Mimi  
 Demasi Emily Margaret  
 Di Laudo Georgia Isabelle  
 Douglass Laura Joan  
 Dunn Elisha Louise  
 Eather Grace Elizabeth  
 Eather Danielle Rebecca  
 Elliott Nicola Jade  
 English Emily Kate  
 Fechner-Head Tamara Hilde  
 Finch Louise Carroll  
 Flynn Olivia Joanne  
 Forde Sinead Victoria  
 Forsythe Amelia Louise  
 Galloway Ailish  
 Gane Danielle Nicole  
 Gladwin Amy Louise  
 Goodwin Phoebe Catherine  
 Grant Madeleine Alacoque  
 Green Olivia Rose  
 Grobler Derryn Lee  
 Hall Isabella  
 Hallett Claudia Elizabeth  
 Hansen Clare Elizabeth  
 Harris Ebony Mae  
 Havelka Olivia  
 Head Rebecca Adriana

Herring Courtney Elise  
 Heunis Amy Grace  
 Hewitt Amy Marie  
 Holman Bonnie Mary Patricia  
 Hough Lucy-rose Lucy  
 Hume Courtney  
 Huston Diana Suzette  
 Iacono Rebecca Lauren  
 James Genevieve Louise  
 Kiernan Anna Elizabeth  
 Kim Jennifer Ye Won  
 Kim Yoon Jeon  
 Kirkland Poppy Anne  
 Kopp Alexandra Cyrielle  
 Koulias Amelia Angela  
 Layden Phoebe  
 Learmonth Marianna  
 Lieberman Corinne Jade  
 Linton Stevie  
 Macqueen Bonnie Scarlett  
 Magliano Tessa Josephine  
 Marshall Alexandra  
 Marshall Arielle Claudia  
 Maskine Brigitte Josephine  
 Masters Alison Louise  
 Matthias Ann Marie  
 Maurici Siena Amelia  
 Mauro Natalie Norma  
 Mayjor Hannah Paige  
 McCourt Susan Alexandra  
 McGarva-Neal Brae  
 McGee Kate Elise  
 Merlo Aiyana Jane  
 Metzler Alessandra Jane  
 Moraza Madison Mae  
 Moulds Jordana Sydney  
 Murphy Lauren Tayla  
 Needham Elise Johanna  
 Neil Imogen Rose  
 O'Byrne Casey Maree  
 O'Connor-Trevisan Evangeline  
 O'Donovan Jessica May  
 O'Hagan Caitlin Sarah  
 O'Neil Nicola Marie  
 Orr Jasmine Lorraine  
 Ottery Anabelle Marie  
 Page Ashlee  
 Palmer Bilynda Hannah  
 Partridge Phoebe Kate  
 Penn Sarah Louise  
 Pentelow Sophie Jacqueline  
 Peters Brianna Kathryn  
 Petherbridge Rachel Anne  
 Phillips Danielle  
 Reeves Phillipa Christine  
 Rey Ruby Imogene  
 Rhodes Teresa  
 Rodgers Sarah Ann  
 Rosati Claudia  
 Ross Kathryn  
 Rubinstein Camie  
 Ryan Charlotte Juliana  
 Scotter Emily Hannah  
 Scrogie Natasha  
 Shlager Jessica Lauren  
 Singh Kelsey Vivecca  
 Siva Adeline  
 Squires Jessica Anne  
 Stamp Sarah Angelica  
 Steele Chloe Andrea  
 Stewart Sophie  
 Stokoe Johanna Christine  
 Storm Greta Lily  
 Sutton Philippa  
 Ta Marie-joseph Phuong Mai  
 Tafuro Isabella  
 Tam Jessica  
 Tesson Victoria-lee Brigitte  
 Thompson Erin Courtney  
 Thompson Ellen Maree  
 Thyne Jamie  
 Toma Maria  
 Toson Daniella Renee  
 Trabucco Vanessa Louise  
 Trauer Dominique Stephanie  
 Tripp Samantha Rita

Tuncel Alisa  
 Vail Katherine Anne  
 Van Kool India June  
 Vawdrey Abbey Kristine  
 Walsh Madeleine June  
 Walters Nicoleta  
 Wareing Gemma  
 Welsh Alisha Lyndall  
 White Chloe  
 Wholohan Sophie  
 Wick Ashley Jane  
 Wildsmith Isabella Clare  
 Wilkins Lauren Elizabeth  
 Williams Kelsey Gloria  
 Worsley Caitlin Alice  
 Youdale Sally Clair

## YEAR 7

Adams Lauren Mary  
 Allcorn Portia Clare  
 Attwater Cayla Dawn  
 Azzouni Yasmina  
 Badings Tayla Jane  
 Baillie Amelia Kate  
 Bain Georgia Elizabeth  
 Baker Saya  
 Barnes Georgia Louise  
 Bell Alison  
 Bennett Danielle Therese  
 Boccanfuso Lauren Mary  
 Bowditch Katherine Jayne  
 Bright Sanchia Margaret  
 Burns Georgia  
 Burrows Madeliene Grace  
 Calcraft Tamasin Jean  
 Cambitzi Lauren Nancy  
 Caparelli Sarah Jane  
 Carlton Lauren Jessica  
 Caronna Lora  
 Carrick Kathleen Janet  
 Cattelan Danielle Ann  
 Chandra Natalie Chu Wen Yung  
 Chanell Jessica Elise  
 Chapple Elsa Helena  
 Chong Jessika Sue-jin  
 Cowan Nicola Kristin  
 Cuadros-Garrot Daniela  
 Cunningham Eloise Margaret  
 Cunningham Kaitlin Jane  
 Dell Adrienne Mary  
 Dey Joanne Michelle  
 Dowdall Caitlin  
 Egan Imogen  
 Eismen Samantha Tulara  
 Ellis Genevieve Ashley  
 Estrella Isabel Pilar  
 Evans Poppy Jane  
 Ferrero Ashleigh Lilian  
 Flannery Meg Erin  
 Fordred Jessica Tucker  
 George Sarah  
 Ghadia Preeti Nina  
 Gillis Kathryn  
 Goodman Emily Louise  
 Goswell Rebecca Lauren  
 Gregg Emily Moira  
 Grieve Lauren Maree  
 Grunwald Tegan Joy  
 Hachigo Aya  
 Harcombe Nicolle Andrea  
 Harman Ceridwen Iris  
 Harris Madeleine Raye  
 Harris Maesie  
 Hellyer Rachel Grace  
 Helsham Rachael Elizabeth  
 Hewitt Nicole  
 Higgs Annabel Clare  
 Hill Jessica  
 Hodgson Emily  
 Hopton Rikki Rhodes  
 Hughes Meghan Anne  
 Jarrett Bronte Belinda  
 Johnson Scarlett May  
 Jones Christina Ellen  
 Kanai Miki  
 Kaporis Helena

Keighery Susan Ya-wen  
 Kersten Isabelle Sarah  
 Korte Sarah Elizabeth  
 Kruger Ildelin Elizabeth  
 Kruger Rebecca  
 Kruize Zoe Elizabeth  
 Lahood Claudia Carol-ann  
 Lane Isabella Alice  
 Lanz Catherine  
 Leon Francisca Ignacia  
 L'Huede Claire Elizabeth  
 Lloyd Kathryn  
 Lucas Sarah  
 Ludwig Isabella  
 Maher Caitlin Eleanor  
 Mann Lonita Nicola Victoria  
 Marcellino Monique  
 Marton Caitlin Eloise  
 McInnes Alexandra Kate  
 McMaster May Lucinda  
 Milgate Gabrielle Grace  
 Murphy Bianca Lorraine  
 Musson Alexandra  
 Mustac Kristina  
 Myoung Gloria Heesun  
 Neal Annalise Tarryn  
 Nedov Emma Jane  
 Nehybecki Eliza  
 Newell Georgia Elizabeth  
 Nixon Kristie Rose  
 Nizeti Sabrina  
 Olrog Emilia  
 O'Sullivan Monique Danielle  
 Paterson Jessica Eileen  
 Pearson Isabella Rose  
 Peters Mikki Louella  
 Phillips Emily Isabella  
 Philp Katie  
 Pinn Grace Maria  
 Poljak Alice Sophie  
 Powell Molly Elizabeth  
 Prowse Brittany Leigh  
 Pulman Bronte Jane  
 Radcliff Emma Jane  
 Reed Julia Elizabeth  
 Reynhout Lucy Mae  
 Rice Lauren  
 Roberts Nicole Amy  
 Rowbotham Emily Sarah  
 Sankey Caitlin Paige  
 Sbaglia Kathryn Ann  
 Shive Kaitlyn  
 Simmons Nicola Jane  
 Somerville Rebecca Ann  
 Stals Jessica Kate  
 Strupitis-Haddrick Madelin  
 Rose  
 Strydom Samantha Jennifer  
 Tatt Katie  
 Thomas Megan Charlotte  
 Torode Nicole  
 Tosh Brittany  
 Trevallion Elizabeth  
 Troup Jane  
 Wadsworth Maeve Rosemary  
 Walbank Laura  
 Walsh Georgia  
 Walsh Alison Kate  
 Walters Alexandra  
 Watts Sarah Emily  
 Weller Gemma Louise  
 Welsh Izabella Rae  
 Westhoff Dominica  
 Westwood Eloise Kate  
 Whitehouse Stephanie  
 Witt Jessica Anne  
 Wood Sarah May  
 Woods Alysha  
 Yoo Yerin







### Senior Leaders with Principal

Olivia Rolleston, Elicia Cantelo, Sinead Keaveney, Mrs J. Atkins (Principal), Clare Keighery, Jessica Tasso, Felicity Littlewood





### Brigidine Daughters

Front Row: Latrisha Kenny, Monique Marcellino, Emma Fletcher, Lara Turton, Elyse Ferguson, Caitlin Chow, Ashleigh Scrivener, Pina Princi  
 Second Row: Stephanie Jardine, Grace Eather, Danielle Calamos, Emille Ammann, Kandace Marcellino, Ebony Harris, Olivia Havelka  
 Third Row: Stephanie Casarotto, Paige Thompson, Eleanor Biles, Rochelle Shoppee, Courtney Dawson, Georgina Shoppee, Olivia Rahmé



### SRC

Front Row: Emily Barker, Bonnie Holman, Anastasia Natoli, Jessica Tasso, Georgia Roach, Amanda Chong, Derryn Grobler  
 Second Row: Kate Theodor-Gallagher, Olivia Caparelli, Rachael Johnson, Natasha Berney, Verity Paton, Alison Masters, Rebecca Quinn  
 Third Row: Alice Orr, Sophie Madigan, Danielle Rice, Courtney Hume, Camilla Brown, Kendall Allsop





### Year 7 Camp

This year, our Year 7 Camp was held at the Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre and our aim was to allow the girls to get to know each other in an "out of the classroom" experience. The focus was, therefore, on outdoor activities and the girls all responded with enthusiasm and generosity towards one another. We had spent the day before setting off for camp in Mentor Groups at school, exploring Dr Seuss's book *Oh the Places you'll go!* Through reading and discussing this great little book, we reminded the girls of the challenges, both physical and emotional, that lie ahead of them as they embark on their six year journey through high school.

For some, a big challenge lay ahead of them the very next day – the Camp and the prospect of spending a night away from home! For others it was participating in the physical activities, which included archery, canoeing/kayaking, abseiling, rock-climbing and initiatives. Most of the girls rose to the challenges presented and "had a go" – their involvement and support of one another was wonderful. The girls were excellent ambassadors for their

new school and their instructors commented on what a cooperative and attentive group they were – well done, Year 7!

I hope that Year 7 2008 will take the time to reflect on the happy memories of their first days spent together as a year group ... and that they re-read their Dr Seuss book from time to time to remind them of the valuable advice it contains.

Mrs Julia Bevan  
Year 7 Co-ordinator



### Peer Support

From their application and preparation phases, to writing letters to Year 7 2008, the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders have done a fantastic job this year. We are so proud of their generosity, maturity and enthusiasm in every activity. The Year 11 Peer Support Leaders have fulfilled every dimension of the organisation and patience that it takes to be a great Peer Support Leader.

Year 7 2008 have embraced the spirit of Brigidine well through the following activities:

- Year 7 Camp
- Resilience (developing a greater social network to allow them to be more resilient in a range of situations)
- Friendship (developing friendships, valuing others and understanding our rights and responsibilities as a friend)
- Paper dressing up (as we had a few budding designers in our midst)
- Mini Olympics great involvement, action and co operation!

Year 7 have developed into lovely Brigidine students. They have been involved, enthusiastic and passionate. Peer Support has been a time of sharing with others, allowing leadership to develop while feeling like a special part of this community. Peer Support is really a wonderful experience.

We are sure both Year 7 and Year 11 have enjoyed the Peer Support Program Activities this year and we would like to thank all who have been involved in helping Peer Support to be so great here at Brigidine.

Miss Brannan, Mrs Kuper and Miss Pola.







### Year 8 Camp

Year 8 enjoyed their three-day camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre in the beautiful surroundings of Lake Macquarie. The days were filled with a variety of exciting activities aimed at increasing the girls' self-confidence and promoting positive relationships with others. Activities were often challenging and exhilarating such as the "Giant Swing" and abseiling. Other activities such as canoeing, sailing, and raft building encouraged the girls to work as a team and to develop stronger relationships with others within their Year Group. All of the girls participated in the activities with great energy and enthusiasm. Their mature and positive approach to the entire camp experience was very impressive indeed.

### Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 camp was held at Yarramundi and the girls responded positively to this great opportunity to experience new challenges together. During Year 9 students often make decisions and shape attitudes at a very sensitive time of life and the camp experience offered the chance to genuinely consider what kind of person you choose to be.

Mrs Wachter designed a programme for the three days which not only kept students physically active, but also took them out of their comfort zones to confront perceived limitations. The invaluable lesson that was brought away from adventures such as abseiling, a three hour vertical hike up a mountain and the terror of the giant swing, was that everyone survived to tell the tale and that there is enormous satisfaction in recognising that each one of us can do things which may have initially seemed beyond our capabilities. Coupled with this realisation was knowledge that it was the support we received from our groups whilst facing such challenges that made the crucial difference. Encouragement, positive affirmations and reassurance go such a long way.



### Year 10 Camp

Groups? Tent partners? Showers? Back packs? Shoes? Rain? These were some of the topics for discussion prior to the Year 10 Camp. All were relevant except the last. How fortunate were we that the sun began to shine and continued to shine right throughout our time at Somerset, when the previous week all the tents had flooded! The beautiful weather allowed the girls to fully experience the hot Summer weather in the Australian bush. Music was provided by the cicadas and there was the joy of a swim in the river at the end of

a long day of activities such as hiking or rock climbing. The evening meal was prepared outside at the campsite and then there was time to sit under the stars.

Overall, the girls participated very enthusiastically each girl challenging herself in different ways. The girls deserve to be congratulated as do the wonderful band of generous teachers who accompanied the girls enabling them to have a "Bush Experience".





At our Leadership Assembly on Tuesday 9th September the College Senior Leaders for 2009 were announced.

Congratulations to all those who have been selected for these leadership roles and best wishes for 2009.



### Captain of the College

Rebecca Quinn



### College Senior Vice Captain

Ashleigh Fong

### Vice-Captain

**Social Justice:** Hannah Cheeseman

**Houses:** Emma Fletcher

**SRC:** Angelique Williams

**Clubs & Societies:** Corinne O'Sullivan

### House Captains and Vice-Captains

**Fatima:** Kate Theodor-Gallagher, Hannah Goddard

**Kildare:** Danielle Ashworth, Georgia Norris

**Lourdes:** Natasha Berney, Jacqueline Venteman

**Prague:** Lauren Tyler, Eleana Vaughan

### Club Captains & Vice-Captains

**Athletics:** Hannah Goddard, Isabella Rosati

**Basketball:** Ashleigh Ryan, Caitlin O'Bryen

**Dance:** Lauren Thompson, Georgia Norris

**DEAS:** Sarah Kennedy, Clair de Sousa

**Equestrian:** Molly Peters, Nicola Ferendinos

**Gymnastics:** Laura Lynch

**Hockey:** Tayla Edmunds, Hayley Reeves

**Netball:** Emily Boyd-Grgurinovich, Ellen-Louise O'Neil

**Soccer:** Joanne Veyret, Jessica Meek

**Softball:** Emma Marvell, Gemma Nelson

**Swimming:** Sophie Morris

**Tennis:** Jacqueline Venteman, Amy Hudson

**Volleyball:** Camille Sweeney, Laura Hines

**Water Polo:** Kate Iacono, Sarah Kennedy



### Society Presidents and Vice-Presidents

**Music:** Ann-elise Lindsay, Lucinda Cull

**Drama:** Christie Harrison, Katharina Trauer

**Debating:** Katherine Pochroj

**Ciceronian:** Theresa Renshaw

**Archimedean:** Hannah Beech-Allen

**Socratic:** Holly Papandrea

**Periclean:** Jannaya Ashelford

**Justinian:** Melissa Windass

**Hellenic:** Elki Lemmetty

**Liturgic:** Ida Prescott

**St Vincent de Paul Society/Social Justice:**

Golnoush Tavana





Rebecca Quinn's eloquent address to the student body at the Leadership Mass on Wednesday 15th October follows. Rebecca retold the story of "Footsteps in the Sand" demonstrating that God always supports each and every one of us which is a relevant message for our 2009 Leaders.



"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. What is the meaning of this passage?"

#### What does it mean to act justly?

When in a socially or communally superior position, do not be afraid to step in and help the disadvantaged when you know other's actions are immoral. Acting justly is about standing up for others and being a leader of justice.

#### What does it mean to love mercy?

It means to act out of a spirit of generosity, grace and devotion. It involves promoting compassion and inspiring others to support each other.

#### And to walk humbly?

This is to walk cautiously, bringing our lives into accordance of God's will. It is also putting our trust in the hands of God due to God's ability to lead the way and be the leader of our life.

I would now like to tell you a story of a man who went walking with God. The story is called "Footprints in the Sand".

One night a man had a dream.  
He dreamed he was walking  
Along the beach with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.  
For each scene,  
He noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
He looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
He noticed that many times along the path of his life  
There was only one set of footprints.  
He also noticed that it happened  
At the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him  
And he questioned the Lord about it.  
"Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You,  
You'd walk with me all the way.

But I have noticed that  
During the most troublesome times in my life,  
There is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why when I needed  
You most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child,  
I love you and I would never leave you.  
During your times of trial and suffering,  
When you see only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."

In this case, God is our leader who guides us through life and supports our efforts in making wise decisions. God picks us up when we fall or when we make mistakes and shares with us the times of joy when life is at its best. Never can we doubt the Lord's leadership because God is always there when we need him most. The Lord is not boastful but modest, the Lord is not selfish but giving and the Lord is not unpleasant but loving and kind. These are the qualities that all leaders should possess. Being a leader is all about serving and helping others as well as inspiring people to succeed. If we are able to make a difference to one person's life we have fulfilled our role as leaders. Leaders are made, not born. So everyone in this room has the potential to be a leader.

#### But what makes a true leader?

A true leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. A great leader's ability and courage to accomplish his vision comes from passion and action, not authority or position. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, achieve more and develop more, you are a leader.

A leader's job is not so much to order others what to do and make decisions for others but to support others in what they do and nurture their decision making. A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader; a great leader inspires people to have self-belief and faith in themselves. It is also a leader's job to promote passion and spirit within other people and to establish the foundations for the leaders of the future.

On that note, I would like to take some time to wish all of the new Year 12 girls the very best of luck as the leaders of the school. You are all such amazing young women and there is no doubt that you will guide and lead Brigidine onto a path of success and achievement.

Once again, congratulations and I wish you all the best in the future.



*"From an ethical point of view, what does the rest of the world think of Australia?"*

The year of 2008 for many Australians has proven to be a memorable one so far. This year, Sydney was the host of the largest youth festival in the world, where 25,000 young people from every corner of globe gathered for the celebrations of the World Youth Day week. This year has also brought Australia the success of its Olympian team who represented the country with pride at the Beijing Olympics. As a nation gaining reputation from the rest of the world through features such as its desirable travel destinations (Sydney was voted the favourite city in the world) and the league of pop culture figures to earn success and fame overseas, this status has not always been kept in other aspects of Australia. Throughout time, several turning points in the nation's history have altered the views of Australia taken from abroad. Ethical issues regarding decisions made by the past and current Australian government have attracted mixed emotions from the rest of the world. Notorious incidents such as the Tampa affair, the racial feuds of the Cronulla riots, and the long lasting issue of Aboriginal affairs have perhaps bruised Australia's representation to overseas media. However, in recent times, opinions on the nation have changed, as Australia proves to the rest of the world that it is willing to work towards a better country all round.



Australia is, to many people, home. As the Australian population lies at 21 million people, it shows to be a country that has not yet reached its limits. Migration to Australia has increased overwhelmingly in recent times, as Australia is seen by many overseas as a means of starting a new life in a place of endless opportunities. However around the world, not every country is seen this way. Thousands of people from war-ridden countries and others displaced in their own land flee in search for a better life. The conditions in which they travel are life threatening, and do not offer any guarantees for safe, if any, arrivals. In 2001, 430 refugees were rescued from their sinking ferry by a Norwegian freighter named Tampa. These refugees had the intention of reaching Australia, only to be rejected by the Howard government and left at sea. Mostly Afghan, the refugees threatened to throw themselves overboard if they were denied landing permission. Tampa was stranded off Christmas Island, and the human cargo onboard included many children, pregnant women, and seriously ill refugees. The Howard government sent medical assistance and food supplies to the boat, however were not allowed to set foot on Australian soil. The Tampa affair and the then government's reaction reached the world news and spared controversy for Australia. Most reactions to the treatment of these refugees expressed disgust and a strong sense of objection. Furthermore, the conditions that asylum-seekers were to live in while in detention centres such as Nauru, were viewed as appalling once exposed to overseas media. An editorial printed in the American newspaper, Los Angeles times, criticised the action of John Howard regarding the temporary entrance of the refugees, calling it "embarrassing".<sup>1</sup> The situation even gained attention from the United Nations regarding Australia's execution of international laws. A spokeswoman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees urged "Australia to act according to humanitarian principles".<sup>2</sup>

Despite the controversy sparked up by the Tampa incident, many living in unsafe countries still view Australia as a beacon of hope for freedom. These people still escape the dangers of their homeland in the hope of reaching the safe land of Australia.

