

AT *Holme*





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN:

Looking forward with purpose

This edition of At Holme arrives at a significant moment in the life of Fairholme, as we celebrate our heritage, honour those who have shaped our story, and look confidently towards the future.

At this year's Founders Assembly, students, staff, families, Old Girls and invited guests gathered to recognise the vision, faith and generosity that established Fairholme on this very site more than a century ago. It was an opportunity to reflect on the remarkable legacy of Margaret Cameron, whose gift, of the Homestead and property, created opportunities for generations of young women and laid the foundations for the thriving community we know today.

Founders Assembly is always a reminder that Fairholme's greatest strength is not simply its history, but the enduring purpose that continues to guide our school. Our contribution to society remains clear: to empower young women of faith, compassion and integrity who lead and strengthen their communities.

This commitment is reflected in our purpose and vision: to nurture young women of self-belief and character, equipping them to learn, live and lead with purpose in a complex and evolving world. It is further supported by our mission to provide a safe and vibrant learning environment that seeks excellence and inspires a culture of service.

While it is important to honour the past, it is equally important to embrace the opportunities ahead. This week marks the launch of Fairholme's Strategic Outlook for 2026 and beyond, a framework developed through extensive consultation with students, staff, parents, Old Girls and members of our broader community.

The Strategic Outlook is grounded in a simple but powerful belief: while the world around us continues to change, our commitment to providing an exceptional education for girls remains constant.

Through our Strategic Outlook, Fairholme will continue to pursue excellence in teaching and learning, strengthen wellbeing and character formation, invest in our people and facilities, expand opportunities for learning and service, and ensure the School remains future-ready for the generations of students who will follow.

Importantly, the Strategic Outlook moves beyond vision statements and aspirations. It is accompanied by a range of accelerator initiatives that will bring our priorities to life and create new opportunities for students.

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One of the most exciting developments is the reimagining of our Junior School and entry precinct. This project will enhance the arrival experience for families while creating engaging and contemporary learning environments that support the needs of our youngest students.

We are also continuing to develop and expand Holme Health, Fairholme's innovative health pathways program. As healthcare needs continue to grow across regional communities, Holme Health provides students with meaningful exposure to health-related careers and learning experiences, helping to prepare the next generation of professionals and community leaders.

Our third accelerator project is the expansion of global experiences and exchange opportunities. International learning experiences broaden perspectives, foster independence and develop intercultural understanding. Many members of our community will have recently followed the journey of students returning from Cambridge and London, experiences that challenged and inspired them while building lifelong memories and valuable global connections. And there are more exciting opportunities ahead!

These initiatives are exciting, but they are ultimately expressions of something much deeper. They reflect Fairholme's enduring commitment to nurturing young women of self-belief and character who are equipped to learn, live and lead with purpose in a rapidly changing world.

As we remember those who came before us and the vision that established Fairholme more than a century ago, we can also be excited by what lies ahead. The Strategic Outlook provides a clear path forward - one that honours our heritage while embracing innovation, opportunity and growth.

This edition of At Holme highlights many of the experiences that bring our vision to life each day. Readers will enjoy reflections from our UK Exchange students, who have embraced new cultures, friendships and learning opportunities through their international experiences. We also celebrate

the important role fathers and father figures play in the lives of our students through coverage of the much-loved Fathers' Dinner, an evening that strengthened connections across our community.

Our students' enthusiasm and school spirit were on full display at the annual Athletics Carnival, where participation, perseverance and teamwork were celebrated alongside impressive individual achievements. We also share a wrap-up of our inaugural London and Cambridge Tour, providing insight into the educational and cultural experiences that made the trip such a highlight for those involved.

Together, these stories capture the essence of a Fairholme education - one that combines academic excellence, personal growth, service, leadership and opportunity. They demonstrate how our students are being prepared not only for success in their chosen pathways, but also to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the wider world.

As Fairholme launches its Strategic Outlook and continues to build on the legacy of those who came before us, we do so with gratitude, confidence and hope.

The future is bright, and we look forward to the opportunities that await our students, our College and our community.

Dr Leigh Hobart | Principal



From Holme to Cambridge

Fairholme's London and Cambridge Academic Immersion school trip 2026

As part of Fairholme College's continued commitment to academic rigour and developing globally minded learners, 18 students from Years 9 to 12, accompanied by Mr Pecock, Mr McCormick and Ms Littleproud, recently participated in the London and Cambridge Academic Immersion.

The experience began in London, where students explored many of the city's iconic landmarks and cultural attractions. Highlights included Buckingham Palace, the Changing of the Guard, a River Thames cruise, Greenwich, the Natural History Museum, Borough Market, Covent Garden, Leicester Square and the world-famous Hamleys. Students also enjoyed an outstanding performance of The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre, experienced the excitement of Wimbledon, explored the Harry Potter Studio Tour, visited Harrods and discovered the treasures of Portobello Road Market.

