

# AT Holme





## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN:

### *A New Beginning*

**It is both an honour and privilege to write to you in my first formal newsletter as the 15th Principal of Fairholme College after the induction ceremony earlier this week. While I have already enjoyed a term within this vibrant and welcoming community, this moment still marks a new beginning – not only for me, but for Fairholme, and for the journey we now take together.**

And yet, as with all new beginnings, this moment is shaped and strengthened by what has come before – by the faith and vision of our founders, by the commitment of my predecessors, by the unwavering trust of our families, and by the many young women who have called Fairholme home over generations.

More than anything, I want to acknowledge the young women of Fairholme. Because your daughters are the reason we are here. Their energy, insight, curiosity, laughter and growth – these are the heartbeat of our College. Every day, they remind us why our work matters. Every day they challenge us to lead with purpose, to teach with integrity and to shape a learning culture grounded in care and high expectation.

Your daughters are not just participants in the Fairholme story – they are its authors. As they learn, lead, stumble and soar, they bring to life the values that underpin our College: Christ-centred faith, collaboration, respect, enjoyment and the pursuit of excellence.

I want to pause here, in particular, on the value of excellence. At Fairholme, we understand excellence not as perfection or external accolades, but as the ongoing commitment to growth,

effort and wholehearted participation. It is about doing our best with the gifts we have been given – in the classroom, on the field, in music ensembles, through service and in relationships with one another.

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***- Dr Leigh Hobart***

This edition of At Holme is filled with examples of students doing just that. From Alexandra Edwards excelling in orienteering to Mariam Nabizada who has acted in service and stepped forward to represent their peers in Youth Parliament. Each of these achievements reflects a deep commitment to excellence and to personal growth. I congratulate each student involved and celebrate what their accomplishments say about our community's shared vision.

What makes these moments even more meaningful is that they don't happen in isolation. One of the most powerful things we witness at Fairholme is the joy that comes when girls find their



kindred spirits – those who share their passions, encourage their development, and offer the kind of friendship that brings out their best. Whether it's in the science lab, the boarding house, the chapel, or the choir room, your daughters are discovering the transformative power of belonging and striving to be better.

A visiting educator recently captured this beautifully after the induction ceremony where the boys from Brisbane Boys' College sang alongside our own amazing choir:

'Finding kindred spirits is a fantastic thing...I met a lovely young woman...who sang a William Byrd motet with bright and engaged friends next to her, in a culture of beauty, support, bravery and optimism...the strands of time and place came together in a bright flash of human flourishing and furtherment. That's core business in my view.'

That is our core business – not only providing an excellent education but nurturing the whole experience of each girl. We are deeply committed to shaping women of wisdom, strength and compassion who will be ready to lead, serve and contribute meaningfully to the world beyond Fairholme.

The verse chosen for our recent induction service speaks directly to that hope:

True wisdom is more than knowledge. It is compassion

***"Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding."***

***- Proverbs 3:13***

in action, it is leadership grounded in humility, and it is the courage to listen and respond with grace. These are

the qualities we aim to nurture in your daughters – and in ourselves.

It is a joy to see that growth in action. Whether it is a prep student offering high fives at the front gate, or senior students leading younger students with quiet confidence and care. It is in the joy of a performance, the grit of training, the curiosity in solving a problem, or the resilience shown in difficult moments. These are enduring, formative experience – the kind that shape character, strengthen purpose and prepare young women for lives of meaning and impact.

Thank you, parents, for your trust, your partnership, and your confidence in our care. The privilege of educating your daughters is not lost on us. It is a sacred responsibility and a joyful one.

As part of the induction service, I committed to continuing the legacy of strong leadership that began with Margaret Cameron and Miss Amy Carson and has been shaped by many since. Together with staff, students, and families, I look forward to building upon the strengths of Fairholme while embracing opportunities for innovation, connection and growth.

Fairholme is a school with heart – one that beats with faith, hope and love. As we look to the future, I do so with great confidence. Not because the path will always be easy, but because I know we will walk it together.