In 2006 a journalist for the British newspaper, The Evening Standard, criticised Australia by calling the country "racist, sexist and deeply backward".<sup>3</sup> This response to Australia from an overseas writer could have been influenced by the international perceptions of Australia presented in the media. The year before the article was released saw the Cronulla riots penetrating both national and international headlines, with shocking images of racial violence between White Australians and Lebanese and Middle Eastern Australians. The coverage of these riots have spread fears of strong racial tension living in Australia, and the cruel images of Australian "locals" attacking Lebanese have ensured the world views on Australia as a racist country. Despite the racial violence around the Sutherland Shire area in December 2005, within Australian borders, many mixed emotions were felt about the incident. To many, the acts of the young White Australians were considered retaliation to the mobs of Middle Eastern youth that have been causing trouble around the area for several years. Although this act of revenge is not excusable on the country's behalf, the translation of the incident was not quite the same overseas. On an international level the Cronulla riots were defined as White Australians expressing their ownership of the country, displayed by racial slogans such as "We grew here, you flew here".<sup>4</sup>

In contemporary society, developed countries prove their modern approach by embracing multiculturalism. Politically and socially, it has become a goal for many countries around the world. However, the coverage of the Cronulla riots had proved to overseas audiences that perhaps Australia is not capable of tolerating this sort of multiculturalism, despite the situation. The behaviour displayed from both parties involved in the riots showed true disloyalty to what it means to be an Australian, which has shone through the issue. Although the rest of the world may have been swayed by this Australian take on morality, it is universally accepted that this group is a minority of Australians, and definitely do not represent the rest of the country's citizens. The attitudes displayed by these young White Australians is not acceptable on any account, however the Cronulla riots reminded the whole world of the racial issues that must be faced in society today.

Throughout Australian history, the issue regarding the mistreatment and equality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has been a significant one. Aboriginal affairs in Australia have endured a difficult past, with the most recognisable struggle of the first Australians being the hurt caused by the Stolen Generations. Previous mistakes made by past governments have scarred the Aboriginal people in more ways than just emotional. During the period of the self-determination government policy, Australia finally began to take steps towards a united future between Aboriginal people and White Australians. A significant part of this was indeed the recognition of Aboriginal Land Rights and the dismissal of the use of "terra nullius" (used to describe the land upon the arrival of European settlers, meaning the land was not occupied). The progress Australia was making regarding its native people was embraced by the world, as an international approach to making amends with Indigenous peoples and White people continued to occur. However, the Howard government took great steps back in reaching Aboriginal reconciliation. Laws regarding Aboriginal rights were rewound and the Howard government was seen as the only modern government who has refused to say sorry for the mistreatment of its native people. The ongoing controversy regarding an appropriate apology for the dispossession of Aboriginal children known as the Stolen Generations has shadowed over most of Australian politics in response to ethical issues. The worldwide concentration on this issue has penetrated opinions of the country, so much so that the United Nations have stated that "Australia is the only developed country whose government has been condemned as racist".<sup>5</sup> The lack of compassion towards the Stolen generations by several former Australian governments has caused much hurt in the Aboriginal community throughout time.

While the handling of Aboriginal affairs has been an underlying influence of the world's perceptions on Australia, this has slowly changed with the election of the Rudd government in 2007. On the 13th of February 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivered an apology to the Indigenous people of Australia for their mistreatment and the harshness of the Stolen generations. Rudd's sorry speech is recognised as one of the most important days in the nation's history, and the world wide response was positive. The change of government attitude appeal to the likes of overseas press and residents and forever altered their former opinions of Australia. Despite having apologised, Australians and overseas populations alike all acknowledge the constant need for Australia to work harder for Aboriginal reconciliation in every possible way.

The world has been witness to some significant incidents dealt with by Australia such as the infamous Tampa affair, the racial tension displayed through the Cronulla riots and the ongoing issue of Aboriginal affairs. Although these incidents have put the Australian government's ethical stance in the limelight of international media, more than anything these incidents have raise awareness of issues that are present all around the world, not only Australia. The decisions made by Australians has perhaps swayed opinions of the country's ethics and morals, however they do represent the developed world's views on many aspects of society. In a general context, Australia is being represented overseas by our citizens for their great achievements and contributions to many fields of the wider community. From these ambassadors, the rest of the world has viewed Australia as a country just as capable of success as wealthy countries such as the United States and England. However political aspects, the world has recognised the imperfections present in past governments that do exist constantly throughout the world. The international community base their opinions of Australia by how citizens prove their compassion and good nature towards others in the world, and we can only hope that these opinions are true to the nation as a whole.

by Ida Prescott, Year 11

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**I**t has been such a busy year that I had forgotten so many of the things that the Parents and Friends Association have been involved in. Parents of the College stepped up to help with the Year 7 Information Night, the Book Sale, Speech Day, the Cocktail Parties, Open Day, World Youth Day, the Bledisloe Cup Fund Raiser and Saturday tours of the College.

In addition to helping with these events, it is the objective of the P & F to raise funds to assist with the purchase of anything that will benefit the College and, ultimately, our daughters. Through hard work and the generosity of our wonderful community, we managed to purchase new tables for Bowie Hall, and hire Pods to assist in the ever changing and evolving world of IT.

We were fortunate to have Anthony Garay as our Parent Representative at the NSW Parent's Council. Anthony attended the Parent Council Meetings and reported back to the P & F anything of interest. Michelle FitzGerald, from the NSW Parent's Council, came along to one of our meetings and enlightened us with some very interesting information on the Government's Funding for Schools. Anthony is stepping down from his role as the Parent Rep. and we thank him for his input.

It has not been a particularly easy year for the P & F Executive but we were always united in our resolve and even in our darkest hours we managed to find humour.

My special thanks and appreciation go to Greg Bisset, the Vice President, for his

ability to see the funny side and make us laugh. To John Inkratas, the Secretary, who epitomises the Brigidine motto – Strength and Gentleness. John doesn't usually say much but when push comes to shove, he digs his heels in with the tenacity of a bull terrier. Special thanks to Colin Rhodes who put his hand up for the Treasurer's role - because no one else did. Colin brought that unique brand of English humour to our meetings and we enjoyed having him on board. Unfortunately Colin travelled too often to be able to do the position justice, so tendered his resignation. Enter Geoff Drummond who, while attending the Year 7 Cocktail Party, offered his services as Treasurer. I'm not sure that he had intended to take up the role so soon but we are eternally grateful that he did.

To Steve (nobody gets my job) Fong, thank you for your love of wine, tireless organising skills for our cocktail functions and for organising our RSA courses. To Cath Raymond and Ros Boyd, every parent appreciates the work that you do to enable us to buy and sell our school books at greatly reduced prices. The new ticketing system was a big hit and just another example of how we are continually striving to improve.

I am acutely aware that by mentioning people by name I may offend those that I leave out. Please believe that this is not my intention: everyone's input is valuable, but I must single out several people who have helped me in my role on the Executive over the past two years. Elaine and Dennis Torode, who have

been happy to help with our printing, Peter Hourigan, for his delightful eccentricity, Kate Madigan for her support, humour and expertise at table set up and Luke and Angela Keighery who continue to show by example the true meaning of Christianity. My thanks also go to last year's President, Tony Dreise for his advice and friendship.

Thanks to the wonderful staff for supporting our cocktail parties and other events. In particular to Michael Halliday, for standing in for the Principal at our first meeting after the AGM; to Brian Riordan and Gail Dugan, always on hand to think of things before we do, with Hall set up and catering; to Karen Holt and Graham Hughes from the ICT department for helping all willing parents to navigate THE PORTAL and to the office staff, for whom nothing is ever too much trouble. Thanks to Vicki Scott for her efficiency and to Helen Carlson for all her advice, friendship and energy. Last, but not least, a special thank you to Joanne for sharing this journey with me.

It has been my privilege to serve as the President of the P & F over the past year.

Una Fong  
*P&F President*



## P&F Rugby Night

The Wallabies may not have had a great night at the Bledisloe Cup on 2nd August, but the strong team of supporters attending the P&F Rugby night had a wonderful evening watching the match on the big screens in Bowie Hall. There were All Black supporters and a few renegade supporters for Scotland and teams unknown.

Ray Trevisan organised the sweeps and Steve Fong showed his artistic flair with the magnificent target for the "Pass the Ball" challenge. The wide range of prizes and silent auctions were organised by Luke Keighery, supported by very generous donations from parents and friends of the College.

The hot food served at half-time and full-time kept the Brigidine team warm and enthusiastic throughout the night. Congratulations to the P&F Committee on another wonderful friend-raising function.

## Cocktail Parties

Parents and staff mingled in the Quadrangle for the Year 7 Cocktail Party at the start of this term. On a balmy summer's evening, the Quadrangle was a wonderful venue for this welcome by the P&F for parents new to the College.

Due to unseasonably cool weather, the Year 8-12 Cocktail Party was held in the foyer of Bowie Hall. Included in the evening was an information desk hosted by the ICT Team where parents could learn more about the portal and the wide-range of information now available to both them and their daughters.

Lucky door prizes on both nights were won by Ann Cattelan and John Mayne.

Special thanks to the P & F and their volunteers for their hospitality at these two special "friend-raising" events.





### Founders' Day Mass

This year the Founders' Day Mass celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Brigidine Sisters in Coonamble and 125 years of Brigidine education in NSW. It was also an opportunity to farewell Fr Jack Robson, who has celebrated Mass at the College over many years, and to welcome to Corpus Christi Parish Fr Jim McKeon.

Five Brigidine Sisters were special guests at the Mass: Sr Joan Bell csb, Sr Mona Cowburn csb, Sr Margaret Doyle csb, Sr Ann Harrison csb, Sr Maureen Keady csb and Sr Val McKenna csb. The Mass focused on what being Brigidine means to all of us, with prayers and reflections on Bishop Delany and the original, courageous, Brigidine Sisters who founded the order in Australia.

With the first reading from 1 Timothy urging us to be faithful to the vocation to which we are called, Sister Maureen Keady csb spoke also of the vocation of the Brigidine Sisters today.

Sr Keady's quote from Margaret Mead (anthropologist) was a wonderful and powerful way to end the Founders' Day liturgy: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

### International Food Fair

As part of Founders' Day, the Languages Department and Year 12 provided food and activities to celebrate this important event in our College calendar.

Each year the range of food prepared and donated by parents is overwhelming. This year was no different with foods from Italy, France, Canada, England, Asia and of course, Australia. Thanks to the large group of volunteers (mothers and one father) and the Languages staff, our students enjoyed a magnificent range of international cuisines.

### Year 12 Activities

After the International Food Fair there were exciting and interesting activities for the students organised by the Year 12 Mentor Groups. Fortune telling, donut bobbing, face-painting, cookie making, jumble sale, icecreams, disco, lucky dips and jumping castles: there was an activity for everyone.

Proceeds from both the International Food Fair and the Year 12 activities will go to the Year 12 charity, the Green Gecko Project.





**Class of 1998 10-Year Reunion**

Over sixty ex-students got together at the reunion for the Class of 1988 at the Union Hotel, North Sydney on Saturday 27th September. The reunion was organized by Nat Gibson, who came from Melbourne

for the evening. Leah Bourke (nee Smith) travelled from Orange and Megan Barry-Cotter came from Queensland. Megan is currently working at Movie World on the Gold Coast.

It was wonderful to have teachers, Miss Di McDonald and Mrs Sherryl Bremner sharing this special reunion with their former students.



**Class of 1988**

More than 45 former Brigidine College St Ives students attended their 20 year reunion event held at the Greenwood Hotel Lounge Bar on 18 October.

The event was a great success. Former students and teachers caught up on the highs and lows of the last twenty years. Organisers report that the use of nametags was useful for attendees who had no idea with whom they were talking to! All enjoyed a Powerpoint presentation of images taken during the years shared at school and Sharon Connors is to be applauded for fitting back into her school uniform to conduct the raffle draw.

Congratulations to the organisers including Sharon Williams and Justine Henderson on a successful reunion.



**Class of 1973 – 35 Year Reunion**

On a delightful spring Sunday morning over 35 students from the Class of 1973 reunited at the College. Margaret Edmonds (nee Gillis) was the organiser of this very successful reunion which attracted people from Queensland and rural NSW. Sr Maureen Keady csb and Sr Anita Murray csb were special guests and, as usual, there were the normal screams of delight as people recognised each – many had not been together in the 35 years since leaving the College. An informal lunch was followed by a tour of the College – a time of special memories and great surprises at the changes since 1973. The reunion made a generous donation to the Year 12 Charity – the Green Gecko Project.





During 2008 we have continued to share the College's story. Archival displays are often used as part of the process of revealing our heritage to those not familiar with the College. We also continued to present exhibits in the Library and Bowie Hall – uniforms, trophies, memorabilia and paper records are used to illustrate our story with the students.

This year has seen some of our framed Archival items returned to the College walls. Students can now view the pencil sketch of Mother Romuald (our founding Principal) drawn by Justine Delohery in 1988 during her final year. This picture was presented to the College by the Class of 1988.

We are thankful to the kind ex-students, ex-staff and current staff who graciously donate their records and memorabilia to the archives. These all assist in building a comprehensive history of the College.

A highlight this year was the donation of our first autograph book. On her last day at school in 1982 Melissa Miles collected heartfelt and pithy sayings from her fellow students and staff. Vanessa Kenny also kindly donated photographs taken when she was a student. Among these photos is a picture of the then Principal- Sr Val McKenna. This is the only photograph we have of her taken whilst she was Principal

My thanks also go to Mrs Marie Duffy and Mrs Margaret Cook who regularly come to identify 'lost' photographs. All these people are a wonderful reminder of our great privilege in belonging to a place that respects, keeps and nurtures its history and tradition.

This successful year has only been achieved with the invaluable assistance of Philippa Goddard who works enthusiastically alongside me to capture and preserve the valuable records of the College.

Patricia Egan  
*Archivist*



At the Liturgy to commemorate the brave Brigidine Sisters who died serving the Coonamble community.



Mrs Philippa Goddard writes a description for the College summer uniform donated to the College Archive by Mrs Margaret Collier (nee Carey) from the Class of 1973.



Katie Nuttall and Clare Miller-Bliss, Year 9, students enjoy one of the Archival displays in the library.



Marea Michael (Class of 1968) and her father Vince Holt assisting with Archives.



## 5th Annual Pioneers' Reunion

This year was a special reunion for the Pioneers and former students from the 1960s.

Not only was it the 40th reunion for the Class of 1968, but also the 50th reunion for the Class of 1958 and the 51st reunion for the Class of 1957.

A very moving and reflective Mass was celebrated in St Brigid's Chapel by Fr Tony Egan cp which centred on the theme of 'deep listening' or "dadirri" as expressed by indigenous artist and teacher Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr.

After the Mass the group joined together in a luncheon in Bowie Hall with special guests Sr Maureen Keady csb, Sr Adrian Small csb, Sr Andre Lane csb, Sr Anita Murray csb and Sr Valentine McMahon csb.

During the lunch our Principal, Mrs Joanne Atkins, together with Sr Maureen Keady csb, presented gold brooches representing St Brigid's Cross to Barbara Brannan, Maureen McCallum, Barbara Driscoll, Gerri Lang and Ruth Bridger who were in the graduating years of 1957 and 1958. These former students have now celebrated fifty years since leaving the College and are now our "Brigidine Golden Girls". This will be an ongoing tradition at the College.



## Beile Bride Dinner

On Friday 25th July, past parents, Principals and staff came together in Bowie Hall for the 3rd Beile Bride Dinner. It was wonderful, in particular, to see so many former staff reuniting at this dinner. In many ways it was like a large family gathering: the Brigidine family.

Mrs Joanne Atkins welcomed guests and thanked them for attending the dinner on a wet and cold evening. Sr Angela Ryan csb said Grace and asked that everyone remember the tragic loss of former member of staff, Anthony Imbrosciano and other members of the Brigidine family who had recently lost loved-ones, and especially to remember the Veyret family as their son and brother, Tim, recovers from his recent accident.

Rachael Johnson (Year 12) and Hannah Cheeseman (Year 11) shared with guests their experiences at the Green Gecko refuge for children in Cambodia and the reasons that this charity was chosen by the Class of 2008. Thanks to the generosity of this group of parents, staff and principals, over \$900 was raised for the Year 12 charity.





**Year 9 Mothers' Brunch**

Connectedness, challenge and being involved were the strong messages that Mrs Julianne Barrs, Year 9 Co-ordinator, spoke of in her address to mothers at this annual brunch.

In her new role as Year 9 Co-ordinator, Mrs Barrs spoke of the issues that girls in this year felt particularly challenged by: friendships being one of the most important to them. Mrs Barrs also spoke of the importance of girls being involved in co-curricular activities, of challenging themselves with different activities and of the need for them to be connected with their families.

Over fifty mothers joined Mrs Atkins and Mrs Barrs at brunch, sharing experiences, swapping contact details and meeting the mothers of their daughter's friends.

**Luncheon Clubs**

Caroline Kimmorley, with her helpers Colleen Orr, Debbie Lavelle-Mangan, Mary Keaveney, Marion Eussen and Jen Lyons, hosted four Year 7 Luncheon Groups in the Conference Room at the beginning of Term 2.

"By meeting together for the first time at the College these groups have a chance to get to know each other, to meet those of us who have been involved in Luncheon Groups

over many years and to decide on the format that their future lunches or suppers will have. This year we hosted three lunchtime groups and one supper group. It was great meeting so many enthusiastic new Year 7 mums. My special thanks to all of those ladies who helped me welcome these mothers to the College."

Caroline Kimmorley  
*Luncheon Club Co-ordinator*







The sun shone brilliantly for an absolutely wonderful Open Day 2008. Close to 400 groups, representing 1,200 people, visited the College and were shown around by an exceptional team of student tour guides. The students were excellent ambassadors and visitors commented on their confidence and obvious sense of pride in the College.

Staff were kept very busy chatting to prospective parents and students throughout the afternoon. Drama students dressed as clowns captivated the younger audience while musical, drama, dance and tae-kwon-do activities gave all of our visitors much to observe. Practical displays in TAS, Visual Arts and Science contributed to demonstrate the wide range of opportunities at Brigidine. The Sports Captains set up great Co-Curricular displays in the gym to encourage future students to participate fully in the life of the College. The P&F Association assisted with hospitality on the day at the P&F Cafe in the Quadrangle: always a favourite meeting place for our visitors.

It was a great afternoon where students and staff worked together to show the community why we are all 'Proud to be Brigidine'.





### Paul Dillon Seminars

During Term 2, Paul Dillon, the Manager of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, spoke to parents at an evening seminar on May 23rd and then to Year 10, 11 and 12 students on June 6th. Paul's two-prong approach to training ensures that the message is shared by both students and parents which can then be discussed in the home.

At the Parent Seminar, Paul encouraged all parents to be critical thinkers when it came to the facts about alcohol and drug use and to be discriminating about what they read in the media. Parents were urged to talk openly to their children about alcohol and their fears, and to give them the strategies they need to do the correct thing in risky situations. Realistically, parents need to make it as difficult as possible for kids to get alcohol, and give them ways to say "no".

Dee de Laurier, who attended the parent seminar, remarked, "As a parent of teenagers,

I thought I knew what was going on at parties but after Paul's seminar, I realise that I know very little! All parents should be required to attend these seminars because I think the information provided could help save a life."

At the Student Seminars, students participated actively and were happy to speak about Paul's message and how it affected them. "People our age need the knowledge and it's great to hear it in a situation like this, where you feel comfortable and at ease. Paul is so real about this issue and so professional. It was great how he asked the teachers to leave the room so we could ask him questions without feeling as if we were being watched or judged". Another student added, "I'd love more people to come and hear the real facts about alcohol and kids our age. Paul's talk could really help save someone whose life could be in jeopardy in a risky party situation."



### Parent Volunteers

The success of our social functions, co-curricular activities and social justice issues depends very greatly on the support of our Brigidine community. Volunteers assist in the running of our Clubs and Societies, in the setting up of dinners and cocktail parties and also on special occasions such as Open Day.

Thank you to the very many parents and helpers who have supported the College in 2008.







*"We thank you for giving us Grandparents to share their wisdom, to listen to us, to be there, loving us."*

**D**anielle Bennett invited the Grandparents and Special Friends of Year 7 to join in this prayer as they shared a morning together. Elsa Chapple spoke about the special role of grandparents and introduced performances by the College Choir and Band.

For Nicola Harcombe it was a chance to share her experiences with her grandparents who were on a visit from South Africa and for all Year 7s it was an opportunity to involve their grandparents and special friends in their first year at secondary school.

After a morning tea hosted by Year 7, visitors toured the College and visited the Exhibition in the Romuald Visual Arts Centre.





## COMMUNITY YEAR 10 PARENT/DAUGHTER DINNER

Miss Caroline Pemberton, Miss World Australia, was the Special Guest at this year's dinner. Caroline is a beautiful person, generous, enthusiastic, intelligent, articulate and well-grounded: a wonderful role model for our students.

After an experience living with Sherpas for six weeks at Base Camp Everest, Caroline decided that she wanted to make a difference. The Miss World organization has raised over US\$400 million for children's charities, and this encouraged her to participate in the contest. At the dinner Caroline showed videos and images of her time working as a Unicef ambassador in Uganda, Kampala and the Sudan. She is also working as a volunteer with Fr Chris Riley and Youth Off the Streets in East Timor.

Caroline's message to the girls was to "go for it", to take every opportunity to make a difference. She urged the girls to be wise to the issues of body image and explained how people are represented in advertising today. Showing footage of the re-imaging process, she demonstrated how the images of models' bodies are modified and highlighted the damage this can do to a young girl's own body image.

