

AT Holme





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN:

Collaboration at the Heart of Fairholme

At Fairholme, collaboration is not simply something we do - it is something in our DNA. It shapes our relationships, strengthens our learning, and binds our community across ages, abilities, cultures, and postcodes. This month's magazine is a celebration of that shared spirit, visible everywhere from our boarding houses to our sporting fields, from our art studios to our science labs.

As we mark National Boarding Week 2026 – Echoes of Home, I am reminded again of the deep collaborative threads that boarding weaves through our College. Eating regularly with the girls, joining them for prep, and sharing in the rhythms of their daily life is one of the most grounding parts of my role. Boarding brings with it a special element of culture - those country values of humility, hard work, humour, and heart - that enrich the whole school.

In recent discussions for our strategic plan about the non-negotiables of Fairholme's future, one message has been clear: we will always be a boarding school. Our commitment is steadfast. Mr Ian Andersen, Mrs Kylie Wallis and I will soon attend the Isolated Children's and Parent's Association (ICPA) State Conference in Atherton, Central Queensland and we continue to contribute actively to the Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) consultative group shaping the new Queensland Boarding Standards and the Australian Boarding Standards. This work ensures that our boarding program remains strong, safe, and future focused incorporating the needs and feedback of our rural and regional families.

While most of our boarders come from country Queensland and New South Wales, our community stretches far wider. In this issue, you will find an article on one of our students from Papua New Guinea - Chelsea Naris - whose story adds yet another rich thread to our tapestry of perspectives and experiences.

Collaboration also shines in our academic achievements. Year 9 and 10 students recently competed in the National Science and Engineering Challenge at UniSQ - and won the day. Their success was not the result of individual brilliance alone, but of teams who listened, problem solved, and built together. You can read more about their achievement in the Science Challenge article.

This issue also highlights our 23rd year of participating in Shave for a Cure, with an extraordinary 83 girls taking part. Together, they have raised over \$112,000 - a powerful example of collaboration for a cause beyond ourselves. Their courage and

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compassion speak volumes about the character of our students. The Arts, too, bring our community together. Our FACETS Open Art Prize once again showcased stunning works from students and professional artists alike. Events like this remind us that collaboration is not only about teamwork, it is also about shared appreciation, shared creativity, and shared celebration. Explore more in the FACETS feature.

Of course, no edition of At Holme would be complete without the joy of our youngest learners. The Kindy to Year 2 Cross Country was a delightful display of determination, encouragement, and pure cuteness. Watching our littlest runners cheer one another on is a reminder that collaboration begins early - and joyfully.

Our sporting program continues to thrive, with the Fairholme Equestrian Interschool Dressage and Show Jumping competition another standout. With close to 30 students in the team and many winners on the day, the event also marked 40 years of Fairholme Equestrian - a tradition built on teamwork between riders, coaches, families, and of course, horses. You can read more in the Equestrian section.

We also celebrate outstanding achievements in netball, with two teams progressing to the State Finals after the Vicki Wilson Netball Darling Downs competition. And our cross country team claimed the Champion Girls' School trophy at the Darling Downs Cross Country yet again - a triumph that reflects the deeply collaborative nature of the sport. Cross country may appear individual, but every runner knows the truth: it is the team behind you, beside you, and cheering for you that carries you forward.

Finally, our students shone at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod, demonstrating once again that when talent meets teamwork, remarkable things happen. Their performances were a testament to hours of shared practice, encouragement, and artistic partnership.

Across every page of this magazine, you will see collaboration in action - in classrooms, on stages, in paddocks, on sporting fields, and around dining tables. It is the value that strengthens us, connects us, and propels us forward as a community.

As always, thank you for your ongoing partnership in the life of our College.

Dr Leigh Hobart | Principal



Echoes of Home

National Boarding Week

Our Fairholme Boarding community came alive with connection and celebration as we marked a wonderful National Boarding Week!

Festivities began with the Friends of Boarding Town & Country Event and a beautiful Mothers' Day Morning Tea, bringing together families, friends and staff in celebration of the special relationships that make boarding life so unique.

Throughout the week, our boarders enjoyed a range of memorable activities including the Formal Boarding Dinner hosted by our Boarder Prefects, the Year 7 Boarder/Day Girl Sleepover, Wellness Wednesday fun, and opportunities to show appreciation for our incredible boarding staff who support and care for our girls each day.

