

AT Folio





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN:

The Value of Enjoyment

At Fairholme, values are more than words on a wall – they shape the culture, guide decision-making, and give meaning to daily life. One of our core values, and perhaps one of my favourites, is enjoyment.

At first glance, enjoyment can seem like a soft value. Yet in a high-performing girls' school such as ours, enjoyment is anything but trivial. It is the energy that fuels engagement, the spark that ignites curiosity, and the kind of glue that binds young and old alike. When young women experience joy in their learning and in their relationships, they flourish.

This edition of At Holme captures that spirit beautifully.

Our recent Swimming Carnivals for the Junior and Secondary Schools were a perfect expression of enjoyment in action. Yes, there was spirited competition in the pool and impressive athletic achievement (congratulations Stephens House!), but what lingered most powerfully was the sound of laughter, songs and dancing echoing across the stands. The March Past – proudly won this year by Cameron – reminded us that belonging matters. The creativity, choreography, storytelling, and sheer enthusiasm of our girls, particularly our Year 7 students experiencing their first carnival, created something distinctly ours: girl-centric, wholesome, and deeply bonding. In those moments, enjoyment was not peripheral to school life – it was the point.

That same spirit was alive at our Year 7 Camp in Maleny. Outdoor education provides challenge, but challenge wrapped in encouragement and shared experience becomes joy and memory. I had the privilege of the joining students on the giant swing – and I suspect I may have screamed the loudest. Watching our girls encourage one another up the 6-metre

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and 15-metre abseiling walls, celebrate small victories, and step beyond their comfort zones was a powerful reminder that enjoyment and courage often travel together. When girls feel safe and supported, they will take risks – and often discover strength and friendships they did not know they possessed.

Our Year 9 students embraced a different kind of adventure at Noosa North Shore, building resilience through shared challenge and time away from the familiar rhythms of school.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 cohort deepened their understanding of the remarkable environment of Moreton Bay during their camp at Tangalooma on Moreton Island. Learning about the beauty and fragility of this ecosystem is not simply an academic exercise; it is an invitation to wonder and experience awe. Awe and wonder, too, are forms of enjoyment – ones that expand perspective and deepen gratitude.

We also celebrate Mariam Nabizada who was named the 2026 Toowoomba Region Young Citizen of the Year, for her tireless advocacy for girls and young people. Such achievements reflect service, character and contribution. But even here, enjoyment has a place. Young people who find joy in serving others, who experience fulfilment in contributing beyond themselves, are those most like to continue doing so. Enjoyment, in this sense, becomes purposeful and full of meaning.

As a principal with a very healthy interest in learning, I am often asked about academic outcomes, pathways and future readiness. These matter greatly. However, research consistently affirms what we witness daily: students who enjoy their schooling are more engaged, more resilient, and ultimately more successful. Enjoyment enhances learning; it does not detract from it. Positive emotion broadens thinking, strengthens relationships, and builds the psychological

resources young people need to navigate complexity.

For girls in particular, environments that celebrate connection and wholehearted participation are transformative. When a girl can dance her heart out for her House, leap from a giant swing, debate passionately in a competition, perform on stage, or dive into the pool with determination – and feel the full support of her peers – she learns that her voice and presence matter.

Enjoyment, then is not about constant fun or the absence of challenge. It is about cultivating a community where effort is energised by joy, where belonging enhances bravery, and where learning is infused with vitality.

As you read the stories in these pages – from carnivals to camps, from leadership to service – I hope you glimpse what we see each day: a school alive with laughter, courage and connection. In nurturing enjoyment, we are not lowering expectations; we are creating the conditions in which young women thrive.

And if occasionally that includes a principal screaming her way down from a giant swing, then I consider that a small price to pay for a community built on joy.

Dr Leigh Hobart | Principal





A Voice for *Change*

Year 12 student, Mariam Nabizada, is a young woman whose leadership, compassion and commitment to advocacy are already creating meaningful change.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community, Mariam Nabizada was named the 2026 Toowoomba Young Citizen of the Year, an honour presented at the Australia Day Awards ceremony held at Picnic Point.