This most successful dinner was made possible by the wonderful support of many people, in particular those Year 9 parents who assisted in the setting up and serving of dinner.





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College Musical 2008 – *Cinderella*

The Musical for 2008 was *Cinderella*, a fantasy of colour and light bringing to life the fairytale story on stage for the first time at Brigidine. Pumpkins, coaches, ball rooms were all part of the on-stage delights in Bowie Hall.

From the colourful opening scenes where the Herald informs the villagers that "The Prince is Giving a Ball"; to the beautiful dances and costumes at the ball; followed by the hilarious stepsisters trying to outdo each other; together with the agony of the Prince searching for his lost love; *Cinderella* had everything – music, dancing, comedy, drama and romance. The cast, crew, orchestra and production team laughed, danced and sang their way through rehearsals to arrive at a spectacular and wonderful presentation of this well-known fairy tale.

As always the Musical involved over 150 students from every Year group in a variety of roles – musicians, lighting, sound, make-up, dressing, ushers, canteen and backstage crew; not to mention the army of parents and staff who assisted with set design, costume design and construction.

The cast and crew performed to large audiences at a Matinee performance and three evening performance

The main leads this year were: Angie Bosman (Cinderella), Vicky Boyd (Prince), Kate Boyd (Herald), Sophie Brindle (Steward), Millie Brown (King), Lucy Cull (Godmother), Georgie L'Huede (Stepmother), Corinne O'Sullivan (Chef), Rebecca Quinn (Portia), Anna Turnbull (Joy) and Angelique Williams (Queen).

Special thanks to the tireless energies of our staff who made this Musical a reality including Mrs Ros Boyd, Mrs Lorna Hall, Miss Emma Conolly, Mrs Nola McMullan, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Liz May, Mrs Simone Webb and Mr Greg Johns.

Congratulations and thank you to all the girls, staff and parents who have worked so hard to produce such a fantastic show: it is great to see the Brigidine tradition of excellent musical productions continuing.





## Year 11 Art Camp to Bundanon

Year 11 Visual Arts students travelled to Bundanon (close to Nowra) and spent two days at this beautiful property which was bequeathed by Arthur and Yvonne Boyd to the Australian people. The excursion began with a tour of the Boyd homestead displaying artworks by Boyd and other members of the artistic Boyd dynasty. The girls visited Boyd's own studio – still with oil paints, rags, brushes and palettes on the table alongside his easel and painting. The girls were particularly impressed by the quality of the visitor accommodation in the contemporary Glenn Murcutt-designed building, with its enormous doors opening out completely to a sublime view of the curving Shoalhaven River. Here they were able to draw, paint and photograph in tranquil rural surroundings. These experiences beyond the classroom help these elective art students put their own study of art into the wider context of the art world. Thank you to Ms Lu Buckley, Mrs Julianne Barrs and Mrs Tracey Payne for accompanying the students on this trip. Their support and enthusiasm helped make the art camp a great success.





Year 11 Play – *The Brady Bunch*

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Year 11 Play, *The Brady Bunch*. This colourful production broke the records with a “sell-out” performance on Opening Night. For many of the parents, it was a wonderful step back into the past, and for the students, it was a chance to show that the fashions of the 1970s deserve to make a comeback.

Well done to: Miss DiAnne McDonald (Director), Mr Chris Rutherford (Assistant Director), Miss Simone Webb (Production Assistant) and the cast and crew including Ellie “Mike Brady” Vaughan, Erin “Carol Brady” Leach, Laura “Marcia” Shalders, Adriana “Greg” Fenwick, Tayla “Jan” Edmunds, Anna “Peter” Tysoe, Sarah “Cindy” Bullen, Emily “Bobby” Teulan, Golnoush “Alice” Tavana, Danielle “Vicki” Ashworth, Kate “Charlie” Theodor-Gallagher, Caitlyn “Doug” O’Byrne, Christie “Mike Brady” Harrison, Georgia “Carol Brady” Lhuede, Brittany “Marcia” Lane, Natasha “Greg” Berney, Camille “Jan” Sweeney, Emily “Peter” Marshall, Lauren “Cindy” Tyler, Rebecca “Bobby” Flynn, Emma “Alice” McRobie, Katherine “Tiger” Pochroj, Claire “Mr Driscoll” Attias, Ellie “Mike Brady” O’Neill, Corinne “Carol Brady” O’Sullivan, Georgina “Marcia” Andrews, Katharina “Greg” Trauer, Gemma “Jan” Nelson, Natasha “Peter” Bell, Laura “Cindy” Lynch, Michelle “Bobby” Edwards, Nicola “Alice” Ferendinos, Caitlin “Larry” Torode, Bella “Rusty” Rosati, Danielle “Mrs Dickens” Ashworth, Tess “Mike Brady” Renshaw, Riarne “Carol Brady” Gale, Breana “Marcia” Garratt, Hannah “Greg” Goddard, Rebecca “Jan” Quinn, Kate “Peter” Theodor-Gallagher, Lucy “Cindy” Cull, Angelique “Bobby” Williams, Eleni “Alice” Kolotas, Grace “Alfie” Ell, Lauren “Pete Sterne” Wright, Phoebe “Mr Goodbody” Channell-Dutton and the crew Annelise Lindsay, Elki Lemmetty, Sophia Kurmann, Hannah Cheeseman, Jacqui Venteman, Alex Phillips, Emma Hill, Isabella Veil, Hannah Beech-Allen.

After the performances in Term 2, our Year 11 students were asked to perform *The Brady Bunch* at the Star of the Sea Theatre in Manly over two nights. Another great achievement.





# DANCE SPECTACULAR CREATIVITY

**A** mazing, outstanding, creative, energetic, professional: just a few words to describe this year's Dance Spectacular.

The Dance Club is the largest Club at the College with over 210 students participating. All brought their energies and talents together over two performances at Glen Street Theatre for a wonderful production.

With the excellent teaching of Rochelle Jones the girls performed both individually and as groups. Some of the award-winning Eisteddfod groups also performed showcasing *Bring Me to Life*, *We will Rock You*, *Navras* and *Angel*.

Special thanks to the large group of generous volunteers who helped to make this Dance Spectacular possible.



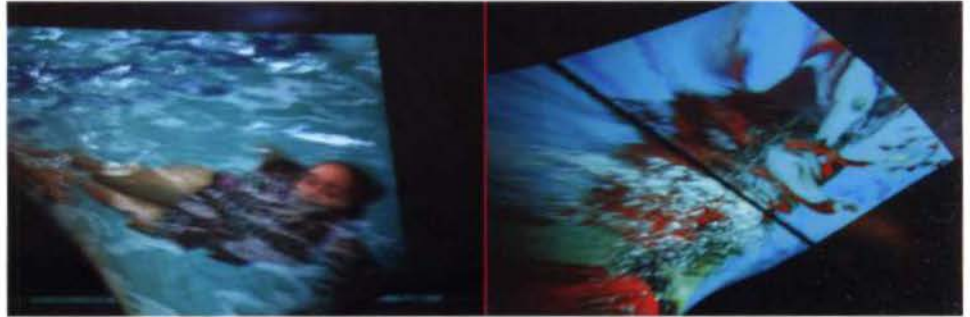


# VISUAL ARTS, VISUAL DESIGN AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

This year's exhibition in the Romuald Visual Arts Centre was opened by internationally renowned artist and ceramist, Mr Michael Keighery. Mr Keighery praised the high level of achievement and creativity on display at the exhibition and encouraged students to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities the school presented in the area of Visual Arts, Visual Design and Photography.

The exhibition featured works from Years 7 to 12, including the 2008 HSC Bodies of Work. Each year the College purchases one of the HSC works and this year Mrs Atkins announced that the College would be purchasing work by Alex Summers, *God is in the Detail*, a series of photographs of Sydney.

Artworks were displayed across all four classroom areas and also projected onto the sails in the Quadrangle, making an effective and dramatic backdrop to this very successful exhibition.







Creative displays from the TAS Department showcased works of students from Years 7-12 in Textile & Design, Design & Technology, Technology and Computing. The Year 11 Food Technology students provided hospitality to visitors to 'thexhibition'.

In her welcome to the guest speaker, Melissa Prentice, Mrs Sue Brown was thrilled to announce that Ashley Watson's work had been selected for the prestigious "Texstyle Exhibition" which profiles excellence in Textiles and Design from the 2008 Higher School Certificate.

Melissa Prentice from the Class of 2001 opened 'thexhibition'. In her speech, Melissa encouraged students to 'follow your passions and open every door that comes your way'. After graduating from Brigidine, Melissa deferred University and danced full time, working professionally overseas. It was then that she realised her true passion was teaching.







Bianca Penning



Elizabeth O'Connor



Felicity Littlewood



Danielle Tooley



Clare Keighery

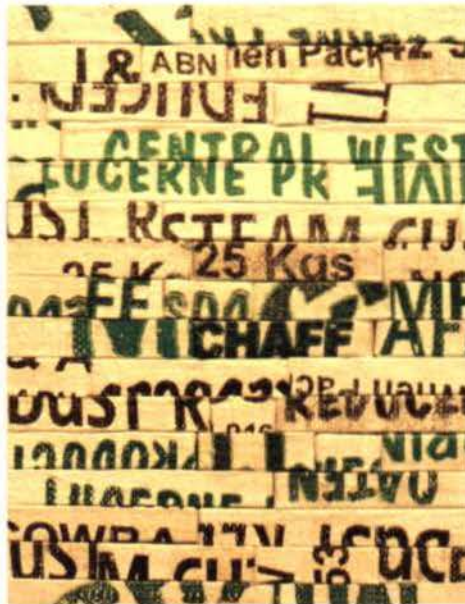


Natasha Wellings





Lucinda Jones



Rebecca Palmer



Rebecca Woodroof



Gabrielle Stokes



Sarah Kimmorley



Verity Paton





Holly Shanahan



Jenna Newman



Kristen Woodward



Stephanie Oesterheld





Yvonne Tong



Alexandra Summers



Claudia Jeffrey



Michela Hamman





Abbey Townsend



Alice Orr



Danielle Tooley



Ashley Watson





Gabrielle Stokes



Suzanne Furness



Lucinda Jones



Holly Shanahan



Music Camp 5th and 6th June  
at Vision Valley, Arcadia

The hills were alive with the sound of ... lots of music! Rehearsals with the Concert Band, Choir, String Ensemble and Flute Ensemble, as well as many gifted soloists kept 100 students and four staff very busy for two days. It was wonderful to see and hear so many girls sharing their musical talents with such enthusiasm and joy. The camp was a great success, followed by an outstanding Music Cabaret Evening on the Wednesday night. All the ensembles and soloists who had worked tirelessly at camp performed brilliantly, entertaining over 250 parents and friends.

This year was a special event with the Cabaret Evening featuring internationally renowned flautist, Jane Rutter, who performed at the concert after giving the students a Masterclass in the afternoon.







Year 12 Drama have had an exciting, exhilarating and demanding year in 2008. Twenty-six talented Brigidine students are to be commended for the development of their excellent Individual Projects (Performance, Costume and Set Design and Theatre Reviewing) and Group Performances for the HSC practical exam in August.

Our Group Performances explored highly entertaining, diverse and thought provoking subjects such as the experience of pregnancy, maniacal lolly makers, the life of a baby elephant, the nature of human fear, the journey of a plate of vegetables and the future of Australia.

Well done to our dramatic, enthusiastic and talented Drama students of 2008.





Nine students performed selections from their HSC Music Programmes at an evening performance on Thursday 28th August 2008 to a very appreciative audience. These students showcased a wide variety of music styles, for example: Jazz – *Shades of Opie, Donna Lee, The Lady is a Tramp, Is You Is, Or Is You Ain't My Baby, Rootbeer Rag and Orange-Coloured Sky*, classical pieces by Milhaud, Sutherland, Brahms, Grainger and Rachmaninov, Modern Contemporary classical pieces – *Tangled Rope and Noyz in th'Hood* – and popular repertoire including: *Mountain Dance, Over the Rainbow, Defying Gravity, Ice Castles and I Know Where I've Been*.

Our HSC Music performers were: Angie Bosman (vocals), Kate Boyd (piano), Eleanor Chandler (clarinet), Sally Jenkins (clarinet), Clare Keighery (piano), Natasha Steger (vocals), Anna Turnbull (vocals), Carly Wright (tenor saxophone) and Yvonne Tong (piano).





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# HOUSE CAPTAINS, ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS



## House Captains

Natalie Steele, Sarah Kimmorley, Sally Jenkins, Lauren Millar, Lisa Tait, Natasha Wellings, Elizabeth O'Connor, Angélique Bosman



## Swimming Age Champions

Belinda Bull, Gemma Weller, Ellen Spadon, Johanna Stokoe, Hanna Bianche, Lucy Reynhout, Elise Gillard



## Athletics Age Champions

Olivia Caparelli, Alexandra McGain, Alexandra Marshall, Alice Poljak, Rebecca Woodroof, Caitlin Sankey, Tegan Grunwald





### Fatima House

This year was massive for Fatima! Spirit poured out from the blue and white souls of the Fatima girls as their hard work and enthusiasm found much achievement for the house.

Our year started with a real buzz on the last day of 2007 with the Christmas sing off. The girls belted out some amazing Christmas jingles and, although failing to come first, everyone had fun all the same as the energy in Bowie Hall was truly ecstatic.

Up next was the Swimming Carnival. While not taking the cup it was nevertheless incredible to see the dozens of superheroes fly into the water as the "Fantastic Fatimas" gave it their all in true house spirit.

The Easter Bunny Bonanza got the hearts pumping once again as the hundreds of dollars raised allowed the girls to hop, skip and jump all over the school in true bunny style.

The Athletics Carnival was a chance to showcase our most astounding sporting talents. No one was to be swayed from the chilly "Frosty Fatima" theme as our house only appeared to be heating things up as we took home the prized cup as well as second place in war cries. Now that's the way to spread the blue and white spirit!

The final activity of the "Pop Song Sing-Off" allowed the girls to pump it up and earn some house points as they sang and danced to famous songs ranging from the Spice Girls to Aerosmith, an awesome day for all of the Fatimatarians.

I'd like to say a massive thanks to Vice-Captain Lisa Tait: none of this could have been done without her. I would also like to thank Mrs Hall for her amazing effort as House Patron and finally a huge thanks to Mrs Wachter and her scrumptious chocolate cake - no one else would be able to put up with all our singing and be able to organise all activities at the same time. The biggest thanks is to all the girls of the Fatima House: you all made it so much fun, couldn't of happened with out you, and just remember "WE ARE FATIMA COULDN'T BE PROUDER IF YOU CAN'T HEAR US WE'LL SHOUT A LITTLE LOUDER!"

"GOOO FATIMA!"

Elizabeth O'Connor  
*Fatima House Captain*







**Kildare House**

*Kildare is on its way up!*

The year 2008 has been one of the best years Kildare has seen in a long while. Our energetic house spirit and determination led us to coming 1st in the 'Christmas Carol Sing Off'. Together Kildare sang their way to the top with carols such as 'Rudolf The Red Nose Reindeer' and 'Santa Claus Is Coming To Town'. It was clear that everyone got involved and the Kildare spirit was burning red and green!

The Swimming Carnival was next on the agenda and it was clear that Kildare was not about to back down this year. Reds and Greens filled the stands with enthusiastic Kings and Queens. The day was another victorious one with Kildare coming 1st in the war cries. Our house spirit and over all participation during the day was outstanding!

*"We're gonna hypnotise 'em paralyse 'em knock 'em down!!!"* and that's exactly what Kildare was pumped up for at the Athletics Carnival. Every "Kildarian" got into spirit of the day dressing in the theme Kildare Calculus. We had everything from Nerds to Nutty Professors, a clear example that Kildare has brains as well as sporting and musical talent. Once again the girls did Kildare proud being selected to compete in the invitational 100m.

The carnivals may have been over but house spirit was still in the air, this time in aerial photography. All houses came together in preparation for Founders' Day to compete in creating the best and most original formation. Kildare worked together to create the Cambodian flag, the country that will benefit from the funds of the 'Green Gecko Project'. The photos were truly spectacular and each girl should be very proud of herself.

The year ended on high note with the fun and energetic 'Battle Of The Bands'. All houses got into the groove of 90s pop music with songs such as 'Aint No Mountain High Enough' and 'I Don't Wanna Miss A Thing'. It was great to see all of Kildare singing loudly and proudly!

Finally, Sarah and I would like to thank Mrs Wachter for all of her hard work and organisation in making the house activities so successful. Also, everyone in Kildare for your constant house spirit and teamwork. Keep up the good work and good luck next year! GO KILDARE!

Angelique Bosman  
Kildare House Captain







### Lourdes House

The year 2008 was just GREAT! It started with amazing spirit at the Christmas Sing-off. This was a fantastic effort by everyone, leaving the teachers stunned at the overpowering singing and discovering for the first time that we actually can sing loud! This proved just how enthusiastic we can be on the last day of school.

Term 1 saw Lourdes Lifesavers flood the stands with floaties, lifesaver caps and enormous energy. It was definitely electric at the Interhouse Swimming Carnival, with Lourdes showcasing their swimming abilities and taking home the silver medal.

It didn't seem too long until the Lourdes spirit was alive again at the Interhouse Athletics Carnival. A sea of orange and blue really set the standards, with Lourdes Ladies-

on-the-sideline dressed to impress in pigtails and pom poms. Although we didn't take home the trophy, it was a day packed with fun and excitement, and great involvement by everyone.

The next house event was also newly introduced this year. Everyone was split into their own year groups competing between houses within their year in various Easter activities. This included egg catching, pinning the parts on the bunny, three-legged and sac races, popping the balloon blindfolded and the bunny hop. On top of all these activities, it was really good to see everyone placing a coin on the money tree which all went towards the Year 12 charity, 'The Green Gecko Project'.

Later we saw the whole house gather and work together using their bodies to create

an aerial image or phrase. Unfortunately the judges didn't "PICK US!!!" but we took out second place which was a great effort.

As Lourdes House Captains, we would just like to say a big thankyou to all the girls in Lourdes for their fantastic efforts, the Year 12 Lourdes girls who helped us run most of our activities, all the Lourdes teachers, and especially our House Patron Miss Angelo. A special thanks to Mrs Wachter with her amazing efforts in organising all activities and feeding us cake! Lastly we would like to wish the next Lourdes Captains best of luck, and we're sure they will keep up the spirit!

"LOURDES LOURDES IS THE BEST L-O-U-R-D-E-S!!!"

Natalie Steele  
*Lourdes House Captain*







**Prague House**

**W**OW- what a year. Aside from the fact that it's been a very successful one for Prague, the fun we've had and the enthusiasm shown by our fellow "Praguarians" had made this year a memorable one.

Our captaincy began with the House Carols Sing off. Unfortunately Kildare's singing efforts superseded ours. Although we did not reach the right pitch, we definitely had the right level of spirit as demonstrated through our amazing actions to accompany our songs.

Our winning streak began with our "Prague Pilates" at the Swimming Carnival. Using our sweatbands and leggings we swam our way to be the winners of the carnival, also taking home second place in the War Cries. We'd like to point out that although this required great technique in the pool, it was our participation record that brought us home, with one race having 5 out of its 7 competitors being Prague. Well done girls!

Our wins continued as we partied our way to the Athletics Carnival. Our theme of "Prague Party" saw the creation of many purple and yellow boxes, some with ribbons some with bows. The party poppers erupted as we won the War Cries and came a very close second in the overall point score. The girls showed overwhelming enthusiasm all throughout the year, but this was by far our greatest exposé of fashion sense.

If our success on the track and in the pool wasn't enough, we definitely brought it home with our aerial photograph, as our peace sign took out first place. This required great co-operation from all Prague members, and we knew we could count on our house to work as a team and pull through.

With all this success we have a lot of people to thank. Of course, Mr Chant and Mrs Wachter; we couldn't have co-ordinated all these wonderful events without your help. Mrs Wachter's cakes at lunchtimes were of great nutritional value as well as always being very tasty. We'd also like to thank our house patron Miss Brannan and also Mr Palme. But of course our biggest thank you goes out to all those who participated and were an enormous contribution to the success of Prague this year.



Our year 12 "Praguarians" were a huge support as well. Good luck next year.

**WE ARE PRAGUE YES WE ARE! WE ARE PRAGUE BEST BY FAR!**

Lauren Millar  
*Prague House Captain*



Grey skies threatened the carnival this year but did not dampen the great enthusiasm and participation by students and staff.

Many students excelled in their chosen field and many others enjoyed the opportunity to test their skills in Novelty Team events. Special thanks to the House Captains who encouraged a high level of participation in this Carnival and to staff and parents who made the organization of the day such a great success.

Fatima House is the 2008 Champion, with Prague winning the War Cry.

The Overall House Point Score for 2008:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – FATIMA 2884 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – PRAGUE 2848 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – LOURDES 2659 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – KILDARE 2227 points

### Individual Performances:

Invitational 100m: Sarah Kimmorley (Kildare)

### Age Champions & Runners Up:

#### Age Champions:

- 12 Years – Alice Poljak (Prague)
- 13 Years – Caitlin Sankey (Prague)
- 14 Years – Alex Marshall (Fatima)
- 15 Years – Olivia Caprarelli (Prague)
- 16 Years – Brecana Alder (Lourdes)
- 17 Years – Rebecca Woodroff (Lourdes)
- Multi Disability – Tegan Grunwald (Fatima)

#### Runners Up:

- 12 Years – Lonita Mann (Fatima)
- 13 Years – Laura Douglas (Fatima)
- 14 Years – Alissa Osada-Phornsiri (Prague)
- 15 Years – Asleigh Trupiano (Lourdes)
- 16 Years – Gemma Nelson (Fatima)
- 17 Years – Sarah Kimmorley (Kildare)
- Multi Disability – Julia Kennett (Fatima)

### Overall School Age Champion:

Most number of points attained throughout the day: Caitlin Sankey (Prague) and Olivia Caprarelli (Prague)

### Records Set or Broken

Alice Poljak (Prague); Discus (12years) – 30.35m





## INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

*"Being Involved ... Proud to be Brigidine"*

There was colour, laughter, talent, fun and lots of participation at this year's Carnival held at the Warringah Aquatic Centre with events for every level of involvement: Age Championships, novelty races, interhouse races, staff races. Taking up the challenge, House Leaders led the cheer squads, creating a wonderful atmosphere for those participating in age championships, novelty races or Interhouse races.

