

AT Home





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN:

Honouring Our Traditions, Shaping Our Future

One of the exciting parts of being Principal at Fairholme College is embracing tradition and innovation in creative tension. In this edition of At Holme and as we reflect on the month just past, this balance has been visible across every corner of school life - reminding us that while our history grounds us, it is our willingness to look forward that enables us to flourish.

This theme is especially timely as we continue the development of our next Strategic Plan. The conversations taking place with staff, students, parents and Old Girls have been thoughtful, honest and energising. They reflect a community deeply proud of its heritage, yet equally committed to ensuring that a Fairholme education remains purposeful, courageous and relevant for the young women we serve today - and tomorrow. We look forward to finalising this over the coming term and sharing this with the community in Semester 2.

It was with a particular pride that Fairholme was involved recently in the Motherland Conference held here in Toowoomba. This event brought together regional women from across Australia to celebrate motherhood, leadership, enterprise and community and our girls were there too. Fairholme was proud to be a sponsor, and it was deeply

affirming to see values so closely aligned with our own: strength, service and a belief in the power of education to shape lives and regions. Supporting initiatives such as Motherland reinforces our commitment to the wider community beyond our school gates - particularly, in the empowerment and support of regional, rural and remote women.

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- Dr Leigh Hobart

Within our own community, we celebrated a remarkable individual achievement with Helen Yong attaining her AmusA Diploma - an extraordinary accomplishment that speaks to discipline, talent and perseverance. It is a powerful reminder that tradition, in the form of rigorous musical excellence, continues to thrive when paired with contemporary opportunities and expert mentoring.

Leadership has also been a strong focus this month. Our interviews with the Prefect for Service, Grace Taylor and the Prefect for Ministry, Lira Lerato offer thoughtful insights into what leadership looks like in action - quiet, purposeful and grounded in care for others. Their reflections reminded us that service and faith are not static traditions, but living commitments shaped anew by each generation of students.

Challenge and growth were on full display during the recent Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey, where students navigated both literal and metaphorical waters while sailing on Moreton Bay. Confronting unpredictable conditions, teamwork demands and personal limits, our students demonstrated resilience, adaptability and courage. It was lovely to receive an email from the President of the sailing organisation, commending the girls on their composure and positive engagement. Challenges such as these remain a cornerstone of a Fairholme education, blending long held values of character development with experiential, real world learning.

Innovation and creativity took centre stage during our annual Melbourne Fashion Festival trip, where students immersed themselves in the dynamic world of fashion week. Exposure to design, industry professionals and creative expression expanded horizons and sparked aspiration. It was heartening to see how confidently our students engaged with contemporary culture while drawing on the strong sense of self, fostered here at Fairholme.

Closer to home, the energy and camaraderie of Interhouse Cross Country reminded us that traditions endure because

they bring us together. Congratulations to Stephens House for their win in the secondary competition, and at the time of writing, leading the Junior School competition (Prep to Year 2 were still to run!). Spirit Sticks, enjoyment, determination and mutual encouragement were evident at every turn, reinforcing the importance of shared experiences in shaping belonging.

This year also marks a significant milestone: 40 years of the Fairholme Equestrian Program. What began as a visionary commitment has grown into a celebrated and well attended feature of our school. Hosting the Fairholme Pittsworth event in April will be a fitting celebration - honouring decades of excellence, partnership and opportunity, while looking ahead to the program's future. It stands as a powerful example of how tradition, when nurtured and evolved, becomes enduring legacy.

Finally, I encourage our community to engage with FACETS, our annual art exhibition - with tickets now available. FACETS showcases the imagination, skill and voice of our community through selected artists, capturing both technical mastery and contemporary expression. It is a visual testament to the dedication of creative spirit thriving within our school.

As we move forward, may we continue to honour what has shaped us while boldly embracing what lies ahead - confident that Fairholme's strength lies in doing both, with purpose and heart.

Dr Leigh Hobart | Principal





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I Love Music

A Remarkable *Milestone*

Helen Yong Awarded Associate in Music Australia (AMusA) Diploma in Piano

A wonderful achievement for Year 11 student Helen Yong, who was recently presented with her Associate in Music Australia (AMusA) Diploma in Piano from the Australian Music Examinations Board at a special ceremony held at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University.

This highly regarded qualification recognises an advanced level of musical understanding and performance, and is a testament to Helen's dedication, discipline and passion for her craft.