May we continue to seek wisdom.

May we deepen our understanding.

And may we – as a Fairholme family – be richly blessed.

**Dr Leigh Hobart | Principal**





# *Founders Day* and Induction of Fairholme's Fifteenth Principal









# Mapped for *Success*

*How Alexandra Edwards' love of Orienteering took her from school PE to the forests of Europe.*



**What began as a fun lesson in primary school PE has transformed into an international adventure for Year 11 student Alexandra Edwards, whose passion for Orienteering has taken her from local parks to the forests of Europe.**

We caught up with her fresh from competing at the European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC) to find out more about her remarkable journey, her training, and why she believes Orienteering is the perfect sport for anyone who loves a challenge.

'We did Orienteering in PE in Grade 3/4 and I thought it was so much fun,' Alex recalls. 'So, in Grade 5 I trialled for the Darling Downs team and managed to win the Sprint at the Queensland Schools Champs later that year.'

By Grade 7, Alex had earned her first Queensland representative spot. What started as 'just another fun sport

alongside tennis and netball' soon grew into something much bigger.

Selection for the EYOC team to compete in the Czech Republic was no small feat. 'All of our national results from the past few months were looked at, like the national league rounds in Newcastle and Bendigo, and our Australian ranking,' she explains. Currently ranked 6th in Australia for Women 20 & Under and 3rd for 18 & Under, her consistent results secured her spot.

This wasn't her first time wearing the green and gold either. Earlier in the year, Alex represented Australia at the Oceania Championships in New Zealand, her first taste of international competition in stunning pine forest and sand dune terrain.

The EYOC experience, held in Czechia, was about far more than just competition. 'It was so great to experience the atmosphere at such a

big international carnival!' she says. One teammate's impressive 4th place in the sprint was a shared moment of pride for the whole squad.

And then there's the cherished end-of-event tradition – swapping running shirts with athletes from other countries. 'I swapped one of my Australian tops for an Austrian top and also managed to get a German and Spanish shirt, a Denmark singlet, and an Irish jumper,' she laughs. 'It's such a fun way to remember the friendships you make.'

In the lead-up to major events, Alex's training routine balances physical endurance and mental strategy: one long run, an interval run, an easy run, and weekend competitions, plus strength sessions at the gym. 'I'm still doing tennis three times a week too for extra fitness and fun!' she adds. And before EYOC, four days of events in Austria helped her adjust to new terrain.



For Alex, Orienteering's appeal is endless. 'Firstly, I've been lucky to visit the most amazing places. Every run is a new challenge because no map or area is ever the same.' But the sport's real heart lies in its people. 'Everyone is so incredibly friendly. I've met some of my best friends through Orienteering and friends from around the world too.'

Beyond friendships and travel, Orienteering teaches valuable life skills such as perseverance, grit, and problem-solving. 'It's not just about being the fastest. It's a mental and physical challenge, and there really is something for everyone. Some people are better at sprints in urban areas, whereas others are better at longer courses in forest areas. And you don't even have to compete if you don't want to! A lovely bushwalk with friends on an easier course is always a nice thing to do on your weekend.'

The coming months are going to be very busy for Alex. After the Queensland Schools Championships, she has her sights set on the Australian Nationals in September. And her longer-term dream? 'I'd love to make the Australian team for Junior

World Champs (20 & U) in the next few years. Next year is in Sweden, which would be an amazing experience.'

Wherever the compass points next, there's no doubt Alex's love of Orienteering will keep guiding her through many more adventures.





# Trading Places, Sharing

*Fairholme*

*Georgia Cussons and Iona Simpson: UK Exchange*

**We are very excited to be participating in the inaugural international exchange program in collaboration with Toowoomba Grammar School and Oakham School, a prestigious co-educational day and boarding school located in the picturesque market town of Oakham in the East Midlands, UK.**

This exciting initiative sees four Fairholme girls; Georgie Cussons, Claire Longmire, Anna Le Lievre, and Amelia Taylor, graciously hosting students from Oakham School: Iona, Sam, Serafina, and Grace. Over the first six weeks of Term 3, our English friends will immerse themselves in the Fairholme community, experiencing Australian school life, culture, and making friendships here in Toowoomba.