### House Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prague 1199 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lourdes 1108 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fatima 880 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kildare 530 points

### Age Champions

- 12 Years – 1<sup>st</sup>: Gemma Weller (Lourdes)
- 13 Years – 1<sup>st</sup>: Johanna Stokoe (Lourdes)
- 14 Years – 1<sup>st</sup>: Hanna Blanche (Lourdes)
- 15 Years – 1<sup>st</sup>: Ellen Spadon (Prague)
- 16 Years – 1<sup>st</sup>: Elise Gillard (Prague)
- 17 Years – 1<sup>st</sup>: Belinda Bull (Prague)
- AWD – 1<sup>st</sup>: Lucy Reynhout (Prague)

### New Records

Congratulations to Elise Gillard, Tegan Grunwald and Ellen Spadon who set new records at the Carnival.

### College Champion

Elise is also School Champion for Swimming for 2008 gaining the highest individual points at the Carnival.





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### Society Presidents and Club Captains

**Front Row:** Yvonne Tong, Kathryn Boyd, Bianca Penning, Lucinda Blom, Charlotte Owen, Jennifer Cornell, Mia Favalaro, Gabrielle Stokes, Stephanie Gesterheld, Sophia Goodwin  
**Second Row:** Megan Todd, Rebecca Woodroof, Claire Purnell, Morgan Dwyer, Natalie Steele, Kirsten Carlisle, Eleanor Chandler, Emilie Hamilton, Natasha Inkratas, Emily Djari, Rebecca Palmer, Beinda Bull, Elise Bulla  
**Third Row:** Catriona Daly, Anna Pentelow, Catherine Leahy, Melanie McLean, Ashley Watson, Lauren Millar, Carly Wright, Ashley Blake, Grace Quirke, Sarah Kimmorley





This year has been another busy one in the Centre for Excellence. During Term 1 this year, various public speaking competitions took place, our Senior Leaders participated in the Lions' Youth of the Year Quests and the Mock Trial competition commenced. Term 2 was filled with additional public speaking competitions including the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award and the Rostrum Voice of Youth, more Mock Trials, the Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award and the Da Vinci Decathlon, in which Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to compete in an Academic Gala Day. Wakakirri Story Telling took place in Term 3, the Legacy Public Speaking Award, Tournament of Minds and the AHIGS Festival of Speech.

None of these activities can take place without the support of the students and staff. This year over one hundred and fifty students have participated in Centre for Excellence groups, clubs and activities. The student leaders have been instrumental in the organisation of many of the lunchtime activities including Art Club, Public Speaking, Mock Trial, Science Club, Girl Talk and the Socratic Society. More than twenty of the fantastic staff at Brigidine College have supported the Centre for Excellence activities in one way or another this year. Too many to name but thank you very much!

In 2008, the following students have lead the Societies: Archimedian Society - Morgan Dwyer, Ciceronian Society - Kate Boyd, Hellenic Society - Rebecca Woodroof, Justian Society - Natasha Inkratas and Socratic Society - Emilie Hamilton.

Mrs Jan Whiddon  
*Director, Centre for Excellence*





## Archimedian Society



This past year has been both busy and exciting for members of the Archimedian Society with both the Science Club and Tournament of the Minds.

The Science Club has been successful, thanks to the efforts of Mrs Wright and Mrs Chaplin. Students performed many fascinating, fun and even delicious experiments including creating clouds, crystal growing and making caramel popcorn.

Tournament of the Minds was also a great success showcasing the talents of the students here at Brigidine. This year we entered four teams into this national competition; one in applied science, one in social sciences, and two in language literature. An amazing amount of effort went into the planning and delivery of their problems, and it paid off with one of our language and literature teams receiving Tournament Honours.



Science Club at lunchtime

A huge thanks to all the teachers and students involved, and in particular to Mrs Whiddon for all her work and dedication. Thank you!

Morgan Dwyer  
*Archimedian Society President*

## Hellenic Society



It's been a hard year for the Art Club, but for the times we've met up, it's been a worthwhile experience with the girls experimenting with all sorts of materials and working with their own unique concepts.

The Art Club isn't just about making art, but it's a great opportunity to meet a group of like-minded students who share common or very different interests.

This year we've made Easter cards, drawn still objects, learnt to draw with charcoal and focused on created shadows and effects with light using several different drawing mediums. It's been great to see the girls so eager to learn more, but also put everything they have into the art they create.

It's been a busy year with a lot of other things on, so I wish all the Art Club members the best of luck for their future artmaking at Brigidine and beyond.

Rebecca Woodroof  
*Hellenic Society President*

## Ciceronian Society



The year 2008 has been a great success for the Ciceronian Society. From the incredible enthusiasm and participation to the fabulous awards and prizes achieved, Brigidine girls have excelled in public speaking this year.

During Term 1 and Term 2, Mrs Whiddon and I ran a number of workshops so that those with little or no experience could learn the basics, and gain confidence in their speaking skills. It was also an opportunity for the more experienced girls to hone their skills and practise on a willing audience. These lunchtimes were also a great way for girls from all year groups to meet.

This year we had our girls from Years 7-12 very successful in their respective competitions. Firstly, our Year 7 girls did exceptionally well with Danielle Bennett being awarded 1st Place in the Catholic Schools Debating Association (CSDA) Public Speaking Competition and participating in the Legacy Public Speaking Award, with Rachel Petherbridge (Year 8). Another of our talented Year 7 students is Elsa Chapple, who was named runner up in the Regional Finals of Rostrum Voice of Youth

competition. Our senior students were also successful throughout the year, competing in a variety of competitions, including the Frenchs Forest Rotary Club's Youth Speaks competition in June. Katherine Pochroj, Corinne O'Sullivan and Emma Fletcher were challenged to experience three different roles in public meetings: addressing the meeting, chairing the meeting and proposing the vote of thanks. One of the final competitions of the year was the AHIGS Festival of Speech held in September, where Brigidine was represented by Catherine Dell (Year 9), Tara Dingle (Year 9) and Adrienne Dell (Year 7), who competed in both public speaking and poetry sections of the competition.

This Society would not exist if weren't for the expertise and efforts of Mrs Whiddon, so a very big thank you to her. Also, a massive congratulations to all the girls who became involved in the Ciceronian Society this year. It is such a valuable talent to be able to speak well, something which I've heard you all do many times, so congratulations on such a successful year!

Kathryn Boyd  
*Ciceronian Society President*



Danielle Bennett - 1st Place CSDA Public Speaking



## Justinian Society



This year in the Justinian Society the activities which we did were Mock Trial and Girl Talk. Over the course of the year the girls within this Society, with or without my help, have been able to have fun and joke around while being serious at times.

In Girl Talk this year we looked at everything which could possibly be in the media. We even helped organize the folder under general housekeeping, with the added bonus of old articles which makes us wonder about the fashion back then. The idea of Girl Talk, for any girl interested in doing it, is that we meet at lunch times to discuss different roles or look at the role woman have within society.

In Mock Trial the girls in Year 10 and Year 11 were able to show the different schools of the North Shore their skills in front of a Judge - "Our Honour" - and to be able to win the case. The girls were able to win 2 out of 4 of their cases, which demonstrates that the girls have improved since I was doing Mock Trial.



Girl Talk

The idea of Mock Trial is to learn about how a court case is done in the wide open world except that we use a case which has been prepared for both sides.

I would like to take the time to say thank you to all the teachers who were able to help us within this Society, whether in their skills of the law, or just their skills to show us how

woman are shown to the world. In Mock Trial thank you to the parents who were able to drive the girls to the different schools for their court cases.

*Natasha Inkratas  
Justinian Society President*

## Socratic Society



The Centre for Excellence saw a wonderful year with our Socratic Society, held on Thursday lunchtimes.

Throughout the year at lunch we have watched movies such as 'Enchanted', 'The Power of One' and 'The Lion King'. These movies have provoked philosophical discussions. In philosophy, there is no right or wrong answer. The girls expressed their own individual, unique opinion. The girls learnt to put a different spin on philosophy, trying to interpret and understand questions that no one can answer. There was a field of discussion.

The girls have shown enthusiasm and involvement throughout the entire year. I hope the students have enjoyed attending the Socratic Society this year and have involvement with philosophy for years to come.

*Emilie Hamilton  
Socratic Society President*



Enviro Club inspecting site for water tank storage at College



What a year 2008 has been with outstanding achievements on both the track and the field. Members of the Club have excelled in many carnivals including the Independent Girls Schools athletics carnival (IGSSA), the Broken Bay Diocese athletics carnival (BBSSEA) and the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges carnival (CCC).

The season began with the IGSSA twilight competition which acted as a foundation for the girls to perfect their skills, try new events and bond with team mates. We thank the numerous parents, teachers and Mr Chant for helping with transport, timing and recording on those chilly Friday nights.

The Club is proud to have produced a strong IGSSA result this year placing 16th overall out of 25 schools with a number of girls making finals.

Wednesday afternoon training sessions were made possible with the help of our fabulous coaches Bev Jaye, Gary Malcolm, Sue Maxton, Emma Lincoln Smith, Nett Knox and Martin Lynch whose encouragement and support was endless and contributed to a successful season.

Likewise, in all our competitions the girls displayed great school spirit and cheered on their peers at the BBSSEA carnival. The team won the overall points score for the 5th consecutive year, as well as the Senior and Intermediate divisions.

A special congratulations goes to the 17 athletes who represented Broken Bay at the CCC State carnival: Sarah Kimmorley, Rebecca Woodroof, Lucy Blom, Hannah Goddard, Bella Rosati, Sara Mackay, Anastasia Natoli, Alex McGain, Tara Blanche, Monisha Jackson, Ashleigh Trupiano, Laura Douglass, Alice Poljak, Nicola Simmons, Caitlin Sankey, Emily Rowbotham and Lonita Mann. Great work girls!

Finally, a big thank you goes to our convenor Julie-ann Thompson, secretary Penny Woodroof and treasurer Gloria Flynn, who made the Club run smoothly throughout the year. Thank you also to Mr Chant whose dedication and commitment is always much appreciated.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of and lead this ever growing Club through its many victories. Good luck for seasons to come and keep that spirit up girls!

Sarah Kimmorley and Lucy Blom  
*Athletics Captains*



### Athletics Team

- Front Row:** Nicoleta Walters, Ellen Thompson, Alison Walsh, Sarah Kimmorley, Lucinda Blom, Renae July, Lauren Adams, Isabella Lane, Helena Kaporis
- Second Row:** Katrina Scotter, Olivia Flynn, Caitlin Sankey, Ashleigh Trupiano, Grace Eather, Sophie Whoohan, Rebecca Back, Emma Marveit, Emily Rowbotham, Susan McCnurt, Lonita Mann, Jessica O'Donovan
- Third Row:** Olivia Capranelli, Anastasia Natoli, Isabella Johnston, Hannah Goddard, Alexandra Marshall, Laura Lynch, Emily O'Donovan, Briarna Peters, Rebecca Woodroof, Isabella Rosati
- Fourth Row:** Alexandra McGain, Gemma Nelson, Jessica Mahori, Sara Mackay, Monisha Jackson, Tara Blanche, Johanna Stokoe, Alice Poljak, Laura Douglass





IGSSA 3D Team



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## BBSSA Basketball

Front Row: Casey O'Brien, Alexandra McGain, Rachael Bradley, Laura Douglass, Olivia Flynn, Jessica O'Donovan  
 Second Row: Camilla Corbett, Clare Needham, Sarah Rodgers, Emily O'Donovan

It has been another successful year for the Brigidine Basketball Club. All girls who have participated in basketball have represented the Club with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. We have seen some fantastic results in both the MWBA competition and the IGSSA competition with numerous teams progressing to semi-finals and grand finals.

Brigidine had three teams in the MWBA Grand Finals: Year 9 White, Year 10 and the Opens White. I am very proud to report that all 3 teams won their games! The Year 9 team finished in third place and won their Grand Final to finish in first place. The Year 10 team which has only lost one grand final since they started playing in Year 7, defeated St Luke's in the Grand Final finishing in first place also. The Opens White team finished first in their competition and went on to win their Grand Final against Stella Maris. It was fantastic for this team to finish with a win as this was their last game with Brigidine.

Brigidine also had two teams in the IGSSA competition played on Saturday mornings in Term 2. Our Junior team played in 3D winning their Grand Final against SCEGGS. It was a fantastic game played with great sportsmanship. Our Senior team consisted of girls from Years 10, 11 and 12, who all played with fantastic enthusiasm every week and only lost their semi final in the 1A division by 3 points

I was also fortunate to gain selection in the IGSSA representative and Captain the CIS NSW team that played in the All Schools Tournament. It was a great experience and I would like to thank Mrs Skye Wachter for her support.

I would like to thank the Club Convenor, Mrs Dee De Laurier, for all her help this year for all girls involved. Thank you also to Rad Radan our Coach and all the girls for their enthusiasm and great sportsmanship throughout the year. Finally, thank you to the team managers and the parents for their constant support. It has been another successful year for the Basketball Club.

**Bianca Penning**  
*Basketball Club Captain*



### IGSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to all the Brigidine girls who ran at this year's IGSSA Carnival. Of the sixteen girls who represented Brigidine four won their way through to represent IGSSA at the NSW CIS Carnival on Friday May 30th.

The girls and their placings are:

Alex McGain (16 years) – 1st Place

Nicola Simmons (13 years) – 6th place; Olivia Flynn – 7th place

Lonita Mann (12 years) – 6th place

Congratulations also to the 13 years team of Nicola Simmons, Olivia Flynn, Emily Rowbotham, Caitlin Sankey, Sophie Wholohan; Nicole Harcombe, Bonnie McQueen and Ellen Thompson who finished 4th overall in the team event.



IGSSA Cross Country

### NSWCIS Cross Country

Four Brigidine girls ran at the 2008 NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Carnival at Eastern Creek on May 30th.

The girls and their placings were:

Alex McGain (16 years) – 2nd Place

Nicola Simmons (13 years) – 14th place; Olivia Flynn – 15th place

Lonita Mann (12 years) – 8th place

Alex and Lonita went on to represent at the NSW All Schools event in July.

### NSW All Schools Event

Lonita Mann (12 years) and Alex McGain (16 years) represented Combined Independent Schools (CIS) at the State Cross Country Championships in July.

Lonita finished 19th and Alex in the top 25 for their respective age groups.



IGSSA Cross Country



Alex McGain - 1st Place at IGSSA



### Cross Country Team

Front Row: Anabelle Ottery, Katrina Scotter, Isabella Johnston, Olivia Flynn, Susan McCourt, Emily Rowbotham, Nicolle Harcombe

Second Row: Lonita Mann, Alexandra McGain, Bonnie Macqueen, Sophie Wholohan, Ashleigh Trupiano, Caitlin Sankey, Ellen Thompson



The Brigidine College Dance Club has enjoyed another wonderful and successful year in 2008. The passion and enthusiasm for dance displayed by girls across all year groups was particularly outstanding this year, with over 250 members enrolled from within the College. Girls participated in a plethora of distinctive dance styles including jazz, modern, contemporary, lyrical, hip-hop, musical theatre and tap. Each style was showcased at the Brigidine College Dance Club's annual Dance Spectacular, which was held this year at Glen Street Theatre on Sunday, 21st September. This highly entertaining production encapsulated the talent, commitment and, above all, enjoyment received by all members through their keen involvement with the Brigidine Dance Club during 2008.

In addition to the Dance Spectacular, a select group of girls from across Years 7 to 12 performed as part of the Brigidine College Eisteddfod Group. The girls participated in four different eisteddfods, competing against an array of secondary schools from across Sydney.

- At the **Northern Beaches Eisteddfod** the Jazz Groups "Bring me to Life" and "We Will Rock You" placed 2nd and 3rd respectively and the Contemporary Group placed 2nd in "Navras".
- The **Extreme Eisteddfod** saw "Bring me to Life" placing 3rd, with "We Will Rock You" receiving a highly commended and "Navras" placing 1st.
- At the **McDonald's Performing Arts Challenge**, the largest eisteddfod within Sydney, "Bring me to life" and "We will rock you" both received highly commended and "Navras" was placed 1st.
- **Ryde Eisteddfod** awarded Lyrical Eisteddfod Group 'Angel' and 'Bring me to life' each a 2nd place in their individual sections.

Congratulations to all the girls involved in the Brigidine Eisteddfod Group on their exceptional achievements. Members of the Eisteddfod Jazz Group 'Bring me to Life' who danced at the 'Rock for Sight' Concert on June which raised money for the Fred Hollows Foundation must also be commended on their fantastic performance for such a worthy cause.

Overall, none of the success of the Brigidine College Dance Club would be possible without the ongoing involvement and support of the Dance Club Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club Convenor Rebecca Knight, who has so generously devoted her kindness, time and effort into the organisation and efficiency of the Brigidine Dance Club this year. I would also like to thank the Treasurer - Jane Brown, Photographer



- Kathy Thompson, as well as all the Committee members including Julie McCourt.

A special thank you must also go to our dance teachers, Melissa Mitchell, Melissa Prentice, Christie Hutton and Chloe.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the Dance Club's principal teacher Rochelle Jones. Rochelle's love of dance, her innovative choreography, as well as her dedication and patience to all members of the Brigidine Dance Club has been invaluable and has ensured the high calibre dance at Brigidine College in 2008. Many of us were thrilled to be part of Rochelle's marriage to Aaron McCarthy in the Botanic Gardens on Friday 10th October - our congratulations and best wishes to Rochelle and Aaron.

Kristen Carlisle  
Dance Club Captain





2008 has been another enjoyable and rewarding year for debating at Brigidine. This year we had many girls participating in the ISDA and Archdale competitions in Term 1 and Term 2.

The ISDA (Independent Schools Debating Association) competition was held every Friday night from February to June. We had six teams entered in the competition: one for every year group and two Corpus Christi teams debating in the primary divisions. Throughout the season the girls debated impressively on topics relevant to current issues such as social, environmental and political concerns. In ISDA, the girls faced challenging competition from schools such as Ravenswood, PLC Sydney, Cranbrook, MLC, Tangara and St Aloysius. Despite not making it to the finals this year, the girls had a great season and should be commended on their effort and commitment to debating every Friday night.

We also had teams entered in the Archdale competition for independent girls schools, that ran from April to June. The girls debated every Tuesday afternoon on similarly challenging topics against schools such as Kincoppal, Meriden, MLC, Loreto Kirribilli, Abbotsleigh, PLC Sydney and St Catherine's. The teams had a commendable season and a special mention must go out to the Year 9 girls who made it through to the first round of play-offs and the senior team who made it through to the second round of play-offs. Well done girls!

I would also like to mention that in the last weekend of May this year, we had some Year 11 girls participate in MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly), an excellent experience sponsored by Rotary that aims to helping young people to develop international understanding, and awareness of current affairs and political issues in the country they represent.

I would also like to wish the team of Year 9 girls good luck in their upcoming participation in the AHIGS (Association of Heads of Independent Girls Schools) Festival of Speech on the 12th and 13th of September and the girls of Year 7 and Year 8 who will be competing in the Macquarie School's Debating Cup on the 23rd September this year.

Overall, it has been a really good season and in light of this, a very big thank you must be given to Mrs Collins whose endless amount of time and effort into the Club have made this year's debating season such a success. Mrs Collins made sure that we had full teams every week and she organised buses for the girls as well as all home debates for both the ISDA and Archdale competitions. This was a very daunting task and we appreciate her hard work.



Debating Team - ISDA

I also want to thank Mr Esterman, as both he and Mrs Collins gave up many of their Friday nights and Tuesday afternoons to come along and support our girls in their debates, as did many parents whose attendance at debates provided the girls with a well deserved audience. I'd also like to thank many of the parents for their help and contribution with providing excellent suppers for our home debates (we received much praise from our visiting schools).

These home debates were also successful thanks to the many girls who volunteered to chair and time keep for the Club on these nights, so thank you very much to these girls.

All the coaches for our teams must also be mentioned for all the help and guidance they provided for our girls throughout this season. The advice and experience they had to share with their teams was certainly very valuable.

As a whole, the girls represented the Brigidine Debating Club exceptionally well this year, achieving so much in their teams, but also as individuals as well; each one having improved immensely by the end of the season. It is certainly not easy to stand up and speak on a topic with only one hours preparation and I think our girls should be commended on their efforts. Debating is an extremely useful skill to have and I know that each girl would tell you that they enjoyed this season for its many challenging debates as well as the entertaining bus rides and visits to other schools. I must also mention the very amusing student/staff debate in the school library that drew in a very large crowd and has generated a lot of interest for debating next year. On such a note I would highly recommend debating at Brigidine because, as can be seen by all the wonderful things the



Debating Team - Archdale



girls have achieved this year, the club really has so much to offer. Congratulations to all girls for a great season.

Elise Bulla  
Debating Club Captain





### Duke of Edinburgh Gold

Natasha Inkratas, Sally Jenkins, Natasha Steger, Sinead Keaveney



### Duke of Edinburgh Silver

**Front Row:** Lucinda Blom, Shari May, Danielle Shandley, Jennifer Cornell, Angelique Bosman, Elise Bulla, Erinn Pittard, Sophia Goodwin  
**Second Row:** Emma Fletcher, Megan Todd, Felicity Littlewood, Jessica Evans-Thompson, Rachael Eussen, Belinda Bull, Corinne O'Sullivan, Alexandra Summers, Anna Turnbull  
**Third Row:** Sophie Greig, Stephanie Vrandich, Danielle Ashworth, Georgia Norris, Ashley Blake, Olivia Rolleston, Sarah Kimmorley, Joanna Maynie, Gemma Nelson, Sarah Kennedy  
**Fourth Row:** Emily Potter, Catherine Layhe, Natasha Berney, Rochelle Shoppee, Ashley Watson, Annabelle Allen, Emma McRobie, Carly Wright, Hanne Pedersen



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a challenging scheme available to young people worldwide aged 14 to 25. This internationally acclaimed award provides participants with the opportunity to learn and develop new life skills, which they can use to make a difference to themselves, their communities and the world they live in. The scheme awards students at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels for the various accomplishments and skills that the individual has developed.

