

Parent Handbook

FAIRHOLME PREP TO YEAR 6
2026



FAIRHOLME COLLEGE

Welcome Home

In the spirit of reconciliation Fairholme Junior acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dr Leigh Hobart

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your family and trust that this orientation material will assist you in familiarising yourselves with all things Fairholme Junior.

This Fairholme Junior Information Guide is also available on the *myFairholme* parent portal which allows us to update information and add relevant supplementary material as the year progresses.

We are conscious that in starting your educational journey, the greatest anxiety often relates to understanding the 'day to day' procedures and practices followed at Fairholme Junior. Matters such as parent notification of student absences, change of contact details and permissions are examples of often sought-out information.

We seek to communicate clearly and accurately with you throughout each school year, and trust that this Information Guide provides a good starting point for this.

Again, welcome to Fairholme. May the journey ahead be fruitful, positive, and enriching for all.

Dr Leigh Hobart
Fairholme College Principal



FROM THE HEAD OF FAIRHOLME JUNIOR

Mrs Erin Tonscheck

Welcome!

The Junior School is an integral part of the wider Fairholme community. We provide quality education to children from Kindy to Year 6. Our strong foundation for the learning journey of our students is developed from the College values of Christ-centred faith, collaboration, enjoyment, respect and seeking excellence.

Our purpose is to support the development of our learners – spiritually, socially, academically, artistically, culturally and physically.

We enjoy:

- > the support of committed parents who share our goals
- > a community of quality teaching and support staff and
- > the benefits of being part of an eminent independent school.

Thank you, and welcome to Fairholme Junior.

Mrs Erin Tonscheck
Head of Fairholme Junior

Aims of Fairholme Junior

Fairholme Junior provides a vibrant, supportive and nurturing environment that fosters and encourages the development of strong relationships between children, staff, parents and the wider community.

Fairholme Junior acknowledges the importance of the acquisition of strong literacy and numeracy fundamentals embedded through meaningful and differentiated learning experiences across all curriculum areas.

Innovative teaching programs, reflecting 21st century learning models and contemporary thinking, are characterised by a balance between modelling and scaffolding, and investigative and activity-based learning.

The integration of Information Communication Technology enhances the learning process in receiving, reflecting and applying information to shape the girls' thinking and understanding.

The rich play-based program, a feature of Fairholme Kindy, builds on the children's natural curiosity and love of learning. Through play the children are immersed in a wide variety of open-ended learning experiences which stimulate their

imagination and provide strong foundations to build upon during the lifelong learning process. Fairholme Kindy creates the stepping stones into Fairholme Prep.

Highly qualified, experienced classroom teachers and specialist teachers deliver an all-encompassing curriculum. The girls sing in choirs, learn musical instruments, stage musicals, enjoy speech and drama, perform in singing recitals, play chess, debate, take part in Maths Olympiad and Opti-MINDS, participate in swimming, cross country, athletics, gymnastics, tennis, netball, touch, cricket and basketball, and enjoy camps and excursions.

The unique culture of acknowledging each girl's gifts, talents, interests and abilities enables her to experience opportunities to shine in academic pursuits, through cultural endeavours and on the sporting arena.



House System

The House System was introduced into the Boarding School in 1936 and was extended to the Day School in the following year. Each girl was allocated to one of the three houses — Black House, Stephens House and Cameron House — named after three benefactors of the College.

With increased enrolments in 1959, a fourth house was formed: Powell House, named after an important benefactor, Mr Ray Powell.

All the girls from Prep become members of a House on enrolling in the Junior School and they remain in this House for their time at Fairholme. The girls are able to join the same House as members of their family who have attended the College.

A range of sporting and cultural activities are held among the four Houses, annually. There has always been a fine tradition of House spirit, high participation rates, with connections across year levels of fundamental importance.

Competition at the interhouse level gives students the opportunity to participate in Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics and Gymnastics competitions.

House Polo Shirts

The girls are required to wear House-coloured polo shirts for all Interhouse sporting competitions. Throughout the year there are a range of Interhouse academic, cultural and sporting activities.

Fairholme House Colours

- > Black House (Black and Yellow)
- > Cameron House (Yellow and Blue)
- > Powell House (Green and Red)
- > Stephens House (Blue and Black)



Pastoral Care

A caring, compassionate and supportive attitude, Christian worship, a positive respect for self and others and a dedication to developing honesty and integrity are integral parts of everyday life at Fairholme Junior.

The other premise from which we proceed is the practical realisation that in all communities, rules, guidelines and consequences are necessary. It is our experience that when the girls are set clear guidelines, they enjoy the emotional security which results from knowing and understanding boundaries.

Pastoral care underpins all practices within the Fairholme community. It exists within the restorative approach to conflict resolution and in the respectful way we treat one another. Every teacher provides pastoral care by maintaining a classroom climate of support and encouragement.

All classes participate in a weekly Christian Education lesson. The girls from Prep to Year 6 attend a weekly Chapel service led by the Head of Faith and Wellbeing. Buddies are assigned to new students when they arrive. Year 1-6 students also participate in weekly Holme Group meetings.

Pastoral Care Programs

A vertical House system operates in the Junior School and girls are assigned to small Holme Groups (HG) and a HG Teacher.

A HG meeting is held several times each term

and provides opportunities for girls from Years 1 to 6 to interact and establish links with girls of all ages in their Houses. These groups provide peer support and friendship to the girls, under the guidance of their HG Teacher. Separate Pastoral Care programs operate in the Kindy and Prep classrooms.

The Pastoral Care Program focuses upon building self-esteem and in developing skills to assist the girls with the personal skills they need to negotiate the increasingly complex world in which they live.

Our Pastoral Care Program is underpinned by the incorporation of social and emotional learning as part of the curriculum to foster resilience and student well-being. Strategies and skills are taught using the Better Buddies, the Bounce Back program and Circle Time.

Pastoral Care Services

> Our **Head of Faith and Wellbeing** leads the vibrant Christian life of the school and plays an active role in the welfare of the students. She is responsible for leading the school in worship as well as oversight of the Christian Education program at the College.

> The College employs a **Social Worker** who works alongside the Head of Fairholme Junior to offer proactive support to our students. Parents and students are able to establish appointments with our social workers.



Day To Day

First Days What to Expect

We note that many students find the first days of the new school year a little daunting. Through our Orientation Program, we aim to make the transition as comfortable as possible and ensure that each student knows what to expect.