A particularly memorable evening brought students together with Fairholme Old Girls now living and working in London. Their stories offered valuable insights into university, careers and life abroad, demonstrating the enduring strength of the Fairholme community across the world.

The group then travelled to Jesus College, Cambridge, where they joined nearly 200 students and staff from over 30 countries for two weeks of university-style learning. Students selected courses aligned with their interests, including International Espionage, Medicine and the Brain, Architecture and Creative Writing, participating in seminars and collaborative discussions led by expert tutors and lecturers from Cambridge University and beyond. Living and studying in one of the world's most prestigious university environments challenged students intellectually, broadened their global perspectives and encouraged them to think critically, communicate confidently and embrace ambitious futures.

Mr Tom McCormick | Head of Senior School





MIDDLE & SENIOR INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

What a day! Beautiful sunshine, House spirit soaring and records tumbling.

Thank you to all of our students, staff and families for making our Middle and Senior Interhouse Athletics Carnival such a fun day of Fairholme pride. A special congratulations to each of our age champions, trophy winners and to our Champion House, Cameron!

Age Champions

12 Years Pip Kehoe Cup:

- 1st Place – Eden Broksch
- 2nd Place – Violet Richardson
- 3rd Place – Madison Conwell

13 Years Cathy Freeman Cup:

- 1st Place – Emily Longmire
- 2nd Place – Lotte Persse and Zara Frame

14 Years W H A Dunn Trophy:

- 1st Place – Lillian Brown
- 2nd Place – Ella Phillips
- 3rd Place – Lucy Barnes

15 Years Mackintosh Cup:

- 1st Place – Lucy Dewar
- 2nd Place – Meli Manibe
- 3rd Place – Grace Ward

16 Years S G Stephens Cup:

- 1st Place – Ruby Richardson
- 2nd Place – Lydia Shirtcliff
- 3rd Place – Claire Longmire

Senior Donald Fletcher Cup:

- 1st Place – Abi Barnes
- 2nd Place – Scarlett Sippel
- 3rd Place – Ella Donovan

W R Black Trophy for Champion Boarder: Ella Phillips

Newnham Trophy for Champion Day Girl: Eden Broksch

E J Kellock Trophy (Effort & Dedication in Athletics): Emme Hall

Atthow Shield for Throws: Eden Broksch

Margot Parkinson Trophy for Distance Running: Lucy Barnes

Bernays Trophy for Sprints: Scarlett Sippel and Violet Richardson

Jones Trophy for Jumps: Emily Longmire

John Sessarago Trophy for Best Individual Performance in High Jump: Lucy Dewar

Senior Tug of War Trophy: Stephens

Year 7-12 Holme Group Athletics Relay Cup: Stephens 3

S Landsberg & P MacDonald Trophy for Seniors v Staff v Old Girls Relay v Parents: Seniors

Boarders v Day Girls Relay Cup: Day Girls

The Harris Cup (Aggregate Cup for B Division): Stephens

Mr & Mrs J S Klan Trophy for March Past: Black

The Riverview Cup for Champion House: Cameron

New Records

12 Years 400m - Violet Richardson (1:05.72)

12 Years 800m - Violet Richardson (2:30.30). Eden Broksch was also under record time.

13 Years Discus - Emily Carrigan (35.34m)

13 Years Shot Put - Emily Carrigan (12.89m)

14 Years 800m - Lucy Barnes (2:22.81)

14 Years 1500m - Lucy Barnes (4:51.42)

14 Years 3000m - Lucy Barnes (10:31.02)







Going the *Distance*

Fairholme's Cross Country team shines in a remarkable 2026 season.

The 2026 Cross Country season has been another outstanding chapter for Fairholme, with the team once again proving that success is built on far more than individual results.

The season culminated at the Queensland Representative School Sport State Championships, held in Highfields, where 15 Fairholme students proudly represented Darling Downs against Queensland's best cross country athletes.

Leading the way was Year 8 student Lucy Barnes, who continued her remarkable dominance, claiming gold in the 14 Years Girls 4km event. In an extraordinary performance, Lucy finished first overall across the combined 14–15 Years age groups, earning selection in the Queensland team.

Abi Barnes also ran a brilliant race to claim 5th place in the 17 Years Girls 4km and secure her spot on the Queensland team, while Layla Magarey crossed the line in an impressive 13th in the same race.

Our other top 20 finishes came from Ava Buckley (16th, 16 Years Girls), Eden Broksch (17th, 12 Years) and Alex Edwards (18th, 18 Years).

Our 14 Years girls, Ally, Lucy and Emme, were also part of the bronze medal winning 5 x 1.5km relay team.