Helen began playing piano in Year 1 and has since developed into an accomplished multi-instrumentalist, also playing the violin and previously the clarinet. After completing her AMEB Grade 8, she spent a further 18 months to two years preparing for her Diploma, a journey requiring countless hours of focused practice and perseverance. 'There were times when I wanted to quit when I was younger,' Helen reflects, 'but I'm really glad now that I kept going.'

The AMusA examination process is rigorous, requiring candidates to complete a written exam, perform a memorised recital before a panel of examiners, followed by an in-depth discussion demonstrating extensive knowledge of each work.

Helen's success speaks not only to her musical ability but also her commitment, often dedicating three to four hours of daily practice while balancing her academic studies.

Reflecting on her involvement in music, Helen shares that she 'loves making new connections and just how much you learn from it. It has forced me to better with my time management, having to fit my studies in around my practice. It's been tough to juggle it all, but I've had my friends encouraging me which has been really helpful.'

Beyond piano, Helen is currently working towards her Diploma in violin, as well as Grade Six Music Theory, along with commencing her second Diploma in Piano. She draws inspiration from composers such as Mendelssohn and Debussy, whose lyrical styles resonate deeply with her.

A regular competitor in eisteddfods and events including the Queensland Piano Competition, Helen is also an active member of Fairholme's trio, chamber strings and symphony orchestra.

Helen's passion for music is matched by her ambition, with aspirations to pursue a dual degree combining the arts with medicine, and one day work as a GP. She also hopes to remain involved in music beyond school, potentially performing in orchestras or even exploring violin making and repair.

Helen credits her parents, teachers and friends for their support, including the weekly commitment of travelling to Brisbane for lessons. With her remarkable work ethic, Helen's future is undoubtedly bright, and we look forward to seeing where her talents and commitment take her.



Get to know our

Prefects

Meet 2026 Prefect for Ministry, Lira Mpofu

How long have you been a student at Fairholme?

I've been at Fairholme since I was in Year 10, so I'm beginning my third year here this year.

What made you want to become the Prefect for Ministry?

I wanted to become Prefect for Ministry to really help draw girls closer to God, but to also help girls to learn more about the Bible in a more relatable and interesting way that would make them enjoy learning about God and the Bible more.

What part of the role have you been enjoying most?

The part of my role I enjoy the most would definitely be the messages I get to write for Chapels. It's been quite enjoyable to be able to take a Bible story and retell it in a more modernised or entertaining way to get people more engaged during Chapels. It's also helped me learn more about the Bible as well, which has been good.

Who has been your biggest influence or inspiration in your faith journey?

The biggest influence in my faith journey would have to be some of my old church friends or Mr Cavanaugh. Having chats about faith and religion to either has been really helpful in deepening my understanding and beliefs. But of course, the biggest inspiration would have to be Jesus and God themselves. Can't get more inspiring than them.

What advice would you give your Year 7 self?

I would tell her to just trust what God has in store for you, and that everything would work out for the best in the end. And also to just go to bed instead of pulling all-nighters on assignments; it really never was that serious. Go enjoy your life with your friends instead.

Do you see faith or serving others continuing to be part of your life after school?

Yes, absolutely. My faith will definitely continue to play a big part of my life after I leave Fairholme. While I may no longer

be a Ministry Prefect - unfortunately - I will still keep my faith central in my life long after I finish school.

What's a random fact about you that most people might not know?

A random fact about me would be that I don't have pets in Australia, but I have five pet chickens in Zimbabwe.



Get to know our *Prefects*

Meet 2026 Prefect for Service, Grace Taylor



How long have you been a student at Fairholme?

I joined Fairholme in 2021 as a Year 7 Day Girl, so I am now in my sixth year at the College.

What drew you to the role of Prefect for Service?

I have always been involved in service activities at Fairholme, and over time it became something I was really passionate about. I was always inspired by the work that Interact does and the positive impact it has both within Fairholme and in the wider community. Watching older students organise and lead initiatives such as Shave for a Cure and Share the Dignity motivated me and seeing their courage and commitment made me want to contribute in the same way.

Do you have a favourite or most memorable service activity you've been involved in?

Definitely, Homework Help. I participated in it during both Year 10 and Year 11, and it quickly became one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. Being able to engage with children from various backgrounds and build friendships with them was really special. Seeing their faces light up when

they achieved something made the experience incredibly fulfilling, and it truly felt like we were making a meaningful difference in the community.

Has there been a particular influence on your passion for helping others?

I would say my grandma has always set a positive example as she was always very involved in helping her community at Warra, whether through volunteering her time or organising local events. Seeing the impact she had on others shaped the way I think about service and ultimately shaped my passion for helping others.

