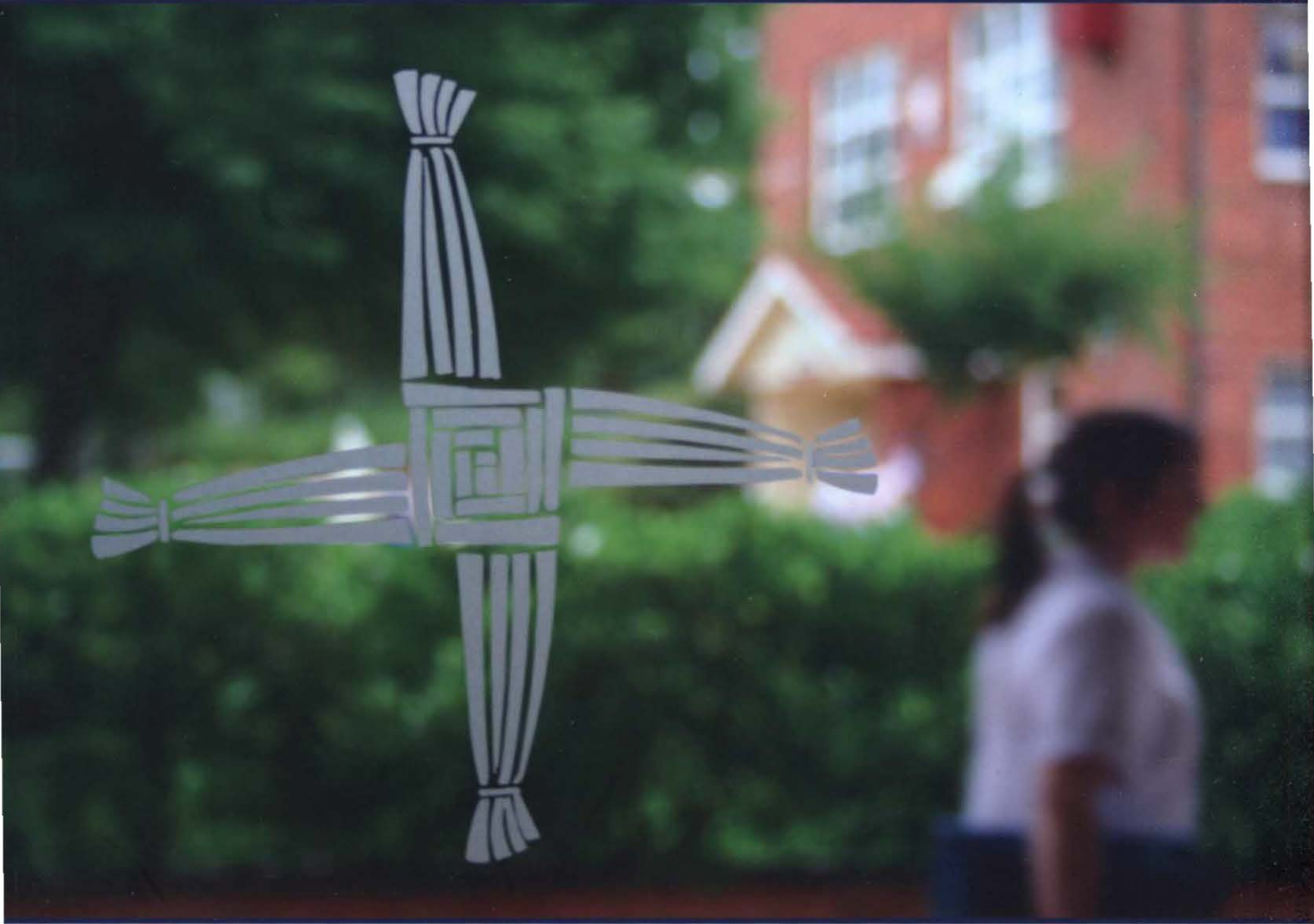




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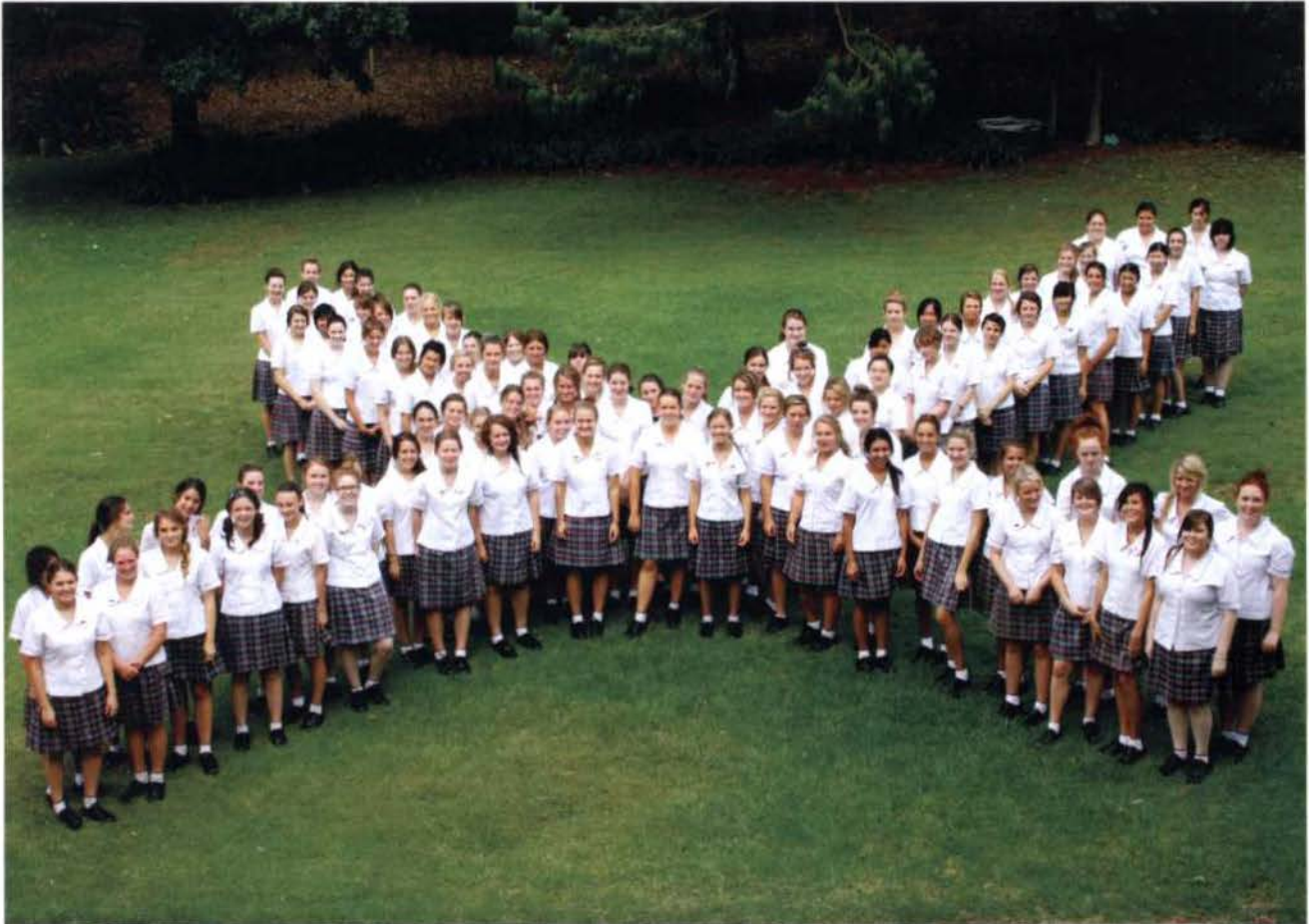
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The year of 2010 has drawn to a close and it is time to reflect on our extraordinary journey and determine how successful we might have been. To measure any success, you need a standard by which to judge it. So what constitutes a good school? According to a research study done by the University of California in 2002, there are several qualities of good schools that set them apart:

- strong and professional administrators and teachers
- a broad curriculum available to all students
- a philosophy that says all children can learn if taught, coupled with high expectations for all students
- a school climate that is conducive to learning, that is, safe, clean, caring and well organised
- an ongoing assessment system that supports good teaching and learning
- a high level of parent and community involvement and support.

I am very confident that Brigidine fulfils and, at times, excels in all of these aspects of quality schooling. We began the year with a clear commitment to encouraging confidence and risk-taking in the teaching and learning program and a greater

commitment to the concept of being 'Proud to be Brigidine.' This is embodied in the confidence and compassion exhibited by the girls throughout the year.

In all areas of curriculum our students have excelled. The day to day teaching and learning program and classroom practice reveal a dedicated staff and an ambitious student body. This partnership in the classroom brings results. There are those whose results in the Higher School Certificate, the School Certificate and the NAPLAN testing stand proudly against state and national standards; there are those who achieve beyond their own expectation; there are those who discover a love of learning that will set them up for life.

The College takes pride in acknowledging those who have excelled in Tournament of the Minds, the Honours Program, in Debating and Public Speaking, in the Science and Mathematics Competitions – all of these providing further opportunities.

Alongside these academic programs are the opportunities provided by the Sports Clubs and the Creative and Performing Arts. The clubs truly embody the idea of partnership and are a living reality that staff, students and parents can provide a cooperative environment to support the learning program. If we are to provide a truly

holistic education then all parts must work in harmony. The dedication shown by students and staff in the creative and performing arts has resulted in drama and musical performances that showcase the breadth and depth of talent in the College.

And in what climate does this all come together? Under the banner of Brigid and Daniel Delaney the girls live out the motto of Strength and Gentleness. The fierce dedication to serving others is evident throughout the year, from supporting those in our local community to going global with such initiatives as the Pilgrimage of Hope. And the Gospel message of "...love one another" is embedded in the girls' daily lives as they practise their faith, live their spirituality, model themselves as Christ's apostles and serve others.

It is a community whose wealth is often hidden and each girl has her own unique story but those that are known to us are captured in this Yearbook. I commend it to you now as a snapshot of our Brigidine life in 2010.

**Mrs Jane Curran**  
Principal



Brigidine College St Ives Board 2010

**Front Row:** Ms Anne Garvan (Chair), Mr Derick Korte (Chair of Finance Committee), Sister Anita Murray (Deputy Chair). **Inset:** Mr Chris Mendes (Chair of IT Committee)  
**Second Row:** Ms Catherine Rae (Mission Committee), Mr Koos Kruger (Chair of Forward Planning Committee), Sister Maureen Keady csb (Mission), Brother Julian McDonald and Brother Robert O'Connor fms

This year marked the start of a new decade and another significant change in the life of Brigidine St Ives as we welcomed a new Principal, Mrs Jane Curran (previously Deputy Principal of Ravenswood College) as our new Head of School. Mrs Curran has brought an intelligence, an energy and an enthusiasm for the College that has given us all realistic hope for the future journey of our school. She has been assisted in her task by a very experienced and insightful Executive Team and a supportive and dedicated staff who are the heart of this school community.

What is also impressive to me is the active interest that is given to the school by ex-families and ex-members of staff. There is a very real sense of community that is rare in this age of anonymity and corporatisation and it was symbolised for me this year by both the concert organized by Mrs Patty Bowie, wife of John Bowie our much appreciated ex-Principal, in honour of an ex-student and her family and featuring a peer student, now a well known member of the Strelitzia Trio, Lindsay Gilroy – and by the Beile Bride Dinner in honour of past families and staff members.