One of the highlights of the week was the highly anticipated Boarder Assembly, which showcased the spirit, pride and strong sense of belonging within our community.

We were also proud to host the Australian Boarding Schools Association (ABSA) Boarding Leaders' Forum, welcoming student leaders from boarding schools across the Darling Downs for an evening of collaboration, leadership and connection.

Adding to the celebrations, we recognised Principal's Day with a special presentation for our fearless leader, Dr Hobart, whose unwavering support and genuine care for our boarding community continues to make a lasting impact on the lives of our girls.

To round out an incredible week, our boarders embraced all the excitement, colour and fun of the Festival of Boarding at Toowoomba Grammar School, joining with the wider boarding community to celebrate the unique experience of boarding life.

A very special thank you must go to our incredible boarding staff, who truly are the heart of our Holme. They create so much more than just a place to stay. It is comfort, belonging, laughter, safety and connection. Through their care and dedication, Fairholme is a true 'holme' away from home for our girls.



To our boarding staff, kitchen team, Health Centre nurses, laundry team, cleaners and support staff, we say a very big thank you. Their hard work, kindness and unwavering support help make our boarding community the special place that it is.

What a truly memorable week it was, a beautiful reminder of the strength, spirit and vibrancy of the Fairholme Boarding family, and of the connections shared across the broader boarding community throughout our region.



Science and Engineering Challenge *Winners*

A massive congratulations to our 31 Year 9 and 10 students who competed in the National Science and Engineering Challenge held at the University of Southern Queensland.

Throughout the day, the girls tackled an exciting range of STEM-based challenges including bridge building, glider design, house construction, wind turbine engineering, and a variety of other hands-on problem-solving activities. The competition encouraged students to think creatively, collaborate effectively, and apply their scientific

and engineering knowledge in real-world scenarios.

We are incredibly proud of the girls, who were named overall winners for their day of competition, as well as best on the day within the flight activity.

The girls' positivity, enthusiasm, and teamwork were infectious throughout the event, and it was wonderful to see their critical thinking, innovation, and determination on display.

Fairholme Acting Head of Learner Analytics, Mr Andy Cockerill, was

thrilled with the students' efforts.

'The girls' positivity and engagement was infectious and their amazing critical thinking and teamwork was great to see,' Mr Cockerill said.

'It was sp good to see a wide range of students participate, and they all had a brilliant time.'

A huge thank you to UniSQ for providing such an inspiring and engaging STEM opportunity for our students.



Hair Today, *Hope Tomorrow*

Fairholme marks 23 years of support for the World's Greatest Shave

Fairholme College is proud to mark its 23rd year of participation in the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave, continuing the College's long-standing tradition of service, compassion, and community spirit.

Since first getting involved, in 2003, nearly 2,000 Fairholme students have taken part by shaving, or cutting their hair, while leading fundraising and awareness efforts in support of Australians impacted by blood cancer. In 2026, 83 of our Year 12 students

and 3 staff are stepping forward to participate in the College's Shave for a Cure event. Their efforts have already raised over \$112,000, demonstrating the strength of our community and student commitment to making a difference.

Blood cancer continues to have a profound impact across Australia, with around 170,000 people currently facing the disease and 17 lives lost each day.

Service to others is a core value at Fairholme, and we commend the

generosity and courage of our students and wider community. Their willingness to sacrifice their ponytails and take part reflects a deep sense of empathy and leadership in action.

Our Fairholme Shave for a Cure event will take place on Friday 29 May at 1pm in the Fairholme Assembly Hall.

If you would like to help support the girls and staff in their fundraising efforts, please visit www.worldsgreatestshave.com/fundraisers/FairholmeCollege2026 to make a donation. Every dollar helps!





'Self Portrait in Cola' by Sam Scoufos

Facets Fairholme Open Art Prize

FACETS Fairholme Open Art Prize once again proved to be a vibrant celebration of creativity, education and community, with this year's 10th celebration event drawing more than 500 visitors across an inspiring weekend.

The festivities began with FACETS Opening Night and the announcement of the Fairholme Open Art Prize winning artworks, setting the tone for a weekend filled with artistic talent and meaningful connection.

Visitors across the weekend were treated to an outstanding exhibition featuring more than 200 artworks, alongside the FACETS FOGA Café and Junior FACETS Exhibition, showcasing and supporting the next generation of emerging artists.