What advice would you give to students who might be unsure about getting involved in service activities?

My advice would simply be to just sign up and give it a go. It can sometimes feel a little daunting trying something new, but service activities are always welcoming and enjoyable experiences. Not only do you get to spend time with friends and meet new people, but you also gain a lot of perspective about the world around you. It really helps you appreciate what you have and understand how much even small efforts can mean to others. Once you get involved, you quickly realise how rewarding it is.

Do you hope to continue volunteering after school?

I would love to. I love volunteering and I am hopeful to volunteer all around the world when I am older and get the opportunity to travel. It would be really special to make a significant difference in both my local community but also in communities around the world.

What's a random fact about you that most people might not know?

A random fact about me is that I danced for fourteen years of my life. It was a huge part of my life growing up. I started when I was three years old and continued all the way until the end of Year 11, when I finished at seventeen, training in the disciplines of Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Irish and Contemporary.



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Show Ring *Success*

Meet Year 7 Boarders, Willow Gilliland and Adi Dodson



For Boarder Willow Gilliland, cattle is in her blood, competing in her first judging competition at just six years old. Her family run beef and stud cattle from their property at Alice Creek in the South Burnett, where her passion for the industry continues to grow.

Willow, in Year 7, has competed in numerous competitions across the country, regularly topping her category in both judging and parading. Most recently,

she cleaned up at the Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo, taking out Champion Junior Judging, third place in Sub Intermediate Handler, and took out first place Junior Handler at the 2026 Pittsworth Show.

Willow has her sights firmly set on a future career in agriculture, saying there are plenty of exciting opportunities opening up across the industry, especially for girls.

Adi Dodson, a Year 7 Boarder from Banana in Central Queensland, has been showing cattle for five years. Following in her family's footsteps, Adi is an up-and-coming cattle stud groomer, exhibitor and judge, just like her mum and dad.

A standout young competitor, Adi claimed the Junior Parader title in the 13

years and under category at last year's Ekka, beating more than 150 other entrants.

With a strong passion for the industry, Adi hopes to pursue a career in beef, contributing to her home region, and in one of our most important and iconic sectors.



From home

Boarding Fun!



Motherland Matters

at Fairholme

Across 13 to 15 March, Fairholme College was proud to be involved in and support the Motherland Australia National Conference held in Toowoomba, an event dedicated to strengthening connection, wellbeing and support for rural mothers across the country.

Motherland Australia is a nationally recognised charity that works to reduce isolation and improve mental health outcomes for women living and raising families in regional and remote communities.

On Saturday, a group of Fairholme boarders attended the conference, facilitating a bracelet making workshop and connecting with more than 300 rural mums from across Australia. Many girls made connections with people from their home towns or those that knew their families. The activity created a warm, welcoming space for conversation

and creativity, reinforcing the importance of community, shared experience and mutual support among rural women.

For Fairholme, one of Australia's largest all-girls boarding schools, the Motherland message is one of great importance. Our students and families come from all over regional and rural Australia, and we see firsthand the challenges distance and isolation can present.

Supporting initiatives that bring rural women together aligns strongly with Fairholme's commitment to community, wellbeing and leadership. The experience also provided our boarders with a meaningful opportunity to serve others, develop empathy and engage with the broader rural communities they proudly represent.



YEARS 3-12 INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2026 Interhouse Cross Country! It was wonderful to see the Fairholme spirit in full force at Kearneys Spring on a beautiful sunny day.

Age Champions - Junior School:

8 years

1st Blair Kajewski | 2nd Izzy Gillmore | 3rd Estella Skinner

9 years

1st Char Carey | 2nd Milana Cavanagh | 3rd Heidi Morrissey

10 years

1st Ava Ryals | 2nd Evie Farr | 3rd Tillie Roberts

11 years

1st Jaimee Sessarago | 2nd Adeline Martin | 3rd Matilda Neville

12 years

1st Pippy Miller | 2nd Maggie House | 3rd Hailey Turnbull

House Points: Stephens House are currently leading the charge followed by Black House, with results from the Kindy to Year 2 Cross Country to be added next term.