This award acknowledges Mariam's tireless advocacy for young people, her leadership with Toowoomba Regional Council, and her work co-founding the Maryam Foundation, an organisation dedicated to supporting vulnerable families and refugee communities. It is recognition not just for one achievement, but of a wide-ranging commitment to empowering others and using her voice to drive positive change.

Among Mariam's many recent accomplishments is her selection as the Queensland winner of the Country to Canberra Leadership Competition at the end of 2025. As the state winner, Mariam travelled to Canberra to participate in a highly regarded leadership workshop and networking program designed to develop the next generation of leaders.

'I entered to amplify the voices of regional and multicultural young women. As a youth advocate from Toowoomba, I'm passionate about using leadership to create change. This program provided a chance to connect, grow, and bring new perspectives back to my community.'

Over the summer holidays, Mariam's learning continued when she attended the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. This immersive experience allowed her to participate in hands-on

science activities, engage with experts in the field, and explore science as a potential career pathway. An experience that aligns closely with her future aspirations.

Mariam currently serves as a youth leader with Toowoomba Regional Council and is a YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament member for Toowoomba North, where she advocates for issues affecting young people and contributes to discussions around policy and social change. These roles have strengthened her ability to represent youth voices at decision-making tables and reinforced her passion for civic leadership.





At the heart of Mariam’s advocacy work is the Maryam Foundation, which she co-founded to provide essential support to vulnerable families and refugees. One of the foundation’s initiatives, Bags for Change, focuses on raising funds through a GoFundMe campaign to supply newly arrived refugee and migrant families with bags containing lunchboxes and essential school items for their children.

‘It would be incredibly stressful coming to a new country without knowing what materials your children need for school,’ Mariam explains. ‘This is a way of welcoming families and making that transition a little easier.’

Mariam has also participated in the AFS Intercultural Online Exchange Program, broadening her global perspective and deepening her commitment to cross-cultural understanding. Through

this program, she hopes to have the opportunity to travel to Switzerland in August to attend the National Youth Assembly, further expanding her international advocacy experience.

Looking ahead, Mariam will soon attend the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) Youth Summit, an annual event designed to amplify the voices of young people. At the summit, Mariam will present her advocacy work on stage to an audience of policy- and decision-makers, sharing ideas for positive change aimed at improving the lives of children, young people, families and communities.

Adding to an already impressive list of achievements, Mariam was recently awarded Lions Youth of the Year for the Wilsonton Club and will progress to the regional competition in March, which



includes both an interview and a formal speech.

Despite her many accomplishments, Mariam remains firmly focused on the future. ‘My goal is to go into the medical field and use my skills to help others,’ she says, ‘while continuing to grow my foundation to support youth and refugee communities. I hope to make a positive impact through both healthcare and community leadership.’

Mariam Nabizada’s journey is a powerful reminder of the impact one determined young person can make. Through leadership, empathy and a deep commitment to service, she is not only shaping her own future, but also helping to shape a more inclusive, compassionate community for all.

Get to know our

Prefects

Meet 2026 Prefect for The Arts, Claire Murphy



How long have you been involved in The Arts at Fairholme?

Since I began here in Year 7, but before then I started playing piano and violin in Year 5. I have participated in a number of ensembles within the school and greatly enjoyed each of these.

What does being the Prefect for The Arts mean to you?

Personally, I think that being the Prefect for The Arts is primarily a role in which I can help to support other girls. I'm a designated person that girls can come to if they have any questions or concerns with anything regarding extra-curricular artistic involvement, and I do a little to help with running some of the artistic aspects around the school, such as finding girls to volunteer for busking at events.

But mostly, I think it is about being a positive promoter for the arts, and encouraging other girls to expand their world view to include creativity.

Which art form do you enjoy most (e.g. music, drama, visual art, dance etc)?

My main art form that I participate in is instrumental music, through my involvement in a few ensembles within the school on violin and piano. However, other art forms, like dancing during March Pasts or singing Shine Jesus Shine are pretty fun too.

Do you have a most memorable Arts experience?

I think that one of the most memorable Arts experiences that I have had has been at events where I have accompanied my grade, like when all the Year 11's last year sung at the Valedictorian dinner and I played piano along with other instrumentalists in my grade, Tilly Anderson and Emma Salter. However, I think the most enjoyable Arts experience that I have had is playing Jingle Bell Rock at the boarding Christmas dinner last year, when the rest of my cohort stood around the piano singing. I felt that this was one of those excellent examples of how music can bring people together.