A highlight of the weekend was the sold-out Artists in Conversation Breakfast, where guests enjoyed hearing from an esteemed panel of creatives including local artists Cara-Ann Simpson and Michelle Black, Head Designer for Hogans Family Jewellers Lachlan Hogan, and internationally renowned contemporary Australian artist and seven-time Archibald Prize finalist, Michael Zavros.

Each panellist generously shared insights into their inspiration, creative process and personal journey within the art world, captivating the audience with their passion and experience.

Michael Zavros also spent time with Fairholme's Senior Art students, leading visual art workshops that provided a rare and invaluable learning opportunity. Students were inspired by the experience, leaving energised and excited to further develop their own creative pursuits.

Visitors enjoyed watching talented portrait artists bring works to life before their eyes, with each artist showcasing their own unique style and expertise in a live setting. Congratulations to the portrait competition winner for 2026, Donna Mitchell, and to the winner of the People's Choice Award, Ruben Fitton.

The success of FACETS is a reflection of the incredible dedication and collaboration behind the scenes. Special thanks are extended to expert Curator Dr Tiffany Shafran, Guest Judge Henri van Noordenburg, the talented exhibiting artists, generous volunteers, sponsors and of course, the dedicated

FACETS Committee led by Mrs Karen Hayward.

FACETS continues to grow as a cherished event on the Fairholme calendar, celebrating artistic excellence while fostering inspiration, connection and creativity within the wider community.

2026 Major Award Winners

> Fairholme Open Acquisitive Art Prize

'Self Portrait in Cola' by Sam Scoufos

> Inspiring Creativity Acquisitive Art Prize

'Drowning in Your Love (Gleaming)' by David Usher

> John Sessarago Acquisitive Photography Prize

'That Funny Feeling' by Peta Berghofer

> Mary Snow Memorial Emerging Artist Award

'Sea Song' by Ellenie Kirkman

> Hangers' Prize sponsored by Northbuild

'The Crossing' by Stephen Inglis

> Guest Judge's Special Commendation Award

'Interference Theory' by Aurelie Beeston

Fairholme also gratefully acknowledges the support of the 2026 FACETS sponsors:

- > Major Sponsor: Art Shop Toowoomba
- > Opening Night Event Sponsor: Hogans Family Jewellers
- > Hangers' Prize Sponsor: Northbuild
- > Café Sponsor: Fairholme Old Girls Association
- > Event Sponsor: Fairholme College P&F



2026 SOFA Current Student Art Award Winners

We are especially proud to celebrate the winners of this year's Supporters of Fairholme Arts (SOFA) Current Student Art Awards. These student finalists were exhibited as part of the FACETS Exhibition.

- > **First Prize** was awarded to Aria Bray (Year 11) for *In the Gardens*
- > **Second Prize** went to Emily Statham (Year 12) for *Perched Macaw*
- > **Third Prize** was awarded to Grace Taylor (Year 12) for her photograph, *Entre les Murs de Montpellier*

SOFA | FIRST PRIZE
CURRENT STUDENT AWARD 2026

ARIA BRAY
IN THE GARDENS



SOFA | SECOND PRIZE
CURRENT STUDENT AWARD 2026

EMILY STATHAM
PERCHED MACAW



SOFA | THIRD PRIZE
CURRENT STUDENT AWARD 2026

GRACE TAYLOR
ENTRE LES MURS DE MONTPELLIER





Kindy to Year 2 *Cross Country*



6 Years and Under

- 1st – Clementine McCormick
- 2nd – Mirabel McCormick
- 3rd – Poppy Madden
- 4th – Evelyn Hayes

7 Years

- 1st – Primrose Carey
- 2nd – Dulcie Millers
- 3rd – Sienna Costello
- 4th – Isla Martyn

8 Years

- 1st – Elara Cavanagh
- 2nd – Iona Pihl
- 3rd – Kelani Rolfe
- 4th – Stella Valdal

House Points

- 1st – Stephens house
- 2nd – Black House
- 3rd – Powell House
- 4th – Cameron House





Fairholme Interschool *Equestrian*

The Fairholme Equestrian team recently hosted a hugely successful Interschool Dressage and Show Jumping Competition at the Pittsworth Showgrounds.

This year's event held special significance as we proudly celebrate 40 years of Fairholme Equestrian. A milestone that reflects decades of dedication, passion and community spirit. The competition was a wonderful showcase of the strength of our program and the enduring culture that has shaped Fairholme Equestrian across generations of riders.