A school that can actively and warmly celebrate and honour its past can establish a strong and significant future for its current students and staff. We are all part of an

honoured history on this site at St Ives and it is a memory and a relationship together that is important to keep alive for the future.

We as a Board have an important responsibility in planning with the staff for that strong and viable future. The Capital Works program that we have authorised for the next ten years is one that will provide facilities of an exceptional level and that will anticipate the creative and technological challenges that the future holds for us all. Such a programme requires both daring concepts and a staged building process that can be achievable within budget. My thanks to all those on staff and on the Board who have actively and generously contributed their time and energies to such planning.

Next year we are undertaking a strategic planning process that will examine all areas of the life of the College and that will give all members – students, staff and families – another voice in our future planning. Schools are more than buildings and all of us on the Board are committed to an open, transparent and honest process of consultation that will honour the voices of our present community.

My thanks to all on the Board for their most generous and dedicated support and presence throughout the year. All are busy and highly committed in their own fields of endeavour but they have given time over and

above, without financial reward, for the sake of the school. My thanks to Brother Robert O'Connor fms who will be unable to continue with us as he has been appointed to lead the Marist Schools of NSW in 2011 in a new national organisation. His spiritual mentoring to us all has been deeply appreciated.

To all who will be remaining on the Board for 2011: Sister Anita Murray (Deputy Chair), Sister Maureen Keady csb (Mission), Brother Julian McDonald (Succession Planning), Mr Derick Korte (Chair of Finance Committee), Mr Koos Kruger (Chair of Forward Planning Committee), Mr Chris Mendes (Chair of IT Committee), Ms Catherine Rae (Mission Committee) – my deep thanks and appreciation. Together with Mrs Jane Curran and her dedicated staff we all look forward to another strong and very positive year for the College in 2011.

**Ms Anne Garvan**  
Board Chair



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**B**rigidine College began the year with renewed enthusiasm by welcoming our new Principal, Mrs Jane Curran and a fresh intake of excited Year 7 girls at the opening assembly on 1 February.

Mrs Curran said "It is a pleasure and a great source of pride for me to be starting my time at Brigidine with all of you today. It is also quite coincidental that our first official day of the year is St Brigid's Feast Day and it is St Brigid who gives her name to the congregation of sisters who started our school and whose charism informs the way we live our lives in this blessed place. St Brigid lived in Ireland between 454 and 524AD. She had a great love and devotion to the poor, believing that they belonged to the one great universal family whose Father is God. She devoted her life to those who were in need and changed from a shy, unsophisticated young girl to a woman of extraordinary spiritual, intellectual and physical strength. At a time when it was considered impossible for women to assume positions of power in the church, Brigid became the most important Christian leader in her area of Ireland but maintained her humility throughout her life."

The Principal told the girls that there were two things that she wanted from them. "The first is confidence. Confidence is not about being full of yourself; it is about having the strength to step up and be who you are and become who you are meant to be."

The second request was for compassion: "I want you to care about yourself and others. You have the opportunity to develop friendships and connections that will remain throughout your lives. Don't waste it. Show the kindness that you have the capacity to show. Show it to all with whom you come into contact."

If you can walk from here with the two ideas of confidence and compassion, you are in truth modelling the strength and gentleness of your College motto. Let's all do it together and create a school that makes this place the envy of all other schools."





On 4 February, Bishop David Cremin celebrated a commissioning mass for Mrs Curran in Bowie Hall which was attended by the entire College. In her address, Mrs Curran said "My promise to you is to encourage and promote each student and teacher to maximise their contribution and to value their investment in the College. It is a privilege to work with parents in nurturing their children and I believe the operation of a school needs to be transparent. All stakeholders need to have confidence that decision-making is open and transparent; born of justice and framed by the values of the school. The journey forward needs to be collaborative and all stakeholders need a shared vision."

The congregation prayed for God's blessing on Mrs Curran as our leader for a new age and a new decade. Guests included Mrs Curran's husband Michael and their son Dominic, the College Chair Ms Anne Garvan, former Principal Mr John Bowie and his wife Patty and Ms Vicki Steer, the Principal of Ravenswood, Mrs Curran's previous school.



On 5 January 2010, eight senior Brigidine College students embarked on a journey of a lifetime to Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India. The girls were Sophia Brindle, Anna Douglas, Nadia Funayama, Hannah Goodwin, Alex Hooper, Abigail Martin, Freya Raffan and Lara Turton, with Mr David Chant as their supporting teacher.

For three weeks the pilgrims served alongside Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Sisters in homes for the destitute and dying, for the sick and mentally ill, for orphans and abandoned children, and in a rooftop school for street children.

Despite lengthy preparation, the girls were confronted by India and the 'poorest of the poor'. "Everything is so extreme that all our emotions and senses are amplified," said Nadia. Faced with the intense suffering of vulnerable people the girls were challenged to remain in the present and to work.

The homes provide shelter, food, love, education and above all, hope for the future. The girls fed, bathed and played with the children, and tutored in English and Maths. They assisted with physiotherapy exercises and sat with the sick, singing to them, providing love and support to people who have no-one. They cuddled and held, they washed and cleaned and they gave of themselves.

How did this experience affect the eight Brigidine pilgrims?

As Alex said, "We went in with an open heart and mind, not really thinking what we would gain. The main impact on me was the fulfilment I gained from simply giving attention and love." Anna added, "They wanted our presence, not our presents, and that was so special."

Sophia reflected on her good fortune in terms of access to education in Australia and all of the girls remarked on the materialistic world that they had returned to, and are struggling to understand now.

The group are insistent about one thing: all the young people who went on the 2010 Pilgrimage of Hope are 'normal', not special. They just did some amazing things together.



**Year 7 Reflection Day**

Everyone was excited when we arrived at College on 18 June, not really knowing what was going to happen and how the day would unfold. After Mentor Group, we left for the buses. When we arrived at the Freshwater Surf Lifesaving Club we received a booklet for Reflection Day. Our first ice breaker activity was to introduce ourselves to five girls we hadn't talked to, whose names we did not know. It was surprising how many girls I hadn't talked to... we then found out their likes and dislikes and wrote them down in our booklet. A little later on we watched a slideshow of pictures with a song called *That's What Friends Are For*. The song is about how friends will always be there for each other and always be together. In our booklet there were a series of questions about friendships because that was the theme of our Reflection Day. Our friends are really important to us because they are always there to support us, trust us, care for us. It's good to always have someone to talk to and to feel like you belong. Throughout the day we tried to get everyone in our Year Group to sign our Reflection Day booklet which was a fun thing to do. We had recess outside on the beach and we were lucky to have such beautiful weather.

After morning tea we went into our Mentor Groups and filled out a table together about the similarities and differences to the other girls in the year. Then our group decided the best one from each list and told our Year Group. Afterwards we all thought of words to do with friendship starting with the letter D. Using these words we wrote a prayer about friendship. We discussed our answers for the similarities and differences between the girls in our year.



Lunch was a huge amount of fun! We all brought food to share and played on the beach. We all came together for a photo for us to remember the day.

Then after lunch we went back into the Surf Life Saving Club Hall. We had a beautiful, relaxing meditation session that calmed us all down after such a hectic and fun morning. We sat quietly together while Mrs Thompson explained to us about the Year 7 Friendship Quilt. The idea of the quilt is to celebrate friendship and remember our first year at Brigidine. Each girl will create one block that will feature their name and reflect their personality. The last thing we did was to say a prayer for the girls in Year 7, 2010.

Thank you to Mrs Thompson, Mrs Bevan, and all our teachers who helped to organise this amazing day.

**Catherine Gliddon, Fiona Lewis and Elena Lynch**  
Year 7



**Year 8 Reflection Day**

On Tuesday 3 August, Year 8 went to Freshwater Surf Lifesaving Club for our Reflection Day facilitated by Chris Doyle from Karis Ministries. It was a great day, to be together as a Year Group with all our friends and to reflect on our time here at Brigidine College. We spent the day singing, talking and performing with our peers. We learned that in giving we receive and many other morals that we should keep and value for the rest of our lives. The beach was a perfect place to hold Reflection Day; a place to think about our lives now and where we are going in the future. It was also a good opportunity to get to know our Year Group better. Everyone in Year 8 learned something and will take happy memories away with them from our 2010 Reflection Day.

**Brooke Menzies**  
Year 8

### Year 9 Reflection Day

"Come dream of a world where there is 'Life for All'. What would it take to bring this world into being? Enter our Village Space, walk the labyrinth and you will find a sacred space where you will meet some amazing people on a quest to "reach out, give life" – to their family, community, nation." These words were the aim of a group called "Village Space" who ran part of our Year 9 Reflection Day. It was thought that the Year 9 girls were ready to start extending themselves outwardly into a greater consciousness of how they might be able to positively affect the communities to which we belong.

From the moment we arrived at Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club we entered into a space that transformed our thinking. We moved into the hall in a line that curled to form a snail-like formation around a performance space in which we took part in dramatic representations of the

lives of drug addicts, the mentally ill, the homeless, refugees, children and women in countries afflicted by civil war. The interactive performances were compelling and challenging – it was a brilliant way for us to open our hearts and eyes and empathise with the plight of people in our society who have not had our good fortune in life.

In the second session we investigated the rights of the child and how these might be protected. This began with a game in which only the girls with eyes of a certain colour were given food. The injustice of this scenario quickly became apparent and acted as a good point of reference for the theoretical concepts such as "The right to a decent standard of living", or "The right to be protected from economic exploitation". In groups we then considered what practical measures could be taken to create a more just society for underprivileged or exploited children around the world.

The chance to have some time away from school overlooking the beautiful Freshwater beach was a further inspiration to the response for our Prayers of the Faithful, "May the power of God's love enable us to accomplish what is right and good." We had been inspired by a call to social conscience.

**Julianne Abercrombie**  
Year 9 Coordinator

### Year 10 Reflection Day

The Year 10 Reflection Day was held at Freshwater Surf Living Club in November, 2010. As Year 10 represents the attainment of the School Certificate as well as the opportunity to plan for the future and choose subjects for Stage 6, the theme of 'journey' was used throughout the day.

The girls watched the film *Up* and then reflected upon their Brigidine journey. While making posters, the girls reminisced about their individual and collective experiences thus far at the College. As each group presented their posters it was apparent that the shared experiences as a Year Group were remembered fondly. It was also obvious that the girls are looking forward to the next part of their Stage 6 journey at Brigidine.

Although the inclement weather prevented the girls from undertaking a picnic together or some of the planned activities on the beach; the spirit of the girls was not dampened! Accordingly, picnics and end of year *Kris Kringles* were set up in the hall overlooking the beach so everyone could enjoy the company of their friends in comfort.

I would like to thank Mrs Thompson for her work in planning and presenting the day. I would also like to thank all the Year 10 Religious Education and Mentor teachers for their participation and support. Without these talented staff the day would not have been the success that it was.

**Vanessa Briggs**  
Year 10 Coordinator



### Year 11 Retreats

In 2010, Year 11 girls experienced one of two very different retreats. The first, known as Street Retreat, is all about giving, receiving and reflecting. The girls assisted in palliative care at Sacred Heart Hospice in Darlinghurst, the House with No Steps at Belrose, Centrecare in Redfern for the homeless and marginalised, and at Lorna Hodgkinson Sunshine House tending to the severely physically and intellectually disabled. They discovered that it is in giving that one can receive so much.