School Hours (Prep to Year 6)

Starting time	8.25am
Morning Tea	10.30-10.50am
Lunch	12.30-12.50pm
Play time	12.50-1.20pm
Lessons resume	1.25pm
Finishing time	3.10pm

A staff member is on duty from 8am to 8.20am in the P&F Courtyard (or in Greta Junior on wet weather days).

Junior School students waiting for after school co-curricular activities are supervised on the Arts Lawn until 3.30pm.

Bus travellers report to the staff member on rotunda duty before moving to the bus zone.

A staff member is on duty at the Rotunda each afternoon until 3.30pm.

Assembly

This is held every Tuesday commencing at 12 noon in L Assembly. The Year 6 girls lead the Assembly. Parents and visitors are most welcome to attend.

Chapel / Christian Education

The overall aim of the Christian Education program in the Junior School is to communicate the love of God for all people in a clear and interesting manner. The intention is to introduce students to God and his saving purposes for the world through his son, Jesus Christ.

The students are encouraged to incorporate Christian values such as, kindness, faithfulness, courage, compassion, patience, forgiveness, loyalty, peace, joy, hope and love, as they relate with other members of the school community.

Chapel Services are an integral part of school life and are conducted weekly by the Head of Faith and Wellbeing, assisted occasionally by other members of the Junior School staff.

Chapel is held every Wednesday in the New Chapel from 1.30-2pm.

Diaries

All girls from Prep to Year 6 receive a Student Diary at the beginning of the year. The Diary is an excellent means of communication between the student, teacher and the parents.

Teachers will check the Diary daily and write comments regularly. Parents are asked to sign their daughter's Diary each night. The girls are expected to keep a neat, well-presented Diary to assist them in developing effective planning skills.

It is important for girls to:

- > have their Diary with them every day
- > show their Diary to their parents daily
- > record homework and task details
- > plan ahead by entering activity deadlines
- > use their Diary to remind them of approaching events
- > store any notes that need to be returned to the class teacher.

Student Attendance

Attendance at school matters – it enhances connections, gives greatest access to quality learning and strengthens relationships. For these reasons, we seek parental support of student attendance.

Our term dates are published on the *myFairholme* parent portal for the College Community at least 6 months prior to the beginning of the new school year and we thank all families for noting these dates and booking any family holidays or trips during the term breaks so that all students can complete the full learning expectations each year.

The girls in Prep to Year 6 are expected to be at school five minutes prior to the start of school, at 8.20am, to be ready to start school at 8.25am sharp. The electronic class rolls are marked at this time and again after lunch at 1.25pm.

Further, full attendance at extra-curricular activities and practices is expected. This is about learning commitment and team responsibility, as well as developing skills associated with the activity.

Late Arrival to School

If your daughter arrives after 8.25am she is to go to the Junior School Office to sign in, and to obtain a late arrival slip. She will then present this late arrival slip to her class teacher.

Leaving the College Campus

When girls leave and/or return during the school day, a parent or guardian is required to sign their daughter in/out via the Junior School Office.

Absences

The Head of Junior School oversees and monitors student absences. Parents are to advise the College of all absences, appointments, early leave or late arrivals by 8am.

College App via the absentee button

E student-absence@fairholme.qld.edu.au

Requests for planned absence from school are to be sent to the Head of Fairholme Junior for approval.

Medical, dental, and other professional appointments may be made during school hours for emergencies or with specialists only. Please notify your child's class teacher and the Junior School Office. The girls must not leave the school grounds without first being signed out by a parent or guardian from the Junior School Office.

Compulsory Events

Events noted on the Term Dates overview are events which involve all Junior School Girls. Examples of such occasions are Presenting Fairholme and Spring Fair.

Events noted in the Fairholme College calendar as compulsory days for attendance are:

- > Fairholme College Spring Fair
- > Community Carols and Thanksgiving Service
- > Junior School Presentation Morning
- > Junior School Arts Showcase



Day To Day

Pick Up and Drop Off

To reduce congestion at the start and end of the school day, we encourage parents to use the designated drop-off and pick-up zones at the front of the Rotunda adjacent to the front car park accessed from the Wirra Wirra Street car park entrance (see map over page), and adhere to the staggered pick-up times outlined below.

- > Kindy – 3pm
- > Junior School – from 3.10pm
- > Middle and Senior School – from 3.20pm

The pick up lane has a maximum wait time of five minutes. If you arrive too early, and your daughter is not ready to be picked up, you will be requested to move on. Support of this protocol is for the good of all. When utilising on-street parking in the area, please be considerate of our local residents and observe all traffic rules.

If you choose not to use the drop off zone, please ensure you park your car and escort your daughter in. Junior School girls who walk across the road into school must use the designated crossings.

Kindy

Kindy parents must park in the car park (not drop and go area) and walk to Kindy to drop off and collect their child.

Prep

For the commencement of the Prep school year, the girls in Prep must be accompanied to the Prep classroom and collected from the Prep classroom by an adult. Please notify the Prep teacher in writing or by email should an adult other than a parent be involved in bringing or collecting your

daughter.

We ask for your co-operation, please, in the matter of arriving and leaving punctually. With increased confidence and independence (usually towards the end of Term 1), Prep parents will be notified when their Prep children can be delivered to and collected from the Rotunda each morning and afternoon.

Years 1 to 6

The girls in Years 1 to 2 are to be delivered to, and collected from, either their classrooms or the Rotunda at the front of the Junior School. They are encouraged to increase their independence in moving to and from their classroom as they progress through the year levels.

The girls in Years 3 to 6 are generally able to move to and from their classroom independently of their parents; this is to be encouraged.

The Years 1 to 6 girls who are waiting after school to be collected wait at the Rotunda with the teacher on duty. After 3.30pm any girls still in this area will be required to go to the Fairholme Junior Office and parents are phoned. This is for the safety of all girls.