Events of this scale are only possible through the collective efforts of many dedicated people. A heartfelt thank you goes to our Fairholme Equestrian families for their ongoing support and to Equestrian Co-ordinator, Jordyn Hermann, whose hard work and commitment were instrumental in bringing the event together so successfully. Congratulations to all of our riders on their wonderful achievements

and for representing Fairholme with such pride during this very special anniversary year.

DRESSAGE

Intermediate Prelim – 1.2 & 1.3

- Ruby Hooper – Nties Mr Perfect – 5th
- Lucy Brett – Wellbrook Top Deck – 8th
- Grace Ward – Las Vegas Lad – 10th
- Zara Green – Aisling Park Stلالuna – 11th
- Arabella Muenster – Life to the Max – 13th
- Emily Davis – Solloway – 14th
- Adelaide Ball – Stormy Chequers – 15th

Intermediate Novice – 2.2 & 2.3

- Sophia Nugent – Dylndhurst Reign – 3rd
- Lucy Doolin – Kapeta Spellbound – 4th
- Kate McDonald – Remembrance Day – 5th

Secondary Prelim – 1.2 & 1.3

- Bianca Bruggemann – Rossatin – 3rd
- Hayley Richter – Cormorant Ire – 4th
- Hayley Richter – Illuminate HL – 8th

- Amelia Roughan – Its Clinique – 9th
- Eliza Long – Penelopes Peace – 14th

Secondary Novice – 2.2 & 2.3

- Kate Frith – Jen Jen Fernando – 3rd
- Jemima Southwood – Asham Fireman – 6th
- Heidi Horsley – Windouran Razamataz – 7th
- Kate Frith – Skeedazzle – 8th
- Felicity Piccini – Nielsens Final Hit – 10th
- Felicity Piccini – Westwind Crowns Apollo – 11th



Jemima Southwood – Stockholme D – Reserve Champion
Lucy Brett – Wellbrook Top Deck – 5th

70cm Showjumping

Felicity Piccini – Westwind Crowns Apollo – Overall Champion
Ruby Hooper – NTies Mr Perfect – Reserve Champion

80cm Showjumping

Arabella Muenster – Life to the Max – Reserve Champion
Eliza Long – Penelopes Peace – 7th
Zara Green – Aisling Park Stلالuna – 8th
Grace Ward – Las Vegas Lad – 10th

90cm Showjumping

Emily Davis – Solloway – 3rd Overall
Hayley Richter – Cormorant IRE – 5th
Bianca Bruggemann – Rossatin – 6th
Hayley Richter – Illuminate HL – 13th
Grace Ward – Loco Pancho – 14th Overall

100cm Showjumping

Gracie Bunker – Donegal Down Under – Reserve Champion
Kate McDonald – Remembrance Day – 3rd Lucy Doolin –
Kapeta Spellbound – 5th
Heidi Horsley – Windouran Razamataz – 11th

110cm Showjumping

Jemima Southwood – Asham Fireman – Reserve Champion
Amelia Roughan – Its Clinique – 5th



From Papua New Guinea to

Toowoomba

With Year 9 Boarder, Chelsea Naris

How long have you lived at Fairholme as a Boarder?

I started boarding at Fairholme this year, so it's only been about four months.

Tell me a little about where you live in Papua New Guinea?

Papua New Guinea is a beautiful tropical and lush country located in the Pacific Islands and is directly north of Australia. I live in the capital city Port Moresby, but my parents are from different parts of PNG. My dad is from East Sepik Province, near the north coast and my Mum is from Eastern Highlands Province which is the inland of PNG. I have three siblings - two older brothers and one younger sister - and a German shepherd called Fergus. My older brother, Herschel, attended Toowoomba Grammar School and graduated in 2024. My other brother, Lathan, will be graduating there this year. My younger sister, Naarah, is in Year 5 and will be coming to Fairholme when she starts Year 9. Back home there are two main languages other than English, Motu and Tok pisin, I can only speak Tok pisin and English.

What was the hardest part about leaving home and moving to Australia?

Maybe the hardest part about leaving home was being homesick, but I don't show those emotions! But having my older brother close at Grammar makes it easier. I do miss home though.

What do you miss most about home?

The food and the really stunning sunsets and sunrises.

What was your first impression of Fairholme?

When I first started, I was nervous and rarely talked much, but it's been a nice experience and time has been flying by so fast.

What do you love most about Fairholme?