The second group attended a Reflection Retreat at St Joseph's in Baulkham Hills where students were given the opportunity to reflect on themselves, their environment and social issues. Popular activities included Tai Chi, a student designed Liturgy and journalising.

Year 11 had a very mature approach to both of these experiences; the Street Retreaters making a difference with their actions and the Reflective group making a difference within themselves.

**Mr David Chant and Mrs Kate Ryder**



### Year 12 Retreat

School Retreat, two words that are enough to make teachers groan and students squeal in delight: late nights, bonding time, and everlasting personal jokes. After an extremely intense week of exams – our first as dedicated HSC students – Retreat came as a welcome break.

We began our trek to Mount Victoria under grey skies but they were by no means an omen for the spiritually enriching days that

were to come. We arrived and were greeted by the most wonderful landscape – the air was crisp with the promise of winter and the trees were luscious green.

We prepared ourselves for a trip on the Zig Zag Railway. All of us were apprehensive before boarding and squealed in delight when the train arrived, as before us stood a small steam train reminiscent of the Hogwarts Express.

We travelled through breathtaking scenery but the trip was not merely an idle experience – it was representative of the inner journey of our lives. It was the train ride that served as the impetus for our Retreat.

Each girl in our grade has something in common – the HSC; however each of us experiences it differently. We must not forget the power of empathy and connecting with each other spiritually. It was here, surrounded by a most supportive group of teachers and students, that we could sympathise with each other. The retreat was altogether a positive one and I know that I for one feel incredibly closer to both the girls and teachers of my grade.

**Rebecca O'Brien**

Year 12



### Social Justice Society

St Brigid was renowned for her generosity; she gave much of her father's wealth away to the poor. Her charity angered her father because he thought she was being too generous; she even gave away his jewel-encrusted sword to a leper.

At Brigidine College St Ives we aim to follow not only St Brigid's sacrifice and generosity but that of the many Brigidine sisters that followed in the same devoted way. St Brigid's loving spirit has inspired many Social Justice activities at Brigidine in 2010. The activities have offered a large number of girls the opportunity to gain an understanding of issues surrounding those less fortunate, to step outside their comfort zone and to do something to help others in our immediate community and beyond.

Social Justice 2010 has been about offering what we can and expecting nothing in return...

Under the banner of the Brigidine Social Justice program many special events were held and many charities were supported. Some of the charities and activities that students were involved in throughout the year were: The Year 12 Charity – Oasis (Youth Support Services based in Surry Hills); Year 11 Street Retreat; Brigidine Justice and Democracy Seminar in Melbourne; Pilgrimage of Hope (India); Hearts for Haiti; Caritas and Project Compassion including St Patrick's Green Day; Year 11 Cafe Cana; The Humpty Dumpty Foundation's Balmoral Burn; Founders' Day; Book Week Dress Up Day; Give Blood to Red Cross Day; World Vision 40 Hour Famine; Antipodeans Vietnam Tour Fundraiser; Refugee Week; Daffodil Day; Pink Day; Bear Cottage; Staff NRL Footy Tipping Competition; Year 8 Knitters; Year 10 Community Involvement Program; Year 7 Fundraiser for the RSPCA; Operation Christmas Child; Staff Movember; St Vincent

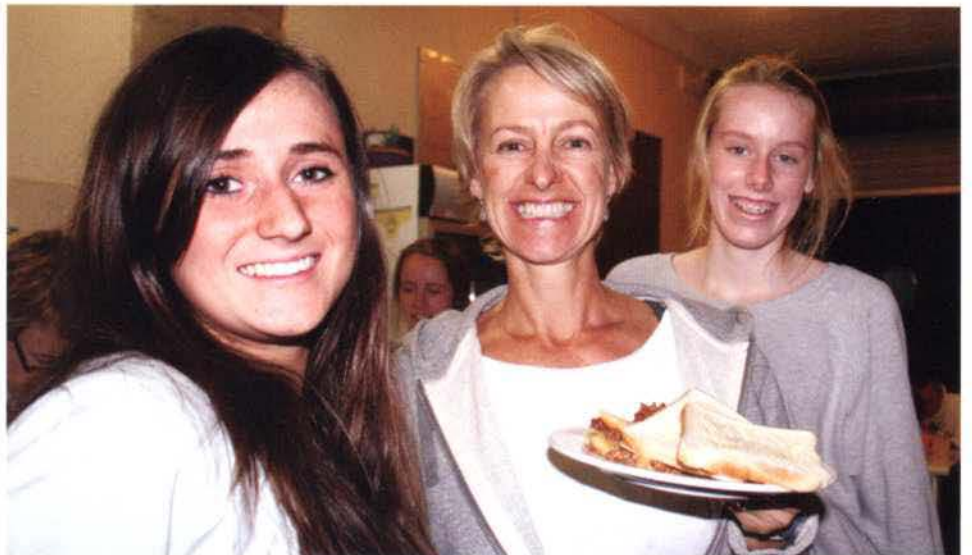
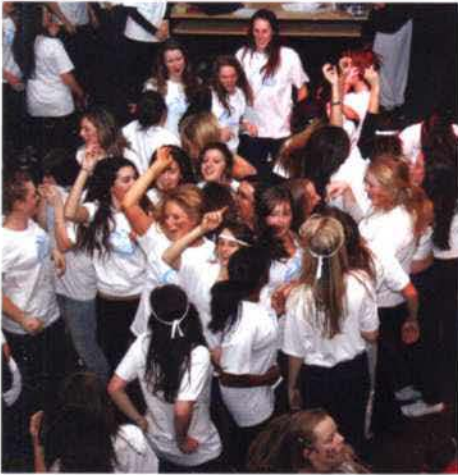
de Paul Christmas Hampers; Book Collection for 'I am blind' Refugee Services and Hands Up for Aboriginal Literacy.

Brigidine students are to be commended for embracing the 2010 Social Justice activities with such enthusiasm and care. They have demonstrated an interest in and concern for society's underprivileged, the poor and the marginalised. In addition, our students have shown that while fundraising is an important aspect of helping and caring, taking action for and on behalf of the less fortunate is what will truly make a difference for all of us in the long term.

Thank you to our Social Justice Captains for 2010, Thalia Woo and Alex Hooper who were wonderfully supportive to all and involved themselves in many activities.

**Mrs Kate Ryder**  
Social Justice Coordinator





**Liturgy Society**

*"Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and as difficult as that."*  
 – Leunig.

The quote by Leunig above, encapsulates the challenge at the heart of our Catholic faith. As individuals and as a Brigidine community this message infuses the atmosphere of the school but also through the liturgical aspect of our college.

This year has seen the introduction of new types of liturgical expression. For example the use of media and the introduction of a number of new hymns during school masses and liturgies. In particular, the support of the music staff and students to sing and perform has provided another dimension for liturgical expression at the College.

Our regular Wednesday morning masses have provided a chance for the entire community to seek a moment of peace and calm in their busy lives. Among a number

of important dates of the liturgical calendar, the Mother's and Father's Day Masses have provided a chance for the community to gather in celebration.

I would like to thank Mrs Thompson, head of Religion and Sister Chanel Sugden csb who are the backbone of the Liturgy Society at the College, organising liturgies and masses behind the scenes and ensuring all these activities run smoothly.

I believe that it is only through dynamism and interaction that the youth of today will be able to identify with traditional faiths such as Christianity. The role of the Liturgy Society within the College is immense.

It is my wish that the Liturgy Society will continue to play an important role within the College; to engage and help young women identify and celebrate their faith.

**Stephanie Jardine**  
 Liturgy Society President





A Leadership Liturgy was held in Bowie Hall to commission the Student Leaders for 2011, on 13 October. The Year 11 cohort pledged:

"We, the senior students of 2010, promise to strive to lead our College in a truly Christ-like way, by serving others with generosity and honesty.

Through our wholehearted efforts, we will promote a positive school spirit, preserve and promote the Brigidine tradition, and support those who are struggling in life.

We will strive to approach our studies and co-curricular activities with diligence and commitment, and contribute what we can to building a College community that is caring, loving and just."





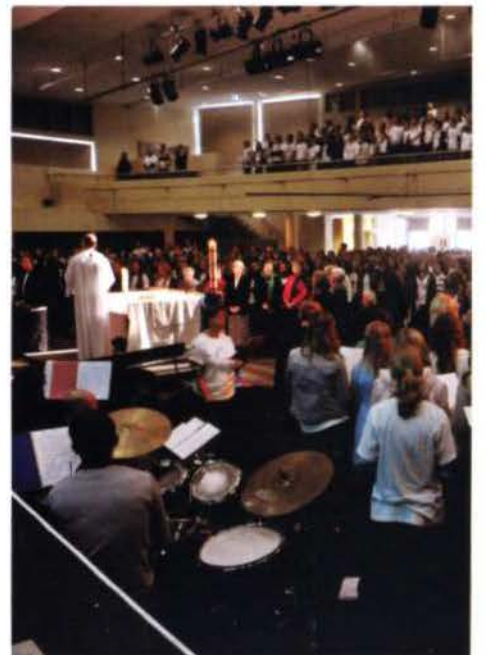
**F**ounders' Day Mass was held in Bowie Hall by Father Peter, the parish priest of Corpus Christi, St Ives. The mass was attended by the College on Friday 25 June - the last day of Term 2.

The Principal Jane Curran, welcomed our special guests: the Brigidine Sisters, our Golden Girl alumni and friends of the College. Mrs Curran gave thanks for the Brigidine College families and the many Sisters and teachers who have worked and served at Brigidine over the years.

Sister Chanel presented a liturgy at the mass which documented the steamship journey of the first Brigidine Sisters who travelled to Australia in 1883. The Sisters were guided by the words of Bishop Delany, who said:

**“What you are, those who come after you, will be.”**

The girls designed and purchased custom T-shirts to wear on Founders' Day as a fundraiser for the Year 12 charity, Oasis.





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Year 12 students and their teachers Mrs Ingrid Thompson, Sr Chanel Sugden csb and Mrs Kate Ryder attended the annual WATAC (Women and the Australian Church) luncheon at Parliament House.

The Religious Education Department is committed to developing within each student a deep sense of spirituality, a strong sense of social justice and a keen understanding of course content. Underlying this is a deep commitment to our Catholic faith, the Brigidine ethos and the message of the Gospels.

In Religious Education classes girls are encouraged to explore different tools for learning to complete assessment tasks. In both Junior and Senior schools we are concerned with developing learning activities around a sound pedagogy that maintains a balance between skills in Information Technology and skills from other domains. Assessment tasks include activities such as artwork, scrapbooking, journalising, blogging, web design, film making and story boarding. This year we proudly introduced our first accelerated class where a select group of students from Year 10 undertook the preliminary Studies of Region 2 Unit Course. These girls performed with outstanding results and will sit for their Higher School Certificate in this subject in Year 11.

Apart from the academic strength of the Studies of Religion course, the senior students have been privileged to hear a variety of interesting and challenging guest speakers. Year 12 students attended the annual WATAC (Women and the Australian Church) lunch at Parliament House. Years 11 and 12 listened to guest speakers including: Sandy Hollis, Senior HSC marker and text book author from Temple Emmanuel, Zulheya

Keskin from Affinity Intercultural Foundation, Rabbi Paul Lewin of the Board of Jewish Education and David Ella the Aboriginal Liaison officer of the Broken Bay Diocese.