Age Champions - Middle and Senior Schools:

12 Years

1st Violet Richardson | 2nd Eden Broksch | 3rd Isobel Logan

13 Years

1st Lucy Barton | 2nd Grace Grams | 3rd Charlotte Perse

14 Years

1st Lucy Doolin | 2nd Ally Groat | 3rd Elizabeth Kluck

15 Years

1st Hannah Barton | 2nd Greta Goddard | 3rd Sophie Coonan

16 Years

1st Ava Buckley | 2nd Addi Attrill | 3rd Abbey Muggleton

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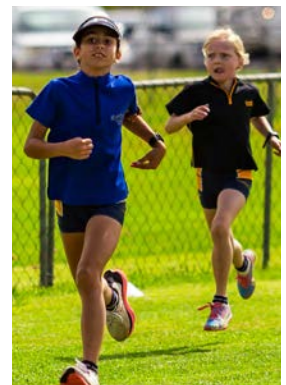
1st Layla Magarey | 2nd Abi Barnes | 3rd Lexi Davey

Boarder Day Girl Trophy: Day Girls

Participation Trophy: Stephens House

Overall Trophy: Stephens House





Celebrating 40 Years of *Equestrian Excellence*

In 2026, Fairholme College will proudly celebrate 40 years of Equestrian, marking a significant milestone in the College's sporting history.

This anniversary honours our rich traditions, the dedication of generations of riders, coaches and families, and the enduring place equestrian sport holds within our community. At the same time, it invites us to look ahead to the continued growth of the sport and the opportunities available for future Fairholme riders across the Darling Downs and beyond - particularly as the region looks ahead to hosting Olympic Equestrian during the Brisbane 2032 Games.

Fairholme's strong sporting pathways have long inspired students to dream big. Across our history, the College has produced 11 Olympians across multiple sports, a remarkable achievement that continues to motivate today's students to pursue excellence on and off the field.

Our equestrian journey began humbly in 1986, when Fairholme competed for the first time in the Inter High School Equestrian Championships alongside schools from Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. The occasion was made even more special by the generosity of the Fairholme Parents and Friends Association, who donated saddle cloths

to the team. Made from the summer tartan and bound in gold ribbon, with the school badge sewn into the left hand corner, these cloths symbolised strong community support, values that remain central to Fairholme equestrian today.

Four decades later, the program continues to go from strength to strength. In 2025, the Fairholme Equestrian Team celebrated an outstanding year of achievement, including being named:

- > Finalist – 2025 Equestrian Queensland School of the Year
- > 2025 Equestrian Queensland Interschool Overall Champion Secondary School, winning the prestigious Lorette Wigan Cup for the fifth consecutive year
- > Grand Champion School – 2025 Darling Downs and South West Queensland Regional Championships

Adding to this success, ten Fairholme riders were selected to compete at the 2025 Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, showcasing their talent on the national stage.

This anniversary provides the College with the opportunity to celebrate not only past and present achievements, but the passion and promise of the riders who will shape the next chapter of equestrian at the College. The future of this proud legacy sport has never looked brighter.



1986 Fairholme Horse Riding Group



1990 Fairholme Equestrian Team Members at DD Championships



2025 Lorette Wigan Cup Champion Secondary School



**INTERSCHOOL
DRESSAGE + SHOWJUMPING**

25 - 26 April 2026 | Pittsworth Showgrounds



Duke of Edinburgh *Adventures at Sea*

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award girls experienced the true spirit of adventure on board the South Passage Sailing Expedition for their Practice and Qualifying Adventurous Journey.

From the moment they stepped aboard, the girls were immersed in life at sea. They quickly developed practical sailing skills, mastering essential sailing knots, learning navigation techniques, and taking part in the daily routines that keep a vessel moving, including hoisting halyards, steering the vessel, and stepping up for night watch duties.

Beyond the technical, there were also opportunities to enjoy snorkelling and swimming in beautiful Tangalooma Bay.

Designed to be challenging, rigorous and enjoyable, this Adventurous Journey certainly delivered on every level. To their credit, the girls presented with great courage and grace under pressure.

Rod Burgess, President of South Passage – Adventure Under Sail, praised the group's conduct and spirit. 'Moments like these highlight the value of experiential learning and the purpose of the Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey. Sailing places young people in a dynamic environment where teamwork, communication, problem-solving and resilience are not just concepts but essential life skills. The Fairholme students supported one another, remained composed, and continued to engage positively with the voyage despite the challenging conditions.'

Please pass on our sincere thanks to the students for the way they conducted themselves on board. They represented Fairholme College exceptionally well, and our crew commented on their positive attitude and willingness to rise to the occasion.'