Our DEAS club promotes the core beliefs of this scheme; the development of self-motivation, preservation, patience, independence, leadership and the gaining of confidence to overcome boundaries. These attributes are obtained through the four components of the scheme; expedition, skill, physical recreation and community service (and a fifth one for Gold participants- residential)

Once again we saw an increase in the Club's enrolments, with 72 new participants signing up. All the best to these girls: may they find the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme to be both challenging and enjoyable.

Congratulations to all of the girls who have attained an award this year, especially to those girls who have attained their Gold Award and those still going for Gold Awards in 2008. The Gold Award is formally presented to the girls by the Governor General of NSW at a special ceremony conducted at Government House. We hope to see our largest number of girls receiving Gold with 26 potential candidates this year.

Finally, thank you to the Committee, for their invaluable contribution and ongoing support. Without them we would not have the highly successful Club that we see before us today. Special thanks to our new Convenor, Carolyn, who has done a fabulous job this year and has accepted the demands of her new role with ease. A special thank you must also go to our Expedition's Co-coordinator, Dee Gadsby, who puts her heart and sole into conducting safe, enjoyable, memorable and challenging expeditions for our students.

*Catherine Leahy & Ashley Watson  
DEAS Club Captains*



Drama has always been such an amazing part of Brigidine and this year was no different. From the College Musical "Cinderella" to the Year 11 play "The Brady Bunch" and in between with showcases and HSC performances, this year has been another busy year for the girls and teachers who contribute to the Drama Club.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's Year 11 play "The Brady Bunch" who were asked to perform at Star of the Sea Theatre (Manly). The production, which was directed by DiAnne McDonald, featured four episodes from the original TV series.

Our HSC drama students showcased their talent over two wonderful HSC drama nights. The first, Individual Performances and Projects, which displayed the amazing talents of our Costume designers, Theatre Reviewers and Actors. The second, Group Performance Night, where all Year 12 Drama students performed their self devised pieces.

Open Day was a magnificent event. Throughout the afternoon the Year 12 drama students performed their individual performances, which provided great entertainment for visitors. Many visitors also visited the stall finding out information about Brigidine's Drama Club and subjects.

Thank you to the marvellous and energetic teachers of the Drama department. Miss Mac for her tireless support, Ms Young for teaching our wonderful Year 12s and Ms Conolly for directing the Musical and supporting the Drama students.

Megan Todd  
*Drama Club Captain*







The Equestrian Club this year, like always has had a very successful season, once the horses recovered from Equine Influenza.

All the girls enthusiastically competed in many different competitions locally and as far away as Coonabarabran, bringing home great results every time.

We had a very successful competition at the EFA Mitavite Interschools championships where we had many of the girls achieve great results:-

Alice Dowle-Watts 3rd in the 60cm Showman, Samantha Tripp 4th in the Dressage and 3rd in the 80cm Combined Training, Becky Palmer a 1st in the 90cm Show Jumping and Clare Miller-Bliss a 4th in the Dressage.

Congratulations to Samantha Tripp who was selected for the New South Wales team to compete in Queensland after her outstanding results: a 1st and a 2nd in the Show-Jumping and Equitation at the Interschool State Championships.

We would like to thank Mrs Becchio, Mr Chant, the Club Convenor Gill Stokes and the rest of the Equestrian club committee for all the help they have given us this year, and all the girls for being so involved and supportive of each other.

Gabby Stokes  
*Equestrian Club Captain*





**B**rigidine has had another great year in 2008. This year we held holiday training days at Homebush Gymnastics Training Centre where girls were able to experience the facilities of Olympic apparatus. All girls thoroughly enjoyed these days and it was a great opportunity to use new equipment such as a foam pit and develop new skills.

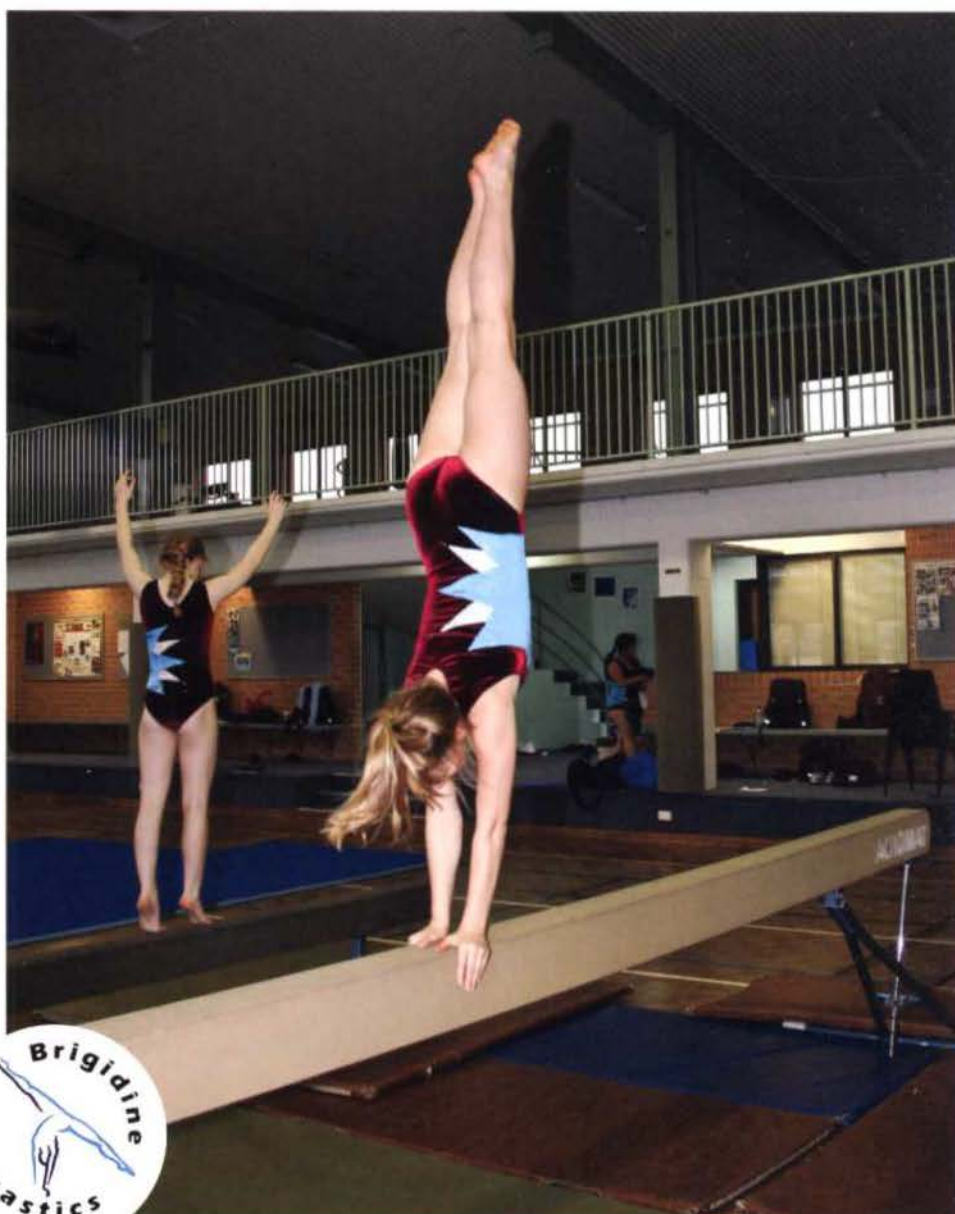
For many girls the IGSSA competition on Friday the 24th of October will be an exciting experience as it is their first competition. Last year all gymnasts performed exceptionally well and congratulations to all those girls who competed and their fantastic achievement. The Club places emphasis for the girls to have fun and develop new skills by promoting balance and fitness over the four gymnastics apparatuses of floor, beam, bars and vault.

This year we have many new, young gymnasts and it is great to see all the girls progress so far in such a short period of time. We again had our fantastic Gymnastics coach Rebecca Schell from Moving Bodies, working with the girls on Monday evenings and chilly Wednesday mornings. I am very grateful to Laura Lynch for her assistance in coaching.

We look forward to welcoming the new committee for 2009 and thank you to Mrs Teresa Lynch (Convenor), Mrs Caroline Oesterheld (Treasurer) and Mrs Antonina Strupitis-Haddrick (Secretary) for all their time and effort in making a great Gymnastics Club.

Thank you to all the gymnasts for their enthusiasm, commitment, fantastic results and friendship! We look forward to another excellent year of gymnastics.

Stephanie Oesterheld  
*Gymnastics Club Captain*





The year 2008 was a very busy and successful year for the Hockey Club with a joint tour with the Waterpolo Club to New Zealand, matches against a visiting team from the UK and several Sportslink Clinics providing all girls involved with plenty of opportunities to improve their hockey skills and making the hockey season a very memorable one.

### Term 2

In Term 2, Brigidine entered three teams into the North Shore hockey competition with some fantastic results. Both Brigidine 1 and 2 won their divisions and Brigidine 3 were runners up. Well done girls! This competition served as a great 'warm up' for the Term 3 IGSSA competition, giving the girls a chance to get to know their team, and learn the rules of the game (for those who were playing for the first time).

### New Zealand Tour

During the July holidays, 28 Hockey and Waterpolo Club members set out for New Zealand on a week long tour.

Our first match was against Kamo High School in Whangarei. Our water polo cheer squad was a great source of encouragement, with spirited renditions of 'Fortiter et Suaviter' and 'Waltzing Matilda' ringing through the stands. Unfortunately it was not enough to spur us onto victory and we were defeated 18-0!

The following day we were back in Auckland where we played Epsom Girls Grammar. The hockey girls played a great game winning 4-0, only stopping to dodge the sprinklers which came on to water the astro-turf halfway through the match!

On Day 4 we were free to explore Auckland, do some much anticipated souvenir shopping and to visit sky tower. And what trip to New Zealand would be complete without some bungee jumping? Julia, Danielle, Emma and Sinead took the 47m plunge off Auckland Harbour Bridge and two days later Mel, Tash and Sinead again followed suit, doing a bungee jump in the beautiful natural surroundings of the Waikato River near Taupo.

On Day 5 we were fortunate enough to experience some traditional Maori culture. Our guide for that evening, Mr "T", showed us around a living Maori village featuring carvers, weavers and tattooists and we were served a traditional ground cooked meal. A definite highlight of the trip was the concert of Maori song and dance and of course when Mr Chant performed the Hakka with Mr. T. Day 5 was also our last hockey game in New Zealand. We played Sacred Heart College, losing 2-1.



The jet boat ride on the beautiful Waikato river and a visit to the glowworm caves in Waitomo were just a couple of all the fantastic experiences we had on tour. All the girls came away from New Zealand with a great sense of team camaraderie and passion for hockey. Being able to talk with the NZ girls after our matches was another really valuable aspect of the tour.

A huge thank you must go out to Mrs Wacher, Mr Chant, Mrs Kim Purnell, Mrs Alison Hall and Emma Poole who looked after us on our trip and ensured our tour to New Zealand was an extremely memorable and successful one. Also, thank you to Mrs Flynn who organized the trip. All the time and energy you put in to make it such a special week is greatly appreciated.

### Term 3

At the time of writing the Term 3 IGSSA competition is drawing to a close. With one round to go all three of our teams have a great chance of making the semi finals and perhaps repeating the success of Term 2.

Thank you to our dedicated coaches Emma Poole, Melissa Penn and Kate Tenney and to the Hockey Club Committee, especially our convener Alison Penn, who work so hard to make sure that we have two fantastic seasons of hockey. Also thank you to Mrs Skye Wacher who is responsible for the smooth running of the Hockey Club.

We've enjoyed every minute of our six years of hockey at Brigidine and will come away with so many great memories. All the best for next year!

*Carly Wright & Annabelle Allen  
Hockey Club Captains*





This year has been wonderful for all those involved in the Music Club. It's so rewarding to see such passion for, and involvement in, the Club and I am very proud of the girls' efforts this year.

Our annual College Musical lit up our stage as "Cinderella" in Term 1. The show's huge success was a reflection of the girls' hard work as cast and orchestra members and of course those behind the scenes. We particularly owe thanks to the teachers that made this show possible: Mrs Boyd, Mrs Hall, Miss Connolly, Mrs Lindsay, Mrs McMullan, Mrs May and Miss Webb.

At the start of Term 2, Music Camp at Vision Valley Arcadia was a fabulous opportunity to nurture our musical talents, proving enriching for all. Special mention goes to the teachers who were with us; Mrs Boyd, Mrs Hall, Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Bremner, for their commitment. Music Camp provided an excellent environment in which we rehearsed as a large group and within small ensembles. The Clarinet, Flute and String Ensembles had the opportunity to develop their skills with the help of their tutors. The Choir and Concert Band also have flourished under the guidance of Mrs Boyd and Mrs Hall, respectively. Music Camp was followed by Cabaret Night where we showcased our hard work through soloists and a variety of ensembles. This year, we were lucky enough to have internationally acclaimed flautist Jane Rutter perform for us in the second half of the show. Beforehand, Jane Rutter gave selected senior students the wonderful opportunity to participate in a master class, during which performance and practice techniques were learnt, contributing to our musical appreciation.

The Concert Band and Choir's growing skill has been demonstrated to the school community on numerous occasions this year during school assemblies and events such as Open Day and Grandparent's Day. Mrs Hall's exuberant conducting led the Concert Band to achieve the fantastic result of a Gold Award at the Yamaha Band Festival earlier this year. Both the Choir and Concert Band also gave back to the community by providing entertainment for those at Kari Court, St Ives in Term 2.

The HSC Music Night in Term 3 was also a highlight; the audience amazed at the high calibre of performances exhibited by our Year 12 students. This night was also an opportunity for those in younger years to see the end result of hard work and perseverance in elective music.

Lastly we must thank Mrs Boyd and Mrs Hall, the music teachers whose unrelenting dedication goes above and beyond their duties and whose support we could not do without.



Recognition also goes to the other devoted tutors whose work is greatly appreciated in fostering the girls' musical development.

*Eleanor Chandler  
Music Club Captain*





The year 2008 has seen fantastic involvement levels within the Netball Club. With fifteen teams entering the KNA winter competition, as well as the added bonus of the new ex-students club - the B-Jets, there were three teams in the grand finals and several others coming close.

This year we had six teams in the IGSSA netball competition. This competition has provided some challenging yet fun netball for teams this year.

Three teams showed off their moves at the CNA carnival. The Senior team had a great day winning silver; the Intermediates didn't have quite the same success but as you can see you don't have to be winners to be gridders. These girls are to be commended for the high standard at which they played throughout the entire day. The Junior team showed several strengths all over the court during their games and all three teams enjoyed the day and supported each other throughout. Thank you to Mr Chant, Miss Pola, Miss Connolly and Miss Brannan who organised, coached, supported and transported the girls.

This year the Annual Indooroopilly Netball contest continued. Brigidine College St Ives travelled to Brisbane. A team of Year 11 girls played against Brigidine Indooroopilly. All had a fun filled weekend staying with members of the Indooroopilly team. With Brigidine College St Ives winning the game, the shield will be staying in Sydney for another year.

This year several umpires received badges. Congratulations and thank you to all our umpires: the Club is proud of your achievements, grateful for your commitment and hopes to see you all back next year.

Thank you to all coaches, managers and parents for your continual support throughout the year and to Mr Chant for his work and support for the Netball Club again this year.

Thank you to Slava Atkins, Convenor, and the whole Netball Committee who have made the involvement of so many girls possible and have made 2008 such an enjoyable year on the Netball court.

*Grace Quirke  
Netball Club Captain*





The Brigidine Football Club had a very successful and impressive season in 2008. This year the Club fielded ten teams with over 130 players in the Saturday morning IGSSA competition. Thank you to all the parents who drove their daughters to the fields every cold Saturday morning. Your commitment really paid off as this year Brigidine FC had a record seven out of ten teams progress to the Semi finals. Well done to Brigidine 4, 5, 8 and 10 for progressing to the finals and congratulations to Brigidine 5 and Brigidine 8 which won their finals and were named Premiers.

Thank you to all the parents, coaches, managers and every other volunteer for turning up and helping out. Your help was invaluable and without your support and commitment this season would not have been as successful and fun as it was for all the girls. The Club would also like to thank the teachers, Miss Brannan, Mr Bebb, Mr Wever and Mr Choithramani, for giving up their time to take on the challenge of coaching a team. For 2008, we were extremely fortunate to have the voluntary support of our first ever professional coach for the Firsts. Thank you to David for offering his experience and his fantastic attitude throughout the season.

The BBSSEA Gala Days were also a great success. Congratulations also to the Brigidine Year 7 team on making the semi finals and the Brigidine Opens Squad which made the grand final but unfortunately lost after a ten shot penalty shootout.

This year the Football Club organised the first Queensland Soccer Tour. Fifteen girls from years 10, 11 and 12 participated in a four day tour to Queensland to play our sister school Brigidine Indooroopilly. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the girls to improve their skills and make new friends. An added bonus in the tour was the side trip to Dreamworld. Thank you especially to Mr Veyret for organising the tour and Mr Chant and Miss Brannan for taking time out of their holiday to accompany the team.

This year we would especially like to thank Mr Jeff Gilholme who is retiring as Convenor. We would like to thank him for his fantastic spirit and his unwavering commitment to the club. Thank you also to Mrs Rosa Meathrel, Brigidine FC Secretary/Treasurer and Mrs Jenny Mahon for helping with registration and sorting out the kits. Hopefully the 2009 Brigidine Football Club season will be just as successful as this year.

Jennifer Cornell  
Soccer Club Captain



**BBSSA 13 Years Football Club**

Front Row: Samantha Eismen, Daniela Cuadros-Garrot, Lauren Rice, Meg Flannery, Isabella Lane  
Second Row: Lauren Adams, Sarah George, Emily Rowbotham, Lauren Carlton



**BBSSA Football Club**

Front Row: Renae Jolly, Imogen Carlisle, Emma Jolly, Rebecca Woodroof, Jennifer Cornell, Freya Raffan, Hayley Stewart  
Second Row: Sophia Kurmann, Danielle Calamos, Sara Mackay, Joanne Veyret, Stephanie Casarotto, Megan Todd





The Brigidine Softball Club has once again had a highly successful year. The girls have continued to develop their knowledge and skills of this rewarding team sport. The achievements made by each team confirmed our Club to be a strong, enthusiastic and competitive club within the IGSSA competition.

Not only do our girls learn how to play softball, but they learn the importance of teamwork and friendships. Both the tremendous parent support and incredible enthusiasm of the players has made 2008 one of the best years for the Softball Club.

Six teams were submitted to the competition, three teams made it to the Semi-Finals and won going on to the Grand Finals. A special congratulations to the Senior Brig 1 team whom became premiers of their highly competitive and skilled division.

Congratulations to the six girls who were selected for the BBSSEA team to play in the NSW CCC Championships: Lucy Blom, Kandace Marcellino, Emma Marvell, Gemma Nelson, Rachael Sechi and Natalie Steele. This year we also had three girls selected for NSWCCC team to play at the NSW All Schools Championships: Natalie Steele,

Rachel Sechi and Gemma Nelson. This is a tremendous achievement for the girls to be recognised for their talent at such a high level. Congratulations are definitely in order for Natalie Steele who was selected for the NSW All Schools team to play at the Australian Championships, Nat's team went through undefeated against all other states.

The Brigidine Softball Club is run by a series of dedicated and generous parents. This support unit acts as the foundation of our club. A great expression of gratitude must go to Louise Goodwin and Mark Marvell, our convenors. This dynamic duo co-ordinated the entire Club's activities. Thanks also to our other committee members in particular our Secretary, Garry Thompson and Treasurer, Roxanne Kella who have worked tirelessly to make this a successful year.

Of course the achievements of the girls would not have been possible without the numerous coaches who volunteer their time each year to teach and encourage. On behalf of the Softball Club we thank you all for your dedication. We would also personally like to thank the managers, scorers and parents for supporting the girls and our club throughout the term one competition. Special thanks to Emma Hines, our Grounds Convenor and Mr Chant for his continual support. Thank you to St Ives Park Primary for the use of their grounds, without which we couldn't play.

The Brigidine Softball Club has been a display of enthusiasm, success and companionship. Congratulations to all have been involved. We wish the club a long and successful future, so that others will be able to enjoy the joy and laughter of softball.

Sophia Goodwin & Catherine Leahy  
*Softball Club Captains*





The season of 2008 turned out to be a very successful, busy and brief season with many new enthusiastic swimmers entering the team for Brigidine College Swim Team 2008 who strived to do their best. The Swim team competed in many twilight carnivals consisting of M.L.C Burwood, P.L.C Pymble, St Catherine's, Waverley and Abbotsleigh, Wahroonga. The competition was tough but the girls performed their best, performed best times and also had a good time.

The Swimming Carnival was a very eventful day held at Warringah Aquatic Centre with everyone getting into the house spirit, with both competitive and non-competitive swimmers getting involved and having fun and with Prague collecting first place on the day.

Congratulations for the Age Champions for the day:

12 years champion Gemma Weller  
 13 years champion Johanna Stokoe  
 14 years champion Hanna Blanche  
 15 years champion Ellen Spadon  
 16 years champion Elise Gillard  
 17 years champion Belinda Bull  
 AWD champion Lucy Reynhout

The school competed in IGSSA 2008 finding the competition much tougher than last year after winning promotion to the 2nd division. The team finished equal 8th in the division and 22nd overall. Some girls performed exceptionally well to qualify for finals including, Gemma Weller and Katie Tatt, plus a number of girls featured on the reserve lists.

