



# BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A day and boarding school for boys years 5 - 12



*his future*



## From the Headmaster

Welcome to Brisbane Grammar School (BGS). We're proud to be home to international students from all around the world. At BGS your son will learn from the very best teachers in a school with world class facilities and an unequalled tradition of academic excellence.

Our international students relish the rich opportunities BGS provides – to make wonderful, lifelong friends, to develop life skills, to challenge themselves and of course, to experience the Australian lifestyle.

Many of our students gain entry to some of the world's finest global universities – including Brisbane's own internationally recognised university at St Lucia – the University of Queensland.

At BGS we're committed to producing well-rounded global citizens; our international students reflect this commitment. They enrich the culture and fabric of our school in so many ways, making Brisbane Grammar School a better place for all our students.

**Anthony Micallef**

## Educational standards and facilities

Brisbane Grammar School was established in 1869 and is one of Australia's leading educational institutions. Ideally situated high on a hill overlooking Brisbane, the School provides access to some of the best experiences on offer in this part of the world.

These buildings reflect the School's commitment to honouring its past and looking to the future.

BGS students are encouraged to use the latest technology within the rigours of a culture of learning – to become effective 21st century learners and citizens.

Our talented teachers are passionate about what they do. They're committed to delivering a balanced educational experience to all students – one which will encourage our boys to be the very best they can be. And they keep a watchful eye on each student's progress, stepping in to help whenever necessary.

The Academic Enrichment Program in our boarding house enlists the skills of specialist subject teachers, boosting students' learning to the next level.

Brisbane Grammar's educational programs also actively encourage peer tutoring and collaboration between students, both in the classroom and beyond.

## Boarding

Harlin House is Brisbane Grammar School's boarding house. We provide a family-like experience for our boarders, with some of our key staff and their families living on site.

Harlin House provides a caring environment – small enough so we can get to know our students and parents well, but big enough for our boarders to have their own special group of friends. House tutors, staff and their families create a happy, safe and relaxed environment for boarders – one that reflects the patterns and rhythms of life at home.

The house represents the real diversity of Brisbane Grammar – we have boarders from all around the world as well as boys from outback Queensland and weekly boarders from Brisbane.

The life of a BGS boarder is rich with activity, with lots of opportunities to engage and connect, both inside the school and out in the wider community.

There's always something to look forward to – like social events with girls' schools, visits to the homes of day students, as well as many cultural and sporting events.

Within the school, football, chess, music and basketball are popular pastimes. Outside the school, many of our boarders join local clubs where they can pursue their special interests; for example table tennis or martial arts. The school can organise transport to these outside activities.

Our formal Activities Program operates seven days a week. It's designed to complement the day-to-day learning of the classroom with a range of interesting activities, including some uniquely Queensland experiences.

Through this program, students enjoy visiting our local theme parks and beaches, as well as excursions to Queensland's world class cultural precinct at Southbank.

## Testimonial Charles Su

*When I came to Grammar as a boarder I felt a sense of belonging. You immediately felt like this was your home; there were no barriers. It was very friendly and welcoming. The way the boarding house is structured, the house tutors, the social support of peers was really amazing.*

*The curriculum emphasised being a well-rounded person. When I was in Year 11, I was leader of the school orchestra and we traveled to Europe, something I would never have experienced if I hadn't left Taiwan. I was on the Academic Support Committee and I did some peer teaching of younger kids. This was a great way to break barriers and interact with younger students.*

*I developed lots of great friendships as a boarder – we formed such a strong bond and I also made other amazing friends on the committees I was involved in. You get to know the day boys through extracurricular activities too. On weekends I was often at a friend's house or visiting other friends on the Gold Coast.*

*Being an international student at Grammar gave me the capacity to pursue my passion, which is medicine. It was also a great foundation, not just academically but also to appreciate art and music, and other aspects of life.*

*My Grammar experience made the transition to university much smoother and more focused when it came to choosing my career.*

*Mum and Dad are really happy that we ended up at Grammar – and I'm very happy that I was so accepted and that I had such an amazing experience at high school.*

Charles Su – Taiwanese boarder, graduated 2011. Currently studying medicine at the University of New South Wales.

Queensland's excellent state library is a favourite haunt of some of our international students, as they spread their wings as independent learners.

At BGS it's important to us to make sure our boarders feel respected, safe and supported.

It's reassuring for parents to know there is always a staff member on hand to escort students to and from the airport when necessary for home visits, to accompany them to medical or dental appointments, or just to lend a friendly listening ear whenever one is needed.

Our Life Skills Program teaches boarders the kind of everyday skills they'd learn at home – like cooking, personal hygiene and even changing a car tyre.

## Extracurricular

Grammar's Extracurricular Program offers a rich array of experiences including music, sporting activities, chess, debating and community service. There really is something for everyone.

Our outdoor education facility at Pepperina Hill on the shores of Lake Moogerah, about 90 minutes drive from the School, is very popular with boarders and day students alike. Here our boys challenge themselves with new and fun activities – canoeing, climbing, hiking and orienteering.

Pepperina Hill is an exciting, adventurous environment, where great friendships are formed and lifelong memories are made.

## Contact

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<b>Number of Students</b>	1535
<b>Boarding Capacity</b>	125
<b>Teacher to Student Ratio</b>	1:12
<b>International Students</b>	7
<b>Type of School</b>	Non-denominational Independent school