For the students themselves, the experience left a lasting impression. Year 9 student Emaya Fegan reflected on the journey with gratitude. 'I just wanted to properly thank you for all that you did for us over the weekend. Although the weather was a bit crazy at times, with the rain and wind, it actually made the experience more exciting and memorable. I really appreciated the time and effort that you put in for us—it made a big difference, especially in those tougher moments. Your support, guidance and willingness to help everyone did not go unnoticed. It truly helped make the whole trip a success.'

Experiences like the South Passage expedition and the Duke of Edinburgh program are a great reminder that learning extends far beyond the classroom. Through challenge and adventure, students discover not only new skills but also their own strength of character.

We are incredibly proud of these future leaders and their tremendous effort and contributions throughout the voyage.



Melbourne Fashion Festival: *A Front-Row Experience*

Inspiring, imaginative and the ultimate celebration of creativity, the 2026 Melbourne Fashion Festival trip was one to remember for our Year 11 and 12 Fashion Students.

Across three inspiring days, students immersed themselves in world-class design, bold artistic expression and the evolving future of fashion.

Students explored the joyful and imaginative 'Let's Party' exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. Drawing from the gallery's renowned Fashion & Textiles Collection, the showcase celebrated playful accessories, inventive silhouettes and the expressive power of dressing up.

Seeing fashion presented within a fine-art context proved eye-opening. Pieces were bold, theatrical and delightfully unexpected, encouraging students to view clothing not just as garments, but as creative statements.

The visit also included a stunning display of works by iconic designer Vivienne Westwood. Her fearless use of colour, texture and form captivated the group, offering a masterclass in how fashion can challenge conventions while remaining unmistakably beautiful.

In a powerful celebration of women in the arts, students next explored the dazzling Diva collection at the Australian Museum of Performing Arts. The exhibition featured breathtaking costumes

worn by icons including Cher and Cate Blanchett.

A tram ride to Lygon Street brought a shift in focus from glamour to responsibility at MIND: The Regenerative Fashion Store, which returned for an exclusive three-day appearance as part of the festival.

Beautifully curated and thoughtfully presented, the space encouraged students to reflect on their relationship with clothing and textiles. The visit highlighted an important message that fashion isn't just about what's trending on the runway, it's about responsibility, sustainability and investing in the future.

Of course, no Melbourne Fashion Festival experience would be complete without the runway, and our students were treated to some breathtaking productions.

Between inspiring exhibitions and runway moments, the experience was rich with creativity, individuality and discovery. The students have returned buzzing with ideas and inspiration, ready to channel what they had seen in their own creative work.

Heartfelt thanks go to our Fashion staff for providing such a valuable learning opportunity for our students.



AROUND THE GROUNDS



Andrews Cup Swimming

Our Junior swimmers had a fabulous time in the pool at Andrews Cup Swimming. The team came away with 2nd place in the Percentage Cup, making them the highest ranked Toowoomba school. Our 11 Years team also placed 5th place overall which is a fantastic achievement against such strong competition. Well done team.

School Sport Australia Aquathlon

Only six months after racing her first ever aquathlon, Year 8 student Lucy Barnes has placed an incredible 4th in Australia at the School Sport Australia National Championships. Congratulations to Lucy on this sensational achievement.

Darling Downs Swimming Trials

34 Fairholme swimmers recently competed at the Darling Downs Swimming Trials. A special congratulations to Ava Nicholls who was awarded 10 Years Age Champion, and Adeline Martin taking home the 11 Years Age Champion trophy. Ava also achieved a new record in the 10 Years Girls 200 Individual Medley, taking 7 seconds off the previous record.

13 Fairholme girls have now been selected to represent DD at State Championships – Fairholme making up a quarter of the DD girls 13-19 Years team!

QRSS Cricket State Championships

Congratulations to Year 11 students, Morgan Smith and Emmy

Cussons, on their fantastic achievement as part of the Bronze medal winning Darling Downs Cricket team. Competing on home turf in Toowoomba at the Queensland Representative School Sport 15-19 Years State Championships, the girls showcased great skill and team spirit throughout the tournament.

Pittsworth Cattle Show Judging

Congratulations to our talented team of cattle judging students who achieved some great results at the Pittsworth Show. Special shout out to:

- > Ella Phillips – 1st place Prime Beef Judging and Junior Reserve Champion Prime Beef Judge
- > Willow Gilliland – 1st place Junior Cattle Handlers
- > Molly Harrison – 3rd place Prime Beef Judging

We're so proud of each of your efforts and the way you represented Fairholme so beautifully.