The last carnival the Swimming Club competed in, was the BBSSA finishing 3rd at the Homebush Aquatic Centre. Many girls achieved places, special congratulations to Gemma Weller, Katie Tatt and Ellen Spadon being selected to represent the region at NSW Combined Catholic Schools Carnival.

This year we also ran four swimming training squads at Warringah Aquatic Centre, coached by Peter Joy. These sessions were attended by Club members and were very successful. Peter Joy was able to help the girls with stroke correction: a special thank you to Peter.

Thank you to Mr Chant, Peter Bull, Steve Blanche, and other committee members - the season would be incomplete without them as they were very supportive throughout the swimming season of 2008.

**Belinda Bull**

*Swimming Club Captain*



### Swimming Team

**Front Row:** Nicola Cowan, Samantha Tripp, Renae Jolly, Claire Purnell, Belinda Bull, Nicole Torode, Rebecca Goswell, Amelia Baillie, Sanchia Bright  
**Second Row:** Genevieve Ellis, Emily Scotter, Bronagh Marley, Lucy Reynhout, Julia Reed, Rebecca Somerville, Sophie Pentelow, Tamara Fechner-Head, Tegan Grunwald  
**Third Row:** Emily Gregg, Elise Gillard, Bonnie Macqueen, Tertlia Garay, Hanna Blanche, Gemma Weller, Ashlee Page, Brittany Tosh  
**Fourth Row:** Joanne Dey, Victoria-Lee Tesson, Ellen Spadon, Johanna Stokoe, Tara Blanche, Danielle Ashworth, Ashley Kiernan, Lauren Thompson





The Brigidine Tennis Club has had another busy, but highly successful season. 2008 was exciting and enjoyable with all girls displaying improvement after every match. All members of the Club are to be congratulated for their hard work and great enthusiasm while representing the school in various competitions. These are just some of the highlights of the eventful season.

**IGSSA**

Term 1 saw girls participating in the IGSSA Saturday morning competition with Brigidine entering fourteen teams – three being Year 7 teams. All girls played consistently throughout the term with some good wins against tough opponents. The majority of the teams were able to reach the semi-finals, however only one team reached the final and was able to take out the title in their division. Congratulations to Team 9 who won against Ascham, tying on finals day with 28 games, but leading in the team's overall point score. Well done to Chloe Steele (captain, Year 7), Chelsea Herbert (Year 8), Gemma Wareing (Year 7), Nicoletta Walters (Year 7) and Jessica Squires (Year 7).

**Tildesley Shield**

The main highlight of the tennis season was the prestigious Tildesley Shield, with twenty-five IGSSA schools competing for three days at the end of Term 1 at Pennant Hills Park. Brigidine had a team of eleven singles players, and seven doubles pairs entered into the competition, with all members putting in numerous hours of training since the beginning of the term on Friday and Saturday afternoons. All the girls played to the best

of their abilities in their matches, fighting hard against some very strong opponents. A special mention to our best performers who unfortunately lost to fellow top seeds of other schools in the later rounds of the competition – our top seed in singles, Ashleigh Fong (Year 11); and our top doubles pair, Jacqui Venteman (Year 11) and Natalie Steele (Year 12).

Brigidine was placed 16th overall out of the twenty-five schools, with winners Roseville College taking out the Tildesley Shield. Although we were unable to improve our placing of 13th from last year, all the girls are to be commended on their amazing enthusiasm, loud cheering and team spirit. Our stand-out team was incredibly enthusiastic and energetic, eager to show off their new Brigidine Tildesley Team jerseys while singing various cheers for our team mates on court. I am sure all the girls are looking forward to Tildesley next year and hopefully we will be able to improve our placing even further. An additional thank you to all the linesgirls and umpires who came along to represent the school, all the parents who ran the very successful canteen and all the family and friends who came to support the team.

On behalf of the Tennis Club, a thank you must be given to a number of individuals who have contributed to the success of this year's season – a special thank you to our Head Coach, John Paul, who has spent many hours on and off court supporting and preparing us for our matches; Mrs Wachter for her endless organisation and encouragement; and our Club Convenor, Mr Robotham, and fellow committee members who have supported the Club during the year. Lastly, a big congratulations to all members of the Tennis Club who have all individually contributed to a successful season, filled with great results and fun, memorable experiences. The best of luck to all the girls and the new tennis captains for the 2009 season!

*Yvonne Ho-Fai Tong  
Tennis Club Captain*



**Tennis Team**

Alexandra Robotham, Sophie Wholohan, Ashleigh Fong, Jacqueline Venteman, Jessica Milne





The Brigidine Volleyball Club has been growing over the past few years, and the response we had this year proved another successful one for both the Brigidine Teams and individual achievements. Trainings have been run by our Coach, Joe Langi, and our very own Mr Chant whose efforts in the Volleyball Club have been enormous.

Brigidine's talent has expanded from the teams to a selection of girls in the NSW Championship teams, with Elise Needham, Rachel Baird and Lauren Wilkins from Year 8 representing in the under 15's in Albury and Christina Mills and Clare Needham from Year 9 being selected in the under 17's team to compete in Victoria.

Also, Laura Hines and Gemma Nelson (Year 11), Christina Mills and Clare Needham (Year 9) participated in the NSW CIS Under 19 Opens team that competed in the Tri - Series Volleyball at Homebush, putting up tough competition. A special congratulations to these girls who continue to make our Volleyball Club proud.

We had an enthusiastic response this year, especially from years 7 to 9. Brigidine hosted our Senior Invitational Carnival, with five Brigidine teams competing, seeing a semi final including the Brigidine Year 11 and 12 teams with Monte and Santa Sabina. The final was won by Santa Sabina in an exciting game against Monte. The Brigidine teams exemplified great sportsmanship and the support from the spectators was fantastic! The Junior Invitational Carnival was once again won by Santa against a nail biting final with the Brigidine Year 9 team. A special thank you to Mr Chant for his excellent co-ordination and Janine, Jenny, Pip and Mark for their skills on the barbeque and running of refreshments.

Brigidine once again exemplified their enthusiasm in the BBSSA competition, an exciting and anticipated event, allowing for the girls to bond with other schools in a demonstration of sportsmanship and skill. Brigidine won the final convincingly against St Leos and were undefeated all day. The representatives included Emma Fletcher, Laura Hines, Sophia Kurmann, Gemma Nelson, Corinne O'Sullivan, Sophie Morris, Camille Sweeny, Sara Abdi, Tara Blanche, Christina Mills and Clare Needham.

Our main competition was played in Term 4 at Santa Sabina College Strathfield on Saturday mornings. I commend the parents efforts in transporting the girls to and from! It was great to see three teams making it through to the semi-finals (9.1, 9.3 and 8.2) and possibly also the grand final.



Year 8 and 9 Brigidine Invitational Teams



Year 8 Brigidine Invitational Team



Year 12 Senior Invitational Team



Junior Invitational Team

A huge thank you must go out to our convenors Pip Mills and Jenny Needham for their efforts in co-ordinating another successful year for the club, and also Mr Chant and Joe Langi for their dedication and skill in coaching our girls with consistent success. A special thank you to all the members of the club

whose enthusiasm and laughter has made my last year of Volleyball and captainship a memorable and rewarding one. Good luck next year!

*Lauren Millar  
Volleyball Club Captain*





The 2008 season saw another enjoyable and exciting year for the Brigidine Waterpolo Club. Five teams were entered into the Northern Suburbs School Waterpolo Competition at Warringah Aquatic Centre. Every player put in an enormous effort and should all be congratulated on their results. This year we also had an extremely successful tour to New Zealand.

The Open A team coached by Erin Coggins, had another challenging season. The team were able to pull together to produce some great wins. The team were able to work together and bring their skills into their games, they finished 6th.

The Open B team came up against some tough competition. With their coach Peter Martin the team were able to build on their skills and have some enormous wins. The team did a great job to finish 5th, narrowly missing out on the semi finals.



The 15A's so far have had an exciting season with many wins. Their coach Anthony Garay has been able to help the girls continue to improve their skills. At the date of writing the 15 competition has not finished: they are currently 1st on the ladder and look to be heading for the semi finals.

The 15B's so far have had a lot of great wins; their coach Kate Iacono with the help of Taylor Marshall has done a fabulous job being able to further develop their skills. At the date of writing the 15 Competition has not finished: they are currently 4th on the ladder and also look to be heading for the semi finals.



The under 13 competition at the time of writing had not finished either. For many of the girls this is their first year playing waterpolo. Their Coach, Barry Kilham, has done a fabulous job developing their skills. Currently they are 2nd on the ladder and also look to be heading to the semi finals.

2008 also saw a team of Year 10, 11 and 12 girls travelling to New Zealand playing against some tough competition. Each of the girls enjoyed the games and found them a great experience. I hope that further tours are possible.

Finally a big thank you to all the coaches and everyone on the committee, especially the Convenor, Kim Purnell, for all the hard work they put in to make the season such a success. A big thank you also to Gloria Flynn: without her time and effort the tour would not have been possible. Congratulations to all the girls; their results reflect the enormous effort each player has put in throughout the season.

Claire Purnell  
*Waterpolo Club Captain*









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## TEACHER IN TANDEM SPEECH

*"Year 12 2008; Your Olympic Journey – Higher, Faster and Stronger"*

Good afternoon young women of Year 12, Mrs Atkins, parents, staff and students. It is my pleasure that I speak to you today as 'Teacher in Tandem' with the Class of 2008.

In this Olympic year, as we were fixated on the television for two weeks of August celebrating the achievements of so many outstanding athletes, I personally was inspired by their ability and success. This moment of Olympic glory and success for each of these athletes was a credit to the athletes and allowed me to think about their years of training, goal setting, determination and dreams. I liken their years of training and commitment to your goals and ambitions, to you, Year 12 right now.

With your determination to move on, with the motivation of going higher, faster and stronger, realise life so far is your Brigidine Olympic Journey. This moment, these friends, this day is a gift, a chance for you to share, love and celebrate. So treasure this moment and continue to treasure every moment of your journey.

All of the teachers here have cared about you through your time at Brigidine. They have witnessed you experiencing great fun, laughter, change and some challenges. I remember our very first day of Year 7, Ms Kachel, the Quadrangle, a lot of nerves, some very long uniforms and even a few tears. You have changed so much, but seeing you again in your Junior school uniforms yesterday was like stepping back in time to 2003 and 7.08 Mentor Games.

This year, your flag bearers, Clare, Sinead, Elicia, Felicity, Olivia and Jess have represented you well. As leaders your compassion, trust in each other, sense of fun and leadership abilities have been an inspiration to us all. You have also been so ably and enthusiastically led by the 2008 House Captains Liz, Lisa, Angie, Sarah, Natalie, Sally, Lauren and Tash, it was these brave young women that dressed up as Christmas decorations and sang in front of the whole school.

Many of you have had the opportunity to represent Brigidine already. Jess, Sinead, Verity Diddi and Sophia embraced India on the Pilgrimage of Hope in January. Eleanor and Clare celebrated the Brigidine Sisters Bicentenary in Ireland last year and Carly, Claire, Emma, Belinda and Sinead were the Australian Waterpolo and Hockey stars in New Zealand in June this year.

Your time at Brigidine can be likened your Olympic training for life. As my Year 12 PDHPE class will immediately understand, the 3-Types of Training that are important for Olympic Training are Endurance, Strength and Flexibility.

Your endurance has been evident as you have demonstrated your ability to survive early morning lessons (without coffee). Double Maths with Mr Meyers, rigorous careers testing, after school Textiles lessons with a supply of energy from Mrs Brown, and I believe ... one or two detentions along the way. It took endurance for Catherine, Ash, Megan, Sophia, Sally, Rochelle, Sinead, Natasha and Tash to cycle 200kms for Gold Duke of Ed. It takes endurance to escape the charge or a raging bull or a meandering cow and this was the experience, not only by the Duke of Ed girls, but also on the Art Camp and Year 10 Camp. Endurance in Drama lessons when Sinead and Beccy, pretended to be whales for a whole week, Liz a sloth and Sarah mastering the art of a monkey laugh.

Your strength has been demonstrated through giving blood with Ms Barrs driving the roofless school bus; tiny Lucy winning NSW CCC Javelin, four years out of six; losing the staff v students' debate with dignity and winning the staff v students' volleyball with triumph. Anna's strength has been demonstrated in her getting to school every day over a fence or two, and popping home to check on the new dog. Ashley's strength was evident with her trip to the hospital with Mrs



Bruce. The new Olympic sport of Slip and Slide was mastered by the Year 11 Art students under the coaching eyes of Randall.

Flexibility was evident as you were quickly able to decide to visit the counsellor with a friend instead of attending Geography or Maths. Also calmness when Bianca's major work Lino Cut was warmed up. I mean cooked and ruined. Erinn demonstrated flexibility with the school rules by wearing those lovely pearl earrings. There was definitely flexibility with the 'no make-up' rule, the 'skirt hem length' rule and the way that Jess has referred to Ms McKeown as Babes since Year 9. It was unfortunate for Melanie and her French exchange student who were discussing Mr Palme, that Mr Palme is also able to speak French. Your most important demonstration of flexibility is evident as your friendship groups have changed and when things were not quite as you would have hoped but still you are here and are graduating this week.

May you treasure the memories of our camps, retreats, reflection days, medieval day, debates, Founders' Days, public speaking, musicals, plays, Swimming carnivals and Athletics carnivals. Your memories of the popular Mr Johns, Mr Goodrick and Mrs Flowers, the absolutely amazing Dance spectacular with Verity, Lisa, Ashley and Olivia changing my perception of Superwoman forever.

So many of you have demonstrated persistence resulting in excellence. Sarah and Becky in Athletics, Belinda in Swimming, Steph in Gymnastics, Kate and Eleanor in Music, Steph and Jenny in Soccer, Anna and Tash with singing including the Australian Choir, Nat in Volleyball and Australian Softball, Charlotte with Liturgy and Kirsten in Dance. You have all demonstrated excellence as we have watched you aspire and achieve in so many areas.

All of your teachers, but, particularly your proud Year Coordinators Ms Kachel, Mrs Powell, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Summerhayes, Mrs Barrs and Mrs Lindsay have led you so compassionately. These life coaches have nurtured your enthusiasm and determination, your academic success and friendship changes. These women have supported your insecurities and uncertainties during your personal and physical





development. Their patience, guidance, mentoring and care for you have been outstanding for all of us. These inspirational women have helped guide you to this point. As a result you have developed into such beautiful, well-grounded young women.

Your gifts and talents are many and varied from your gregarious involvement in the musicals of *Cinderella*, *The Boyfriend*, *Pyjama Game* and *Guys and Dolls* and the heart, time and energy that you put into your magnificent Year 11 play – *Running up a Dress*. Your compassion for others was evident through your generosity with Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Year 9, Chernobyl Awareness Day in Year 10, Cafe Cana on Saturday nights and the Street Retreat in Year 11 and of course your Green Gecko Project.

Year 12, you have allowed me to love teaching. I appreciate your smiles, sense of fun, determination, academic excellence, mutual respect and beautiful natures, you have allowed me to share with you and you are fun to share with.

Beautiful Year 12 for the last six years we have travelled together, from now on your journey will change direction. I hope you travel and share your Brigidine Spirit far and wide. Never stop striving and learning. It is in giving that we receive so follow St Brigid, whose journey was wise and loving, always striving for justice and peace.

You each have many gifts, use these gifts to the best of your ability, and don't be afraid of your strengths and weaknesses. Follow your dreams. Be bold, be yourself.

Be proud of who you are, be proud of what you have achieved here at Brigidine, we certainly are proud of you. Be passionate, determined and committed to whatever path you take. Be unique and gentle. Be wonderful companions, mothers, workers and competitors. Be caring, kind and considerate in all that you do.

To the Class of 2008 graduates in this, an Olympic year, I say to you; this is your moment in time, as you hand over the Olympic Torch to Year 11 your light and legacy will live on.

May you take these Brigidine experiences into the world, keeping them close to your heart. May you carry on these experiences, your Brigidine friendships, and your Brigidine memories into the next part of your journey. This is your platform into the future and all that it holds for you. Whether as a team or an individual, set your Olympic goals, push yourself "Citius, Altius, Fortius" higher, faster, stronger, challenge yourself to be the best you can possibly be. Carry yourselves forward in life with strength and gentleness.

Who knows you may be back teaching here some day ...

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, God Bless and Good Luck.

*Speech by Miss Kate Brannan*



*Look at the stars ...  
They promise so much  
They show us perspective  
We look at them and dream  
And hope  
And wonder  
At their unlimited possibilities*

Year 12 2008 graduated with the style and enthusiasm that they have demonstrated over the last year. Celebrations began with a breakfast for Year 12 and the staff of the College, followed by a reflection at our final Chapel together. Tickets for the journey ahead and a survival kit for every moment were given special meaning by the words of Mr Michael Halliday, our Assistant Principal (Mission).

After the excitement of time capsules and a video of the Year 7 Camp in 2003, the girls enjoyed the Graduation Ceremony with the rest of the College Community. Our senior leaders continued the theme of "The Journey" with their speeches, taking us all on a plane trip from the take-off in Year 7 to the arrival and final landing in Year 12. The speeches were funny, heartfelt and honest, conveying the sense of joy that the girls have shared with us over their years here.

The following day was the Graduation Mass and Dinner and the transformation of Bowie Hall into a magical, star-filled wonder. The dinner combines a sense of formality around the importance of the achievements of all girls in graduating with the love of their families, friends and the support of the College. Good food, gifts for parents and Graduation medals completed the night for all involved.

Finally, the Year 12 Formal the following night completed the celebrations. The girls and their partners were elegantly dressed and everyone contributed to a wonderful night. It was a shame to see the night end.

*Look at the stars ...*









The following questions were posed to Year 12 students:

1. My favourite memory of Brigidine is
2. The one thing I wish to achieve in my life



ALLEN,  
**Annabelle**

- <sup>1</sup> Jenny and George and playing with Mami Noodle toys; singing Roxanne with Holly and Keenie.
- <sup>2</sup> Run away to join a Moroccan circus and train to become a fire eater.



ANSELL,  
**Holly**

- <sup>1</sup> Raking the leaves, Sciub4band rehearsal, being a candle holder and giving communion, , juniors and seniors.
- <sup>2</sup> Make it big in Hollywood with the band, Chris Brown, .....



BLAKE,  
**Ashley**

- <sup>1</sup> All my amazing friends and all the hilarious moments throughout the years, e.g. Rach and I having fun with moles and the moustache. Dance eisteddfods + trio + 2.
- <sup>2</sup> To travel the world, happiness, love. Marry, buy a house, have a great job and keep in touch with all my friends.



BOSMAN,  
**Angelique**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 12 Retreat, our 7R class, 'Ain't no mountain high enough', Brigidine musicals , study periods and the ILC. House activities with the girls.
- <sup>2</sup> Ongoing happiness and a sense of always knowing I've done my best.



BOYD,  
**Kathryn**

- <sup>1</sup> Maths lessons with the girls, music lessons, the Great Debate, musicals. I have so many good memories of Brigidine - too many to list!
- <sup>2</sup> Be happy and successful. I want to have purpose and to meet David Gordon.



ACEVSKI,  
**Cassandra**

- <sup>1</sup> The numerous moments of schadenfreude provided by my friends.
- <sup>2</sup> To make a difference.



ALLSOP,  
**Kendall**

- <sup>1</sup> 7Q classes, softball camps and retreats. Mr Comerford's Science classes in Year 7.
- <sup>2</sup> Travel the world, get a degree, buy a house, have a happy and healthy family and marry an Italian!



BARBER,  
**Katherine**

- <sup>1</sup> Baking skills, early Tuesdays and Year 12 Retreat.
- <sup>2</sup> To be happy, have a fulfilled life, basically be a millionaire.



BLOM,  
**Lucinda**

- <sup>1</sup> My friends, recess and lunch.
- <sup>2</sup> Go to Bali with Bel and Rach. To be rich.



BOWD,  
**Leah**

- <sup>1</sup> Lunch and discussion in front of the Library with friends.
- <sup>2</sup> To help people either in nursing or teaching.



BRENNAN,  
**Lauren**

- <sup>1</sup> Sitting on the Year 12 verandah in the sun during frees, making friends with so many different people and of course the Dance Spectacular every year.
- <sup>2</sup> I want to be successful and enjoy every day ahead of me. I also want to see the world.





**BULL,  
Belinda**

- <sup>1</sup> Recess and lunch, my friends and all the funny moments.
- <sup>2</sup> To go to Bali with Rach and Luc. To be rich.



**BULLA,  
Elise**

- <sup>1</sup> 7Q classes, Year 9 mentor with Mr Carters, lunchtimes, free periods 'studying' in the ILC.
- <sup>2</sup> Travel the world and live in Europe.



**CANTELO,  
Elicia**

- <sup>1</sup> Every lunchtime, 'study' periods, Mr C and 7Q, the Nutella jar that made half the year sick but was soo worth it.
- <sup>2</sup> Live next door to Eleanor's Cupcake Shop and have cute kids.



**CARLISLE,  
Kirsten**

- <sup>1</sup> Lunchtimes, "the totties", the foreigners, Eleanor's cup cakes and dance spectaculars. Most of all the lovely Brigidine girls in Year 12.
- <sup>2</sup> Live in a white dome house with a blue roof that overlooks the sea on the Greek Island of Santerini.



**CHANDLER,  
Eleanor**

- <sup>1</sup> Impossible to pick just one. Being able to see my beautiful friends everyday, musicals, singing in the river at Year 10 Camp, religion with Mr Jay, the tree tenors of Ancient History, the golliwog of SY1, the never ending support of our amazing teachers.
- <sup>2</sup> To see the world and make a difference.



**CHOW,  
Caitlin**

- <sup>1</sup> Being a student in the Chisholm Centre. Being taught by Mrs Littlewood, Mrs O'Bryen and Mrs Perin. Hanging out with my friends.
- <sup>2</sup> Is to make new friends and start a successful job.



**CHRISTENSEN,  
Sofie**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 7.
- <sup>2</sup> Look out for me; I want to be the female Bill Gates at the top of the IT chain.