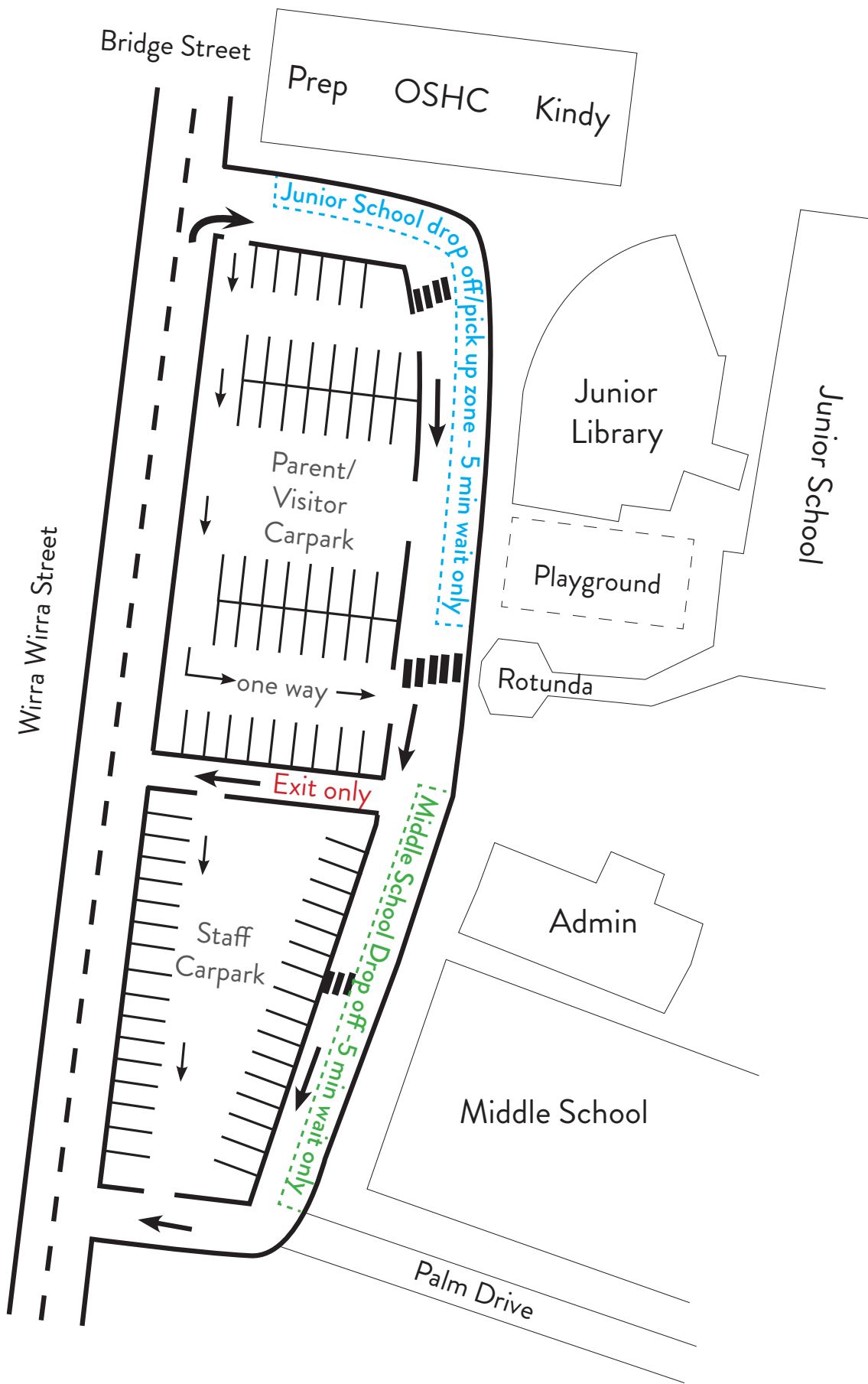
After School Activities

If girls are staying for after-school practices for sporting teams or music and drama activities, they are supervised on the Arts Lawn until 3.30pm.

They are to be collected promptly by a parent or carer at the conclusion of the activity. They are asked not to wait in front of L Assembly. No supervision will be provided after the conclusion of these activities.



Carpark Map





Other Information

Camps

During the year, Year 3 to 6 students attend a year-level camp. These are hosted off campus (apart from Year 3 – onsite sleepover) and are important undertakings which allow the development of a range of skills important to the students' social and emotional growth.

Invariably, students are placed in situations where challenge, teamwork and collaboration are the skills of focus and development. We value the learning that occurs in these situations and expect that all students attend their relevant camp.

Any associated costs for these camps are included in the College fees.

Camps are part of the curriculum from Year 3 to Year 6.

- > Year 3: overnight 'sleep-in' at the College held in Term 4
- > Years 4 and 5: two-night camp at Alexandra Headland in Term 3
- > Year 6: Week-long tour of Canberra in Term 3

Birthdays

As the girls enjoy celebrating birthdays, parents may send along cupcakes or single-serve items, e.g. ice blocks, on the nearest school day to their daughter's birthday. Please be very sensitive when organising birthday parties. The staff will only give out the invitations when it is a party to which every girl is invited.

Greta Junior (Junior School Library)

The Fairholme Junior Library aims to serve the recreational and academic needs of all Junior School students.

Greta Junior is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 3.30pm and the online library is open all day every day.

Reading for enjoyment is encouraged both in weekly library lessons and when individual students visit Greta Junior. Within a supportive environment, the girls learn vital information literacy skills necessary to retrieve and utilise information from a range of print and digital sources.

The students are encouraged to borrow books from various areas of the collection and reading during the holidays is encouraged with students expected to borrow extra books between Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Parents are encouraged to borrow books to share with their children, as well as, for information for their own use from the Parents' Collection.

Scan Me

To visit the Greta Junior page on the myFairholme parent portal.



Other Information

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) - Team Kids

Outside School Hours Care is outsourced to TeamKids, and is located next to the Prep classroom, in the Early Childhood Centre.

The OSHC program is available to Fairholme College children from Kindy until Year 6. TeamKids is fully approved for the child care rebate.

Parents can enrol their child via the TeamKids website (Scan the QR code below).

Before School Care Hours

Before School Care operates from 6.30am to 8.30am for students who arrive before 8am. The OSHC educator will bring the students to their classroom in time for the commencement of the school day.

After School Care Hours

The After School Care program operates from Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm and is available for all students from Kindy to Year 6.

Girls from Years 1 to 6, who are attending After School Care, meet a member of the OSHC team who will be waiting for them in L Assembly.

The Prep girls are collected at 3.10pm for OSHC from their classroom. The Kindy children are collected at 3pm from their classroom.