Beyond the racing, it was wonderful to see both Violet Richardson (10-12 Years) and Abi Barnes (13-19 Years) selected in leadership positions, named as Darling Downs Team Captains for the Championships.

Darling Downs Cross Country Team:
Addison Attrill, Abi Barnes, Lucy Barnes, Eden Broksch, Ava Buckley
Sophie Coonan, Lucy Dewar,
Lucy Doolin, Alex Edwards, Ally Groat,
Emme Hall, Isobel Logan, Layla Magarey,
Claire Murphy and Violet Richardson

It's been a big season for the girls, also competing in a number of other races, achieving some wonderful success as a team. Highlights have included:

Darling Downs Champions

The Champion Girls' School trophy returned to Fairholme once again. Fairholme took out the Gold Team Medal across every age group from 13 Years through to 18/19 Years. Our 12 Years Girls were also part of the winning Range Zone team.

Queensland All Schools Cross Country Relays

Our six Fairholme relay teams delivered an outstanding performance with Fairholme finishing as the 4th highest-performing secondary girls' school in Queensland. Three relay teams earned podium finishes:

17 Years – Abi Barnes, Ava Buckley and

Layla Magarey

14 Years – Emme Hall, Ally Groat and

Lucy Barnes

12 Years – Eden Broksch, Paige
McNamara and Violet Richardson

Queensland Athletics State Cross Country Championships

In the State Cross Country Championships hosted by Queensland Athletics, Lucy Barnes once again claimed victory in the Under 15 Girls – a record number of consecutive wins.

Eden Broksch had a sensational run to place 5th in the Under 13 Girls, booking her ticket to the Australian Athletics Cross Country Championships to be held in Ballarat in August.

Also claiming their spot on the Queensland team was Abi Barnes (5th Under 18 Girls) and Layla Magarey (15th). Ava Buckley finished 15th in the Under 17 Girls and Addison Attrill 17th. It was also wonderful to see Fairholme Old Girl Mackenzi Scheffe continue her running journey, placing fifth in the Women's U20 6km event.

Queensland All Schools Cross Country Relays

Fairholme finished 5th in the Secondary Girls' School Trophy, with Lucy Barnes claiming her 6th consecutive gold medal in the 14 Years Girls 4km and Addi Attrill securing a top 10 finish in the 16 Years Girls' race.

Andrews Cup Primary Cross Country

In the Junior School, our Fairholme Andrews Cup Cross Country team brought home second place in the Percentage Cup with our 9 Years girls claiming and amazing 2nd place in the Age Group awards.

Congratulations to every member of the Fairholme Cross Country squad on their dedication and commitment in 2026. While the medals, trophies and representative honours are certainly worth celebrating, the true success of the season has been the culture built within the squad. Testament to the tireless dedication of our Cross Country Coordinator Brigitte Powell and Coach Margaret Maloney.

We wish our students selected to represent Queensland at the both the Queensland Representative School Sport National Championships and the Australian Athletics Cross Country Championships the very best of luck, we'll be cheering you on!





A Head Start in Healthcare

As one of the first schools to offer the STATIM Micro Credentialing Program, Fairholme is connecting students with industry experience and future career opportunities.

Fairholme College has partnered with STATIM, with students participating in the STATIM Micro Credentialing Program, an innovative program designed to support aspiring healthcare professionals, particularly those interested in becoming Assistants in Nursing (AINs).

As the first of its kind available to secondary school students, the program provides a unique blend of structured training and real world experience across a six to eight week period.

Delivering comprehensive training that equips students with essential skills for the healthcare sector, including infection control, patient care, and effective communication with diverse patients.

Beyond theory, students gain valuable insight into the realities of healthcare through mentored shifts in professional environments, allowing them to develop hands on skills while engaging in patient interaction, teamwork, and care delivery. This immersive experience not only builds confidence but also helps students make informed decisions about their future careers.

Fairholme students were among the first to participate in the pilot program in 2025, and the College is delighted to now include it as part of its expanding Pathways Program, with almost 20 students participating in 2026.

Year 12 student Sophie Byatt, who has completed the program, credits the experience with confirming her ambition to pursue nursing at university.

"Having hands on experience and caring for patients in different situations really made me feel like I was making the right choice and that nursing is for me," she said.

"I feel like I am further ahead of other students my age, as I can say I am already working shifts and have gained so much knowledge."

Following her participation in 2025, Sophie has continued working with STATIM, gaining flexible employment opportunities in the healthcare industry even before commencing her university studies.

Fairholme College Head of Pathways, Laura Anderson emphasised the importance of initiatives like this in preparing students for the future.

"Health is our region's largest employer, and we are only going to need more healthcare workers to support our communities," she said.

"As a school, we need to be enabling our girls to find a pathway that will serve both them and our communities."