What I love most about Fairholme is the teachers. I think they really care about all the girls, not just academically, but as individuals. They take the time to get to know us and encourage us while always making us feel supported. I also love the pears and mandarins that are always stocked up in the Dining Hall.

What has been the biggest challenge of living away from home, and how have you overcome it?

I'd say there hasn't been one major challenge because everything has gone really well since moving away from home. Of course, there are moments where I miss my family and home, but being surrounded by my friends and really nice teachers has made the move much easier. I think I have settled in really well and I feel comfortable here. So, there really have been no big challenges, everything is going really well!

What do your holidays look like at home?

When I go home, I am greeted by my little sister, parents and baby cousin and we usually just go back home and hang out together just catching up with the family and playing with Fergus. But this coming holiday, I really want to go swimming at this river called Kuriva, which is about an hour-and-a-half drive out from the city.





AROUND THE GROUNDS



Vicki Wilson Netball Darling Downs Champions

Vicki Wilson State Finals, here we come! All four of our Vicki Wilson Netball teams had a great day at the Darling Downs carnival.

Our Senior Vicki Wilson 1 team were unstoppable, going undefeated all day to be crowned Cup Championship winners and book their spot in the State Finals. Junior Vicki Wilson 1 also punched their ticket to the State Finals, finishing runner-ups in the Shield Championship division, only narrowly going down in one game by a single goal.

Congratulations as well to our Senior 2 and Junior 2 teams, who both finished 4th - meaning Fairholme claimed two of the top four spots in both the Cup and Shield Championships.

A huge thank you to our coaches, as well as our amazing student umpires and managers for their support throughout the day. We can't wait to see the girls in action at the State Finals in August!

State Netball Championships

State Netball Championships

Well done to our Darling Downs Netball representatives on their fantastic performances at the Representative School Sport Netball Championships held at Nissan Arena in Brisbane.

13-15 Years: Elvie Saltner and Lola Marjoribanks

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

Special mention to Elvie and Mackenzie who were awarded the Darling Downs Player's Player Awards as nominated by opposition teams across the competition.

Somerset Invitational Netball

Our Junior and Senior Vicki Wilson 1 Netball teams travelled to Somerset College for their first Invitational Match of the year. After an adventurous trip navigating heavy rain and closed highways, our teams arrived ready to compete – and they delivered.

Both teams are looking incredibly strong against teams that have historically been the barometer of school-girls netball. Our SV1 girls came away with a fantastic 40–36 victory in a fast-paced and highly skilful contest. Unfortunately, our JV1 match was called at half-time, with the girls trailing by 5 goals, but the team showed plenty of promise and fight.



AFL Darling Downs Champions

Our AFL teams proudly represented the College at the AFLQ Darling Downs Schools Cup, with all three teams enjoying a fantastic day of competition, teamwork and school spirit.

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 & 10 AFL team, who were crowned champions of the Youth Female Competition. The girls delivered an outstanding performance throughout the day, conceding just one point across all matches. Their success now sees them progress to the next stage of the state-wide StreetSmarts AFLQ competition.

Well done also to our Year 7 & 8 team, who embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. With many of the girls playing AFL for the very first time, the team had a cracking day on the field and finished the competition as runners-up. Congratulations as well to our Year 11 & 12 team, who competed strongly throughout the day to finish in 4th place.

SEQ Schoolgirls Super 7s

A good first hit out for our U14, U16 & U18 rugby teams at the SEQ Schoolgirls Super 7s competition on the Gold Coast. A great opportunity to blow out the cobwebs, and kick start the season ahead of Round 2 in Toowoomba on 26 May. Shout out to our U18s who finished round 1 in 3rd place and our U16s placing 3rd in round 2.

State Rugby League Championships

A fantastic week for six of our Fairholme girls who represented at the Queensland School Sport Rugby League Championships!

15-16 Years: Alara Williams and Ava Henry

17-18 Years: Scarlett Sippel, Issy Johnston, Charli Coleman and Izzie Elsley

Special congratulations to Alara, who was part of the silver medal-winning Darling Downs 15-16 Years team, and to Scarlett on her selection in the Queensland White team! Scarlett, Charli and Issy also received Player of Match awards throughout the tournament.