Health Centre

The Fairholme College Health Centre, located

in the Boarding House complex, is staffed by registered and experienced nurses, to support boarding students 24 hours a day.

Junior School students are supported by Junior School staff as the first point of contact, rather than at the Health Centre. If students are unwell, Junior School office staff will phone parents to arrange collection.

Your daughter must remain at home when she is unwell. Colds, flu and stomach complaints spread quickly amongst young children. If your child has an infectious disease, please notify the Junior School Office and enquire about any exclusion period.

Health Centre contact details:

T 07 4688 4613

E healthcentre@fairholme.qld.edu.au

Communication regarding notifiable diseases is provided via the Health Centre. When a student becomes ill at school, or is involved in an accident, the teacher in charge of the class will obtain immediate medical assistance from staff including, where required, the College Health Centre.

If illness or an accident occurs on an excursion, immediate medical assistance will be sought.

The teacher in charge will inform the school immediately. The Principal or Deputy Principal and Head of Junior School must also be notified of any serious accidents or injuries. College staff will be in immediate contact with family members.

TeamKids OSHC

Scan Me

Visit the TeamKids website to enrol your child in Before or After School Care.



> teamkids.com.au/fairholme



Mobile Phones and Wearable Technology

From when students step onto the school campus until they leave the College in the afternoon, phones and wearable technologies (such as smart watches and air pods) are away for the day. If for medical reasons, wearable technology or a mobile device is required, families are to liaise directly Head of Fairholme Junior so that appropriate health information from medical practitioners, and technological requirements, can be clarified.

Fairholme Fare (Tuckshop)

Boarders are provided with three nutritious meals a day by the dining room, as well as morning tea, afternoon tea and supper. Day students (including Junior School girls) may bring a packed lunch or enjoy the same morning tea and lunch as the Boarders.

In Junior School, this is known as Fairholme Fare.

Meals are ordered and paid for online via Events on *myFairholme*. Meals can be ordered in Week 1 for the whole term or alternatively ordered weekly. The menu is updated weekly and posted to Happenings@Holme on a Tuesday.

Fairholme Fare will not be available on Week 1 of each term and the final school day of each term. Please note refunds are unavailable on the day for girls who are absent.

Nut / Nut Products

We have a number of staff and students who suffer from a severe allergy to peanuts and other foods. This can be very serious and potentially life threatening. To prevent any allergic reactions, we ask all families to refrain from using any nut products in their children's lunches. Peanut paste or Nutella are not able to be used, neither are any raw mixed nuts or peanuts. Also, foods such as muesli bars, fruit and nut bars, and foods that have nuts listed in the ingredients are not acceptable.

Technology

The girls in Years 4 to 6 use laptops in their daily learning experiences. Laptops are purchased by, and remain the property of the College.

Information is shared via a Parent Information session in Term 4 of each year. The ICT Acceptable Use Policy is located on *myFairholme*.

Students in Years 4 to 6 are to apply for an @fairholme.qld.edu.au email address by completing the Application for Email Address Form located on *myFairholme*.

Email may be used as a study aid, but must not be used for contacting family members during the school day or sending messages to classmates out of hours.

Digital Technologies

Online services are available to the girls at school and accessible through the internet from home. The girls have safe, internet access and in addition the girls in Years 4 to 6 have access to the College webmail.

Online databases and resources on the Fairholme College intranet can be accessed from home on personal devices. Fairholme College filters and monitors all online services to ensure a safe and appropriate learning environment.

The College continues to educate students in cyber safety and making good decisions for themselves when online.



Year 6 Leadership

All the Year 6 girls in their final year in the Junior School are provided with the opportunity to participate in leadership roles. The girls apply to be a Leader in a specific area in which they are interested, where they have personal capacity and where they would like to make a positive contribution and a difference.

Leadership roles may include the following areas:

- > Environmental
- > Kindy
- > Prep
- > Year 1
- > Sport
- > Chess
- > Christian Education
- > Community Events
- > Greta Junior and Reading Support
- > Performing Arts
- > Visual Arts

Transport Services

Arriving By Bus

There is a bus stop and shelter located on Wirra Wirra Street, near the College oval.

Fairholme College is serviced by a variety of bus companies, offering school bus routes within Toowoomba and surrounding areas.

If a bus service is used for student transport to and from the College, parents are asked to inform the Junior School Office of these arrangements.

Bus Company Contacts

> Bus Queensland

Services Toowoomba City, Oakey (connector), Kingsthorpe (connector), Highfields, Crows Nest (connector), Gowrie Junction, Withcott, Helidon (Uses Interchanges at TSHS Lofty Campus, TSHS Wilsonton Campus, HSHS

P 07 4633 1177

E customers@busqld.com.au

W busqld.com.au

> Hubbard's Coaches

Services Hodgsonvale, Preston, Ramsay, Mt Rascal, (Interchange Middle Ridge SS), Pittsworth, Southbrook, Wellcamp, Gowrie Mountain, Kingsthorpe (Interchange TSHS)

P 07 4630 7074

W hubbus.com.au/school-services

> Premier Queensland

Services Nobby, Greenmount, Cambooya, Wyreema, Westbrook, Athol, Withcott

P 07 4591 3111

W premierqld.com/schools

Arriving By Bicycle

Bicycles are to be stored in the bicycle racks located underneath Greta Junior (Junior School Library).

Administration

Change of Contact Details

It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure that change of contact details, including address, email addresses and phone contacts, are made known to the College as soon as possible to ensure prompt communication, particularly in the case of emergencies. Contact details can be easily updated in the *myFairholme* parent portal.

College Policies, Guidelines and Regulations

Available on the *myFairholme* Parent Info page.

Volunteers and Students

From time to time there may be volunteers or students visiting the classroom and working in the program with the girls. At all times these visitors will work under the direct supervision of the class teacher or specialist teacher.

All visitors must sign in at the Junior School Office on arrival and acknowledge commitment to attend to professional boundaries, child protection requirements and follow staff direction. Visitors will be required to check in via the Sign In app and wear a Visitor badge at all times while on the premises.

Parental Partnerships

At Fairholme Junior, we deeply value the contributions of parents and the strong partnerships we build between parents, students, and staff. We actively encourage parental involvement and warmly welcome offers to share feedback or perhaps talents—whether it's reading stories, playing an instrument, or providing expertise in areas relevant to our learning programs.