The exchange is more than just a visit - it's a cultural journey. The Oakham girls are calling the Fairholme Boarding House their 'Home away from Holme,' enjoying weekend adventures with their host families, including trips to the iconic beaches of the Gold Coast and checking out what our part of the world has to offer.

Looking ahead to January 2026, the adventure continues as Fairholme students prepare to travel to Oakham School. Georgie Cussons, in Year 9, shared her excitement: "I grabbed the opportunity when it came up - it's a trip of a lifetime to go to the UK and experience what life is like on the other side of the world."

Iona Simpson, says that she has really valued joining the Cussons family, and has made friendships with Georgie and her sisters.

"It's exciting to be here, and experience Fairholme. I especially loved the March Past at Athletics Carnival, I was not expecting the girls to put on such a show!"

This reciprocal exchange is already proving to be a transformative experience for all involved. By trading places, students gain fresh perspectives on education, lifestyle, and community.

One thing is clear: for these Year 9 students, this global opportunity is more than just a journey, it's an unforgettable adventure.





# Pictures from *Holme*





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# A Rising *Changemaker*

## *Mariam Nabizada Represents Toowoomba North in Queensland Youth Parliament*

**Year 11 student Mariam Nabizada has always been passionate about serving others. Coming to Australia from Afghanistan with her family at the age of five, Mariam knows first hand the power of community and advocating for those who cannot advocate for themselves.**

Exploring her compassion through action - Mariam has been appointed as the Youth Member representing the Toowoomba North Electorate for this year's YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament.

Reflecting on her selection, Mariam shared her motivations for pursuing selection in the program.

"Through my youth advocacy work in Toowoomba, I've become passionate about representing young people and speaking up on issues that matter most in our community.

Mariam is determined to utilise this opportunity to further develop her leadership and public speaking skills, whilst connecting with other

passionate young leaders from around Queensland.

"I'm excited to grow as a changemaker and bring the skills and experiences I gain through this program back to my community. I am interested to explore how meaningful legislation, and parliamentary process can genuinely influence our future," Mariam said.

Member for Toowoomba North and Assistant Minister to the Premier for Cabinet and South West Queensland, Mr Trevor Watts praised the Youth Parliament initiative for its role in empowering the next generation of leaders.

"It is critical we encourage young voices like Mariam's to actively participate in shaping policy solutions, as they offer fresh, innovative perspectives on the challenges we face today, including education, mental health, and housing," said Mr Watts.

In April, Mariam joined fellow youth representatives from all 93 electoral districts across the state to collaborate

on Youth Bill proposals within committee groups. These Bills will be further developed in preparation for Residential Sitting Week in September, when all Youth Members will gather in Brisbane at Parliament House. During this week, they will debate their Bills, deliver personal statements, and gain firsthand insight into the legislative process and the work of our state's lawmakers.

Mariam's ambitions illustrate that the future is bright - with such passionate and ambition, we can look forward to seeing Mariam as a changemaker of the next generation.

"Young people are directly impacted by the decisions made today. Our insights and experiences are crucial in creating effective and sustainable solutions. We should absolutely be involved in decision-making processes to help shape our own future," Mariam concluded.



Mariam with The Hon. Sam O'Connor, Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth.



# Beyond the *classroom*

## Year 10 Work Experience Week

**In the first week of term, our Year 10 students traded textbooks and timetables for real-world workplaces, embarking on a journey that opened their eyes to the many possibilities beyond the school gates.**

This annual work experience program, delivered by the Fairholme Pathways Centre, offers students the chance to explore industries they've long been curious about or discover new passions. During the week, the girls stepped into roles that spanned a fascinating range of professions: from the high-tech world of cybersecurity to the hands-on care of veterinary clinics and physiotherapy practices.