State Water Polo Championships

Representing the Darling Downs Water Polo team, we were proud to see Fairholme students Kari Brennan, Skye Parker and Caitlin Schultheiss take to the pool at the State Water Polo Championships in Rockhampton. It was awesome for the girls to be joined by Fairholme Water Polo Coach, Natasha Craig, as the Darling Downs Coach. A special congratulations to Caitlin (team goalkeeper), who was awarded the Player's Player trophy as voted by her teammates.

Invitational Cross Country Meets

Our Cross Country Squad travelled to the Brisbane State High and St Aidan's AGS Invitational Cross Country Meets in preparation for the Darling Downs Cross Country Trials. A great opportunity for the girls to practice racing and connect with fellow runners from Brisbane and the Gold Coast.



Qld All Schools Cross Country Gold

Congratulations to Lucy Barnes who claimed her 6th consecutive gold medal at the Queensland All Schools Cross Country Championships in the 14 Years Girls 4km race. A special shout out also to Addi Attrill for her Top 10 finish in the 16 Years race. Fairholme finished 5th in the Secondary Girls' School Trophy! We are so proud of all the girls who represented Fairholme.

Darling Downs Cross Country Trials

Fairholme has once again been crowned the Champion Girls' School at the Darling Downs Cross Country Championships, continuing an outstanding tradition of excellence in distance running. Despite challenging conditions of rain and mud, our cross country athletes demonstrated incredible determination, resilience and team spirit, proudly taking home Gold in the team championship 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.

Congratulations to our top 6 place getters in each group who have now been selected to represent Darling Downs at the Queensland School Sport State Championships in July. We wish them every success as they prepare to compete at the State level.

- > **12 Years 3km:** 1st Violet Richardson, 2nd Eden Broksch, 5th Isobel Logan
- > **14 Years 4km:** 1st Lucy Barnes, 4th Emme Hall, 6th Ally Groat, 7th Lucy Doolin (1st Reserve)
- > **15 Years 4km:** 3rd Lucy Dewar, 6th Sophie Coonan
- > **16 Years 4km:** 1st Ava Buckley, 3rd Addi Attrill, 7th Abbey Muggleton (1st Reserve)
- > **17 Years 4km:** 1st Abi Barnes, 2nd Layla Magarey, 6th Alexia Davey
- > **18/19 Years 6km:** 1st Alex Edwards, 4th Claire Murphy, 7th Amelia Roughan (1st Reserve)

Andrews Cup Cross Country

Congratulations to our Junior School Andrews Cup Cross Country team, bringing home 2nd place in the Percentage Cup. The girls ran exceptionally well on the challenging Limestone Park course and finished their races strong. A special mention also goes to our 9 years athletes, who took out 2nd place in the Age Group Awards. The team placed a credible 6th overall in the Aggregate Cup. We are so proud of all the hard work you've put into your training, girls. Well done!

Toowoomba Running Festival

Congratulations to our Fairholme girls (and Old Girls!) on the podium at the recent Toowoomba Running Festival. Layla Magarey (Year 11) broke the tape in the 5km race, with Violet Richardson (Year 7) in second. Lucy Barnes (Year 8) claimed 3rd place in the Elite Mile which also doubled as the Queensland Road Mile Championship race.

Fairholme Old Girl, Georgia Sloss (2020) took 2nd in the 10km

and Kathryn Parkinson (2000), rounded out the podium in the Half Marathon. How awesome it was to see so many Fairholme girls, parents, staff and old girls out running the streets of Toowoomba.



Representative School Sport Selections

> Queensland Rugby League

17-18 Years – Scarlett Sippel

> Darling Downs Cricket

13-14 Years – Gemma Montgomery, Sarah Beer, Elizabeth Byron

> Darling Downs Cross Country

10-19 Years – Addi Attrill, Abi Barnes, Lucy Barnes, Eden Broksch, Ava Buckley, Sophie Coonan, Alexia Davey, Lucy Dewar, Alex Edwards, Ally Groat, Emme Hall, Isobel Logan, Layla Magarey, Claire Murphy and Violet Richardson

> Darling Downs Football

16-19 Years – Felicity Taylor

> Darling Downs Orienteering

12-19 Years – Rosie Grams, Alex Edwards, Eden Broksch and Matilda Rogers

> Darling Downs Tennis

10-12 Years – Hadley Millers

> Darling Downs Volleyball

16-19 Years – Millie Dewar

> Range Zone Touch Football

10-12 Years – Evie Farr, Lulu Felton-Taylor, Ella Pauli and Violet Richardson





IN THE ARTS AND CULTURE

Michael Zavros Visual Arts Workshop

Our very lucky Senior Art students were recently treated to an inspiring workshop with leading Australian artist and seven-time Archibald Prize finalist, Michael Zavros, as part of our FACETS Fairholme Open Art Prize celebrations.