Parents with concerns for their child's well-being or academic progress should contact the class teacher in the first instance. If further discussions are required parents may then contact the Deputy Head of Fairholme Junior and then the Head of Fairholme Junior.

Office Hours

Our main administration office hours are Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

This includes school holidays, apart from three weeks over the Christmas and New Year period.

The Junior School Office is open 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday (Term time only).

Contact Details:

- > **Postal Address:** PO Box 688
Toowoomba Qld 4350
- > **Street Address:** Wirra Wirra Street
Toowoomba Qld 4350
- > **Main Office:** 07 4688 4688
- > **Junior School:** 07 4688 4647
- > **Email:** junior.school@fairholme.qld.edu.au
- > **Website:** www.fairholme.qld.edu.au



HOLMEstore Uniform Shop

Located within the College grounds, our HOLMEstore offers professional customer service and expert advice for all your uniform and stationery supplies.

Staff will guide you through the required uniform items for all seasons and occasions. New and secondhand uniforms, hair accessories and swim attire are available for purchase, as well as an extensive range of Fairholme College merchandise and stationery items.

HOLMEstore Accounts

A HOLMEstore account is automatically created for each student upon enrolment. Students may charge uniform, stationery and personal supplies to the account or pay for items at the time of purchase by either cash or eftpos.

Accounts are emailed out at the beginning of each month and are payable online or over the phone by calling the Main Administration Office.

Parents can place an order for uniform items by calling or emailing the HOLMEstore and have them charged to their account and delivered to the classroom.

Books and Stationery

Back-to-school stationery can be purchased from Browns Office Choice and parents (both new and existing) will be notified when booklists are online and ready for ordering. All back-to-school stationery orders can be collected from the HOLMEstore, Browns Office Choice, or delivered to home.

Second Hand Uniforms

Only clean and current uniforms are accepted for resale at the HOLMEstore. Winter skirts, jumpers, blazers, panamas and ties will be dry cleaned and the cost of this deducted from the sale. Any items already dry cleaned will need proof of dry cleaning attached when left for resale.

Proceeds from the sale of items will be credited to the HOLMEstore accounts of current students or their siblings, and a bank transfer made to parents of past students.

Uniforms not deemed acceptable for resale will

only be held for a period of one month from receipt of your letter of notification, after which they will be discarded.

Second Hand Uniforms Facebook Page

A Facebook group exists with the purpose of selling second hand uniforms privately between parents. Please request to join the group called *Fairholme Second Hand Uniforms*. Please note this operates separately to the HOLMEstore, however, it is moderated by Fairholme staff.

Lost Property

All student property is to be clearly labelled with each student's full name.

Lost property is returned to Junior School for students, or stored in the red bin located outside the Junior School Office. Lost property stations are also located in the Middle School, Senior School and the gymnasium.

Contact Details

P 07 4688 4666

E HOLMEstore@fairholme.qld.edu.au

Opening Hours (Term Time)

> Monday - Wednesday: 12.30pm - 4pm

> Thursday - Friday : 7.30am - 12.30pm

The HOLMEstore is situated beneath the Gym on the Bridge Street side of the College, with parking entry via Fairholme Street.

Wearing Your Uniform

Hats

The rule in the playground is NO HAT, NO PLAY. All students must have a Fairholme bucket hat for any outside activity whether for play or for a lesson. All students are required to wear a hat, both to and from school each day.

General Uniform Guidelines

- > The College panama with hat badge must be worn to and from school each day and when students are attending excursions or school activities, unless directed otherwise. It is worn at all times outside the College grounds when in uniform.
- > Full uniform, including panama, to be worn in public, e.g., at shopping centres.
- > Blazers are compulsory for all girls in Years 4-12 and are to be worn with full winter uniform to and from school and when wearing the uniform in public.
- > The length of the summer dress is to be below the knees and the winter skirt is to be worn mid-calf length.
- > Black lace-up College shoes - fashion styles are not permitted. No straps, t-bars or buckles. Shoes

should be cleaned and polished and kept in good repair at all times.

- > Sports shoes should be predominantly white and have non-marking soles.

Hair

- > Hair longer than the collar must be neatly tied back with hair bands and navy ribbons, or school tartan scrunchies and plain navy clips or bobby pins matching hair colour.
- > Headbands must be navy or College tartan. No fashion bands are to be worn.
- > Hair must be worn off the face and must be natural colour.

Jewellery and Make-Up

- > A plain watch with a gold, silver, black, navy or tan band.
- > Earrings: Only one small pair of plain gold or silver studs (maximum 5mm) or sleepers may be worn. No gemstones or pearls. If ears are double pierced, only one matching set may be worn, in the ear lobe.
- > No other jewellery may be worn.
- > No make-up or nail polish to be worn.



College Badges

- > The College Badge is worn on the left collar of the summer uniform and on the left blazer lapel with the winter uniform.
- > The House Badge is worn on the right collar of the summer uniform and on the right blazer lapel with the winter uniform.
- > All Leadership badges are worn above the College Badge.
- > The Name Badge is worn above the House Badge on the right collar of the summer uniform and on the right blazer lapel with winter uniform.
- > Charity badges are only to be worn for the duration of the campaign.

News Communications

The primary method of communicate with parents occurs through the *myFairholme* parent portal and the Fairholme College app where you will receive news tailored to your daughter's year level and/or interests.

In addition to the *Happenings@Holme* feed, news is communicated regularly via the Fairholme College *At Holme* newsletter and College social media channels. From time to time, as needed, College Staff may email or phone parents to discuss topics that relate specifically to their daughter.

myFairholme Parent Portal

myFairholme is the College's parent, student and staff portal. On commencement at Fairholme, students and their parents are sent a separate username and password to access *myFairholme*.

The *myFairholme* parent portal contains the following services:

- > **Happenings@Holme news feed** - for all newsletters, letters to parents, participation forms, The Arts and Sport sign ups, reminder notices, permission requests etc
- > **Parent Information** - for access to general information, handbooks, co-curricular opportunities, term calendars, policies, and parenting resources
- > **Events** - payments for events such as the Junior School Showcase and to purchase Fairholme Fare
- > **School Fees** - to view your College and HOLMEstore account balances and transactions, and to make payments
- > **Update Details** – facility for updating parent and emergency contact details and student medical records

To access *myFairholme*, visit **my.fairholme.qld.edu.au** - there is also a direct link on the Fairholme College website at the top of the homepage.