Hell of the West Triathlon

Year 4 student Charlotte Carey competed in the Hell of the West triathlon at Goondiwindi, finishing 1st in the 9 years girls' category. Athletes completed a 50m swim, 2km bike ride and half kilometre run, with Char blitzing the field with energy to burn!

Warwick Tennis

Well done to Sophie Von Blanckensee who competed in the Warwick JDS Tennis Tournament, coming away as winner of the girls U17 Tier 2 division.



Queensland Athletics Championships

Congratulations to our track and field athletes who recently competed at the Queensland Athletics State Championships.

- > Emily Carrigan – Under 14 Shot Put Gold and Discus Silver
- > Violet Richardson – Under 13 800m Gold
- > Lucy Barnes – Under 15 3000m Gold
- > Abi Barnes – Under 18 2000m Steeplechase Bronze
- > Ruby Richardson – Under 17 400m Hurdles National Qualifier and 7th Place

It was also great to see a few Fairholme Old Girls continuing to compete, including Mackenzi Schefe (2025) who won Bronze in the Under 20 3000m Steeplechase, and Grace Vanzella (2023) 5th in the Open 400m Hurdles.

We wish the girls all the best of luck as they head towards nationals in April.

Futsal Grand Final

Our Year 7 and 8 Futsal team enjoyed a great season in the Monday night competition, culminating in a well-earned place in the grand final. Up against Darling Downs Adventist College, the girls delivered an exciting and closely contested game, going down narrowly 4–3. Thanks to the spirit squad for coming along to cheer the girls on.

Toowoomba Schools Basketball Grand Final

Fairholme's Year 11/12 Basketball team enjoyed a strong season in the Toowoomba Schools Basketball Friday night competition, finishing as runners-up in the Grand Final. Our Year 9/10 girls also performed strongly, playing off for 3rd place.

Toowoomba Volleyball Association Premier League

A strong finish to the Term 1, Toowoomba Volleyball Association Premier League competition with Fairholme featuring in the grand final games across all divisions.

- > F1 – Senior Girls Division Winners

- > F4 – Junior Girls Division Winners
- > F3 – Intermediate Girls Division Runner-Ups
- > F5 – Junior Girls Division Runner-Ups

Representative School Sport Selections

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been selected in Representative School Sport teams. These girls join an incredible group of 44 students who have earned Term 1 selection in DD teams.

> Queensland Swimming:

13-19 Years – Mackenzie Grimes and Mia Geise

> Darling Downs Swimming:

10-12 Years – Madison Conwell, Reeva Coutts (DD Captain), Adeline Martin and Ava Nicholls

13-19 Years – Elouise Fraser, Mia Geise, Mackenzie Grimes (DD Captain), Charley Murray, Samantha Murray, Skye Parker, Elizabeth Riddle, Elizabeth Wormwell and Mackenzie Zimmerle

> Darling Downs Netball:

13-15 Years – Lizzie Kluck, Lola Marjoribanks and Elvie Saltner

16-19 Years – Hannah Bourke, Mackenzie Grimes and Tayla Kauter

> Darling Downs Hockey

13-15 Years – Mali Robertson

16-19 Years – Addison Attrill, Matilda Rogers and Emmy Cussons

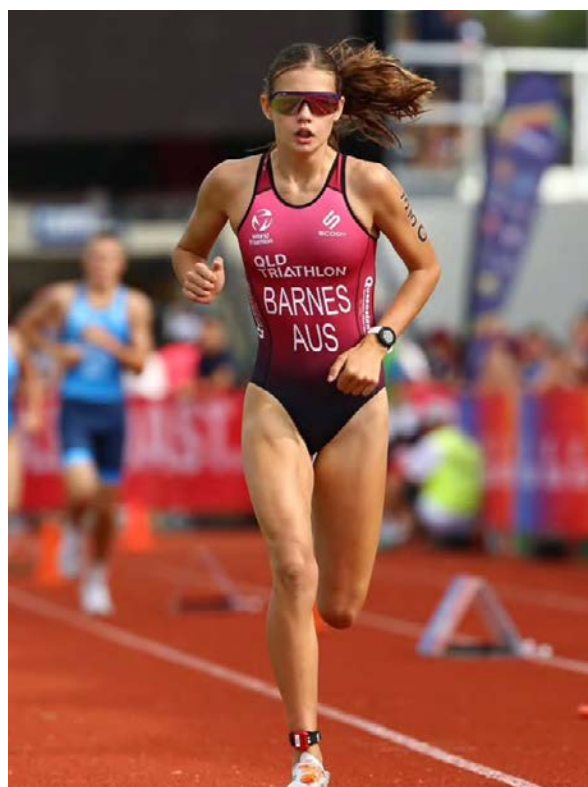
> Darling Downs Rugby 7s

15-16 Years – Josie Ostwald and Ava Henry

17-18 Years – Izzy Johnston, Charli Coleman and Issy Elsley

> Darling Downs Water Polo

13-15 Years – Caitlin Schultheiss, Skye Parker and Kari Brennan





Interschool Equestrian Event

Our Equestrian team achieved some great results at the recent Glennie Interschool Event.