Our 2009 HSC cohort achieved outstanding results and are to be congratulated on their commitment to study and the effort that they put into preparation for their assessment tasks and exams. They were rewarded with both 1 and 2 unit results well above state averages.

As Head of Religious Education, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such keen and dedicated staff; the levels of collaboration and collegiality are outstanding and for this I sincerely thank them. No task is too difficult for them and they show a deep level of concern and understanding for each and every one of their students. Not only are these teachers excellent practitioners, they also hold significant experience as HSC markers, senior markers, and as members of professional associations. The students at Brigidine are very fortunate indeed to have these fine women and men as their teachers.

**Mrs Ingrid Thompson**  
Head of Religious Education



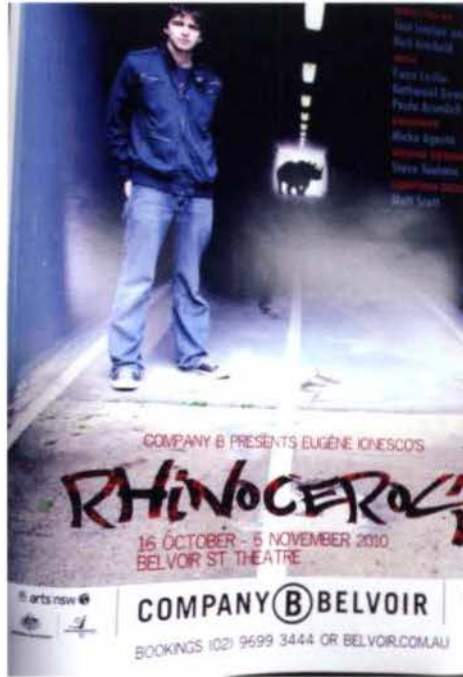
**STAFF:** Mrs Ingrid Thompson (Head of Department), Sr Chanel Sugden csb, Mrs Kate Ryder, Mrs Maureen Mahon, Mrs Anne Summerhayes, Mrs Michelle Skinner, Ms Gloria Perin, Mrs Vanessa Briggs, Mrs Felicia Borgona, Ms Evana Christofides, Mrs Marine Choquenot, Mr Brian Loughland, Mr Jonathan Byrne, Ms Carmel McCudden, Mrs Helen Thomas

**Year 12**

Our wonderful Year 12 Drama class students have demonstrated high standards of professionalism, energy and commitment both on and off the stage during the course of a year packed with Drama. In addition to performance work, the girls grappled with the academic content of the HSC Drama syllabus. The Contemporary Australian plays of *Ruby Moon* and *Still Angela* provided fabulous stimulation for performance and class discussions. As did our other content topic, Irish Theatre – many a time could the Irish accent be heard outside the Drama Room! Parents and friends enjoyed our HSC Drama Individual Performance and Project Evening in June, and the HSC Drama Group Performance Evening in July.

Our Year 12 Drama students were fortunate to see different kinds of leading ladies and men on stage this year – we were treated to the lovely Sydney Theatre Company production of *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, the creative and challenging Msquared Productions performance of the HSC text *Mother Courage and Her Children* starring their very own Drama teachers Miss McDonald and Mr Rutherford and the Billycart Production of *Ruby Moon* at Castle Hill.

A special congratulations to Shannah Connell whose Major Work in Drama (Poster/Promotional Design) was selected for exhibition in *OnStage*, the showcase of exemplary HSC Drama works. Congratulations also to Millie Brown, Ellie Biles, Genevieve Daneel and Sigrid Westhoff who had their HSC Group Performance *The Court* nominated for *OnStage*. The girls devised, wrote, performed and directed this piece where three ball boys (and one ball girl) find themselves at a tennis tribunal following an incident on the court. Rules and rhymes collide as the four underdogs retrace their steps. The inclusion and nomination are marvellous achievements for our talented girls and ranks their performance among the best in the state.



Millie Brown, Ellie Biles, Genevieve Daneel and Sigrid Westhoff in their HSC Group Performance *The Court* that was nominated for selection in *OnStage*.

### Year 11

The Year 11 Drama course covers all aspects of theatrical production including directing, design, performance, acting, group performance, individual performance, reviewing, and scriptwriting. The two Year 11 Drama classes attended a wide variety of live theatrical performances including *OnStage* (Seymour Centre), *Mother Courage and Her Children* (Msquared Productions, Manly), and *Uncle Vanya* (Sydney Theatre Company).

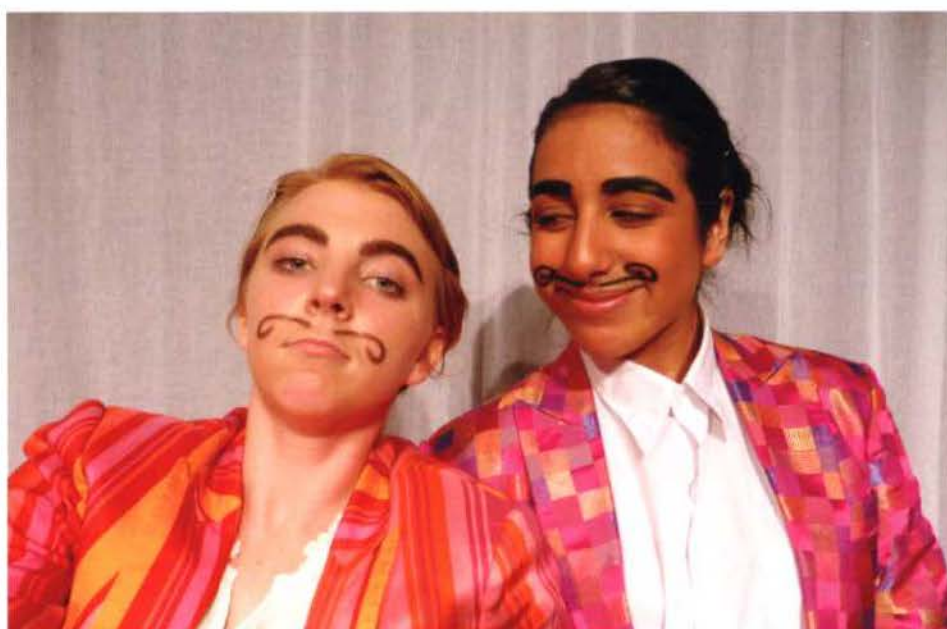
Many of the students were also involved in the fabulous Year 11 play, *Much Ado About Nothing*. Devised and adapted from Shakespeare's original into a 1940s context and directed by Miss Conolly, it played to packed audiences in Bowie Hall in June. A clever and creative adaptation, the audience enjoyed a truly Boogie Woogie experience!

The Year 11 Drama students performed in the Drama Showcase, enthraling the audiences with the sophistication of their theatrical skills in individual and group performance work. Miss McDonald, who taught the Year 11 classes, commended the girls on their talent and passion and said it was a delight to work with them throughout 2010.

### Year 10

Year 10 Drama students have consolidated their dramatic skills with a particular emphasis on comedy. We began the year with a look at contemporary comedy, studying *Kath & Kim* and then traced back comedic roots to the Italian masked commedia dell'arte form. In Term 2 we focused on Shakespeare In Performance allowing us to interpret Shakespearean work in ways that included movement, music, rap, duologue and scene. The performances we developed included an *Underbelly Shakespeare*; *Hamlet meets The Lion King* and even a *Shakespeare in the City* with fabulous shoes! We also studied the absurdist play *The Bald Prima Donna* which caused plenty of puzzled laughter in the Drama Rooms. The girls also participated in a blog enabling each of the four classes to discuss their absurdist dramatic work online. We finished the year with a unit on Brechtian theatre which provoked many interesting discussions and performances.

Drama students are encouraged to see mainstream productions and be involved in outside school shows and in 2010, Year 10 were accompanied to a hilarious Sydney Theatre Company production of *The Comedy of Errors* and also to *Mother Courage and Her Children* starring their teachers Miss McDonald and Mr Rutherford. A terrific year of Drama!





**Year 9**

For nearly all Year 9 students, this year has opened their eyes to the wonderful world of Drama! As one Year 9 Drama student said:

*"Drama is amazing! I love how you can play so many different characters and experience so many things. I love the personalities and smiling faces that come out of the Drama Room every lesson. I love how I have learnt so much in a short period of time. I love the fact that I am doing this subject. I love Drama!"*

It's been fabulous to see our large group of students gain so much self-confidence in their own performing abilities and learn how to work in group situations. Girls in Year 9

Drama are involved in improvisation, play building, script analysis, group-devised performances, voice and movement skills, non-realistic skills (mask, fabric, sound and movement) and scripted material – through a variety of practical, experiential and theory work. Year 9 have also discovered the joys of logbook work and were taken to The Sydney Theatre Company's production of *Nyuntu Ngali* where they participated in a behind the scenes tour. It was wonderful to see so many girls selected for the Drama Showcase Evenings. Thank you Mr Rutherford for inspiring our Year 9 drama queens!



**Staff**

The number of students who elect Drama is on the increase each year and it is not uncommon to find Drama teachers at Brigidine working with our students after school and on weekends.

In 2010, Mr Rutherford and Miss McDonald marked HSC Trial performances in a variety of schools including Tara Anglican School for Girls Parramatta, Ravenswood, Kincoppal Rose Bay, Shore School, Roseville College, William Clarke College and Bishop Tyrrell College in Newcastle. They also presented a paper on the use of IT in the Drama classroom at the AIS Drama Conference. Miss Conolly attended a number of workshops run by Sydney Theatre Company, Belvoir Street Theatre and NIDA including one on comedy playwriting with Tommy Murphy and Darren Gilshenan.

Thank you to my wonderfully supportive colleagues Mr Rutherford and Miss Conolly who are both such a joy to work with. Drama is a demanding subject and we are truly blessed to have such passionate and energetic students whose love of drama makes our job the best in the world!

May your lives be filled with Drama! Remember that all the world's a stage...

**Miss DiAnne McDonald**  
Head of Drama



**STAFF:** Miss DiAnne McDonald (Head of Department), Miss Emma Conolly, Mr Christopher Rutherford





The aim of the English Department is to foster a lifelong love of literature. Our goal is to encourage our students to be perspicacious responders to literature, independent thinkers, sophisticated writers and clear and confident speakers.

This year our programs included a focus on visual literacy. We hosted seminars based on *The Filmmakers' Tools*. An expatriate filmmaker, Mrs Lynda Heys analysed film directors' use of the tools of production to shape the worlds, characters, themes and journeys in a variety of films. The presentation was particularly useful for senior students who study film as a significant part of their HSC course. A master class was held for Year 12 Standard students on their set HSC text *Witness*. Year 7 students participated in a filmmaking workshop; spending the last few weeks of Term 4 writing scripts and shooting a short film that will be entered into Brigifest 2011.

One of the highlights of the year was a visit to the College by Mr Kurt Fearnley. Kurt shared stories of his childhood, adversities, personal and sporting successes. He showed footage of his Paralympic races and gold medal successes. His sincerity, his passion for his sport and his personal story of overcoming adversity was inspirational.