The impact of this commitment is already evident, with eleven Fairholme graduates accepted into Medicine in 2025 and almost 20 percent of the cohort pursuing careers in the health industry.

Fairholme look to strengthen and grow industry connections to lead the way in equipping students with practical skills, industry connections, and the confidence to succeed in rewarding careers, beyond the tartan.



Equestrian State Champions

Our Fairholme Equestrian team has once again cemented its place as one of Queensland's most successful school equestrian programs, claiming the title of Champion Secondary School at the Interschool Queensland State Championships for an extraordinary sixth consecutive year.

Awarded the prestigious Lorette Wigan Cup, the honour recognises the secondary school with the highest aggregate points across all disciplines at the State Championships.

Adding to the team's success, Jemima Southwood was presented with the Brett Family Perpetual Trophy as the Overall State Champion Rider. The award recognises the highest-performing secondary rider competing across a minimum of three disciplines on the same horse, highlighting Jemima's remarkable all-round ability.

Ruby Hooper was also recognised for her outstanding achievements, receiving the Finch Farm Overall Intermediate Rider Trophy. The award celebrates the top-performing Years 7-9 rider across multiple disciplines and is a testament to Ruby's consistency, skill and composure throughout the championships.

The team's depth of talent was evident, with impressive team results in multiple disciplines:

- > **Champion Combined Training Team** – Jemima Southwood, Zara Green, Kate Frith and Lucy Doolin
- > **Champion Show Jumping Team** – Felicity Piccini, Kate Frith, Ruby Hooper and Kate McDonald
- > **Third Overall Combined Training Team** – Ruby Hooper, Kate McDonald, Amelia Roughan and Felicity Piccini
- > **Third Overall Eventing Team** – Jemima Southwood, Gracie Bunker and Lucy Doolin
- > **Fourth Overall Dressage Team** – Lucy Doolin, Jemima Southwood, Kate Frith and Ruby Hooper

To claim the State Championship title for six consecutive years is an exceptional achievement, reflecting the commitment of our riders, the support of their families, and the guidance of our dedicated staff. Congratulations to every member of the Fairholme Equestrian team on another outstanding result.

Eventing Results

Class – 1*

Jemima Southwood riding Asham Fireman – 3rd Overall

Class – EVA95

Gracie Bunker riding Donegal Down Under – 4th Overall

Class – EVA80

Lucy Doolin riding Kapeta Spellbound – 4th Overall

Combined Training Results

Secondary 65cm

Ruby Hooper riding NTies Mr Perfect – 5th Overall

Felicity Piccini riding Westwind Crowns Apollo – 8th Overall

Jemima Southwood riding Stockholme D – 14th Overall

Secondary 80cm

Zara Green riding Fairbanks iPod – Overall Champion

Secondary 95cm

Lucy Doolin riding Kapeta Spellbound – Reserve Champion

Kate McDonald riding Remembrance Day – 7th Overall

Amelia Roughan riding Its Clinique – 8th Overall

Class - 1*

Jemima Southwood riding Asham Fireman – Overall Champion

Kate Frith riding Skeedazzle – Reserve Champion

Kate Frith riding Jen Jan Fernando – 3rd Overall



Dressage Results

Intermediate Secondary Prelim – 1.2 & 1.3

Ruby Hooper riding NTies Mr Perfect – 12th Overall

Arabella Muenster riding Another Conquest – 17th Overall

Senior Secondary Prelim – 1.2 & 1.3

Jemima Southwood riding Stockholme D – 6th Overall

Amelia Roughan riding Its Clinique – 19th Overall

Intermediate Secondary Novice – 2.2 & 2.3

Lucy Doolin riding Kapeta Spellbound – 4th Overall

Kate McDonald riding Remembrance Day – 14th Overall

Senior Secondary Novice – 2.2 & 2.3

Jemima Southwood riding Asham Fireman – 7th Overall

Kate Frith riding Jen Jan Fernando – 11th Overall

Heidi Horsley riding Windouran Razamataz – 13th Overall

Kate Frith riding Skeedazzle – 15th Overall

Open Elementary – 3.2 & 3.3

Kate Frith riding Jen Jan Fernando – 6th Overall



Show Horse Results

Intermediate Show Horse

Ruby Hooper riding NTies Mr Perfect – 5th Overall

Secondary Show Horse

Jemima Southwood riding Asham Fireman – 4th Overall

Show Jumping

Secondary 70cm

Felicity Piccini riding Westwind Crowns Apollo – 4th Overall

Ruby Hooper riding Nties Mr Perfect – 5th Overall

Secondary 80cm

Grace Ward riding Las Vegas Lad – 12th Overall

Arabella Muenster riding Another Conquest – 18th Overall

Intermediate 90cm

Grace Ward riding Loco Pancho – 6th Overall

Lucy Doolin riding Kapeta Spellbound – 9th Overall

Intermediate 100cm

Kate McDonald riding Remembrance Day – 6th Overall

Lucy Doolin riding Kapeta Spellbound – 7th Overall

Secondary 110cm

Kate Frith riding Skeedazzle – 4th Overall

Jemima Southwood riding Asham Fireman – 7th Overall



Year 11 Leadership *Advance*

In Week 1 of the term, our Year 11 students headed to the Sunshine Coast for their Leadership Advance Camp.