Some students experienced the fast-paced environments of surgery centres and radiology clinics, while others found themselves immersed in the precision of equine veterinary services or the creativity of marketing and jewellery design. Careers in education were popular too, with placements at kindergartens and primary schools, and for those drawn to justice, law

firms offered an insightful glimpse into the legal world.

Many of these choices reflect the Specialist Elective Programs the students are pursuing, including qualifications like the Diploma of Business and Social Media Marketing, Certificate IV in Crime and Justice, Certificate III in Fitness, Certificate III in Early Education and Children's Services and Certificate II in Animal Care.

Our Year 10 students are provided with six hours per fortnight in their timetable to dedicate to completing a Specialist Elective Program, providing real-world experiences that help bring classroom learning to life. Together, these programs and real-world experiences help bridge the gap between study and future careers.

One of the highlights of the week was the immersive placement for students undertaking the Certificate

II and III in Health Services Assistant. These students travelled to the Mater Hospital in Brisbane, where they participated in two transformative days of hands-on learning. Partnering with Mater Education, they stepped into real hospital scenarios, learning about patient care, wound dressing, feeding assistance, vital sign monitoring, and even midwifery. Beyond clinical skills, the girls built invaluable connections with patients, gaining a deep understanding of compassion in healthcare.

At Fairholme College, preparing students for life beyond school isn't just about what happens inside the classroom. Thanks to the dedicated work of our Pathways Centre, initiatives like the Year 10 work experience program ensure that each student steps forward equipped not only with knowledge, but with vision, purpose and real-world insight.





# AROUND THE GROUNDS

## Interhouse Athletics

### Age Champions

#### 12 Years

- > Champion – Jessica Strachan (Pip Kehoe Cup)
- > Runner Up – Grace Grams, 3rd – Elizabeth Riddle

#### 13 Years

- > Champion – Kate McDonald (Cathy Freeman Cup)
- > Runner Up – Lillian Brown, 3rd – Lucy Doolin

#### 14 Years

- > Champion – Meli Manibe (W H A Dunn Trophy)
- > Runner Up – Lucy Dewar, 3rd – Sophie McMaster

#### 15 Years

- > Champion – Amara Clemens (Mackintosh Cup)
- > Runner Up – Ruby Richardson, 3rd – Claire Longmire

#### 16 Years

- > Champion – Abi Barnes (S G Stephens Cup)
- > Runner Up – Georgia Brassington, 3rd – Scarlett Sippel

#### U20 Years

- > Champion – Mackenzi Schefe (Donald Fletcher Cup)
- > Runner Up – Carla Nobbs, 3rd – Greer Muirhead

### Carnival Trophies

- Mr & Mrs J S Klan Trophy for March Past
- > Cameron House
- Margot Parkinson Trophy (Distance Running)
- > Mackenzi Schefe
- Yr 7 – 12 Holme Group Athletics Relay Cup
- > Stephens 2
- Boarders v Daygirls Relay Cup
- > Daygirls
- W R Black Trophy (Champion Boarder)
- > Kate McDonald
- Newnham Trophy (Champion Daygirl)
- > Meli Manibe

E J Kellock Trophy (Effort and Dedication in Athletics)

> Gemma Sullivan

Atthow Trophy (Throws)

> Ella Phillips

Bernays Trophy (Sprints)

> Meli Manibe

Jones Trophy (Jumps)

> Carla Nobbs

John Sessarago (Sess) Trophy for Best Individual

> Annabel McMaster

Performance in High Jump

> Lucy Zillman

Senior Tug of War Trophy

> Black House

S Landsberg & P MacDonald Trophy

> Seniors

Harris Cup (Aggregate Cup for B Division)

> Stephens House

The Riverview Cup

> 1st Stephens House – 1425

(Aggregate Cup – Champion House)