If you are having trouble logging in to *myFairholme*, scan the QR code for Frequently Asked Questions and further instructions.

College App

The Fairholme College App is available on Google Play for Android and Apple App Store for iOS. It is essential that all parents and guardians download the app on their mobile phones.

Once downloaded, you can manage your notification settings. Please ensure push notifications are turned on in settings so you don't miss out on any important notices. We recommend enabling Face ID for ease of logging in.

The College App is also used in Junior School to send alerts, for example the delayed return of an excursion bus, or emergency communication.

Parents are asked to ensure that App Notifications are enabled.

Features of the app include:

- > *Happenings@Holme* news feed
- > Direct access to the *myFairholme* parent portal
- > Reporting absences
- > *At Holme* College newsletter
- > College Calendar
- > College contacts
- > Important College links

For more information and to download the App, please scan the QR code.



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for *myFairholme* parent portal and Fairholme App FAQs and instructions.

News Communications

College Website

The Fairholme College website forms the backbone of general information about our College.

Current parents can view our latest news stories and publications updated regularly on the website, as well as listen to our 'At Holme' podcast series.

> www.fairholme.qld.edu.au

Junior Jottings / Communique

The Junior School newsletter called Junior Jottings is published to Happenings@Holme on myFairholme on a fortnightly basis. A Friday Communique is published on the alternate Friday to provide any further updates as required.

Class Letters

Class letters are published to Happenings@Holme at the commencement of each term to inform parents of the specific curriculum areas that are being covered during that term. It will also contain information about important dates and events specific to the year level.

Regular College Publications

Stay up to date:

> **At Holme College Newsletter** - published throughout the year, each edition of *At Holme* is distributed via *Happenings@Home* in the myFairholme parent portal, as well as the College website.

> **At Holme Podcast** - our podcast series shares inspiring conversations from within and beyond the school grounds. Podcast episodes are available through the College website and Spotify.

> **FOCUS Magazine** - published annually, *FOCUS* shares the news and adventures of Fairholme Old Girls. Past issues can be accessed via the College website.

Sharing Stories

Have a great Fairholme story to share?

Get in touch:

E communications@fairholme.qld.edu.au

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At Holme Podcast



News Communications

Social Media

Follow Fairholme College on:

- > **Facebook** - facebook.com/fairholmecollege
- > **Instagram** - @fairholme_college_toowoomba
- > **LinkedIn** - linkedin.com/company/fairholme-college

To uphold Child Safety protocols, parents are to post images taken at Fairholme College events of only their own child on to social media platforms.

Year Level Facebook Pages

The Junior School moderates year level Facebook pages as a convenient method of communication and reminders for parents/carers of students. It is optional for parents to join these pages.

To join, search for your child's year level to request to join a group, e.g. 'Fairholme Year 1 Parents 2026' and answer the two security questions.

Please read and abide by the group rules:

- > Be kind and courteous
- > No hate speech or bullying
- > No promotions or spam
- > Respect everyone's privacy

College Events and Communities

Social media pages have also been set up to provide updates relevant to some of our major College events and communities, including:

> Fairholme Open Art Prize - FACETS

facebook.com/facetsatfairholme

instagram.com/fairholme_openartprize

> Fairholme College Spring Fair

facebook.com/FairholmeSpringFair

instagram.com/fairholme_college_spring_fair

> Fairholme College Old Girls

facebook.com/fairholmeoldgirls

instagram.com/fairholme_college_old_girls



Restorative Practices

Respectful relationships matter at Fairholme College. We seek a range of ways to work together positively on a daily basis, seeking to work with students and their families in all aspects of life and learning, engaging with high expectations and a high degree of support. We foster co-operation, collaboration, responsibility and accountability.

When things aren't going well, or if a relationship fractures, then our preference is to use a restorative approach to [re]building and maintaining good relationships. The use of Restorative Practices – listening to one another and resolving difficulties respectfully, enhances the culture and learning environment of our school. This approach offers us clear conflict resolution strategies that allow us to improve our own communication and build healthy relationships with our peers, school community and our families.

Restorative Practices offer us a chance to work through difficult conversations in a supportive and respectful manner. From time to time, staff may invite students to have a conversation about a community expectation that they are not keeping or, on occasion, students may be involved in a more significant discussion. If there is a situation where harm has been caused to students either through words, action, or inaction then it is our preference to meet together and reach a respectful

understanding and resolution. Common questions asked in such conversations might be: What happened? What were you thinking about at the time and what have you considered since? What do you need to happen; or, what do you want to happen in order to resolve the problem?

We all need to be accountable for our actions and to be able to discuss the way our actions impact other people. Good accountability is a learned skill. You can think of this process as you would a dial that only turns to the next stage if meaningful change hasn't been made.

The Accountability Dial (from the work of Jonathan Raymond):

- > **Mention:** All ok? Tell the person what you have noticed.
- > **Invitation:** Offer a few examples when the behaviour has been observed ... What's the pattern here?
- > **Conversation:** Unpack the issue. How can this problem be resolved?
- > **Boundary:** Make an agreement about what needs to change, by when and the actions the person agrees to undertake.
- > **Limit:** Final conversation offering the chance to make a meaningful breakthrough.



Teaching and Learning

The Junior School curriculum is based on eight learning areas with programs being formulated upon the Australian Curriculum designed by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), and the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) materials. These are:

- > English
- > Mathematics
- > Science
- > History and Geography
- > Technologies
- > Health and Physical Education
- > The Arts
- > Languages

Reports

The College publishes formal reports to parents each year, at the end of each semester.

Families are notified when reports are available and they can access these via the *myFairholme* parent portal.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

A report provides only a snapshot of student progress. The Parent/Teacher/Student interview does not have to focus on any particular concern; it may be an opportunity to meet teachers and to see some of the work completed by your daughter.

Face-to-face Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled in the closing weeks of Term 1 and Term 3. Parent Teacher Interviews are booked on *myFairholme*.

Beyond these scheduled interviews, parents are encouraged to contact their daughter's teachers either by email or phone throughout the year if they have any specific concerns regarding their academic progress or wellbeing.

Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents and teachers. It is, after all, their learning that is being discussed and practicing respectful conversations with teachers about academic progress is an important part

of developing into an independent, mature and responsible learner.

Booking Interviews

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews are held at the start of Terms 2, 3 and 4.