With works exhibited in major museums and galleries across Australia, New Zealand, Asia and Europe, Michael has received an impressive list of accolades, including most recently being named a 2026 Archibald Prize Finalist.

During the workshop, Michael shared valuable insights into his artistic journey, creative practice, and experiences within the art world.

Our students were captivated by the opportunity to learn from such an accomplished artist, leaving inspired and full of exciting ideas for their own creative pursuits! Thank you to Michael, for so generously sharing his time with our students.

National High School Mooting Competition

The Bond University National High School Mooting Competition provided an exciting opportunity for our students to step into the role of a lawyer and experience the world of courtroom advocacy firsthand.

The competition challenges Year 11 and 12 students to develop legal reasoning, public speaking skills and confidence through simulated court proceedings.

Congratulations to Emily Cornford and Hayley Brock who represented Fairholme so impressively. A special congratulations to Emily Cornford, who received an Honourable Mention for Advocacy — an outstanding achievement.

Toowoomba Ballet Theatre's Production of 'Oz'

Congratulations to our talented Fairholme girls who recently performed in the Toowoomba Ballet Theatre production of 'Oz' at the Empire Theatre.

Bravo to Charlotte Humphery, Norah Joseph, Phoenix Silver and Livvy Haywood. It's wonderful to see our students embracing opportunities to shine beyond the classroom and sharing their love of dance with the wider community.

Abi's Musical Adventures

Year 8 student Abi Walker has been making the most of every opportunity, both on and off the stage, over the past few weeks.

During the Easter break, Abi travelled to Brisbane to compete in the 2026 Yamaha Australian National Band Championships, held at Brisbane City Hall.

Performing as a solo cornet player with the Drayton Brass Band, Abi and her ensemble achieved an impressive 5th place nationally in their division. We also love that our own Specialist Arts teacher, Mr Ryan, shares the stage with her as part of Drayton Brass.

Since returning to school, Abi's musical contributions have continued. Alongside performing in our College's Anzac Day Commemoration Service, she joined Drayton Brass at the Helidon War Memorial for the Anzac Day Parade, and later that afternoon delivered a moving rendition of the Last Post at the Spartans Rugby Club match between the veterans' team and the Bears.

Congratulations, Abi! Your dedication, talent and willingness to contribute to both the College and wider community are truly appreciated.



Lions Youth of the Year State Final

Following her impressive success at district level, Year 12 student Mariam Nabizada progressed to the Queensland State Final of the Lions Youth of the Year program, held in Bundaberg from 1–3 May, where she competed against four exceptional finalists from across the state.

The Lions Youth of the Year program recognises young people who demonstrate leadership, academic achievement, public speaking skills and community involvement. Mariam represented both herself and Fairholme with confidence, poise and professionalism throughout the competition.

We are incredibly proud of Mariam's accomplishment and commend her for the dedication and commitment she has shown throughout the competition process

Toowoomba Eisteddfod

A very big congratulations to each of our vocalists and choristers who so enthusiastically took to the stage in part 1 of the Toowoomba Eisteddfod. We are incredibly proud of all our girls for sharing their passion and talent so confidently on stage.

A huge thank you to Ms Alana Scott of the Fairholme Singing Studio, our Choral Conductors, Mr Dixon, Mrs Rawle and Ms Watson, along with accompanists, Mrs Lebsanft and Mrs Egan, for their ongoing guidance and support.

Vocal Results - Fairholme Singing Studio

Annie Anderson

- > John & Gwenyth Chappell Trophy
- > 1st - Year 12 Vocal Solo
- > 1st - Secondary Vocal Duet
- > 2nd - Years 10-12 Contemporary Ballad
- > Highly Commended - Years 11-12 Music Theatre Solo
- > Highly Commended - Secondary Jazz Solo

Mila Faletau

- > 1st - Year 11 Vocal Solo
- > 1st - Years 10-12 Contemporary Ballad
- > 1st - Secondary Vocal Duet
- > 2nd - Years 11-12 Music Theatre Solo
- > 3rd - Secondary Jazz Solo