> 2nd Cameron House – 1365.5

> 3rd Black House – 1190.5

> 4th Powell House – 1105

### Records

- > Lucy Barnes, Open 3000m – previous record 10:42.85 (2017), new record 10:40.58
- > Emily Carrigan, 12yrs Discus – previous record 34.23m (2011), new record 35.26m
- > Amara Clemens, 15yrs 400m – previous record 1:01.20 (1993), new record 1:00.64
- > Amara Clemens, 15yrs 800m – previous record 2:23.90 (1988), new record 2:21.22

### Fairholme Equestrian Wins

- Our talented Fairholme Equestrian team brought home a swag of trophies from the recent Equestrian Qld Interschool State Championships.
- > Overall Champion Secondary School – ‘The Lorette Wigan Cup’ for the fifth year in a row!

- > School Spirit Award (tied) – Summers and McDougall Families School Trophy
- > Overall Champion Rider – a brilliant tie between Jemima Southwood and Abbey Gordon

### Team Highlights:

- > Champion Secondary Eventing Team – Jemima Southwood, Abbey Gordon, Geneva Searle & Gracie Bunker
- > Champion Secondary Combined Training Team – Geneva Searle, Jemima Southwood, Kate Frith & Abbey Gordon
- > Champion Secondary Dressage Team – Geneva Searle, Abbey Gordon, Jemima Southwood & Isabella Ostwald
- > Reserve Champion Secondary Show Jumping Team – Geneva Searle, Lucy Doolin, Bianca Bruggemann & Adelaide Gilbert

### Dressage Results:

- > Prix St Georges
- 2nd – Isabella Ostwald on Silverdene Pharaoh
- > Secondary Advanced 5.2/5.3
- 1st – Isabella Ostwald on Silverdene Pharaoh
- > Secondary Medium 4.2/4.3
- 2nd Isabella Ostwald on Fairbanks Ipod
- > Secondary Elementary 3.2/3.3
- 4th – Abbey Gordon on Belrock Nadal
- > Intermediate Secondary Novice 2.2/2.3
- 4th – Lucy Doolin on Kapeta Spellbound
- > Senior Secondary Novice 2.2/2.3
- 1st – Abbey Gordon on Belrock Nadal
- 2nd – Geneva Searle on LA Belle GHP
- 3rd – Jemima Southwood on Asham Fireman
- > Intermediate Secondary Preliminary 1.2/1.3
- 16th – Ruby Hooper on Conway Park Razzle Dazzle
- > Senior Secondary Preliminary 1.2/1.3
- 10th – Heidi Horsley on Windouran Razamataz
- 19th – Bianca Bruggemann on Life to the Max



### Show Horse Results:

> Senior Working Hunter 65cm  
4th – Jemima Southwood on Asham Fireman  
> Secondary Show Horse  
6th – Abbey Gordon on Belrock Nadal  
> Intermediate Working Hunter 65cm  
6th – Ruby Hooper on Conway Park Razzle Dazzle

### Show Jumping Results:

> Secondary Jumping – 70cm  
15th – Ruby Hooper on Conway Park Razzle Dazzle  
> Secondary Jumping – 80cm  
14th – Bianca Bruggemann on Rossatin  
> Intermediate Jumping – 90cm  
6th – Lucy Doolin on Kapeta Spellbound  
> Senior Secondary Jumping – 90cm  
4th – Adelaide Gilbert on Benelong Achmed  
6th – Bianca Bruggemann on Life to the Max  
7th – Adelaide Gilbert on Rakus Cider FP  
28th – Geneva Searle on LA Belle GHP  
> Senior Secondary Jumping – 100cm  
3rd – Geneva Searle on LA Belle GHP  
5th – Geneva Searle on Grey Opinion  
7th – Adelaide Gilbert on Benelong Achmed  
15th – Amelia Roughan on Its Clinique  
> Senior Secondary Jumping – 110cm  
18th – Kate Frith on Skeedazzle