Media personality James Knight also addressed the students. James spoke about his media career, his travelling adventures and his fund raising activities for charities in developing countries.

Year 12 Advanced Students experienced a live performance of their set HSC text, *Hamlet* by the Harlos Theatre Group at Bondi Theatre. Students enjoyed the director's interesting interpretation of Shakespeare's play.

The author of our set HSC text for the Area of Study, Mr Peter Skrynecki, spoke to Year 12 students about the contexts, meanings, themes and techniques used in his poems. His address to the students was enlightening, offering the students insight into poetry writing and the concept of "Belonging".

Every student in Years 7 to 11 participated in the annual Brigidine Public Speaking Competition. Finals night was held in September and the winners were:

**Year 7:** Mia Holman

**Year 8:** Holly Dalton

**Year 9:** Eloise Cunningham

**Year 10:** Maria Toma

**Year 11 Pat Moran Award:** Tara Dingle

The overall winner was Lauren Harcombe from Year 11. Lauren's speech was enjoyed by all members of the audience. It was insightful and thought provoking and she used a wide variety of rhetorical devices skilfully.

Our guest speaker was Miss Andree Baxter, College Captain in 2000. She spoke with enthusiasm about the nurturing of her speaking skills she received during her schooling at the College and how she has used these skills in her career and personal life.

Throughout the year, students were encouraged to experiment with and enjoy the writing process and enter a variety of competitions including The *Sydney Morning Herald* Young Writers' Competition. Years 7 and 8 participated in the inaugural Brigidine College Haiku Competition. The winning haiku was written by Elena Lynch of Year 7:

*Tinkling on my skin*

*White crystals fall around me*

*Covering the ground*

Year 12 Extension Two students participated in a writing workshop with internationally renowned crime writer, Michael Robotham. Michael shared his experiences as a writer and he gave the students valuable feedback on their major works.

The College achieved satisfying results in the 2009 HSC examination. In Advanced English, 75% of Brigidine students achieved Bands 5 and 6. The state average was 52%. In Standard English, Nicole Blamey achieved Band 6. Only 0.2% of students in the state achieved this feat. At Brigidine 73% of students achieved Bands 4 and 5. The state average was 35%. In Extension Two English, Angie Williams received 49 out of 50 for her Major Work based on World War Two cameraman Damien Parer's experiences on the Kokoda Trail.

Congratulations to Suzannah Curby who was placed 20th in NSW for English Standard in the 2010 HSC.

Emphasis is being placed on the use of computer technology in English. In 2011, Year 7 students will develop and enhance their technology skills through participation in the Independent Learning Program which is based on the Blooms Gardner Taxonomy.

**Mr Brett Harrison**  
Head of English

**STAFF:** Mr Brett Harrison (Head of Department), Ms Julianne Abercrombie, Mrs Sharon Cimen, Miss Emma Conolly, Mr Matthew Esterman, Ms Meredith Ferris, Ms Catherine Hickie, Mrs Noela King, Mrs Sharon McKinnon, Mrs Leslie McLeod, Mr Chris Rutherford, Mrs Robyn Stone, Ms Deborah Warton





The History Department at Brigidine has had a very successful year. All of Year 7 and 8 girls study History for one semester and Year 9 study Australian History for a semester. All Year 10 students study Australian History. Year 11 and 12 are enthusiastic about their studies of Ancient or Modern History. Several girls study both Ancient and Modern History and in 2010 three girls enrolled in the Extension History course for the HSC.

The department has embraced technology with gusto this year with students producing *Comic Life* presentations, movies using *Movie Maker*, brochures and *PowerPoint* presentations. Year 9V enjoyed finding definitions for terms relating to the Australian Constitution using a program called *Bubblejoy* and filmed themselves giving the definition in less than a minute. Some Ancient History students also produced podcasts.

Of course, there is still the traditional use of pen and paper when examinations and tests are being conducted. History students are versatile and can cope with a variety of teaching and learning techniques.

Several classes in Year 7 were able to enjoy the delights of Egyptian mummification when Mrs Gibson showed them how to mummify a piece of fruit.

Year 8 girls enjoyed Medieval Day in both semesters and Mrs King is to be congratulated on her excellent organisational skills which allowed the day to proceed smoothly. She worked hard to provide a valuable insight into the nature of the medieval world; helping students get creative as they stocked up for the medieval feast.

Year 9 students responded well to the technology that allowed them to study in depth the aspects of Australia's history in World War I and II. The Anzac Assembly in April, organised by Mrs Bremner, was conducted by girls from 9U who did an excellent job of reflecting on the meaning and significance of Anzac Day.

Year 10 competed in the History Teachers Association History Competition in September after hosting a visit by the Vietnam Veterans Association in August.

Year 11 History students enjoyed some new topics with Mr Esterman taking his Modern History class on an interactive journey through the African Slave Trade. Mrs George and Mrs Bremner left the delights of Roman Britain to venture in to the City of Rome and the Egyptian Village of Deir el-Medina.

Year 12 worked hard under the direction of Mrs George and Mrs King in Ancient and Modern History respectively. Both groups enjoyed the History Seminars in the lead up to the HSC. Mr Esterman ensured that our Extension History students were well prepared. Congratulations to Rebecca O'Brien and Rose Moloney who were placed equal 4th in NSW for Ancient History in the 2010 HSC.

The History department wishes our students all the best for the future and thank them for the interest they have shown while they have been studying the best subject in the world!

**Mrs Sherryl Bremner**  
Head of History

**STAFF:** Mrs Sherryl Bremner (Head of Department), Mr Matthew Esterman, Mrs Laura George, Mrs Susan Gibson, Mrs Noela King, Mrs Sharon McKinnon

This year students in Years 8 to 12 have completed additional research in various subjects including English, History, Drama, Music, Art, Mathematics, Science, French and Italian. In each Year Group, teams of girls have participated in the Future Problem Solving Program. Topics examined this year included invasive species, sensory overload and orphaned children. The Year 9, 10 and 11 Future Problem Solvers attended a study day at Kambala in preparation for the qualifying round of the competition. The girls met and listened to guest speakers who had unique experiences with orphans through their work and personal lives. It is pleasing to see that so many girls are keen to continue Future Problem Solving in 2011 where we will tackle problems associated with healthy living, air transport, genetic testing and water quality.

Year 8 girls represented Brigidine in a Geography Trivia Day held at Rooty Hill RSL. Two teams competed in ten challenges throughout the day. The challenges included topics such as geographical terms, countries of the world, natural and cultural world heritage features, weather maps, biomes and landforms. Both teams did extremely well, with team 'X' coming 8th and team 'Y' coming 15th. Not only did Team 'X' come in the top 10 out of 52 groups, they also won a set of Topographic Map Broadsheets for our College.

Elizabeth Diggins and Emma Pulman received Certificates of Excellence in the 2010 Asia Wise Competition. Both girls scored in the top 2% of the country in the Lower Secondary division of the competition. An online research competition, Asia Wise develops critical investigative skills and fosters research and analysis. Brooke Menzies and Andrea Pizzie received Distinctions in the competition.

Year 11 Honours students attended a Gifted and Talented Conference at Ascham School and Year 10 participated once again in the da Vinci Decathlon.

Each year, the girls are required to write a Principal's essay. The topic for Year 11 was "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul..." – Emily Dickinson. Claire Feather's Principal's Essay is published in the Student section of this Yearbook. The Year 9 topic was "There is a Santa Clause."

High Distinctions were achieved by Year 11 girls Claire Feather and Lauren Ward and Distinctions were awarded to Catherine Dell, Tara Dingle, Manisha Ediriwira, Laura Flannery and Danielle Moore. In Year 9, High Distinctions were achieved by Jessika Chong, Susan Keighery, Isabelle Kersten, Sarah Korte, Alex McInnes, May McMaster and Laura Walbank. Distinctions were awarded to Isabel Estrella and Meg Flannery.

Congratulations to Natalie Mendes and Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick who successfully completed a first year University course, PHIL 137 Critical Thinking, delivered by the Department of Philosophy at Macquarie University this year. Natalie achieved a High Distinction and Anneke achieved a Distinction.

Finally, congratulations to Emily Briggs, Elise Gillard and Rose Moloney, our Year 12 Honours Program Graduates for 2010. These students have completed the highly challenging Brigidine Honours Program and have demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence, active participation in co-curricular activities and generous service to the College and wider communities.

**Mrs Betsy Harvey**  
Honours Program Coordinator

**Staff:** Mrs Betsy Harvey (Coordinator)





A big thank you is extended to the teachers for their consistent dedication in sharing their love of language and learning with their students. Language Department teachers are members of various associations including NAFT, MLTA, ILTA and the Multimedia Resource Library in Leichhardt.

We continually upgrade our skills by attending AIS inservices and courses run by the above associations.

In 2010, Miss Louise Miles replaced Mrs Eleanor Phelan who is on leave following the birth of her baby Adelaide, and Mrs Christofidis was on leave from Semester Two after the birth of her baby Ava.

Activities this year included making Carnevale masks for display, participating in Commedia dell'Arte and Theatre LOTE presentations. There was the eating of antipastos, pizzas, pastries, French and Italian breakfasts, going to the movies and visiting Leichhardt. Language students also had opportunities to speak to exchange students, native speakers and HSC speaking skills examiners. The girls completed French and Italian ACER tests in listening and reading and visited Alliance Française in the city followed by lunch at the Little

Snail restaurant. The Language Department helped organise the International Food Fair on Founders' Day, raising money for the Year 12 charity, Oasis.

As a result of the Alliance Française testing, Natalie Mendes of Year 11 was selected to participate in the prestigious Concours la Perouse in November.

Student Exchanges were quite popular this year and many girls were also lucky to go on overseas holidays with their families. From Year 10: Phillipa Reeves (who won a \$2000 scholarship from SCCE) and Annabelle Ottery went to France for 5 months, Bonnie Macqueen and Courtney Herringe went to Italy for 5 months and Abbey Vawdrey and Isabella Wildsmith spent 4 weeks in Italy. Laura Flynn of Year 11 visited Torino for 2 months after having hosted Sofia Restelli of Milan for 5 months. These exchanges are wonderful opportunities to improve one's knowledge of language and to learn about other rich cultures outside of Australia.

**Mrs Annemarie Mitchell**  
Head of Languages





At the Carnevale mask competition, 187 students and teachers voted on the 145 beautiful masks displayed in the Library. The winners were:

**Favourite**

- 1st: Isabel Estrella
- Equal 2nd: Arki Mountfort-Martin/  
Rebecca Stanley
- 3rd: Mimi Dennis

**Prettiest**

- Equal 1st: Kathleen Harris/Rebecca Stanley
- Equal 2nd: Rebecca Stanley/Isabel Estrella/  
Alex Buttrose
- 3rd: Arki Mountfort-Martin

**Most Colourful**

- 1st: Kathleen Harris
- 2nd: Hannah Ribbons
- 3rd: Madison Spencer

**Most Sparkly**

- 1st: Megan Taylor
- 2nd: Georgie Slater
- Equal 3rd: Julia Hooper/Nicole Fury

**Most Elegant**

- 1st: Isabel Estrella
- 2nd: Mimi Dennis
- 3rd: Brianna Schlager

**Most Imaginative**

- 1st: Arki Mountfort-Martin
- 2nd: Jennifer Tims
- 3rd: Claudia Felton

**Most Italian**

- 1st: Danielle Barakat
- 2nd: Georgie Slater
- 3rd: Emma Welch

**STAFF:** Mrs Annemarie Mitchell (Head of Department), Mrs Julia Bevan, Mrs Evana Christofidis, Mrs Maria Jackson, Mrs Amanda Macri, Miss Louise Miles, Mrs Eleanor Phelan

Learning Support at Brigidine College has seen a year of change in 2010. The change has been both physical and ideological and is in response to the growing numbers and in recognition of the integral nature of this area of our Brigidine community. As Winston Churchill stated, "There is nothing wrong with change if it is in the right direction." On reflection of 2010, it is with a sense of confidence that we are heading in the right direction.