What advice would you give to students who might be nervous about joining an arts activity?

I would say that it is always worth giving something new a go. You're much more likely to regret the chances you never took than the ones you do. I'm a strong believer that being involved in any form of extra-curricular activity is so beneficial for everyone; it expands your world view, you meet new people, and get outside your comfort zone. Each individual has something they are good at, and how are you going to find out what that is if you don't try?

Do you hope to continue with The Arts after school?

Definitely. It has become such a big part of my life, and I honestly get so much enjoyment out of it. The great thing about the arts is that they are things that you can do at any time of your life. You're never too old, that's a skill you have for life. Other people can also get so much enjoyment out of the artistic abilities of others. Who doesn't love to have someone who can sit around the camp-fire and play guitar, or create a beautiful piece of artwork?

Get to know our *Prefects*

Meet 2026 Prefect for Sport, Scarlett Sippel



What inspired you to apply for the Prefect for Sport position?

I was inspired to go for this position as I have seen the passion that Fairholme as a community has for sport, and the true love and respect the staff have for athletes at the college. I wanted to work closely with the girls and staff to help progressing sport at Fairholme.

Do you have a favourite sport?

My favourite sport is touch football. It has given me so very much and I am forever grateful.

What has been your proudest sporting moment so far?

My proudest sporting moment so far was being fortunate enough to represent my country in the sport I love most.

Who has been your biggest influence or role model in sport?

My biggest role model in sport has to be my parents. They never fail to push me towards things that might seem out of my comfort zone or scary. They constantly support me through everything and influence me to be the best version of myself on and off the field.

What are you hoping to achieve this year as Prefect for Sport?

I aim to inspire everyone to just have a go. By the end of my final year at Fairholme I hope I can inspire people to just get out of their comfort zones and try something new.

What advice would you give your Year 7 self?

I would tell my Year 7 self that in the big picture no one is going to judge you for trying your hardest and giving things ago! And not to put too much pressure on yourself!

Do you hope to pursue sport after school?

I wish to continue to play sport at a high level after school. Whether that is through touch or rugby. Sport is a very important part of my life that will hopefully continue well after I leave school.



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Boarding Fun!



Meet our Coordinator of *High Performance Coaching*

We Welcome Mr Mitch Koina to the Fairholme Sports Department

Fairholme College is delighted to welcome Mr Mitch Koina as our new Coordinator of High Performance Coaching. Bringing more than a decade of experience across diverse educational settings, Mitch joins the community with a strong commitment to student wellbeing, participation, and performance.

'This is my 12th year of teaching,' Mitch shares. 'I've done a range of different contexts now, I did two years down at Lockyer District High School, I then spent six years at St Mary's College before moving to St Josephs, where I've been for the last three years. Now obviously I've made my way over to Fairholme which I'm really excited about.'

It was both the College's reputation and the scope of the role that drew Mitch to Fairholme. 'Fairholme is a very prestigious college, it's got a great name and reputation,' he said. 'The role itself is really exciting for me. I've got a passion for fitness and particularly looking after the wellbeing of young girls, whether that be on the sporting field or with their social aspect, academics, just all round developing good girls on and off the court.'

A strong advocate for pastoral care, Mitch brings valuable leadership experience to the position. 'I did a Head of House role at St Mary's for three and a half years, so pastoral care has always been my calling so it's great to tie in the sporting aspect as well as wellbeing,' he explained. His philosophy

centres on the connection between student wellbeing and performance. 'It's all dependant on each other. If we've got girls who are happy and their wellbeing is flourishing, then they are doing well on the sporting field and vice versa too.'

Looking ahead, Mitch is focused on building both excellence and enjoyment within the program. 'I would love to get participation rates very high. We have a lot of elite athletes here that I want to achieve and do really well, but I also want to work on girls enjoying their training, coming in and having a nice vibe around the sporting field and the training.'

Importantly, Mitch emphasises that success looks different for every student. 'We're not all Australian representatives, but if girls are working really hard and achieving to the best of their potential, whatever level that may be in the sporting arena, I think that's a program we can be very proud of.'