**CHRISTOFIS,  
Christina**

- <sup>1</sup> The Year 11 Food Technology excursion, we all went in the Sydney Tower while watching the view of the City.
- <sup>2</sup> A house made out of gold.



**CHUNG,  
Yewon**

- <sup>1</sup> Lunchtimes, recess and five frees on Tuesdays.
- <sup>2</sup> To be successful and happy.



**CLEARY,  
Rebecca**

- <sup>1</sup> Whisper day, "Year 7 Hilda Bingen", Italian lunches, singing in Maths.
- <sup>2</sup> To become a joker.



**CORNELL,  
Jennifer**

- <sup>1</sup> Whisper day, the CODE, peanut butter sandwich day, Year 12 maths.
- <sup>2</sup> More than one thing.



**DALY,  
Catriona**

- <sup>1</sup> David Gordon, Harry Potter Ancient Days, Drama, morning dance parties, "Thimpson's Rule, debating prep. school camps (Year 10) and snails in French class.
- <sup>2</sup> Become a tree climber, bottom teeth smiling, surfing, novel writing, David Gordon, hunting, Hildegard loving, rainbow styling, red head.





DEANE,  
**Jade**

- <sup>1</sup> The intense political debates in Year 10 history where the vast ends of the political spectrum were represented.
- <sup>2</sup> To be an excellent english/history teacher and to write interesting and reputed historiography.



DJANI,  
**Emily**

- <sup>1</sup> Spending time with friends every day. Water fights on hot days. Mentor, recess and lunch. Italian classes when we had big Italian lunches and watched movies.
- <sup>2</sup> Completing a degree and having a successful career.



DOWLE-WATTS,  
**Alice**

- <sup>1</sup> Frees and all the great times in them:- Tetrus, Tai Chi, Games and last minute rushes to finish agriculture on time.
- <sup>2</sup> To be successful, earn lots of money and keep in touch with all my friends (wouldn't mind going to the Olympics either).



DUDLEY,  
**Liana**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 11 Play, all the competitions, lunchtimes, Brendan, maths lessons with Lauren and Mrs B.
- <sup>2</sup> Living a happy life.



DWYER,  
**Morgan**

- <sup>1</sup> Lunchtimes and 'having a choice' and the people, the friends I made (and hope to have for a long time especially Casper) and special 'moments' in the corridor.
- <sup>2</sup> To be successful and happy wherever I am and in whatever I am doing. Always have Casper by my side.



EUSSEN,  
**Rachael**

- <sup>1</sup> All my friends.
- <sup>2</sup> Live on the Hills, be happy, go to Bali with Bec and Luc.



FAVALORO,  
**Mia**

- <sup>1</sup> Opening night of Year 11 Play, Year 10 Camp and Year 12 Retreat and envelope surgery with Erinn.
- <sup>2</sup> To be happy and a complete Sharon.



FURNESS,  
**Suzanne**

- <sup>1</sup> Laughing in the tent at Year 10 Camp with myself, Ingrid, Abbey, Sally, Becky, Jenna, Gaby, Holly and Bianca. We laughed for 10 minutes flat. We don't even remember what we were laughing at.
- <sup>2</sup> A complete Sharon.



GILHOLME,  
**Ingrid**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 10 Camp: "I hope we become better friends from this camp", lunchtimes and frees.
- <sup>2</sup> To be happy, healthy and rich.



GOODWIN,  
**Sophia**

- <sup>1</sup> Duke of Edinburgh - they were the greatest challenges and most enjoyable experiences. DEAS it wasn't about the hiking, it was the laughter, the satay rice, the singing, the uncomfortable tents, the scary animals and the friendships.
- <sup>2</sup> To be happy and confident in myself. That no matter what I'll have faith in my decisions.

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GOTSIS,  
**Stephanie**

- <sup>1</sup> Comp. mentor with Rachel, 3.21 and friends.
- <sup>2</sup> To be happy and successful.





**GRADY,  
Rachel**

- <sup>1</sup> Founders Day, carnivals, comps, mentor parties and Anna Pentelow miming eating a cake on Year 12 camp, Megan.
- <sup>2</sup> To be as cool as Megan Todd.



**GREENWOOD,  
Emily**

- <sup>1</sup> The camps at Sommerset, "special" times in the corridors, Ronald McDonald.
- <sup>2</sup> To make Manly stay open past 2.30 a.m.



**HAMILTON,  
Emilie**

- <sup>1</sup> Lunchtime chilling, drama classes, Year 10 Camp, Bush Dances and Babakanoshk.
- <sup>2</sup> To find David Gordon and travel the world.



**HAMMAN,  
Michela**

- <sup>1</sup> Cave at lunch, surprise "tackles" of Morgan, oh and Liz's face, we love Maths.
- <sup>2</sup> Live in New York and be happy.



**HARE,  
Brittany**

- <sup>1</sup> The last day of school.
- <sup>2</sup> Moving out next year.



**INKRATAS,  
Natasha**

- <sup>1</sup> Founders Day in Year 9, learning how to dance from Mrs Collimore, watching my friends camp with no homely things.
- <sup>2</sup> Enjoyment, laughter in whatever the future may bring for me.



**JEFFREY,  
Claudia**



**JENKINS,  
Sally**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 10 Camp "I hope we can become better friends". DEAS swinging on the rope trips, food tech cooking lessons. Mentor times. All the girls.
- <sup>2</sup> Have a nice house with a big balcony and a hammock, lots of good food and big family. A beanbag. Really good looking children.



**JOHNSON,  
Rachael**



**JOLLY,  
Emma**

- <sup>1</sup> Every lunch and recess with friends as well as Year 11 and 12 Retreats.
- <sup>2</sup> To be successful and happy in whatever I choose to do in the future.

- <sup>1</sup> Mentor, lunch and friends.
- <sup>2</sup> Marry a doctor.



**JONES,  
Lucinda**



**KEAVENEY,  
Sinead**

- <sup>1</sup> Lunchtimes.
- <sup>2</sup> Be happy.

- <sup>1</sup> Everything! All my friends and the random stuff we did, DEAS and when Megan broke her arm because she was chased by a cow. Year 11 formal - haha Jedi. My friends, love you girls and I will miss you all so much!!
- <sup>2</sup> To actually stay in contact with everyone in the year, to travel the world and to keep having many more fun and crazy times throughout my entire life.





KEIGHERY,  
Clare

- <sup>1</sup> All of it! Particular the times spent with friends on Camp, in class - especially my art class in Year 11 and 12 and Art Camp.
- <sup>2</sup> To maintain the friendships I've made at Brigidine and to simply be happy by any means possible.



KIM,  
Yeonjoo



KIMMORLEY,  
Sarah

- <sup>1</sup> All my friends who brightened my days with their endless happy energy. "Let's give her something to look at!" - Gaby Stokes.
- <sup>2</sup> Always be happy, surrounded by my family and friends, supported by a successful career and have really cute babies.



LAKISS,  
Miranda

- <sup>1</sup> Year 11 and 12 maths and business studies classes and all the friends I've made.
- <sup>2</sup> Success and happiness (and Cristiano Ronaldo).



LAVELLE-MANGAN,  
Natalie

- <sup>1</sup> All the experiences at the Camps each year, including blackouts, the days of French and giant pencils and all the amazing friends I made along the way.
- <sup>2</sup> To get through the HSC in one piece, travel the world, skydive at least once and be happy.



LEAHY,  
Catherine

- <sup>1</sup> IOQ - best class ever. DEAS expeditions, especially our... hike in the Snowy Mountains. It was amazing to be able to navigate ourselves through such an exposed and barren place. My lasting memory of Brigidine will be of all the wonderful girls I got to share my high school experience with.
- <sup>2</sup> Fall in love, be happy, healthy and to be always surrounded by my family and friends. Meet Soph and Steph on Mt Everest in 2020.



LEVY,  
Abbie

- <sup>1</sup> Drama classes, lunchtimes.
- <sup>2</sup> To be able to look back and laugh.



LITTLER,  
Hannah

- <sup>1</sup> Having fun with my friends.
- <sup>2</sup> To always be having fun with whatever I do. To not lose the friendships I have made with people in my year! Oh and to marry someone rich.



LITTLEWOOD,  
Felicity

- <sup>1</sup> Sitting with the girls in the sun on the Year 12 verandah, the fantastic girls in the year group Year 12 Retreat when we made that amazing 'musical'.
- <sup>2</sup> Never forget how to have fun - the key to that? Good friends! A little bit of success wouldn't be too bad either ... he he! In the immediate future, go to Europe with Liv.



LYNCH,  
Rebecca

- <sup>1</sup> Recess and lunch, spending time with all my friends.
- <sup>2</sup> Be rich, successful and happy.

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LYON,  
Erinn

- <sup>1</sup> Envelope surgery with Mia. Running from Ivan Milat on the Year 12 Retreat.
- <sup>2</sup> To be really skinny ... and happy.





**MACKAY,  
Jordan**

- <sup>1</sup> There are millions but pretty much every Camp we went on was memorable also DEAS and lunchtimes - attempting to drown the crab spider.
- <sup>2</sup> Win a Nobel Prize, write a best selling novel and go on Dancing with the Stars.



**MAY,  
Shari**

- <sup>1</sup> Lunchtimes and friends, group dramas and gossip, secrets and personal jokes.
- <sup>2</sup> To be happy, successful and find love.



**MCGINLEY,  
Claire**

- <sup>1</sup> Mentor, lunch, stalking the Freddo girl - anything food related.
- <sup>2</sup> Happiness, success, travel and have a family.



**MCGLOIN,  
Kathleen**

- <sup>1</sup> Too many ... Bianka's Nutella jar, Eleanor's amazing cupcakes, every lunchtime laughing my head off with the girls and, of course, the friendly foreigner Ingrid.
- <sup>2</sup> Hopefully get my P's in the near future. Travel overseas, finish uni, stay in touch with all my friends and, most importantly, to be happy.



**MCLEAN,  
Melanie**

- <sup>1</sup> Being constantly surrounded by friends and teachers who care about you. I will never forget the invaluable friendships I have formed.
- <sup>2</sup> Travel around the world, meet lots of inspiring people and bring home with me the lessons I learn and unforgettable memories. Also never cease to be challenged, yet always remember to have fun.



**METE,  
Daniela**

- <sup>1</sup> The laughs, the friends, the fun, the Year 12 car trips with Alice, Cass and Britt.
- <sup>2</sup> Success, happiness and fulfilment.



**MILLAR,  
Lauren**

- <sup>1</sup> When we sang our Celine Dion musical at Year 12 Retreat.
- <sup>2</sup> To be surrounded constantly by friends, success and happiness ... the usual.



**MILLINGTON,  
Ellie**

- <sup>1</sup> My frees with the girls.
- <sup>2</sup> I want to travel around the whole entire world and be happy all the time.



**MITRY,  
Erika**

- <sup>1</sup> Going on all the camps 7-12. Making great friends.
- <sup>2</sup> To always be happy in my life. To do my best in everything I do.



**MORAZA,  
Kela**

- <sup>1</sup> My frees with Hannah and Lauren.
- <sup>2</sup> Travel to as many different countries as possible. Keep all the friendships I've made. Live my life to the full.



**NEWMAN,  
Jenna**

- <sup>1</sup> My favourite memory .... Year Ten.
- <sup>2</sup> The one thing I wish to achieve in life is World Peace.



**O'CONNOR,  
Elizabeth**





OCHMANN,  
Melanie

- <sup>1</sup> Meeting unforgettable people.
- <sup>2</sup> To eventually become "Mel, the Leader of the Universe".



OESTERHELD,  
Stephanie

- <sup>1</sup> The best class of IOQ and Mel and Sophia's team tennis lessons with Miss Barrs. Aqua dance parties in Year 11.
- <sup>2</sup> Meet Catherine and Soph on the top of the Eiffel Tower on 01/01/2012 then go skiing in Japan while eating sushi and achieve many different things.



ORLANDO,  
Jessica



ORR,  
Alice

- <sup>1</sup> Dressing up for the swimming and athletic carnivals, particularly when Steph V dressed up as a snowman.
- <sup>2</sup> Help those less fortunate than me as much as possible and to raise a happy family.



OSWALD,  
Katja



OWEN,  
Charlotte

- <sup>1</sup> The fun times in Year 12 with Mrs Lindsay and maths and Anna Pentelow. Drama, our group performance! Li, Natos, Ash, Anna P. and frees!
- <sup>2</sup> Work with animals (vet, vet nurse or RSPCA animal rescue).

- <sup>1</sup> Brigidine in general as well as all the personal jokes: CNBM, Danny & Sandy, Skate, Blood Brothers, Mission 14 camels & full moons, BANGLES band practice, bush pigs and Brendan.
- <sup>2</sup> To travel independently to each of the 7 continents, as well as visit Auschwitz-Birkenau.



PALMER,  
Rebecca



PATON,  
Verity

- <sup>1</sup> Year 10 Camp with Gab, Ingi and Sally. We had so much fun especially on the hike.
- <sup>2</sup> I want to do something I love, travel and have a family.

- <sup>1</sup> Those hot and sticky Monday and Wednesday afternoons knowing you still have 2 hours of fun filled musical time! Dance Spectacular with Trio + 2 + Lauren. Dance eisteddfods. Year 9 Camp and Year 11 Street Retreat.
- <sup>2</sup> Open my own art gallery but before that travel the world and settle down with a happy family and a fabulous job.



PENNING,  
Bianca



PENTELow,  
Anna

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PITTARD,  
Erinn

- <sup>1</sup> Almost the entire year squishing into a room and dancing to Aqua.
- <sup>2</sup> Be on the Simpsons and be a mascot for a rugby league team.





POTTER,  
**Emily**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 8 Camp with Dani S, Lisa and Mandy. The morning the whole year danced to Aqua in Year 11 in MC9.
- <sup>2</sup> To count every hair on my head.



PURNELL,  
**Claire**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 10 Camp, laughing and spending time with friends.
- <sup>2</sup> Live life to the fullest, without any regrets. Take all opportunities that are offered to me.



QUIRKE,  
**Grace**

- <sup>1</sup> Rachel Grundy running down the hill at Year 10 Camp. Steph Vrandich's toy rat in Year 10.
- <sup>2</sup> To be cooler than Meg Todd.



ROLLESTON,  
**Olivia**

- <sup>1</sup> Red frogs from the canteen, chemistry and the most amazing people in my life.
- <sup>2</sup> Go to Africa, laugh everyday and beat Fiz at skydiving.



SCOTT,  
**Liana**

- <sup>1</sup> Tetris! Year 7 and 10 Camp.
- <sup>2</sup> Buy a house and move out of home. A good career and be successful and keep in touch with my friends.



SHANAHAN,  
**Holly**

- <sup>2</sup> Be happy, rich, successful, married with 4 kids and lots of overseas holidays.



SHANDLEY,  
**Danielle**

- <sup>1</sup> Dancing to Aqua in MC9 in Year 11 in preparation for our Year 11 formal.
- <sup>2</sup> Get my P's before my L's run out!



SHOPPEE,  
**Rochelle**

- <sup>1</sup> Lunchtimes, swimming and athletics carnivals, mentor parties, Camps, netball and Woolworths chocolate cakes.
- <sup>2</sup> Own my own house, become a physio and win thousands in Vegas.



STEELE,  
**Natalie**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 10 Camp.
- <sup>2</sup> Ride a bicycle past Sinead. Hand things in on time.



STEGER,  
**Natasha**

- <sup>1</sup> Drama group conversations, DEAS with Suzie, Sally, Sarah and all, lunchtimes, Camps and Retreats.
- <sup>2</sup> Have a family, have many children and drive a big black VW or Jeep! Travel the world including South America, Africa and Europe.



STOKES,  
**Gabrielle**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 10 and Mrs Summerhayes on megaphone.
- <sup>2</sup> Marry a rockstar.



SUMMERS,  
**Alexandra**

- <sup>1</sup> Mentor Fridays and being first mentor to make pancakes in mentor. Being with friends at lunch. Mentor rings.
- <sup>2</sup> To be a penguin farmer. Travel the world.





TAIT,  
Lisa

- <sup>1</sup> Dance Spectacular with trio + 2, every lunchtime with all my gorgeous friends who never stop laughing.
- <sup>2</sup> To travel the world and to stop in Antarctica to see a penguin.



TASSO,  
Jessica

- <sup>1</sup> I'll never forget Monday morning gossip sessions, red frogs and hello pandas, the Camps, the carnivals, of course Year 12 and every moment spent with the girls in between.
- <sup>2</sup> There are lots. I want to travel the world, make lots of money, get my P's, live the life of Carrie Bradshaw, continue to go out with the girls and buy a penguin from Alex's Penguin Farm.



TESSON,  
Stephanie

- <sup>1</sup> Eleanor's cupcakes, the 5kg Nutella jar, foreign exchange students, Camp Sommerset and the storm, Alice and the apple game!
- <sup>2</sup> To play Monopoly with a penguin and to build a chocolate factory.



TODD,  
Megan

- <sup>1</sup> Art Camp, mentor, lunchtimes, musicals.
- <sup>2</sup> Meet a penguin and eat at Chef's Noodles.



TONG,  
Yvonne

- <sup>1</sup> Red frogs from the old canteen, lunchtimes, our Year 11 mentor Fridays/pancakes, Year 12 music and art classes, Street Retreat, Bundanon Art Camp, Caramellos.
- <sup>2</sup> Go on an around the world trip, travel to the Arctic and live in an igloo and make some penguin friends; be successful, live in a nice house and have a happy family.



TOOLEY,  
Danielle

- <sup>1</sup> Sitting at lunchtime and spending time with my friends. Also performing night of musicals.
- <sup>2</sup> Travel the world, work in fashion, become a mum and a wife to my soulmate "penguin".



TOWNSEND,  
Abbey

- <sup>1</sup> Year 9 lunchtimes.
- <sup>2</sup> Be rich and see a penguin.



TURNBULL,  
Anna

- <sup>1</sup> Swimming at Mona Vale beach at the end of Year 10. Musical - the fat suit!
- <sup>2</sup> Marry a rich penguin. Travel the world.



VEAL,  
Jennifer

- <sup>1</sup> George.
- <sup>2</sup> Become a caterpillar like the one in Alice in Wonderland and be friends with the crazy cat lady.



VRANDICH,  
Stephanie

- <sup>1</sup> Christmas Carol Sing off 2007. Year 12 lunchtimes extending into class time. Year 12 formal.
- <sup>2</sup> I want to travel the world, become a millionaire and own a Greek and Fijian island. Have a chain of childcare centres.

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WATSON,  
Ashley

- <sup>1</sup> Lunchtimes with friends. DEAS hikes. Backstage Year 12 musical. Anna Pentelow's performing skills. Maths with Loz in Year 9. R.E. with Tasky in Year 12.
- <sup>2</sup> Be happy, surrounded by friends and family with support in whatever I chose to do! Really just to be HAPPY ... that's the most important thing.





WELLINGS,  
**Natasha**

- <sup>1</sup> Our year group! There's always someone around the corner who is great mate. We've had the most awesome times together. So many memories! Love you girls!!
- <sup>2</sup> I'd love to be a primary school teacher, and I'd be stoked to travel. Most importantly to have strong friendships and family would really be what I consider as my aspirations.



WILKINSON,  
**Jessica**

- <sup>1</sup> The Year 12 microwave and going home early on Tuesdays.
- <sup>2</sup> Fun-ness!



WILLMOT,  
**Lauren**

- <sup>1</sup> The Year 12 microwave and going home early on Tuesdays.
- <sup>2</sup> Fun-ness!



WOOD,  
**Georgina**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 11.
- <sup>2</sup> Become a crazy eccentric cat lady and live in Chile being the artist who invited "unfinished style".



WOODROOF,  
**Rebecca**

- <sup>1</sup> Bus of Rock. Anna Pentelow's dramatic skills.
- <sup>2</sup> Be accepted into Hogwarts.



WOODWARD,  
**Kristen**

- <sup>1</sup> The funny things that happened on Year 12 Retreat, e.g., the skits. Christmas Carols at the end of the year.
- <sup>2</sup> A successful career in primary teaching and live where there is blue waters and white sand and get out of Sydney!



WRIGHT,  
**Carly**

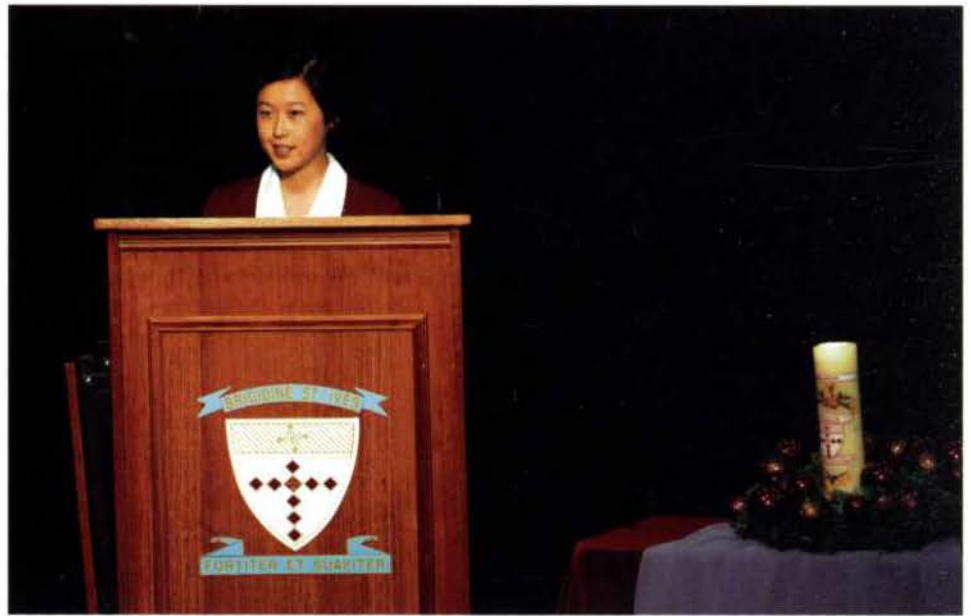
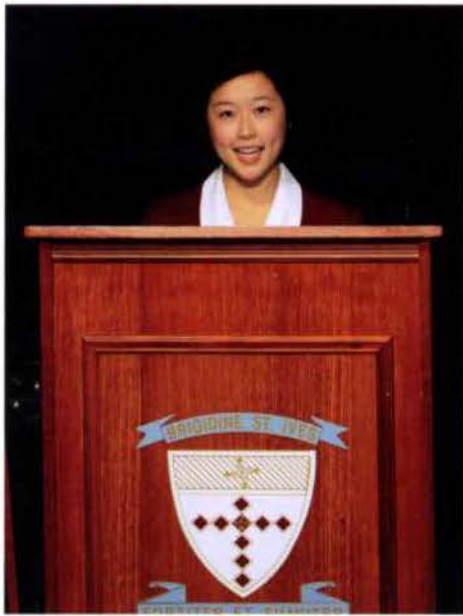
- <sup>1</sup> Getting whooped by Claire at lolly poker at Year 12 Camp, afternoon bus trips in Year 10, the views on our Gold DEAS hike and playing in the orchestra for the school musicals.
- <sup>2</sup> Just one?