One of the distinguishing features of Brigidine is our commitment to support students within an inclusive environment. Learning Support encompasses the literacy, numeracy, and behavioural needs of all students 'at risk' as well as ensuring that those students identified as Gifted and/or Talented are encouraged to realise their potential.

In recognition of this growing and significant area of the College, the Executive appointed a Head of Department to coordinate all of these aspects under the one umbrella. The next change of significance was the physical relocation of the Chisholm Centre to a more focal location, from a quiet corner of the College to the more central locale of St Brigid's Chapel. This move reflects the central role that Learning Support plays; to help cater for the full range of students' needs and to help realise each students' individual potential. These being the core components of the Brigidine charism.

In keeping with this aim it was felt that it was time for a change in name which better illustrates the more inclusive practices to which the College strives. Now our 'Chisholm' girls are known as 'St Brigid's' girls. We have engaged in many wonderful activities with other schools throughout the year to develop social networks for our girls including an excursion to PLC Croydon for a progressive luncheon and an organised dance at St Ignatius College, Riverview.

The Learning Support team is a cohesive and energetic group of professionals who bring expertise to their various roles. As part of the College's commitment to supporting the individual needs of students, we welcomed an additional member of staff to assist with the transitional needs of our students. Mrs Marie Whiting is a very positive and caring assistant who brightens all our days.

The addition of extra English classes throughout Years 7-10 also made a tremendous difference to assisting those students who required additional support, as did the initiative of the Literacy Applications Elective offered in Years 9 and 10 to particularly assist students with study and organisational skills and to boost their literacy skills in general.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and students who assisted our students as scribes and/or readers in the School Certificate and HSC. Without their invaluable assistance our students would not have been able to perform as well as they did. Their generosity and selflessness is very much appreciated.

Finally, we bid farewell to Mrs Philippa Bragg who has been with us for the past two years as a Learning Support teacher and Year 7 Mentor teacher. She has made a significant contribution to the College and this department and we will miss her sunny disposition, caring nature and considerable expertise.

We look forward to working closely with parents and classroom teachers to ensure positive outcomes for all our girls in 2011.

**Mrs Helen Thomas**  
Head of Learning Support

**STAFF:** Mrs Helen Thomas (Head of Department), Mrs Michelle Barker, Mrs Philippa Bragg, Ms Glenda Jennings, Ms Gloria Perin, Ms Carmel McCudden, Mrs Joanne O'Connell, Mrs Marie Whiting



The availability of Information Technology (IT) is changing the nature of teaching and learning at Brigidine. This year, as in recent years, many teachers have continued to integrate a range of technology experiences into their classrooms. In addition, the use of digital technologies has impacted on teaching practice; the way students are assessed, teaching environments and curriculums, access, equity and socio-cultural issues. The diversity of technological tools that are available has led to a variety of teaching strategies that are often deviations from the traditional methods leading to some exciting, motivating and interesting lessons for the girls.

As we move forward with technology in the classroom we look forward with eager anticipation to the 1:1 program which is beginning in 2011. This will provide every girl with access to all school software at home. It will provide another kick-along to our technology program and the learning curve will continue its upward trend for our teachers.

Improvements to the wireless coverage within the College will ensure that we can work in an increasingly online environment without interruption. We are shifting some responsibility to the girls by asking them to care for their laptops, to back up their essential documents and to recharge batteries. These are all "adult skills" that Brigidine students will have no difficulty mastering, although some parental assistance and oversight would be appreciated.

Again this year we have seen many teachers undergo professional learning sessions, which have been held on an almost daily basis throughout each term. The new skills that teachers acquire have immediate benefits in the classroom as different forms of inquiry and assessment begin to be used.

We have discussed the need to vary classroom arrangements according to lesson design and move away from teacher dominated sessions to a more student-centred focus. Although technology is not a prerequisite for this, it does seem to drive the change process.

I have been impressed with the willingness of Brigidine teachers to give up their "free" periods to learn new skills. The focus of our professional learning tends to centre on communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Even without technology, acquisition of these skills is a worthwhile goal, but research suggests that using the technology to carry out manual tasks frees the student to focus on strategies and encourages a process of trial and error and critical thought.

IT-based tasks provide a focus for extended collaboration between students. An advanced communication capability allows girls to use graphics, images and text together to demonstrate their understanding of core concepts, while the interactive nature of multimedia software motivates students and leads to improved performance.

All-in-all it has been an exciting and rewarding year, and it's about to get better!

**Mr Graham Hughes**  
Learning Technologies Advisor



**IT DEPARTMENT:** Mr Greg Boyd (Head of Department), Mrs Julie Calder, Mrs Neha Francis, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Peter Loventosse





A most successful addition to the library this year was the introduction of twelve laptops to top up our computer facility. I gratefully acknowledge the support of the Luncheon Club and Mrs Robotham for the generous donation of the charging pod. All of the laptops are in constant use during recess and lunchtime and a whole class can now have access to computers in the body of the library. The laptops have been particularly popular with the Year 7 students.

The Library will be extending the use of digital media with the introduction of an e-book collection. We had intended buying a range of e-book readers such as the *Kindle*, however technology is moving so quickly that they have been overtaken as suitable devices in a library context. Rather we intend to provide students with an e-book collection which they can "borrow" for two week periods and read either on their laptops, iPad or compatible phone. This will be a neat fit with the upcoming 1:1 Learning program.

Library opening hours have been also re-investigated to see whether we are providing the best service we can. Currently the library is available to the girls from 7.30am until 4.00pm and we intend to try opening the library until 5.30pm from Monday to Thursday. It is hoped that this will provide our students greater library access to work on assignments and do homework.

The *Fridays in the Library* program continued this year as did the various displays of students' work. Both of these programs have allowed girls to share their work with their peers and to celebrate the excellent standard of work that they create every day of the week at the College.

**Mr Allen Carters**  
Library Coordinator



**STAFF:** Mr Allen Carters (Coordinator),  
Mrs Philippa Goddard, Mrs Liz Heffernan



The year 2010 or “Twenty X” as coined by Year 12 was an “X”citing year, full of change all round. A new principal, a new cohort of Year 7’s beginning high school Mathematics and, most importantly, a new classroom! Yes, it was a few years coming, but over the summer break the Maths Room was completely revamped with new cupboards, paint, and carpet so that all of the resources are now neatly put away behind closed doors. Our year of Mathematics began with a fresh start.

The use of Information Technologies (IT) continued to increase this year, in Mathematics classrooms as well as other

subject areas. So much so, in fact, that it was sometimes hard to find a computer pod or lab available unless it was booked well in advance. The rollout of student computers will certainly be welcomed next year. It will provide an interesting and challenging time as teachers and students alike use technology in new and innovative ways.

2010 also saw an increase in the number of Mathematics tutoring sessions; three sessions were offered – one before school, one after school, and one at lunchtime. A big thank you to Mr Patric Hobsbawn, Mrs Karen Dunsmore and Mr Ben Yuen who kindly gave up their time each week to help students master or reinforce their Mathematical skills. Thank you also to the senior students who helped to tutor some of the juniors. They too will have benefited from the experience since there is no better way to deepen your understanding of a concept than by teaching it to someone else.

In Term 3, 415 students from Years 7 to 11 participated in the Mathematics division of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, which is run by the University of New South Wales. Of these students:

- 102 received Credit awards
- 17 received Distinction awards

The students who achieved Distinction awards were:

**Year 7:** Sophie Clark, Jessica Lynch, Kirsten Van Den Berg

**Year 8:** Meredith Spadon, Madison Spencer, Stephanie Robertson

**Year 9:** Rachel Hellyer, Madeleine Strupitis-Haddrick, May McMaster, Yerin Yoo, Jessika Chong, Meg Flannery

**Year 10:** Kasumi Champion, Phillipa Reeves, Alex Jones, Alexandra Kopp

**Year 11:** Danica Carter

Congratulations to these girls and to all who participated.

That brings us to what has to be the greatest achievement of the Mathematics department this year. Mr Michael Palme our fearless Mathematics Coordinator decided to take a term off and treat his family to a well-deserved holiday. The feat that this decision brought about is nothing short of remarkable... Mr Palme was forced to clean up his office and yes, it actually does have carpet! We all hope he and his family have a wonderful term and look forward to his return in 2011.

**STAFF:** Michael Palme (Head of Department), Mrs Jacqui Bridges, Mrs Margaret Covich, Mrs Karen Dunsmore, Mr Patric Hobsbawn, Mr Greg Johns (Acting Head of Department), Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Liz May, Mrs Megan Ng, Mrs Ros Summerfield, Ms Wanda Thomson, Ms Rachel Wesseldine, Mr Ben Yuen

At the beginning of this year our exciting production of *The Little Shop of Horrors* hit the stage. It was great to see so many girls recreating the 80's with their fluoro costumes, big hair and fabulous dance moves! Congratulations to all the cast, orchestra and crew, and a huge thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Photos of the musical are published in the Creativity Section of this Yearbook.

Brigidine College ensembles have performed at a number of functions in 2010 including the Music Cabaret Evening, Opening Mass, Open Day, Spotlight on Music Concert, and a variety of College and community events including Grandparent's Day and the Yamaha Band Festival.

The Music Society has enjoyed continued success under the leadership of Vicky Boyd and Jess Hayman of Year 12, with numbers increasing in Concert Band and Choir, and a new ensemble, the Stage Band formed. At the time of printing we are busy with the auditions for next year's musical, *Singin' in the Rain*. There is never a shortage of performance opportunities at Brigidine!

Amidst the co-curricular activities, the classroom music lessons continue with elective music classes now using computers and the Sibelius program to assist in their composition skills. Junior classes continued to improve their guitar, keyboard and glockenspiels skills and enjoyed creating compositions using the *Groovy City* program on the computers. All of our classes are enjoying the benefits of the virtual classrooms on the Portal, with some fantastic examples of work available to view and share. Assignments this year have had a technology focus, with students learning to create podcasts about their favourite rock performer. The girls have also been fortunate to participate in a number of workshops with saxophonist Andrew Oh and choral director Dr Kim Cunio.

Congratulations and thank you to all the girls who have participated so enthusiastically in music activities throughout the year. The College is certainly a more musical place and our experience at school much richer with your input.

Thank you also to Mrs Lorna Hall, whose unfailing encouragement and assistance helps make all these activities possible.