As he begins his journey at Fairholme, Mitch is eager to connect with the community. 'I'm really excited to be a part of Fairholme, it is a great opportunity. The staff and the students have been fantastic to me so far, but as the weeks go on, I'm really looking forward to getting to know the girls and building some relationships from there.'

We warmly welcome Mitch to Fairholme and look forward to the energy, care, and expertise he will bring to our High Performance Sports program.





YEARS 2-6 INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

House spirit was in full flight at our Junior Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers, marshals, House coordinators, timekeepers, officials and volunteer parents on a fabulous 2026 carnival!

Age Champions:

8 years

1st Havana Wagstaff | 2nd Stella Valdal | 3rd Lyla Neville

9 years

1st Quinn Nestor | 2nd Jemima Hudson | 3rd Adelaide Spence

10 years

1st Ava Nicholls | 2nd Grace Walker | 3rd Jess Gilmore

11 years

1st Adeline Martin | 2nd Amelia Rawle | 3rd Juliet Rawle

12 years

1st Imogen Searson | 2nd Emma Dedes | 3rd Ava Valdal

Paul Cotterell Trophy Champion House for Relays

Stephens House

ESP Ferguson Trophy for Fastest Time in the Individual Medley Events

Ava Nicholls

Hartley Cup for Highest Scoring House

1st Stephens House

2nd Black House

3rd Cameron House

4th Powell House

Records

Congratulations to Ava Nicholls who broke four records on the day - 10 Years 100m Individual Medley, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly.





MIDDLE & SENIOR INTERHOUSE SWIMMING

Deafening cheers echoed across the pool at our 2026 Middle and Senior School Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to Stephens House, crowned Overall Champion House and to Cameron House on taking the March Past win!

Age Champion Trophies

The J C Meynink Trophy for 12yrs Champion Reeva Coutts & Madison Conwell

The Bernays Trophy for 13yrs Champion Elizabeth Riddle

The Bob Kretchmann Trophy for 14yrs Champion Elouise Fraser

The Cohoe Trophy for 15yrs Champion Skye Parker

The Ray Powell Trophy for 16yrs Champion Libby Wormwell

The Harm Trophy for U/20yrs Champion Mackenzie Grimes

The Kelly Cup for Open Champion Mackenzie Grimes

The Ros Liesch-Edmunds Trophy for Champion Junior Skye Parker

The Graham Edmunds Trophy for Champion Day Girl Mackenzie Grimes

The Crow Cup for Champion Boarder Elouise Fraser

The V & J Thompson Trophy for Open 100m Freestyle Libby Wormwell

The E.S.P. Ferguson Cup for the Open Individual Medley Mackenzie Grimes

Hayley Wolff Cup for Open 100m Backstroke Mackenzie Grimes

Yasmin Lindenberg Cup for Open 100m Breaststroke Libby Wormwell

Jo-lene Dendle Cup for Open 100m Butterfly Mackenzie Grimes

Brooke Campbell Cup for Open 200m Freestyle Mackenzie Grimes

The Daygirls v Boarders Relay Cup Daygirls

The Lynda Kretchmann Trophy for Holme Group Relay Champion Stephens 6

The Taylor Cup for Interyear Relay Year 10

The Salter House Relay Trophy Stephens

The P & J Jones Trophy for Staff v Seniors v Parents v Old Girls Seniors

The Klan Trophy for 'March Past' Cameron

The Cohoe Trophy for Inter-House Aggregate Stephens

New Record 50m Backstroke Under 19 A Division - Mackenzie Grimes, New Time 31.13 secs