### Combined Training Results:

> Secondary 60cm  
7th – Ruby Hooper on Conway Park Razzle Dazzle  
18th – Felicity Picinni on Westwind Crowns Apollo  
> Secondary 80cm  
8th – Heidi Horsley on Windouran Razamataz  
16th – Bianca Bruggemann on Life to the Max  
27th – Isabella Ostwald on Fairbanks Ipod  
> Secondary 95cm  
11th – Gracie Bunker on Donegal Down Under  
15th – Lucy Doolin on Kapeta Spellbound

### > Secondary 1\*

1st – Jemima Southwood on Asham Fireman  
3rd – Geneva Searle on Grey Opinion  
7th – Geneva Searle on LA Belle GHP  
14th – Adelaide Gilbert on Benelong Achmed

### > Secondary 2\*

1st – Abbey Gordon on Belrock Nadal  
5th – Kate Frith on Skeedazzle

***Congratulations to every rider, horse, coach and supporter for your dedication and unstoppable Fairholme spirit.***

### QRSS State Cross Country Champs

Our Darling Downs cross country representatives achieved some incredible results at the Queensland Representative School Sport State Championships held at Nudgee College.

Lucy Barnes claimed yet another impressive win in the 13 Years Girls 3km event, Mia Geise brought home Gold in the 13–14 Years Girls Multi-Class race and in the 16 Years Girls, Abi Barnes ran a brilliant race to finish 5th and earning her place in the Queensland team.

Special mention also to our runners who placed in the top 20 in the state, including Mackenzi Schefe 8th (18-19 Years), Kate McDonald 12th (13 Years), Eden Broksch 12th (11 Years) and Layla Magarey 20th (16 Years).

Congratulations to all of our Fairholme runners who competed across the weekend:

11 Years: Eden Broksch  
13 Years: Lucy Barnes, Kate McDonald, Lucy Doolin and Emme Hall  
14 Years: Hannah Barton  
15 Years: Addison Attrill and Ava Buckley  
16 Years: Abi Barnes, Layla Magarey and Lexi Davey  
17 Years: Evie Armstrong  
18 Years: Mackenzi Schefe and Adelaide Taylor  
Multi-Class: Mia Geise

### All Schools Cross Country Relays

The Fairholme Cross Country squad took on the Queensland All Schools Relays where they were awarded runner-up

Secondary Girls Champion School. Our 13 Years girls won gold in the 3 x 2km and our 16 Years team achieved the bronze medal position.

### QLD Rugby 7s

Over the holidays, Carla Nobbs and Scarlett Sippel represented Queensland at the Australian Schools Rugby Championships.

### QLD Orienteering Champs

Congratulations to our Orienteering students on their fantastic efforts at the Queensland Schools Orienteering Championships, held in Kingaroy and Wondai.

#### > Sprint Event:

1st – Alex Edwards, Senior Girls  
2nd – Eden Broksch, 11 Years

#### > Mass Start – Hagaby:

1st – Alex Edwards, Senior Girls  
2nd – Abi Barnes, Senior Girls  
3rd – Eden Broksch, 11 Years

#### > Long Distance:

2nd – Eden Broksch, 11 Years  
2nd – Alex Edwards, Senior Girls

### Sports Darling Downs

Fairholme was well represented at the recent Sports Darling Downs Awards:

> Junior Sports Star of the Month for May – Scarlett Sippel (Touch Football)  
> Junior Sports Star of the Month for June – Emily Carrigan (Athletics)  
> Senior Sports Star for the Month of June – Amy Williams, Fairholme Old Girl (Netball)  
> Incentive Award Winner – Mali Robertson (Hockey)

### Rep School Sport Selections

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

#### Queensland Cross Country

13 Years: Lucy Barnes  
16-17 Years: Abi Barnes  
13-14 Years Multi-Class: Mia Geise

#### Darling Downs Touch Football

10-12 Years: Jessica Strachan















## Sports Spotlight: Simoné Botha

**Year 11 student, Simoné Botha, is carving out a name for herself as one to watch on the netball court, with her dedication and talent earning her multiple state and national honours this year.**

After a standout performance at the Netball State Championships in May, Simoné was selected for the Queensland Representative School Sport U/19 team, earning Most Valuable Player (MVP) honours for the Darling Downs U/19 side. Later this year, she'll join some of the state's top young players at a high-performance camp on the Gold Coast — a coveted opportunity to refine skills and learn from the best in the game.