Set against the beautiful backdrop of Alexandra Headland, the camp was an opportunity for our Year 11 girls to strengthen connections and focus on their future as Seniors of the College and as leaders beyond the school gates.

Through inspiring seminars, workshops, guest speakers, engaging activities and shared experiences, students developed their confidence, communication, teamwork and self-reliance while reflecting on the kind of leaders they aspire to be.

With this year's theme, Together, the camp highlighted the importance of supporting one another and growing as a united cohort.



100 Days Brighter in *Prep*

Hip, hip hooray for 100 days! As our Seniors prepare to enter their final 100 days of school, our Prep girls celebrated their first 100 days with a fun-filled morning alongside their parents and special guests.

Over the past 100 days, they've grown in confidence, embraced

new challenges, formed beautiful friendships and filled our Prep classroom with curiosity and joy.

Here's to celebrating this special milestone and all the exciting adventures still to come for our 2026 Preppies!





Founders' Day

This week, our Fairholme community came together to celebrate Founders' Day.

A day to honour those who came before us, and celebrate the generations of Fairholme girls and staff who have shaped our story, while reflecting on the values that continue to unite us.

It was a privilege to welcome Fairholme Old Girls back to the College and hear from Mrs Natalie Newell (FOG, 1993), whose family's connection to Fairholme spans an incredible five generations.

As the mother of recent Old Girl, Ruby, and current student Eva, Natalie shared a beautiful reminder that while each generation's journey is different, the values of Fairholme endure.

'The generations in my family have changed, the women who attended Fairholme went on to live different lives and in very different times, but something important has remained. Each one of us has carried something of Fairholme with us. The values that were founded here all those years ago when Mrs Margaret

Cameron gave the land on which the College sits, still remain with us.'

Thank you to FOGA President, Caitlin Crowley (FOG, 2006) and Marie Cameron (FOG, 1961) for their presence and presentation of the Fairholme Old Girls' Association bursaries. Awarded to sisters for the very first time, a very special congratulations to:

> Claire Murphy (Year 12) – recipient of the Phyllis Lovell Bursary, recognising her outstanding all-round contribution to Fairholme.

> Ruby Murphy (Year 11) – recipient of the FOGA Bursary, recognising her exceptional academic achievement in Year 10.

Thank you to all those who have walked the Fairholme path before us. Your legacy continues to guide us as we write this exciting next chapter.



Entering the *Lion's Den*

Fairholme entrepreneurs ready to bend the future

A new generation of changemakers from our 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 17 September 2026, from 8am to 10.30am in the Assembly Hall, the event is a celebration of innovation, purpose, and student voice.

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

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

The issues tackled by students are diverse and meaningful - ranging from mental health and fast fashion to food waste and women's safety. These topics reflect the students' desire to shape a better, safer, and more innovative future.

Dr Leigh Hobart shared, 'The Activate program has been part of Fairholme for six 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 the Future Anything, which developed The Future Anything Challenge 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 The Future Anything Challenge. I can't wait to see the innovative ideas that students share with the community at the Fairholme College's Lion's Den Pitch and Showcase event. It promises to be an inspiring, and potentially life-changing event.'

The 2026 Fairholme College Lion's Den Pitch Showcase event 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 17 September 2026

Time: 8am – 10.30am

Venue: Fairholme College Assembly Hall

Admission: Free

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



AROUND THE GROUNDS



Australian Schools Rugby National Championships

Congratulations to Year 12 student Issy Johnston, who captained the Queensland White Rugby 7s team over the holidays at the Australian Schools Rugby National Championships. Leading her team with pride, they came away with four wins from seven matches, including one narrow loss, to place 5th overall.

The experience extended far beyond the results on the scoreboard. In the lead up to the tournament, the team took part in a training camp giving the girls opportunity to develop their skills and forge many connections that will last well beyond the tournament. We're incredibly proud of Issy's leadership and the way she continues to represent Fairholme with excellence.

Congratulations also to Charli Coleman and Maggie Walker, who received the call up to represent the Northern Territory team at the championships.

Queensland Rugby League

Well done to Year 12 students Izzie Elsley and Scarlett Sippel, who travelled to Coffs Harbour over the holidays for the Australian Secondary Rugby League Championships.