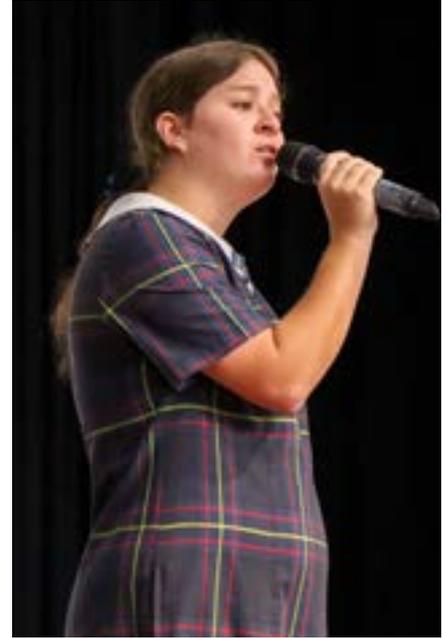


Induction of Year 6 Leaders



Induction of Year 9

Leaders



AROUND THE GROUNDS



State Triathlon and Aquathlon

Six Fairholme girls proudly represented the Darling Downs at the Queensland Representative School Sport Triathlon and Aquathlon State Championships held in Hervey Bay.

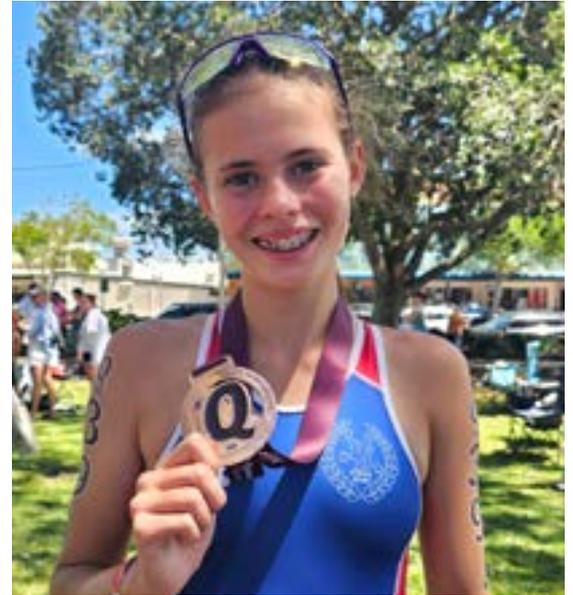
Addison Attrill, Lucy Barnes, Audrey Bell, Emme Hall, Grace Grams and Paige McNamara showcased their strength and endurance, taking on the challenge of open water swims, fast-paced runs and tough competition.

A standout performance came from Lucy Barnes, who delivered an exceptional result in only her second Aquathlon race. Competing in the Junior Aquathlon, Lucy powered through a 300m open water swim and 2km run to secure the bronze medal. Her achievement has earned her selection in the Queensland team, and she will now go on to compete at the upcoming Australian Championships on the Gold Coast in March.

For Emme Hall, competing in her first QRSS Triathlon Championship was a great experience filled with personal and team highlights.

‘Having a clean run through the three legs of the triathlon was a big highlight,’ she reflected. ‘On relay day, my teammates and I had the fastest transition in the state. I also loved watching Darling Downs Multiclass athlete Mitch Wilkes, who is blind, smash the course on all three days, and seeing the DD team cheering each other on during the triathlon.’

Addi Attrill also delivered a strong performance, placing an impressive ninth in her age group in the highly competitive Intermediate Triathlon division.



Range Zone Swimming

Well done to our 53 Fairholme girls who made a splash at the 9-12 Years Range Zone Swimming Carnival. Special mention to Ava Nicholls who broke the 22-year-old 10 Years Girls 50m Freestyle record, swimming a time of 34.87 seconds.

12 Years:

Madison Conwell, Reeve Coutts, Natalie Purcell, Methmi Sesathpura, Ava Valdal, Nina Shridhar, Lucinda Felton-Taylor, Willow Larsen, Pippy Miller, Ella Pauli, Sophia Scheid, Imogen Searson, Phoenix Silver, Sophie Stains and Hailey Turnbull

11 Years:

Oriana Bourne, Mia Clayton, Lila Cook, Kitty Davey, Charlotte McAllister, Adeline Martin, Olivia Nairn, Matilda Neville, Amelia Rawle, Juliet Rawle, Maya Roberts, Maggie Roux, Charlotte Ryall, Elizabeth Spence, Elouise Wockner and Jasmine Yan

10 Years:

Isabella Brown, Mary Campbell, Lyla Smith, Rose Ferrier, Jessica Gilmore, Amelia Kingsford, Hadley Millers, Ava Nicholls, Nell Paynter, Matilda Roberts, Ava Ryals and Grace Walker