Earlier in the 2025 season, she took to the national stage as part of Queensland's U/17 team at the Netball Australia National Championships. Her leadership skills shone through as she was appointed Vice-Captain, guiding the team to a commendable 5th-place finish. Her impressive form during the tournament caught the eye of national selectors, leading to her inclusion in the U/17 Australian Netball Squad and recognising her potential at the highest level.

In early July, Simoné's sport took her to Canberra, where she joined fellow rising stars at the Australian Institute of Sport for an intensive high-performance training camp. The experience offered a unique chance to learn from elite coaches and train alongside some of the nation's best young talent.

Closer to home, Simoné continues to compete in Queensland's premier netball competitions, playing in the Ruby division of the HART Sapphire Series in Brisbane. Looking ahead, she's excited to make her debut in the prestigious Sapphire High Performance Netball League.

With her passion, skill and determination, Simoné's journey in netball is only just beginning and there's no doubt her name is one we'll be hearing for years to come.



## Interact Conference

Our College Interact Club Directors recently attended the State Interact Conference, where they were inspired by incredible guest speakers and changemakers leading impactful community projects. They proudly took out third place in the 'Elevator Pitch' competition, challenging other schools to help local children in need of back-to-school supplies. As part of their pitch, they showcased the success of our own Stationery Races and Backpack for Better campaigns. Congratulations to our Interact Directors for making a difference and representing us so well!





# IN THE ARTS

## Instrumentally Inclined

Fairholme Junior, Middle and Senior instrumental ensembles lit up the stage at the 'Instrumentally Inclined' Pre-Eisteddfod Concert, sharing a sneak peek of their competition pieces ahead of Part 2 of the Toowoomba Eisteddfod.

## Toowoomba Eisteddfod

Congratulations to each of our Fairholme students on their impressive Eisteddfod performances, there have been some sensational results achieved so far. A big thank you to our Arts staff for their continued dedication and commitment in supporting our girls to develop their talents.

### Secondary School Orchestra

1st place – Fairholme College Symphony Orchestra

### Secondary School String Ensemble

2nd place – Fairholme College String Orchestra

### Primary School String Ensemble

Highly Commended – Fairholme Junior String Orchestra

### Primary School Percussion Ensemble

1st place – Fairholme Junior Chime Choir

### Secondary School Percussion or ORFF Ensemble

1st place – Fairholme College Chime Choir

### Secondary String Trio/Quartet

1st place – Fairholme College Wirra String Quartet

### Secondary Instrumental Trio/Quartet

1st place – Fairholme College Corelli String Quartet

2nd place – Fairholme College Amadeus Quartet

### Secondary Woodwind Trio/Quartet

1st place – Fairholme College Saxophone Quartet

### Primary School Small Concert Band

2nd Place – Fairholme Junior Band

### Primary School Beginner Band

Highly Commended – Fairholme College Year 4 Band  
Immersion

### Secondary School Small Instrumental Ensemble

1st Place – Fairholme College Rhythmic Strings

2nd Place – Fairholme College Winterfall Strings

## Simplicity Concert

Immerse yourself in a world of tone and texture as the resonant beauty of Fairholme Chime Choirs and Toowoombells takes centre stage. "Simplicity" invites you on a musical journey through mellow harmonies, created by the unique voices of these captivating instruments. Sunday 24 August, 2pm- 3.15pm, Redeemer Lutheran Church, tickets can be purchased through Trybooking or at the door.