### Ms Ros Boyd Head of Music

**STAFF:** Ms Ros Boyd (Head of Department) and Mrs Lorna Hall

**MUSIC TUTORS:** Mrs Judith Allan, Mr Matt Roberts, Mr Andrew Warren, Ms Ami Williamson, Miss Katy Jenkins, Miss Jenny Binovec, Mr Chris Brasche, Mr Bruce Allan, Miss Kristen Potter, Mrs Sarah Marshall, Mrs Deborah Spencer and Miss Katrina Papallo



#### 2010 Choir

- Front Row** Isabel Estrella, Kanishka Dayananda, Claudia Gomez, Hannah Garcia, Alexandra Buttrose, Victoria Boyd, Jessica Hayman, Sophie Clark, Jessica Lynch, Rebecca Bau-Gaspar, Yerin Ha, Catherine Gliddon
- Second Row** Elena Lynch, Sarah Barnes, Rebecca Stanley, Susannah Jackson, Bronte Jarrett, Philippa Reeves, Georgia Slater, Fiona Lewis, Kasu Hummelstad, Katherine Goode
- Third Row** Katherine Paterson, Caitlin Worsley, Chloe Papandrea, Catherine Dell, Montana York, Alison Langer, Courtney Calloway, Sophie Clisby, Jessica Tripp
- Fourth Row** Alexandra Claremont, Eloise Westwood, Eleanor McElhone, Zoe Gleeson, Tara Dingle, Susan Keighery, Holly Macalpine, Rosalie Moore
- Absent** Emma Steele, Claire Feather



#### 2010 Concert Band

- Front Row** Samantha Lyne, Stephanie Muir, Caitlin Hutchings, Aoife Doran, Shannon Baker, Victoria Boyd, Jessica Hayman, Latrishia Kenny, Jessica Squires, Claudia Gomez, Sinead Doran, Catherine Gliddon
- Second Row** Kathleen Harris, Olivia Johnson, Victoria Trevallion, Rachel Seeto, Rebecca Stanley, Chloe Hughes, Siobhan Fang, Gabrielle Foti, Erya Schaefer, Hannah Ribbons, Sophia Polito, Kathy Tou, Jessica Lynch
- Third Row** Camilla Dunn, Madeline Lai, Philippa Reeves, Alisa Tuncel, Isabelle Kersten, Corinne Lieberman, Elizabeth Trevallion, Camie Rubinsteir, Eliza Cameron, Lauren Beck, Jordyn Chue, Annabelle Parsons
- Fourth Row** Elise Lieberman, Camilla Corbett, Laura Walbank, Kathryn Ross, Shannah Connell, Emily Goodman, Claudia Hallett, Natalie Chandra, Caitlin Worsley
- Absent** Sarah Watkins





In 2010 the PDHPE department continued to integrate technology into our teaching programmes. This image, created in Wordle, is just one of the simple tools we used in the senior course to identify key words in a unit of work.

### Year 7

Year 7 students took the opportunity to explore new sports and learn about challenges they are facing (or are going to face) as teenagers. In Physical Education the students had their fitness levels tested and enjoyed playing interactive team games to get to know the girls in their class. They loved the Volleyball unit, showing great enthusiasm when they put their skills to the test in games against other classes. The Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics classes allowed the girls to express themselves creatively by working with a class mate to create a paired routine. The end of year Oz Tag lessons were a great way to end what was a happy year of physical activity. During the Personal Development and Health classes, students shared their ideas on many subjects including bullying, family and friendship changes and the effects of puberty. The year culminated in a PDHPE excursion to Mona Vale Beach – where the girls had the opportunity to learn about rescue skills, swimming in ocean conditions and even how to surf!

### Year 8

2010 has been a wonderful year where the girls have fully involved themselves in a wide variety of learning activities in both practical and theory lessons. The Term 3 online Drug Education unit on alcohol was

an IT challenge at first for the teaching staff but was quickly embraced by many of the girls who often did not want the lesson to finish – always a good indication of a popular topic. The Assessment for Learning task was completed via a cartoon-style online program resulting in students designing their own 18 scene storyboard. A wide variety of sporting activities were on offer such as Floor Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Funk Dance with Kate Barnes and European Handball. Term 4 saw the girls learn first aid techniques and practicing CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) on the PDHPE mannequin.

### Year 9

Year 9 have had an enjoyable year learning Badminton and Lacrosse. The girls also attended a lecture given by a guest speaker from Arrive Alive who spoke about passenger safety and how to avoid poor decisions that could lead to permanent spinal injury. This year we were fortunate to have a PDHPE exchange student teacher visiting Brigidine from Germany for three weeks. Patricia was a wonderful addition to the department and assisted in video editing the students dance performances.

### Year 9 PASS

It is very exciting that we were able to offer a new elective course at Brigidine this year called Year 9 Physical Activity and Sports Science (PASS). Students enjoyed the topics covered and the practical elements offered in the new course. Girls got active playing Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball and many other games during practical sessions. They investigated a variety of units ranging from Fundamental Movement Skills, the





Importance of Technology in Sport and Sport for Specific Groups in their theory sessions. PASS gives each girl a chance to explore her interest and passion in sports and its science.

### Year 10

Year 10 have enjoyed their last opportunity to participate in the mandatory PDHPE course. The girls played Hockey, designed their own game to teach to the rest of the class, learned Ceroc Dance moves (which were actively practiced at the Year 10 formal) and participated in many relaxation activities including Tai Chi and Yoga. In their theory lessons each girl designed and prepared her own resume in anticipation of some very exciting part-time jobs in the future. They also researched road safety, overcoming adversity, planning for safety and other important social issues. There were many opportunities for class discussions and debates about relevant issues and there was much excitement about viewing the well-loved *Plumpton High* documentary.

### Year 11

Year 11 students have worked independently and with great enthusiasm throughout the year. They have been challenged to think critically about health promotion and the significance of health and physical activity. They have engaged in classroom discussions regarding Australian health and investigated why particular population groups experience similar levels of health. First Aid was a more concrete topic which provided a degree of practical application. The 'Body in Motion' unit outlined the science behind physical movement and added to the students' level

of understanding in a very practical way. The course has provided a very sound base for the students to move forward into the Year 12 syllabus.

### Year 12

This year saw changes to the HSC course with a significant reduction in the amount of content and breadth of knowledge required. This allowed for a richer depth of knowledge in both the core and optional units of study. Twenty four Year 12 students worked hard through their final year developing a deeper knowledge of physiological reactions to exercise by utilising the treadmill in the mezzanine level of the gym. The girls developed a clearer understanding of inequity in health across a wide variety of population groups and were able to choose to study 'Improving Performance' or 'Health of Young People' giving them a greater sense of self direction and a deeper interest in each topic.

**STAFF:** Ms Jo Baker (Head of Department), Mrs Kate Ryder, Mr David Chant, Mrs Gina Hudson, Mrs Donna Kuper, Mrs Leigh-Anne Hartwig, Mrs Michelle Skinner, Mrs Skye Wachter





In 2010 we welcomed Mrs Sylvia Bonner to the Science Department as one of our Laboratory Managers and farewelled Mrs Margaret Driscoll who retired after 17 years at the College. Mrs Nikki Greig has resigned after many years of teaching at Brigidine to look after her young family. We thank Mrs Greig for her wonderful contribution and wish her well.

The Science Club, popular with many of our younger students, made several special *Friday in the Library* presentations to keen audiences. Thanks again to Mrs Radcliff and Mrs Wright for making elephant toothpaste as well as other unusual items and helping make the club a lively and colourful part of the wide range of activities available to our girls.

A first-ever event took place earlier in the year when our Year 12 Physics class was invited by the CSIRO to take remote control of the famous Parkes radio telescope, known as 'The Dish', to record actual signals from pulsars. The data was then used by astronomers in their work to understand the nature of our universe. Other excursions to the working nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights, the Powerhouse Museum and local field trips were complemented by the CSIRO *Labs on Legs* and *Snakes Tails* presentations at the College.

The Australasian Schools Science Competition was entered by all our students in Years 7 to 10, with 121 gaining Credits, 22 being awarded Distinctions and Sophie Clark of Year 7 and Kasumi Champion of Year 10 achieving High Distinctions, excellent

achievements indeed! It is rare to achieve a High Distinction in this competition but Kasumi now has two in a row.

Our students have become very proficient at utilising the technology available to them in the classroom. It will be an exciting time in 2011 with Science particularly benefiting from the 1:1 laptop program in many ways. Digital microscopes, cathode ray oscilloscopes in every laptop and virtual dissections are just the tip of the iceberg. There are no limits to what can be done in today's laboratories.

The future of Science as a viable subject has never been more crucial than now. It is encouraging that the NSW Board of Studies will retain the best aspects of our robust and internationally recognised practices while adopting the latest innovations in IT to best serve the interests of our students. Here at Brigidine we are ready for the challenges ahead and eagerly await the opportunities to drive Science education well into the 21st century.

**Mr Robert Farr**  
Head of Science

**STAFF:** Mr Rob Farr (Head of Department), Mrs Sylvia Bonner (Laboratory Manager), Ms Fiona Caithness, Mrs Glenda Chidrawi, Mrs Audrey Coburn, Mrs Judy Gerhardt (Laboratory Manager), Mrs Nikki Greig (on leave in 2010), Mr Jeremy Powell, Mrs Mary Radcliff, Mrs Anne Summerhayes, Ms Simone Webb, Mrs Lindsey Wright





The Social Science Department is actively involved in the study of human activities and their impact on the landscape, society, business and political systems. Commercial actions, which conserve our scarce resources and also allow the satisfaction of wants and needs, are observed in the field. Our courses aim to equip students with the tools of observation and interpretation which will enable them to make ecologically sustainable choices and offer solutions.

At the end of Term 1, Year 10 Geography students took to the field. Half the group went with Mrs Ballesty, Mr Hill and Mrs Mahon to Narrabeen and Long Reef to examine coastal landforms and the management of these fragile areas. Mrs Cash and Mrs Gibson took the other half of the cohort to Cabramatta to observe spatial inequality; the differences in lifestyles and opportunities which are influenced by where people live. Using the information gathered on the types of housing and density of population, transport systems and retail functions the students commented on issues they thought could be improved by better management. Year 9 elective Geography also had a field trip to the Sydney Aquarium and Imax Theatre to investigate oceanography.

Year 8 students studied threats to wildlife arising from reduction of habitat. They also explored the concept of good zoos which involved a structured visit to Taronga Zoo.

Year 10 Commerce students studying Political Environment visited State Parliament House and role-played Question Time. They also visited the Downing Centre to observe the law in action, sitting in on several live Trials.

Year 12 Legal Studies attended two lecture days to investigate Criminal Law and Family Law. High calibre speakers such as the Director of Public Prosecutions, Nicholas Cowdrey addressed the girls on current issues affecting lawmaking and law reform.

Year 12 Society and Culture students prepared a Personal Interest Project (PIP) as a major work for the HSC. PIP topics from this year included; The Pursuit of Happiness: why are the street children of Kolkata so happy?, Smooth Criminal: an investigation into criminal rehabilitation among Aboriginal teens and Beauty and the Breast: the commercial evolution of breast cancer and the stigmatism of prostate cancer. The first stage of preparation for this field of independent study was attendance at a PIP Study Day at the Wesley Centre run by the Society and Culture Association at the beginning of the Year 12 mode of study in Term 4.

Year 11 Business Studies visited IMAX and the Aquarium at Darling Harbour. As case studies demonstrating marketing in action.

Year 9 Commerce once again prepared their stalls for the Commerce Market Day in September, gathering resources, devising promotions and accounting for the revenue raised. Each student evaluated the outcome of their business plan and assessed the teamwork involved in bringing the plan to fruition.