9 Years:

Charlotte Carey, Milana Cavanagh, Fen Dieben, Jemima Hudson, Heidi Morrissey, Quinn Nestor, Georgie Sessarago, Adelaide Spence, Elora Thies and Quinn Thies

17 girls will now go on to represent Range Zone at the Darling Downs Swimming trials:

12 Years - Madison Conwell, Reeve Coutts, Ella Pauli, Ava Valdal, Imogen Searson and Phoenix Silver

11 Years - Oriana Bourne, Adeline Martin, Olive Nairn, Amelia Rawle, Juliet Rawle, Charlotte Ryall, Elizabeth Spence and Jasmine Yan

10 Years - Jessica Gilmore, Ava Nicholls and Grace Walker

Best of luck at DD trials, girls!



Toowoomba Netball

Congratulations to Mary Campbell, Sophia Hayes, Amelia Kingsford, Amelia Rawle and Ellie Spence, who have been selected in the Toowoomba team for the upcoming 10-12 Years Darling Downs Netball trials in March.

Netball Queensland Selection

Congratulations to Simoné Botha on her selection in the Netball Queensland 2026 19U State Team for the National Netball Championships.

Australian Softball Selection

A huge congratulations to Ella Phillips who has been selected in the Softball Australia U16 Womens Squad. Given that Ella has only just turned 14, it is a massive achievement to be named in this elite squad.

Laura Geitz Netball

Congratulations to our Laura Geitz Netball team who competed at the annual Laura Geitz Cup carnival. The girls showed tenacity, some excellent netball skills and great competitive integrity and came away with the Runner's Up trophy. It was a very hotly contested final and the girls fought back after being down by five early in the first half to narrowly miss the win going down by two goals.

Despite having such a short time to work together as a team, the girls developed some very strong connections throughout the day.

Thank you to our wonderful coach Karina for her expertise and encouragement. A special mention also to Val Holland who represented Fairholme in the umpiring pool. Our umpires were fortunate to be mentored throughout the day, and the feedback on Val's umpiring was so positive and a great reflection on the work Val does in developing her officiating skills.



Western Clydesdales Rugby League

Well done to our Fairholme girls who have recently been named in the U19 and U17 Western Clydesdales 2026 squads.

> **U19** - Charli Coleman, Isabella Elsley, Issy Johnston and Carla Nobbs (Fairholme Old Girl, 2025)

> **U17** - Scarlett Sippel and Alara Williams

Queensland Touch Football Q Youth Academy

We congratulate a number of Fairholme touch players who were selected to participate in the Q Youth Academy talent pathway camp with Queensland Touch Football.

The girls had the opportunity to attend a 3-day camp at the Gold Coast, engaging in advanced skill development, performance education, and leadership sessions to prepare them for the next stages of the Qld Touch Football pathway.

> **U16 Future Maroons** – Scarlett Sippel and Ruby Richardson

> **U14 Rising Stars** – Lola Marjoribanks, Lucy Dewar, Isabella Garcha and Phoebe Tulilo-Seremaia

Congratulations to Phoebe, who was

named as the Most Valuable Athlete for the Dolphins team, recognised for her consistency, leadership and impact across the weekend.

Sports Darling Downs Awards

Fairholme was well represented at the Sports Darling Downs Annual Awards evening with five current students and two Old Girls recognised among the Region's most talented young athletes.

Nominated for the major award categories were:

> **Junior Para Athlete of the Year Nominee** – Mia Geise (Swimming/Cross Country)

> **Junior Sports Star of the Year Nominees** – Scarlett Sippel (Touch Football), Emily Carrigan (Athletics), Alexandra Edwards (Orienteering) and Simoné Botha (Netball)

> **Senior Sports Star of the Year Nominees** – Lilli Hamilton (Cricket, Fairholme Old Girl 2025) and Amy Williams (Netball, Fairholme Old Girl 2024)

Congratulations to Lilli, who received the Senior Rising Star Award, and to Amy, who was honoured with the Senior Chase Your Dream Award.