# Around The Grounds





# Year 9 Entering the Lion's Den

**A new generation of changemakers from Fairholme College's Year 9 Business program is preparing to take the stage at The Lion's Den, the school's annual entrepreneurial showcase event. Taking place on Thursday 18 September 2025, from 8.30-10.30am in the Fairholme Assembly Hall, the event is a celebration of innovation, purpose, and student voice.**

Over two terms, students have been immersed in Activate — a nationally recognised, in-curriculum program developed by Future Anything. The program empowers young people to identify problems they care about and design scalable, sustainable, and innovative business solutions to tackle them.

At The Lion's Den, students will pitch their for-purpose business ideas live to an audience of peers, parents, staff, and an esteemed judging panel featuring representatives from government, education, industry, and the wider community. In addition to vying for the coveted Fairholme College Lion's Den Trophy, students will receive meaningful feedback and encouragement to help take their ventures into the real world.

The issues tackled by students are diverse and meaningful — ranging from mental health and fast fashion to gender equality and environmental sustainability. These topics reflect the students' desire to shape a better, fairer, and more innovative future.

Dr Leigh Hobart, Principal of Fairholme College, shared:

'The Activate program has been part of Fairholme for five years now, and it continues to empower our students

to develop creative, real-world solutions to big global challenges. Beyond the ideas themselves, the program builds confidence, teamwork, and communication skills — life skills that will serve our girls well into the future.'

Nicole Dyson, Founder and CEO of Future Anything, which developed the Activate program, said:

'In 2025, over 7200 students in over 80 schools across Australia are bending the future. They're ideating, prototyping and pitching smart solutions to the real-world issues that matter to them through our Activate program. I can't wait to see the innovative ideas that students share with the community at the Fairholme College's showcase event. It promises to be an inspiring, and potentially life-changing, event.'

The Fairholme College Lion's Den Showcase is free to attend, and all families, friends, and members of the school community — especially parents and grandparents — are warmly invited to join us for this exciting event.

**Date: Thursday 18 September 2025**

**Time: 8.30am-10.30am**

**Venue: Fairholme College Assembly Hall**

**Admission: Free**

For further information, please contact your daughter's Business teacher, or ask your daughter about her pitch!





# Fairholme Fathers' *Dinner*







**ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR FASHION AWARDS - CASH PRIZES TO BE WON!**

### **2025 Fairholme Fashion Week Theme - A Celebration of You, Nostalgia and Imagination**

This year, we invite you to design from the heart—where memory meets creativity and individuality takes centre stage. Whether it's the first bloom of Spring that stirs something deep inside you or the wistful charm of a childhood fairytale, draw inspiration from what makes you YOU. Design with joy, with romance, with the thrill of dressing up.

Let your imagination run wild and your identity shine through. This year's theme is a celebration—of fashion, of emotion, and of personal expression. Think future vintage. Breathe new life into forgotten fabrics: preloved curtains, embroidered tablecloths, lace remnants, fringing, and old upholstery etc. Show your commitment to conscious design and craftsmanship.

Elevate your piece with hand-finished touches—embroidery, embellishment, patchwork, or anything that reflects the care and soul you put into your work.

Create something meaningful. Something magical. Something you'd want to wear forever.

> For more details and to enter, visit [fairholme.qld.edu.au/fairholme-fashion-week](https://fairholme.qld.edu.au/fairholme-fashion-week)



## Upcoming events

### **7 August**

Fairholme Girl For a Day

### **11-15 August**

NAIDOC Week activities

### **15 August**

Year 12 100 Days High Tea

### **15 August**

Creme de la Creme Concert

### **20 August**

Junior School Grandparents' Day and Book Week

### **22 August**

Be a Kindy and Prep Kid for a Morning

### **23 August**

Dance Showcase Concert

### **25 August**

Junior Interhouse Gymnastics

### **29 August**

Junior School Showcase

### **31 August**

Junior School Father and Daughter Build 'n' Brunch

### **5 September**

Pupil Free Day  
Mothers' Long Lunch

### **15 September**

Box of Chocolates  
Middle School Concert

### **18 September**

Term 3 Concludes  
Year 5-7 Mother and Daughter Luncheon  
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Orientation Program (19-20 September)

### **8 October**

Term 4 Commences