Dressage

Senior Prelim 1.1 & 1.2

1st – Jemima Southwood riding Stockholme D

5th – Amelia Roughan riding Its Clinique

6th – Bianca Bruggemann riding Rossatin

Intermediate Novice 2.1 & 2.2

2nd – Sophia Nugent riding Lyndhurst Reign

4th – Kate McDonald riding Remembrance Day

5th – Lucy Dooling riding Kapeta Spellbound

6th – Zara Green riding Aisling Park Stellaluna

Senior Novice 2.1 & 2.2

1st – Heidi Horsley riding Windouran Razamataz

2nd – Jemima Southwood riding Asham Fireman

3rd – Felicity Piccini riding Nielsen Final Hit

8th – Felicity Piccini riding West Wind Crowns Apollo

Elementary 3.1 & 3.2

3rd – Kate Frith riding Jen Jen Fernando

Show Horse

Intermediate Show Hunter

1st – Sophia Nugent riding Lyndurst Reign

8th – Zara Green riding Aisling Park

Stellaluna

Senior Show Horse

5th – Felicity Piccini riding Nielsen Final Hit

Senior Show Hunter

3rd – Heidi Horsley riding Windouran Razamataz

6th – Felicity Piccini riding West Wind Crowns Apollo

Show Jumping

Secondary 50cm Show Jumping

1st – Lucy Brett riding Wellbrook Top Deck

Secondary 60cm Show Jumping

4th – Jemima Southwood riding Stockholme D

Secondary 70cm Show Jumping

5th – Hayley Richter riding Cormorant IRE

8th – Eliza Long riding Penny

11th – Felicity Piccini riding West Wind Crowns Apollo

Secondary 80cm Show Jumping

1st – Arabella Muenster riding Another Conquest

Secondary 90cm Show Jumping

3rd – Lucy Doolin riding Kapeta Spellbound

5th – Hayley Richter riding Illuminate HL

7th – Heidi Horsley riding Windouran Razamataz

Secondary 100cm Show Jumping

2nd – Kate McDonald riding Remembrance Day

8th – Grace Ward riding Loco Pancho

11th – Bianca Bruggemann riding Rossatin

Secondary 110cm Show Jumping

7th – Amelia Roughan riding Its Clinique

8th – Jemima Southwood riding Asham Fireman

9th – Kate Frith riding Jen Jan Fernando

Secondary 120cm Show Jumping

2nd – Kate Frith riding Skeedazzle



IN THE ARTS

Lions Youth of the Year

After winning the Lions Youth of the Year competition for the Wilsonton Club last November, Mariam Nabizada progressed to the Toowoomba Regional Final, held on Saturday 8 March.

It was a privilege to watch Mariam achieve another outstanding result, taking out the regional title and earning a place at the District level competition on 18 April. Mariam's achievement reflects not only her confidence and leadership, but also the thoughtful preparation she brought to the competition. We wish her every success as she prepares for the next stage.

Primary Chess Championships

Well done to our Junior Chess girls who participated in the Toowoomba District Primary School Individual Chess Championship last week. A special congratulations to Ashni Pai on her third-place overall ranking, an awesome achievement against so many competitors.

State Honours Ensemble Program

Congratulations to Rachel Kang, Hannah Lee, Charise Lin, Sidney Scholes, Senudi Sesathpura and Chloe Wong who were all nominated by their instrumental Music teachers to attend the Darling Downs State Honours Ensemble Program at Centenary Heights State High School this year. Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's State Honours Ensemble Program, affectionately known as SHEP is an educational program for music students that help extend and encourage their pursuit of musical excellence.

Choral Music Camp

Our College and Chamber Choir girls had the wonderful opportunity to perform at St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, Brisbane as part of their annual Choral Music Camp. Under the direction of Mr Alexander Dixon, Head of Performance Music, with accompaniment from Mrs Christine Lebsanft on piano and Ms Eduarda van Klinken on the pipe organ, the girls truly shone. Such was the calibre of their ethereal performances that the congregation were moved to acknowledge them with their applause.