Families can access a booking system via the *myFairholme* parent portal and select interviews, as desired or as requested by staff.

To assist, the system displays your daughter's classes and teachers to aid your interview selections.

Homework

Students can expect to be asked to complete regular homework activities by their class teacher. Homework should be completed on time and reflect a genuine effort to understand the material. Students are encouraged to seek help if they encounter difficulties, ensuring they grasp the concepts fully.



Learning Enhancement Centre

The Learning Enhancement Centre (LEC) aims to support the learning needs of all students in the College through its targeted programs and initiatives.

Support and Enrichment

Learning Enhancement at Fairholme Junior is multifaceted and incorporates support and enrichment components, most of which are delivered through the classroom curriculum.

The provision of appropriate curriculum for all students is of paramount importance at Fairholme Junior. Both enrichment and modification are considered vital elements of our differentiated curriculum.

Enrichment is embedded within every class program in the form of classroom topics focusing on high-interest concepts and ideas, higher-level thinking techniques, open-ended investigations, and critical and creative thinking.

It also takes the form of the many co-curricular activities that are on offer at Fairholme Junior.

The Learning Enhancement Teacher and assistants support and assist classroom teachers in designing and implementing programs where necessary.

Junior School Learning Enhancement Committee

The Junior School Learning Enhancement Committee meet to review teacher referrals and to discuss individual students. Additional learning pathways programs may be implemented in addition to a differentiated curriculum where necessary.

Procedures are in place to identify students who may require learning enhancement in the form of either enrichment or learning support. This takes place in consultation with the Head of Fairholme Junior, the Learning Enhancement Teacher, the Class Teacher and the parents.



Co-Curricular Opportunities



The College offers a comprehensive program of sporting opportunities. Participation rates are exceptionally high and our sporting program caters for students interested in sport for exercise and social enjoyment through to those seeking representative honours and excellence at a high-level.

Sports Sign Up

> Sign up for sporting activities can be completed via *myFairholme*.

Association (Club)

Fairholme Junior participates in Association

- > Basketball
- > Netball
- > Touch Football

All Association sporting competitions are graded, enabling participants to enjoy the social involvement, increase levels of fitness and health, and gain satisfaction from skilled performance in group activities.

Andrews Cup Sport

Fairholme Junior competes with nine other schools in the Queensland Girls Primary Independent Schools competition, referred to as Andrews Cup.

Fairholme teams participate in the following Andrews Cup sports:

- > Athletics
- > Basketball
- > Cricket
- > Cross Country
- > Gymnastics
- > Netball
- > Swimming
- > Tennis
- > Touch Football

Girls in Years 2 to 6 can participate in Andrews Cup athletics, swimming, cross country and gymnastics.

Years 4 to 6 can also participate in netball, tennis, touch football, cricket and basketball.

Representative School Sport (Darling Downs or Queensland Trials)

Representative pathways are available for girls aged 10-12 years, with high skill levels, in the following sports:

- > AFL
- > Aquathlon
- > Athletics
- > Basketball
- > Cricket
- > Cross Country
- > Football
- > Golf
- > Hockey
- > Netball
- > Orienteering
- > Rugby League (11-12 years)
- > Rugby Union (11-12 years)
- > Softball
- > Swimming
- > Tennis
- > Touch Football



Co-Curricular Program

Annual Sports Calendar

The below calendar provides a guide to the sporting opportunities available to Fairholme Junior students throughout the school year. Please note, this is provided as a guide only; timings and offerings are subject to change.

All opportunities will be communicated through *myFairholme* and *Happenings@Holme*.

Tennis (private and group lessons) and Swimming (Learn to Swim and Squad) occur all year, for an additional cost.

TERM	SPORTS CLINICS <i>*INCURS FEES</i>	AFTER SCHOOL TRAINING	ANDREWS CUP TRAINING	ASSOCIATION SPORTS (CLUB) <i>*ADDITIONAL COST</i>
Term 1	Aussie Hoops (Years 2-4)	Cross Country Athletics	Swimming Tennis Touch	<i>*Touch Football</i> <i>*Netball</i>
Term 2		Cross Country Athletics	Cross Country Netball	<i>*Basketball</i> <i>*Netball</i>
Term 3	AFL Auskick (Years 4-6)	Athletics (Representative and school team athletes) Touch Football (Qld All Schools)	Athletics Cricket Basketball	<i>*Basketball</i> <i>*Netball</i>
Term 4	Jump in2 Netball (Prep-Year 1) <i>*Cricket Blast</i> (Years 2-3)	Basketball Touch Football (Qld All Schools)	Gymnastics (Before school training) Cricket Basketball	<i>*Touch Football</i>



Co-Curricular Program

Fairholme Tennis

Tennis coaching enrolment forms are sent to parents at the start of each term.
For further information, contact Gavin Wright of BG Tennis.

P 0413 004 457

Fairholme College Aquatic Centre

Located within the grounds of Fairholme College, the Fairholme Aquatic Centre is home to two heated indoor pools: an eight-lane 25m pool, and a three-lane 10m instruction pool.

Our aquatic programs offer an excellent standard of technique training from infants through to Masters, for Fairholme College students and the wider community.

College Swim Programs

The Fairholme College swim programs cover water safety, stroke correction and a variety of aquatic based sports and activities for:

- > Prep to Year 2
- > Years 3 to 6
- > Years 7 to 12
- > Squads

Learn to Swim

Our award-winning Learn to Swim program, offers lessons from Infants through to the completion of an 8-level swim program, with fantastic pathways and opportunities for further development in our squad program.

Fairholme Aquatics Swim Club

The Fairholme Aquatics Swim Club offers programs for:

- > Introducing young swimmers to competitive swimming
- > Squads
- > Regional, state and national swim meets

FAST Links

FAST Links offers swimming for adult members including:

- > Lap swimming
- > Aquatic exercise
- > Adult fitness

Contact Details

P 07 4688 4658

E fast@fairholme.qld.edu.au

For more details, please visit our website www.fairholme.qld.edu.au/fairholme-fast-aquatics-centre



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Co-Curricular Program

The Arts

The Arts at Fairholme offers students a wide variety of highly creative and immersive experiences such as Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Art and Debating.

All opportunities and events in The Arts are communicated through *myFairholme* and *Happenings@Holme*.