Sarah Salman Sheikh

- > Highly Commended - Year 12 Vocal Solo

Brooke Johnson

- > Highly Commended - Year 11 Vocal Solo
- > Highly Commended - Years 10-12 Contemporary Ballad

Giaan Zammataro

- > 1st - Years 8-9 Contemporary Ballad
- > 2nd - Year 9 Vocal Solo
- > 2nd - Year 9 Music Theatre Solo

Grace Ward

- > 1st - Year 9 Vocal Solo
- > Highly Commended - Years 8-9 Contemporary Ballad

Madeleine Brown

- > 3rd - Year 9 Vocal Solo

Charlotte Ambrose

- > 3rd - Years 8-9 Contemporary Ballad

Carlie Johnson

- > Highly Commended - Years 8-9 Contemporary Ballad

Amaya Adikari

- > 3rd - Year 8 Vocal Solo
- > 3rd - Year 8 Music Theatre Solo
- > Highly Commended - Years 8-9 Contemporary Ballad

Grace Grieve

- > Highly Commended - Years 8-9 Contemporary Ballad

Charlotte Carter

- > Highly Commended - Years 5-7 Contemporary Ballad

Aarna Kansagara

- > 1st - Year 5 Vocal Solo
- > 3rd - Year 6 and Under Music Theatre Solo

Carmen Watson

- > 2nd - Year 4 Vocal Solo
- > Highly Commended - Year 6 and Under Music Theatre Solo

Sienna Chowdhury

- > Highly Commended - Year 3 and Under Vocal Solo

Arya Dhanankula

- > Highly Commended - Year 3 and Under Vocal Solo

Choral Music Ensemble Results

- > Fairholme College Chamber Choir - 1st Place Secondary Vocal Ensemble | TSHS Trophy For Secondary Vocal Ensemble
- > Fairholme College Middle Voices - 2nd Middle School Vocal Ensemble
- > Fairholme College Bel Canto Voices - 3rd Primary School Vocal Ensemble



- > Fairholme College Junior Chorale – 3rd Primary School Modern Choir
- > Fairholme College Middle Voices – 3rd Middle School Choir
- > Fairholme College Choir – 3rd Secondary School Choir
- > Fairholme College Years 3/4 Choir - Highly Commended Years P-4 A Grade Junior Choir
- > Fairholme College Chamber Choir - Highly Commended Secondary Folk Singing Ensemble
- > Fairholme College Years 5/6 Choir - Highly Commended Primary B Grade Choir
- > Fairholme College Junior Chorale - Highly Commended Primary A Grade Choir

- > Chamber & Senior School College Choirs - Highly Commended Secondary Modern Choir

Piano Results

Chloe Wong

- > 2nd – Years 7-9 Popular/Jazz/Movie Piano Solo
- > 3rd – Years 8 Piano Solo

Madleine Yeo

- > 1st – Years 10-12 Australian Composer Piano Solo

Sherman Yue

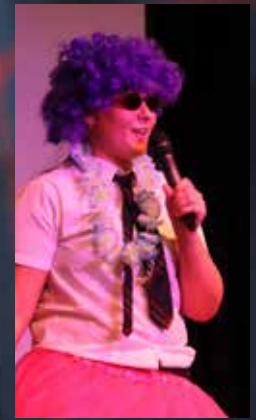
- > Highly Commended – All-Age Graded Piano Solo Grade 4 Standard





Around The Grounds





A FAIRHOLME COLLEGE PRODUCTION
SENIOR CENTRESTAGE GROUP

GIRLS LIKE THAT

BY EVAN PLACEY

15 JUNE 7pm

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PARENTAL GUIDANCE
SUGGESTED

Upcoming *Key Dates*

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| Sunday 07 June | Junior School Ladies and Lassies |
| Wednesday 10 June | Kindy and Prep Kid For A Morning |
| Friday 12 June | Junior School Interhouse Athletics Carnival |
| Monday 15 June | Senior Centrestage Production |
| Wednesday 17 June | Interhouse Choral Competition |
| Thursday 18 June | Term 2 Concludes |
| Tuesday 14 July | Term 3 Commences |
| Friday 24 July | Middle and Senior Interhouse Athletics Carnival |
| Friday 24 July | Fairholme Fathers' Dinner |
| Tuesday 28 July | Founders' Day |
| Thursday 06 July | Fairholme Girl For A Day |
| Friday 28 August | Fairholme Mothers' Long Lunch |
| Thursday 17 September | Term 3 Concludes |

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