Beyond the performance, the camp provided a great opportunity for the girls to learn new repertoire for the year ahead and make new friendships, as well as participate in a masterclass with Ms Ireni Utley, who is a Masters graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium in Opera Performance and Vocal Pedagogy.

An inspiring and harmonious start to the year for our choral students.

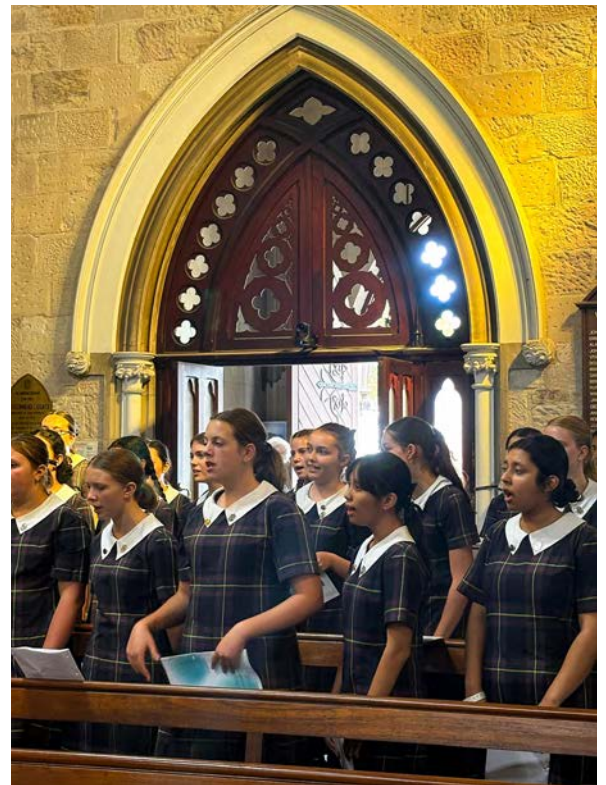
Senior Drama Excursion

Our Senior Drama students travelled to La Boite Theatre in Brisbane to watch an abridged performance of Sophocles' Antigone. Captivating from start to finish, the production was enriched by powerful symbolism woven through its sets, lighting, and costume designs. Antigone was a woman conflicted by her loyalty to family and her obedience to King Creon. A struggle that resonated deeply with students as the play drew parallels to resolute women in our contemporary world. Figures such as Malala Yousafzai, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Julia Gillard were highlighted as modern embodiments of courage and conviction, women who, like Antigone, have stood firm in the face of immense pressure and adversity. The Senior Drama girls were delighted to have also bumped into their 2025 Drama Captain, Mackenzie Smith, who was on her way to a 3-hour acting class in Brisbane.



Upcoming Arts Events

Tuesday 28 April	Choralations Concert - Junior School
Tuesday 28 April	Middle and Senior Lunchtime Concert
Wednesday 29 April	Choralations Concert - Middle and Senior School
6-17 May	Toowoomba Eisteddfod Part 1
8-10 May	Fairholme Open Art Prize - FACETS Exhibition
16-17 May	Kingaroy Dance Eisteddfod
Monday 25 May	Years 3-4 Lunchtime Concert
Thursday 28 May	Autumn Tones Concert
Monday 8 June	Prep-Year 2 Lunchtime Concert
Monday 15 June	Centrestage Senior Performance
Wednesday 17 June	Interhouse Choral Competition
Wednesday 17 June	College Choir Workshop



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CONNECTING COMMUNITY THROUGH ART

Art: Nirvana - Amanda Mahony

Term 2

Key Dates

Tuesday 21 April	Term 2 Commences
24-26 April	Fairholme Equestrian Event - Pittsworth Showgrounds
Monday 4 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 8 May	Fairholme Open Art Prize - FACETS Opening Night
Saturday 9 May	Artists in Conversation Breakfast Fairholme Open Art Prize - FACETS Exhibition FACETS Live Portrait Competition
Sunday 10 May	Fairholme Open Art Prize - FACETS Exhibition
Friday 15 May	Year 7 Day/Boarder Sleepover
Thursday 21 May	Kindy to Year 2 Interhouse Cross Country Carnival Be a Fairholme Girl for a Day
Friday 29 May	Shave for a Cure
Wednesday 10 June	Be a Kindy and Prep Kid for a Morning
Friday 12 June	Junior Interhouse Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 17 June	Term 2 Concludes Middle and Senior Choral Competition