Dance

This focuses upon choreographing, performing and appreciating dance. This is integrated into other facets of The Arts and the classroom programs and in addition, each class from Kindy 3 Day through to Year 6 will experience one term of dance.

The teaching program in The Arts is supplemented by visits from artists and groups as well as visits to productions performed in local venues. These provide live theatre experiences for the students.

Fairholme Physie Team

The Junior School offers girls the opportunity to be a member of our Fairholme Physie team. 'Physie' (also known as Physical Culture) is the combination of movements designed to increase strength, fitness and flexibility. The benefits are increased co-ordination, brain development and confidence.

Physie is a synchronised, team-based sport for all ages that's social and fun and an excellent low impact dance and aerobic activity.

Drama

As well as developing a student's knowledge and understanding of drama skills, Drama allows learners to explore and understand their own social contexts, relationships, emotions and experiences. It assists and promotes:

- > personal identity
- > social competencies of teamwork, communication skills, empathy for others, group problem-solving and decision-making skills
- > development of dramatic expression and confidence.



Co-Curricular Program

Choral Music

All student Prep to Year 6 are part of a Class Choir and receive a 30 minute lesson every week.

Additionally, Year 3 to 6 girls who enjoy singing are invited to join our Junior School Choir, Junior Chorale.

Bel Canto Voices is an auditioned small choir for girls in Years 5 to 6.

Instrumental Music

Fairholme Junior offers two years of tuition on an orchestral instrument, as part of the Junior School curriculum.

Year 2 String Program

The Year 2 String Program, where girls attend two ensemble lessons each week during class time, allowing for introduction and consolidation of new materials each week.

It is hoped that many of these girls will choose to continue with a string instrument in Year 3 and will join the Junior String Orchestra.

Year 4 Band Program

The Year 4 Band Program offers every girl tuition on a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument, with

our visiting Specialist Teachers.

The girls participate in a half-hour, small-group lesson each week and this is followed by a half-hour band rehearsal where the girls come together to rehearse what they have worked on in lessons.

The girls who have participated in the Year 4 Band Program are encouraged to continue playing their instrument in the Junior Band in Years 5 and 6.

Bands and Ensembles

The Junior School offers girls the opportunity to be a member of the:

- > Junior String Orchestra (Years 3-6)
- > Junior Band (Years 5-6)
- > Junior Chime Choir (Years 4-6)

Specialist Arts Tuition

Individual and paired (where applicable) lessons available for:

- > Instrumental Music - all instruments
- > Piano
- > Vocal Tuition – Fairholme Singing Studio
- > Speech & Drama

To enrol your daughter, please complete The Arts Tuition Application form available on *myFairholme*.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

For more information about Co-Curricular opportunities in the Junior School, visit Junior School Info on *myFairholme*.



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Clubs & Activities

In addition to The Arts and Sport Co-Curricular activities, students in the Junior School are offered a wide-range of before, during and after-school activities, clubs and competitions on a regular basis each term.



Examples of some opportunities include:

- > Academic Support (Years 2-6 by invitation)
- > Chess Squad (Years 1-6)
- > Chess Academy
- > Club G (Years 3-6)
- > Code Club
- > Craft Club
- > Creative Writing (by invitation)
- > Debating (Year 6)
- > First LEGO League (Years 5-6)
- > Garden Club (Prep-Year 6)
- > LEGO Discovery (Years 1-4)
- > LEGO Challenge (Years 4-6)
- > Maths Olympiad
- > Opti-MINDS
- > Puzzle Club (by invitation)

Financial Matters

Fees

School fees are payable in advance ahead of the commencement of each term. A discount will be granted to parents who pay the full year's school fees prior to the commencement of Term 1.

Fees are set at the end of each year for the following year and are subject to adjustment from time to time, at the discretion of the College Board. Parents are provided with this information by email.

Fees can be paid in the *myFairholme* parent portal, by cheque, credit card, in person or by phone.

EdStart

Edstart makes it easy to manage Fairholme College fee payments by helping you spread school fees into more manageable payments.

P 1300 139 445

E contact@edstart.com.au

W edstart.com.au/fairholme

Futurity Education Bonds

Flexible Education Bonds offer solutions to help you save and invest for your family's education.

P 1300 345 456

W futurityinvest.com.au

Change of Enrolment Status

A student may be withdrawn from the College upon the parents of the student giving at least one term's written notice (or pro-rata therewith at the discretion of the Principal or Business Manager) prior to such withdrawal.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the College, in the absence of the required notice, tuition and where applicable, boarding fees shall be payable in full for the term in respect of which the withdrawal is made. This same notice and conditions apply where a student is to change status e.g. boarder to day student.



Fairholme Family

Fairholme Old Girls' Association (FOGA)

Our Old Girl community engenders a sense of belonging, mentorship and support to our girls that extends well beyond their time as students.

Fairholme Old Girls are linked by the unbreakable bond of being 'Once a Fairholme girl - always a Fairholme girl'.

For further information, please contact our Alumni Officer:

P 07 4688 4688

E foga@fairholme.qld.edu.au

Parents and Friends' Association (P&F)

Formed in 1952, Fairholme's P&F is a friend-raising support group designed to provide assistance to the students of Fairholme College through betterment of their educational environment.

The P&F meets every second Tuesday of the month (except during school holidays) at 6.30pm in GRETA Junior.

For more information, please contact Fairholme College Reception:

P 07 4688 4688

E info@fairholme.qld.edu.au

Fairholme Foundation

Since our beginnings in the early 1900s, it has been the generous donations and thoughtful giving from patrons, parents, friends and indeed Old Girls that has seen the infrastructure of Fairholme College flourish into the outstanding facilities we enjoy today.

Relaunched in 2018, the Fairholme Foundation offers two separate funds, to which gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

> The **Building Fund** provides financial assistance for the College to deliver outstanding facilities for its students.

> The **Scholarship Fund** has been created to help provide assistance for those who would love to send their daughters to Fairholme, but circumstances have made it difficult or impossible for this to occur.

For more information, please contact the College Business Manager:

P 07 4688 4601

E business.manager@fairholme.qld.edu.au

Friends of Boarding

Representing an important communication link between Boarders, their families and the school, the Friends of Boarding group meets regularly and is actively involved in working with staff to make students' time at the College a happy and rewarding experience.

For further information, please contact Fairholme Boarding:

P 07 4688 4611

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