Selected in the Under 18s Queensland White team, Izzie and Scarlett competed against some of the country's best schoolgirl rugby league players. Representing Queensland at a national level is a significant achievement, and we congratulate both students on this well-deserved honour and the way they represented both their state and Fairholme with pride.

State Tennis Championships

Move over Wimbledon – the Queensland Representative School Sport 10–12 Years Tennis State Championships took centre court earlier this month, with Fairholme's own Hadley Millers making her Darling Downs debut.

At just nine years old, she was one of the youngest competitors in the tournament, taking on some of the best 12-year-olds from across the state.

Competing at this level at such a young age is a remarkable

achievement! We look forward to watching Hadley continue her tennis journey over the coming years.

Queensland Secondary Schools Team Tennis (QSSTT)

Congratulations to our Fairholme Senior Tennis team who earlier this week took on the Queensland Secondary Schools Team Tennis (QSSTT) tournament.

After securing their place in the State Finals by winning the Darling Downs regional qualifier, the team has proudly been named the Best Regional Schools Team at Tennis Queensland's premier secondary school competition.

A huge congratulations to Penny Moffitt, Emily Wade, Lexi Davey, Alex Edwards and Cindy Deng.

We also wish our Years 7–9 team the very best of luck as they prepare to compete later this year.



School Sport Australia Swimming

A huge congratulations to Mia Geise and Mackenzie Grimes who have been having a brilliant time in Melbourne at the School Sport Australia 13-19 Years Swimming Championships. Some of the highlights so far:

In the 13-15 Years Multi-Class, Mia has taken out:

- > Gold - 50m Breaststroke
- > Silver - 100m Breaststroke
- > 4th - 50m Backstroke
- > 3rd - Mixed 200m Medley Relay

In the 17-19 Years, Mackenzie has won:

- > Bronze - 100m Backstroke
- > Bronze - 200m Backstroke
- > Gold - Girls 200m Medley Relay
- > Gold - Mixed 200m Medley Relay

Qld Schools Orienteering

Well done to Eden Broksch, Rosie Grams and Alex Edwards representing the Darling Downs at the Queensland Schools Orienteering Championships.

Long Distance Event:

- > Senior Girls – Alex Edwards 1st
- > 13 Years Girls – Eden Broksch 3rd, Rosie Grams 4th

Sprint Event:

- > Senior Girls – Alex Edwards 1st
- > 13 Years Girls – Rosie Grams 4th, Eden Broksch 10th

Mass Start:

- > Senior Girls – Alex Edwards 1st
- > 13 Years Girls – Eden Broksch 1st, Rosie Grams 10th

SSI Red Lion Cup Football

Our Fairholme Football team played in the SSI Red Lion Cup Gala Day this month. The girls had a great day, winning three of their games and narrowly going down in two.

Junior Vicki Wilson Netball

Our Junior Vicki Wilson 1 team took to the court for an invitational match against King's Christian College as part of their preparation for the State Vicki Wilson Finals in August.

The team played some great netball and although we didn't get the win this time, there are plenty of positive signs as the

girls continue to build towards finals. The team now turns its attention to their next invitational match against Canterbury College. We wish the girls all the best as they continue their preparations.

Western Clydesdales Development Team

During the school holidays, Alara Williams and Ava Henry were selected to play for the Western Clydesdales 15/16 Girls Development Team in their match against Ipswich. Both girls displayed impressive skills in attack and defence during the game. They also had the incredible opportunity to learn from Australian representative Ali Brigginsshaw, who was part of the support staff and shared her experience, guidance and motivation. Next up, Alara and Ava will trial for the Harvey Norman U17 Girls team later this year.

Country Rugby Union Champs

A number of Fairholme girls represented Downs Rugby at the Queensland Country Rugby Union Championships in Townsville over the holidays.

Well done to Lilli Brown, Emaya Fagan, Flissy Fagan, Ava Henry, Eloise Herden, Madi Lever, Phoebe McLean and Josie Ostwald.

The girls played great rugby with passion and spirit. From there, Josie Ostwald was selected in the QLD Country Team who went into a four-day training camp with girls from all over the State before playing in the National Championships at Sunshine Coast. Josie was named Vice Captain of the U16 girls' team who were victorious against QLD City 36-0.