Eventing Rising Star

Congratulations to Fairholme Year 12 student and Equestrian Captain, Jemima Southwood, on her recent Eventing achievements. For the third consecutive year, Jemima has been selected in the 2026 Eventing Queensland Youth Squad. Adding to this outstanding accomplishment, Jemima was named the winner of the 'Rising Star' category at the Eventing Queensland Awards Night, recognised for her exceptional 2025 performances with her horse, Asham Firemans.

Representative School Sport Selections

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been selected in Representative School Sport teams.

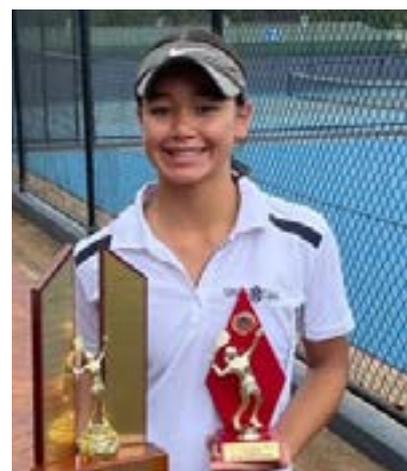
> **Queensland Aquathlon** - Lucy Barnes

> **Darling Downs Tennis (13-19 Years)** - Alexandra Edwards and Emaya Fegan

> **Darling Downs Cricket** - Emmy Cussons and Morgan Smith

> **Darling Downs Softball** - Ella Phillips

> **Darling Downs Rugby League** - Scarlett Sippel, Issy Johnston, Izzie Elsley, Charli Coleman, Alara Williams and Ava Henry



IN THE ARTS

Queensland Youth Band Camp

Last year, Year 8 student Abigail Walker was awarded an Empire Theatre Bursary — an accomplishment that opened the door to an extraordinary opportunity. As a result of this award, Abi was selected to attend the Queensland Band Association Youth Band Camp in January, where she was the youngest student chosen to participate.

The camp focused on developing sight-reading, performance skills and musical stamina, with students learning an impressive ten new pieces of repertoire. The experience culminated in a final concert at Brisbane City Hall, where participants showcased the results of their hard work.

Abi is now looking ahead to the 2026 National Band Championships in April. Please join us in congratulating Abi on her outstanding achievements and wishing her every success in the upcoming competition.



The Great Gatsby

Our Senior English and Drama students recently had the wonderful opportunity to attend the premiere of *The Great Gatsby* live on stage at The Empire Theatre. Not only was it a spectacular production, one we are delighted to have here in Toowoomba, but it was made even more special by seeing Old Girl Libby Munro shining on stage in her dream career.

Once a boarder from Western Queensland, Libby's performance was particularly meaningful for our students and for Mrs Wighton, who taught her during her time at Fairholme. Witnessing an Old Girl excel so confidently and passionately in her chosen field was a powerful reminder of what can be achieved through dedication, courage, and belief.

Experiences such as this not only enrich our students' appreciation of literature and theatre but also reinforce the message that their aspirations are within reach. We are incredibly proud of Libby and grateful for the opportunity for our students to see firsthand what is possible when passion and perseverance meet.



Year 2 and Year 4 Instrumental Programs

Our Junior Instrumental Programs have kicked off for 2026. Our Year 2 students were thrilled to meet their new string instrument they'll be learning as part of their curriculum this year. The girls will have the opportunity to learn a cello, viola or violin.

Our Year 4 Band Program offers every girl the chance to explore a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. We look forward to hearing their progress throughout the year.



Around The Grounds





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CONNECTING COMMUNITY THROUGH ART

Art: Nirvana - Amanda Mahony

Term 1 *Key Dates*

Saturday 28 February	ACER Scholarship Exam
Sunday 1 March	Year 7 Games with Toowoomba Grammar School
Tuesday 10 March	P&F Association AGM and Term 1 Meeting
Tuesday 17 March	Years 3-12 Interhouse Cross Country
Thursday 19 March	Be a Fairholme Girl for a Day
Wednesday 25 March	Be a Kindy and Prep Kid for a Morning
Friday 27 March	Toowoomba Show Holiday
Wednesday 1 April	Year 9 Mother & Daughter Breakfast
Wednesday 1 April	Year 7 Gabfest
Wednesday 1 April	Year 12 Formal
Wednesday 1 April	Term 1 Concludes