ZYRA,  
**Bianca**

- <sup>1</sup> Year 12 Christmas in July and the inter-house sing off in 2007.
- <sup>2</sup> To speak 12 languages, fly around the world in a GI balloon with Dr Seuss.





It is said that "education is when you read the fine print...but experience is what you get when you don't". Interestingly, there is a group on "Facebook" no less that claims that their education finished the day that the HSC started. That school became not so much about learning but about regurgitating facts and figures, and that instead of expanding our horizons it limited us to what the board of studies felt was examinable.

I happen to disagree somewhat, reflecting on the six years I have spent within these walls. I believe that Brigidine College has maintained that delicate balance where I – alongside every single student has received an education that is both theoretical and practical gradually moulding us into people that can enter the world with confidence.

Now as a young lady on the threshold of boundless opportunities I feel that there is little that can stand in my way. And although it is somewhat inevitable that I followed in the footsteps of my older sister Lisa, I would like to think that fate had something to say in it.

There is no simplistic way to describe the year that has past. Its clichéd but year 12 truly is a roller coaster with each student on their own track, experiencing their own highs and lows. Undoubtedly, my captaincy has forced me to think beyond my own academic studies, helping me realise that there is more to year 12 than a high UAI. Through focusing on our charity the Green Gecko Project and meeting with student leaders from all around the world, I have since learnt, that people – not wealth, or prized possessions are our greatest assets and not solely those that are likeminded.

Whilst only a few short weeks from graduating and completing those dreaded HSC exams, nostalgia has forced the tears, worries and fears into distant memory – after all pain is temporary but glory is forever. Instead fond memories of the dedicated teachers, the girls, and endless laughter stand in their place, no doubt having shaped the person that I am today.

Although this afternoon we have acknowledged academic success, Brigidine provides a platform for its students to participate in such a diverse range of activities. It was whilst singing in the choir or debating, dancing, playing netball or being involved in drama that I forged ever lasting friendships with girls with whom I shared something in common. It was this "Get Involved" attitude that we as leaders and a senior year group hoped to pass on to the girls. The motto "girls can do anything, Brigidine girls can do everything" has undoubtedly instilled within us – the longing to exceed beyond expectations and to remove limitations.

But as I move on, I have learnt so much from the experience of being captain as a whole – ironically more so from the things that I didn't do as opposed to the things that I achieved. It is easy to have regrets – to travel down the path of what ifs. But then whilst we do, life is already passing us by – precious time that is irretrievable and will only join that list of regrets. At Brigidine I have learnt, if we are to succeed in whatever future endeavors await us, we must value the conviction of our own beliefs, we must have the courage to fulfill our potential and to realise our individual responsibilities – always with strength and gentleness.

It saddens me to leave what has essentially become a second home, and yet intrinsically I know that the mark that Brigidine has made on me will never fade and for that I am eternally grateful.

Clare Keighery  
*College Captain 2008*





Each year our Year 12 students select a charity to support during their final year at the College.

Late last year Rachael Johnson from Year 12, together with Hannah Cheeseman (Year 11) and Sophie McAulay (from the Class of 2007) visited "The Green Gecko Project" in Cambodia.

Their experiences at this retreat for abandoned and abused children encouraged the Class of 2008 to select "Green Gecko" as their charity.

This project empowers these children with skills, education, care and support to enable them to break the begging cycle and live to their highest potential. It also provides shelter, care and stability for those physically battered or psychologically in need, which is so many of the kids who live on the streets of Cambodia.

The charity is in constant need of new supplies and resources to continue their amazing work and enabling them to be able to take in more children than they are able to do at the moment.

"Green Gecko offers a safe haven for these children, giving them a chance to be a child, to escape from a world of abuse and mistreatment. In this oasis they find structure in their chaotic lives and have a chance to be educated and lovingly cared for", said Rachael Johnson.

Led by their Senior Leaders, the aim of the Class of 2008 was to raise more funds to allow this great program to continue. Their fundraising has included the sale of cookbooks, a sausage sizzle, the sale of "Green Gecko" T-shirts and activities on Founders' Day and has also included donations from the Class of 1973 Reunion and the dinner for Past Parents, Principals and Staff.

Funds raised by the Class of 2008 exceeded their goal of \$16,000 and were presented to Miss Julie Wilson from Green Gecko at the Leadership Mass. The funds raised were a record for the College and demonstrates the commitment of this group of students to this charity.





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**Year 7**

Cayla Attwater	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Alison Bell	<i>Merit Certificate for Achievement</i>
Danielle Bennett	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Sarah Caprarelli	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Imogen Egan	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Isabel Estrella	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Rebecca Goswell	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Tegan Grunwald	<i>Merit Certificate for Achievement</i>
Nicolle Harcombe	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Meghan Hughes	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Isabella Ludwig	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Emma Radcliff	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Julia Reed	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Lucy Reynhout	<i>Merit Certificate for Achievement</i>
Lauren Rice	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Elizabeth Trevallion	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Maeve Wadsworth	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Laura Walbank	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Yerin Yoo	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Gemma Weller	<i>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education</i>
Susan Keighery	<i>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</i>
Eloise Westwood	<i>Brigidine Year Award for Year 7</i>

**Year 8**

Isabella Barry	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Jordan Brink	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Georgia Di Laudo	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Emily English	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Alexandra Kopp	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Alison Masters	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Aiyana Merlo	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Nicola O'Neil	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Phoebe Partridge	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Emily Scotter	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Chloe Steele	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Johanna Stokoe	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Abbey Vawdrey	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Maria Toma	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Phillipa Reeves	<i>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education</i>
Adeline Siva	<i>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</i>
	<i>Brigidine Year Award for Year 8</i>

**Year 9**

Terri Adams	<i>1st Geography Mandatory</i>
Ciara Bowey	<i>1st Elective History (Equal)</i>
Georgia Boyle	<i>1st Drama</i>
Amanda Chong	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Alexandra Claremont	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Bianca Cornale	<i>1st English</i>
Tara Dingle	<i>1st PDHPE (Equal)</i>
	<i>1st Visual Arts</i>
Manisha Ediriwira	<i>1st Commerce</i>
Claire Feather	<i>1st Music</i>
Laura Flynn	<i>1st Food Technology</i>
Alana Gibson	<i>1st Visual Design</i>
Natalie Mendes	<i>1st Australian History</i>
	<i>1st Science</i>
Madeleine Paul	<i>1st Mathematics Stage 5.2</i>
Bronte Phillips	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Saskia Roberts	<i>1st French</i>
Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick	<i>1st Italian</i>

Madeleine Walsh	<i>1st Computing Studies: IST</i>
Emily Watts	<i>1st Mathematics Stage 5.1</i>
Melissa Walsh	<i>1st Design &amp; Technology</i>
	<i>1st PDHPE (Equal)</i>
	<i>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education</i>
Danielle Moore	<i>1st Elective History (Equal)</i>
	<i>1st Geography Elective</i>
	<i>1st Mathematics Stage 5.3</i>
	<i>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</i>
Grace Turnbull	<i>1st Textiles &amp; Design</i>
	<i>Brigidine Year Award for Year 9</i>

**Year 10**

Shannon Baker	<i>1st History Elective</i>
Tara Blanche	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Emily Briggs	<i>1st Geography Elective</i>
	<i>Graduation with Honours</i>
Sophia Brindle	<i>1st Science</i>
	<i>The 2008 ADF Long Tan Award for Year 10</i>
Camilla Brown	<i>1st Drama (Equal)</i>
	<i>1st Australian History</i>
Zoe Brown	<i>1st Mathematics 5.3</i>
Imogen Carlisle	<i>1st Visual Design</i>
Sofia Caronna	<i>1st Textiles &amp; Design</i>
Genevieve Daneel	<i>1st Drama (Equal)</i>
	<i>1st Physical Activity &amp; Sports Studies (P.A.S.S.)</i>
	<i>1st Visual Arts</i>
Madeline Ellam	<i>1st Food Technology (Equal)</i>
Shelby Evans	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Michaela Flynn	<i>1st Italian</i>
	<i>1st PDHPE</i>
Nadia Funayama	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Elise Gillard	<i>Graduation with Honours</i>
Hannah Goodwin	<i>1st Food Technology (Equal)</i>
Charlotte Gregoire	<i>1st French (Yr 10)</i>
	<i>1st French Continuers (Yr 11)</i>
Alexandra Hooper	<i>1st Geography Mandatory</i>
Stephanie Jardine	<i>Graduation with Honours</i>
Jamie Li	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Jessica Milne	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Rose Moloney	<i>Graduation with Honours</i>
Christina Romeo	<i>1st Mathematics 5.2</i>
Emma Soans	<i>1st Computing Studies: IST</i>
	<i>1st Design &amp; Technology</i>
	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
	<i>1st Mathematics 5.1</i>
Rachael Tams	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Corinne Turner	<i>1st Commerce</i>
Gabriella Vawdrey	<i>1st English</i>
	<i>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education</i>
	<i>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</i>
Victoria Boyd	<i>1st Music</i>
	<i>Brigidine Year Award for Year 10</i>

**Year 11**

Emilie Ammann	<i>1st Computing Studies: IPT</i>
	<i>1st VET Business Services</i>
Georgina Andrews	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Natasha Bell	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Holly Bozier	<i>Merit Certificate for Application to Studies</i>
Hannah Cheeseman	<i>The 2008 ADF Long Tan Award for Year 11</i>
Phoebe Chennell Dutton	<i>1st PDHPE</i>
Clair De Sousa	<i>1st Chemistry</i>



Madeleine Donlan *1st Economics*  
*1st English Extension*  
*1st Studies of Religion 1*

Nicola Ferendinos *1st Mathematics Ext 1*  
*1st Physics*

Ruby Flew *1st Senior Science*

Ashleigh Fong *1st Food Technology (Equal)*

Riarne Gale *Merit Certificate for Application to Studies*

Philippa Haines *1st English Standard (Equal)*

Lauren Jansen *1st English Standard (Equal)*

Sarah Kennedy *Merit Certificate for Application to Studies*

Kelly Lawlor *Merit Certificate for Application to Studies*

Katherine Mason *1st Food Technology (Equal)*

Sophie Morris *1st Geography (Equal)*

Ellen-Louise O'Neil *1st Business Studies*

Holly Papandrea *1st Mathematics – General*

Hanne Pedersen *1st Photography, Video & Digital Imaging*

Katherine Pochroj *Sister Norma Clare McKay Perpetual Award*

Hayley Reeves *1st Mathematics 2U*

Isabella Rosati *Pierre de Coubertin Award*

Ashleigh Ryan *1st Italian*

Catherine Solomonson *Merit Certificate for Application to Studies*

Katharina Trauer *1st Textiles & Design*

Katherine Turnbull *1st Biology*  
*1st Music 1*

Eleana Vaughan *Most Outstanding TVET Award*

Angelique Williams *1st Ancient History*  
*1st Modern History*  
*1st Geography (Equal)*

Rebecca Quinn *1st English Advanced*  
*Clare Malone Memorial Prize for Visual Arts in Year 11*  
*Louise de Jong Memorial Prize for Drama in Year 11*  
*Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Studies of Religion (2U)*  
*Outstanding Academic Achievement Award*

Georgia Lhuede *Brigidine Year Award for Year 11*

**Year 12**

Elise Bulla *1st French Continuers (Equal)*  
*1st Italian Extension*  
*1st Studies of Religion 1*

Elicia Cantelo *1st Mathematics 2U*  
*College Award for Vice Captain of College*

Kirsten Carlisle *1st English Extension*

Eleanor Chandler *Merit Certificate for Application to Studies*  
*Graduation with Honours*

Sofie Christensen *1st Computing Studies: IPT*

Ingrid Gilholme *Most Outstanding TVET Award*

Hannah Littler *1st VET Business Services*

Melanie McLean *1st French Continuers (Equal)*  
*1st PDHPE*

Melanie Ochmann *1st Senior Science*

Holly Shanahan *Merit Certificate for Application to Studies*

Jessica Tasso *1st Extension History*  
*College Award for Vice Captain of College*

Yvonne Tong *1st Music 2*  
*1st Music HSC Extension*

Georgina Wood *1st Biology*

Rebecca Woodroof *Year 12 Sports person of the Year*

Bianca Zyra *1st French Extension*  
*1st Italian Continuers*

**Special Award**

Angelique Bosman *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Caitlin Chow *Achievement at Graduation Award*

Catriona Daly *1st English Extension 2*  
*Graduation with Honours*  
*Vanessa Kirk Memorial Prize for Ancient History*

Sophia Goodwin *Merit Certificate for Application to Studies*  
*College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Natasha Inkratas *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*  
*Silver Jubilee Trophy for Service and Loyalty*

Sally Jenkins *1st Food Technology*  
*College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Sinead Keaveney *1st Chemistry*  
*College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*  
*The 2008 ADF Long Tan Award for Year 12*  
*College Award for Senior Vice Captain of College*

Sarah Kimmorley *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*  
*Drama Department Performer of the Year Award*

Catherine Leahy *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Felicity Littlewood *1st Drama*  
*Graduation with Honours*  
*College Award for Vice Captain of College*  
*Golden Jubilee Trophy for Outstanding House Leadership*

Lauren Millar *Achievement at Graduation Award*

Erika Mitry *1st Geography*

Charlotte Owen *Graduation with Honours*  
*Jenny Laird Memorial Award for Contribution to College Life*

Emily Potter *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Claire Purnell *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Grace Quirke *Feain Perpetual Trophy for Leadership and Loyalty*

Olivia Rolleston *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*  
*Graduation with Honours*  
*College Award for Vice Captain of College*

Rochelle Shoppee *1st English Standard*  
*College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Natalie Steele *College 'Blue' (Softball 2008 Award)*

Natasha Steger *1st Music (Equal)*  
*College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Stephanie Tesson *1st Business Studies*  
*Scarf Award for Commitment to Studies*  
*College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Megan Todd *1st Mathematics - General*

Stephanie Randich *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Ashley Watson *1st Textiles & Design*  
*College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Carly Wright *College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*

Annabelle Allen *1st Mathematics Ext 1*  
*1st Physics*  
*College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)*  
*Joseph Maurer Shield*  
*Outstanding Academic Achievement Award*

Kathryn Boyd *1st English Advanced*  
*Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Studies of Religion (2U)*  
*The Gleason Family Perpetual Prize for Year 12 Modern History*  
*Macquarie University School Partner Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement*

Clare Keighery *1st Music 1 (Equal)*  
*1st Visual Arts*  
*Graduation with Honours*  
*College Award for Captain of College*  
*Brigidine Year Award for Year 12*

**Parents & Friends Award for Brigidine Spirit** **Sophia Goodwin**  
**Brigidine College Medal** **Melanie McLean**





# ACHIEVEMENT COLLEGE RECORDS

## Athletics Records

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	TIME	YEAR
Open 1500m	Justine Cobb	5.07.63	2003
12 years 200m	Samantha Norris	26.36s	1991
13 years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.25s	1998
14 years 200m	Bree Donnelly	27.26	2000
15 years 200m	Sharon O'Kane	26.40s	1977
16 years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.36s	2001
17+ years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.45s	2002
M/Disability 200m	Chloe Eather	35.83s	2006
12 years 100m	Samantha Norris	13.94s	1991
13 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.84s	1998
14 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.94s	1999
15 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.84s	2000
16 years 100m	Sarah Kimmorley	12.66s	2006
17+ years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.74s	2002
M/Disability 100m	Chloe Eather	16.23s	2006
Open 1500m Walk	Alison Patchett	7.21.11s	1996
12 years 400m	Sarah Gailey	1.09.05s	1993
13 years 400m	Shannon Finch	1.02.80s	1982
14 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorley	1.04.06s	2004
15 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorley	1.04.07s	2005
16 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorely	1.02.86s	2006
17+ years 400m	Danielle Fisher	1.02.67s	2003
M/Disability 400m	Belinda Nipatcharoen	1.39.88s	2003
Junior 800m	Chelsea Hayward	2.32.61s	2006
Intermediate 800m	Justine Cobb	2.30.57s	2001
Open 800m	Justine Cobb	2.30.72s	2003
Invitational 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.53s	2000
All Age Relay 6x100m	Fatima	1.27.64s	2005

## Age Champions

AGE	2006	2007	2008
12	Alissa Osada	Laura Douglas	Alice Poljak
13	Olivia Caprarelli	Alex Marshall	Caitlin Sankey
14	Chelsea Hayward	Olivia Caprarelli	Alex Marshall
15	Rebecca Woodroof	Chelsea Hayward	Olivia Caprarelli
16	Sarah Kimmorley	Nathasha Hall	Breeana Alder
17	Kelly Cheng	Kate Tenney	Rebecca Woodroof
AWD	Chloe Eather	Corrine Turner	Tegan Grunwald

## Field Records

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	TIME	YEAR
<b>Long Jump</b>			
12 years	Christina Reen	4.36m	1989
13 years	Kelly Cheng	4.66m	2002
14 years	Kelly Cheng	4.97m	2003
15 years	Virginia Smith	5.00m	1979
16 years	Tatum Pearce	4.88m	2003
17+ years	Sharon O'Kane	5.00m	1979
<b>High Jump</b>			
12 years	Lauren O'Neill	1.52m	2001
13 years	Lauren O'Neill	1.64m	2002
14 years	Briana Zylstra	1.50m	2000
15 years	Briana Zylstra	1.55m	2001
16 years	Kandis Orr	1.57m	2006
17 years	Briana Zylstra	1.59m	2004
<b>Shot Put</b>			
12 years	Rachel Hill	9.05m	1990
13 years	Kerry Reen	10.61m	1983
14 years	Rachel Hill	9.35m	1992
15 years	Sophie Spinks	10.79m	1989

16 years	Sophie Spinks	11.33m	1990
17 years	Kristina Reen	10.3m	1994

## Discus

12 years	Alice Poljak	20.35m	2008
13 years	Michelle Troup	26.77m	2006
15 years	Nicola Jones	31.05m	2000
16 years	Nicola Jones	32.10m	2001
17 years	Nicola Jones	34.41m	2003

## Javelin

12 years	Laura Douglas	18.90m	2007
13 years	Angelique Delaney	24.80m	1999
14 years	Angelique Delaney	31.21m	2000
15 years	Angelique Delaney	34.17m	2001
16 years	Angelique Delaney	35.02m	2002
17 years	Angelique Delaney	33.61m	2003

## Swimming Records

EVENT DESCRIPTION	RECORD HOLDER	TIME	YEAR
Open 200m Individual Medley	K. Oliver	2.26.15s	2001
Junior 100m Freestyle	Elise Gilard	1.04.04	2006
Intermediate 100m Freestyle	Elise Gilard	1.02.31s	2008
Senior 100m Freestyle	Danielle Hopcroft	1.02.90s	2001
12 years 50m Breaststroke	Samantha Pearce	41.59s	1989
13 years 50m Breaststroke	Bianca Esposito	39.53s	1998
14 years 50m Breaststroke	Kristi Oliver	36.76s	2001
15 years 50m Breaststroke	Kristi Oliver	37.24s	2002
16 years 50m Breaststroke	Victoria Cook	34.58s	2000
17+ years 50m Breaststroke	Samantha Pearce	36.14s	1994
Multi Disability 50m Breaststroke	Danielle Flanagan	48.51s	2003
12 years 50m Freestyle	Rachel Pearce	30.09s	1990
14 years 50m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	30.29s	2006
15 years 50m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	28.41s	2007
16 years 50m Freestyle	Rachel Pearce	29.37s	1993
17+ years 50m Freestyle	Tori Oliver	29.50s	2002
Multi Disability 50m Freestyle	Danielle Flanagan	35.83s	2002
12 years 50m Backstroke	Alana Hopcroft	36.99s	2003
13 years 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	35.43s	1998
14 years 50m Backstroke	Natalie Bentley	34.11s	2000
15 years 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	33.07s	2000
16 years 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	32.47s	2002
17+ years 50m Backstroke	Alison Bentley	34.15s	1998
Multi Disability Backstroke	Danielle Flanagan	34.15s	2003
12 years 50m Butterfly	Rachel Pearce	36.47s	1989
13 years 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.84s	2000
14 years 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.40s	2001
15 years 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.43s	2002
16 years 50m Butterfly	Danielle Hopcroft	31.61s	2001
17+ years 50m Butterfly	Victoria Cook	30.99s	2002
Multi Disability Butterfly	Tegan Grunwald	1:33.19	2004
Open 100m Invitational	Kristi Oliver	1.02.43s	2003

## Age Champions

AGE	2006	2007	2008
12	Tertia Garay	J Stokoe & E Smith	Gemma Weller
13	Ellen Spandon	Hannah Blanche	Johanna Stokoe
14	Elise Gillard	Ellen Spadon	Hanna Blanche
15	Belinda Bull	Elise Gillard	Ellen Spadon
16	Liana Dudley	Belinda Bull	Elise Gillard
17	Grace Davies	Carly Clyant	Belinda Bull
SWD		Julia Kennett	Lucy Reynhout









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