Junior State Cup Touch Football

Fairholme was very well represented across the Toowoomba Twisters teams at the recent Queensland Touch Football Junior State Cup. Congratulations to all 25 representatives:

- > U10 Girls Blue – Evie Farr
- > U12 Girls White – Lulu-Felton-Taylor, Ella Pauli and Violet Richardson
- > U14 Girls White – Zoe Klein, Maya Martell, Jessica Strachan, Phoebe Tulilo-Seremaia and Adelaide Wilson
- > U14 Girls Blue – Coco McDouall
- > U16 Girls White – Lucy Dewar, Greta

Goddard, Lola Marjoribanks, Imogen Murphy, Ruby Richardson and Romy Wilson

> U16 Girls Blue – Isabella Garcha, Arabella McDouall, Olivia Taylor and Giaan Zammataro

> U18 Girls White – Tayla Kauter, Maggie Walker, Rose Ramia, Scarlett Sippel and Carla Nobbs (Fairholme Old Girl, 2025)

Sports Darling Downs Awards

Congratulations to our Fairholme students who were recipients of Sports Darling Downs awards for the months of April, May and June.

- > Junior Sports Star of the Month – Emily Carrigan (Athletics)
- > Incentive Award Winner – Layla Magarey (Cross Country)

Representative School Sport

Well done to the following students who have recently been selected in Representative School Sport teams:

> Queensland Cross Country

10-19 Years – Lucy Barnes and Abi Barnes

> Queensland Orienteering

Alex Edwards





IN THE ARTS AND CULTURE

Toowoomba Choral Society Youth Choir: Beauty and the Beast

Congratulations to Hanna Garcha, Charlotte Humphery, Pippy Miller, Natalie Purcell, Amelia Rawle, Juliet Rawle, Chelsea Ward and Charlotte Wong who spent two weeks of their school holidays bringing the magic of Beauty and the Beast to life with the Toowoomba Choral Society Youth Choir at the Empire Theatre.

Rehearsing every day alongside more than 100 young performers, their dedication, teamwork, and passion culminated in two outstanding performances. Along the way, they developed their skills, built confidence, forged new friendships, and created lifelong memories.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment these students showed and the way they represented Fairholme both on and off the stage.

Congratulations on an unforgettable production and a wonderful achievement!

Junior Physie Competition Season Kicks Off

Five Fairholme Junior Physie girls travelled to Casino, NSW, to compete against clubs from Brisbane, Coffs Harbour, Grafton, the Gold Coast and Tenterfield in their first competition of the year.

The girls all performed beautifully, achieving fantastic results:

- > Emilia Massi – 1st place (8 Years)
- > Sienna Costello – 3rd place (7 Years)
- > Elsie Costello – 4th place (5 Years)
- > Juliet Rawle – 5th place (10 Years)
- > Amelia Rawle – A beautiful performance (10 Years)

Congratulations to all five girls on a wonderful start to the competition season. They are now working hard in preparation for their next competition on the Gold Coast. We wish them the very best of luck!

Toowoomba Eisteddfod Ensemble Results

Well done to each of our Fairholme instrumental ensembles competing in Part 2 of the Toowoomba Eisteddfod. The girls have been excellent ambassadors for the College and have certainly done us proud.

Highlights have included:

Junior School:

- > 1st Place Primary Instrumental Ensemble - Junior Band
- > 2nd Place Primary Percussion Ensemble - Junior Chime Choir

- > 2nd Place Primary Instrumental Ensemble - Junior Chimelets
- > 3rd Place Primary Strings Beginner Ensemble - Year 2 String Immersion
- > Highly Commended Primary String Trio/Quartet - Junior String Trio

Middle / Senior School:

- > 1st Place Secondary Percussion/Orff Ensemble - Chime Choir
- > 1st Place Secondary Brass Trio/Quartet - Brass Ensemble
- > 2nd Place Secondary Instrumental Trio/Quartet - Celtic Session
- > 3rd Place Secondary Orchestra - Symphony Orchestra





Perfect Cadence

Music Showcase

Sunday 23 August | 6.30pm

Armitage Centre Auditorium
Empire Theatre

Join us for an inspiring evening of artistry, connection, and celebration. Showcasing performances by the College's exceptional ensembles alongside accomplished Old Girls alumni, this signature showcase highlights the enduring strength and spirit of music within our school community.



Purchase Tickets



Fairholme

Dance Showcase

Saturday 22 August | 5-6.30pm

Fairholme Assembly Hall

Free Entry - Everyone Welcome

Don't miss out on a night of spectacular performances by our talented Fairholme dancers.

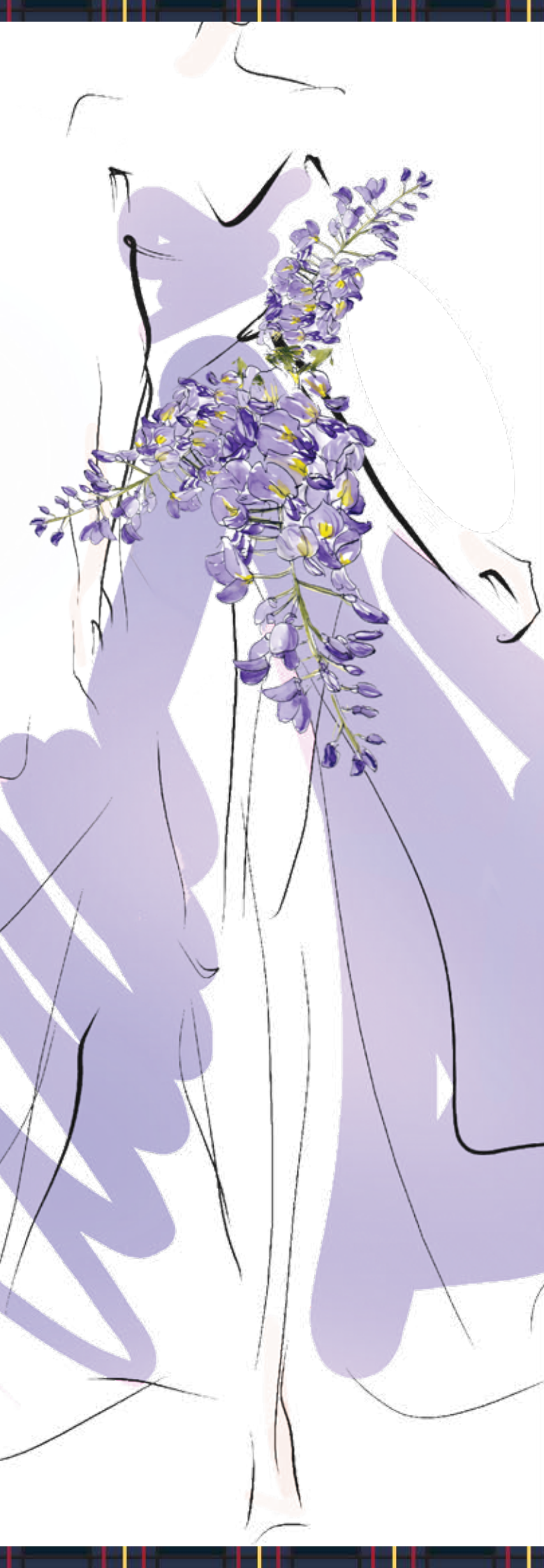
Around The Grounds





FAIRHOLME FATHERS' DINNER





FAIRHOLME FASHION WEEK 2026

Are you an emerging fashion designer?

Entries are now open for the 2026 Fairholme Fashion Design Awards. We invite emerging designers to share their creativity by submitting an original fashion ensemble to be showcased and judged by industry professionals at our Design Awards and Fashion Parade on 24 October 2026.

Category One

Open Category (18 years & older)

Open Champion Designer \$1000 prize

Open Emerging Designer \$500 prize

Category Two

Senior School Category (Years 10-12)

Senior School Champion Designer \$500 prize

Senior School Encouragement Award \$500 prize

Category Three

Middle School Category (Years 7-9)

Middle School Champion Designer \$350 prize

Middle School Encouragement Award \$200 prize

Design and sew an outfit inspired by the theme
In Full Bloom for the Spring/Summer 2026 season.



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Together with Toowoomba Grammar School and The Glennie School, we have partnered to bring Madonna King, renowned author, journalist and social commentator to Toowoomba.

The research for her last five books – including best-seller ‘Being 14’ – has focused on the challenges confronting our tweens and teens. Madonna joins us to talk screens. Not just social media, but computer games and streaming, AI and algorithms, which are all changing our children’s lives, from toddlers through to late teens.

All are welcome; however content is primarily targeted for parents of students in Years 3 to 8.

Thursday, 6 August 2026
Toowoomba Grammar School,
DET Centre
5.30pm - 7pm



This is a free event with limited capacity. Early reservations are recommended.



Upcoming *Key Dates*

Thursday 6 August

- > Be A Fairholme Girl For A Day
- > Madonna King: Screen Wise
- Toowoomba Grammar School

Monday 10 August

- > NAIDOC Week begins

Friday 14 August

- > Year 12 ‘100 Days To Go’
- > Creme de la Creme Concert

Saturday 22 August

- > Fairholme Dance Showcase

Sunday 23 August

- > Perfect Cadence Music Showcase, The Armitage Centre

Tuesday 25 August

- > Junior School Grandparents Day & Book Week

Friday 28 August

- > Fairholme Mothers’ Long Lunch

Monday 31 August

- > Junior School Interhouse Gymnastics

Monday 14 September

- > A Box of Chocolates Middle School Concert

Tuesday 15 September

- > Junior School Showcase

Thursday 17 September

- > Term 3 Concludes
- > Year 5-7 Mother & Daughter Luncheon
- > Year 11 Leadership Breakfast
- > Year 9 Pathways Breakfast
- > Year 9 Business Lion’s Den Event

Friday 18 September

- > 2027 Orientation Program