Year 9 and 10 Commerce students combined to participate in a Financial Literacy study day run by the YMCA with guest mentors from a variety of businesses. Mrs Doyle organised this successful day of fun activities and reinforced the concept that responsibility with money rests with each individual.

### Australian Business Week

The inaugural program of Australian Business Week took place in the last week of school for all Year 10 students. After electing their company personnel including CEO, finance, marketing, IT and operations teams the girls attended lectures on how to approach the running of a virtual café for two years. Then using an online computer simulation, they were able to evaluate their management of financial resources and whether the use of advertising and promotion had helped them achieve a profit.

In addition, each student company designed and launched a new product, process or service and then developed a 30 second video commercial, mounted a trade display and wrote a company report which formed the basis for an oral presentation.

Guest lecturers and business mentors contributed their expertise to assist the girls and this was greatly appreciated. The expertise they shared was very much appreciated by the girls. The mentors also had fun and appreciated the connections they established with the teams.

Study days, field trips and guest speakers enhance the quality of instruction taking place in the Social Science Department. Many thanks go to our great team of teachers and the enthusiastic and cooperative students and their parents.

**Mrs Jennifer Preston**  
Head of Social Science

**STAFF:** Mrs Jennifer Preston (Head of Department), Mrs Danielle Ballesty, Mrs Melissa Cash, Mrs Mandy Doyle, Mrs Susan Gibson, Mrs Betsy Harvey, Mr Mark Hill, Mrs Lisa Kaiocsai, Mrs Maureen Mahon, Mrs Susan Martin





The TAS department has seen another very busy year with each subject area striving to achieve excellence in design and proficiency in practical skills. Quality practical work has been completed and many outstanding projects were on show at the TAS exhibition where, for the first time at the College, awards were presented in recognition of outstanding project work.

### Year 7 and 8 Technology

*"Woodwork has been a blast! I have developed many new skills. Technology has allowed me to use my creativity."*

– Mia Holman, Year 7.



Students were exposed to a number of areas in Technology this year including Interior Design, Food Technology, Textiles, Electronics, Ceramics, Woodwork and Information and Communication. The girls were inspired to design and construct a range of new products. Beautiful design themes were illustrated throughout portfolios this year. Talent and creative flare are evident amongst our students. Some of the projects included zines (mini magazines), websites, cafe food, healthy snack food products, making bags, pyjamas, dream rooms, steady hand games, puzzles, mirrors and more.

*"Cooking in the Food Technology kitchen was the most enjoyable part of Technology. I developed new skills and confidence in the kitchen."*

– Kashia Merlo, Year 7.

*"My favourite area of Technology this year was Textiles. I learnt a lot of new skills and love wearing my new pyjamas."*

– Amy Dugan, Year 8



### Food Technology

*"I really enjoyed doing the Term 3 assignment on planning an event as I could see what goes on behind the scenes of a large scale event."*

– Tamara Bose, Year 10

The popularity of home cooking seems to increase with interest in television shows such as *Masterchef*, and students are becoming more excited to work in this subject. This year, girls were exposed to practical situations and new and interesting ingredients that they can take home and share with their families. Year 9 examined the importance of eating healthy foods that contain the six essential nutrients and worked in teams as nutritionists to create a healthy eating plan for a family with many dietary restrictions. They also enjoyed cooking foods from around the world, in particular using traditional bush foods. Year 10 were challenged with planning a corporate event, with many innovative themes and venues examined. They were also set the practical challenge of creating a new gourmet pizza range from scratch that would be appropriate for families.

*"My favourite lessons are the practical ones. I loved preparing food for the Class cocktail party and making golden syrup puddings."*

– Madeleine Andrews, Year 10

### Senior Food Technology

Senior Food Technology students continue to examine the importance of good nutrition and the variety of activities involved in the food industry. Year 11 girls interviewed people from three different generations to see how food choices and habits can change. They were also involved in practical situations such as functional food experiments and food styling. Year 12 demonstrated a commitment to create quality project work this year. Impressive websites and promotional activities such as fundraising days were designed to promote

healthy eating for groups at risk in our society. Once again the excursions that both Year 11 and 12 attended were highlights. Year 11 visited Sydney Tower Restaurants where they experienced a back of house tour of a commercial kitchen and were also very lucky to enjoy a beautiful buffet lunch. Year 12 girls went on an exciting excursion to *Pure Gelato* where they watched gelato being made commercially and discussed new product development with the owners. Highlights of the day included making and tasting a variety of flavours of gelato.

### Design and Technology

*"A project we have really enjoyed was making our mirror frames because everyone's designs were unique and original!"*  
– Susan Keighery, Year 9

This year in Design and Technology, students worked on a range of projects including decorative timber boxes, silver casted rings, timber and mosaic mirror frames and CO<sub>2</sub> canister racing cars.

Year 10 students begin the year by constructing a wooden writing pen using the wood lathe to machine the parts. They also made a clock face of their own design.

In the latter part of the year, girls are given the opportunity to use their existing knowledge to design and make a piece of furniture or related product of their own choice. The girls are required to make up their own brief and produce a suitable design solution. Designs must include considerations such as the function, materials, sizes, construction methods and finish of the item.

This year saw a wide range of projects constructed including; coffee tables, cabinets, bedside tables, chairs, rocking horses, dressers, desks and other individual designs.

*"This year in design and technology we had good opportunities to express our creative ideas. We were able to incorporate our own thoughts and ideas whilst sticking to the set project."*

– Alexandria Woods, Year 10

### Information Software and Technology

*"As a whole we think that this year's IST course was one of the most useful subjects we've learnt during Year 10. Without learning about Excel we wouldn't have been able to complete multiple assignments that involved the program."*

– Corinne Lieberman and Marie-Jo Ta, Year 10

Year 10 students had a fantastic year of learning in Information and Software Technology. There were many opportunities to showcase their talent and creativity in the topics studied such as Multimedia. The girls designed well structured databases



and learnt about their usefulness in data organisation. They then courageously challenged themselves through a spreadsheet based assignment, where they had to learn and apply functions and formulae.

During Term 2, students enjoyed a day out at Macquarie University attending workshops on 3D Animation, Robotics and Virtual Reality. One activity had the girls creating imaginative and wonderful 3D animations using ALICE. This flowed seamlessly into the topic of Multimedia in Term 3. Students were introduced to Adobe Flash, which provided a steep learning curve. Once basic concepts such as timelines, tweening and keyframes in Flash were mastered, students started to produce fantastic and entertaining storylines.

### Information Processes and Technology

*"We particularly enjoyed the group project which involved designing and developing an information system by filming and editing a video."*

– Maddison Ryan, Year 11

Students in 11IPT enjoyed their first assessment which was in the form of an article portfolio. Many articles on technology and its applications were collected and discussed with some insightful thoughts. When it was time for their practical assignment, the class enthusiastically upgraded their skills in video editing by using Adobe Premiere Pro. Many techniques and video effects were experimented and applied such as layering, colour pass, blue screen effect and video transitions.

The Year 12 students knuckled down and concentrated on their HSC assessments. There were some interesting projects created on the topic of Decision Support Systems. A hotel menu ordering system was developed, as well as systems for comparing laptops and calculating budgets.

### Textiles Technology

*"I love how Textiles allows you to use your creativity and passion to make a garment which captures your absolute imagination."*

– Nikki Welsh, Year 10

Both students and teachers have had a most enjoyable 2010 in Textile Technology. Year 9 students were introduced to the challenge of

creating an equipment bag and developed an appreciation for the hard work and skills that are required to be a successful textile designer. Year 9 learned many new skills including; reading a commercial pattern to produce a straight skirt, manipulating textiles to create a fabric collage and the creation of a summer dress incorporating shirring and tie dying. Congratulations goes to Zoe Kruize and May McMaster whose textile art projects *Looking Through a Window* were entered into the 2010 TEA Stage 5 Art Quilt Challenge.

Year 10 Textiles Technology has seen the development and consolidation of a vast array of practical skills. Students have undertaken some challenging briefs, the first incorporating denim and recycling into a garment or article of their choice. During second semester the girls produced a custom corset pattern and created some wonderful corsets. The vast array of different designs and finished products shows the diversity of talent among our Brigidine students.

### Senior Textiles and Design

The standard of garments and costumes designed and created by Year 12 students for their Major Textile Project is a credit to each student and highlights all skills they have developed in their Textiles Technology and Textiles and Design course. Throughout the year students worked steadily on the theory component of the course and the production of an MTP Support Document which included a workshop on fashion drawing. Congratulations to Jessica Gilder whose Major Textiles Project was selected for *Texstyle*, the showcase of HSC Textile and Design works.

In conclusion, the department has enjoyed working with Ms Stella O'Toole in Term 1 who replaced Mrs Frawley while she was on leave and with Mrs Robyn Collins during Term 4 who replaced Mrs Brown during her long service leave. We are very grateful for all their contributions. We would also like to give a very special thank you to our TAS assistant Mrs Robyn O'Bryen. She has been a part

of the TAS department for nearly two years and a valuable member of staff at Brigidine College St Ives for almost ten years. Robyn is moving on to work in her own catering company. Her efficiency and dedication to organising equipment and food ingredients for practical classes has allowed every class to function efficiently and effectively. Both staff and students will truly miss her.

**Mrs Rebecca Hill**  
Acting Head of TAS Department

**STAFF:** Mrs Sue Brown (Head of Department), Mr Russell Bebb, Mrs Sue Frawley, Mrs Amanda Macri, Mrs Robyn Collins, Mrs Rebecca Hill, Mrs Michelle Read-Zorn, Mrs Jan Whiddon, Mr Ben Yuen  
**ASSISTANTS:** Mrs Robyn O'Bryen and Mr Brian Manifold





This year represents the end of an era of vocational education at Brigidine. Since 2000 we have taught Business Services to senior students in the Faculty of Vocational Education and Training (VET). Over the years our students have achieved excellent results. In the 2007 HSC, Simone Ferguson was ranked first in the state in VET Business Services and Roxanne Cates was ranked fourth. In that year, 19% of the students in the state receiving a Band 6 in Business Services came from Brigidine. In 2009, Alexandra Michailidis was ranked seventh in the state in Business Services.

Business Services students have experienced many of the thrills and spills associated with running a business through our virtual enterprise, *TechnoVision*. This virtual business trades with a network of others throughout Australia. The students gain practical experience in many aspects of

business services including word processing, data entry, spreadsheet analysis, handling mail, processing business and financial documents and the use and maintenance of office equipment.

In May, Mrs Doyle and the Year 12 students attended a Virtual Trade Fair, *VeBiz*, organised by the Sydney Institute of TAFE. The girls enjoyed 'selling' their virtual technology products, putting into practice their classroom learning and participating with real customers. They were thrilled to be awarded the prize for the most enthusiastic team!

As well as their experiences in our virtual business, each Business Services student completes two weeks of work placement in a real business. Brigidine students are always well received by our generous business partners and are frequently offered casual or part-time work.

Congratulations to Elyse Ferguson, Zoe Gleeson, Jessica Jones, Anna Kuper and Sophie Madigan, our last group of Year 12 Business Services students who graduated with Certificate II in Business.

Finally, we say farewell to Mrs Lisa Kalocsai, an exceptional and dedicated teacher and wish her all the very best at her new school in 2011.

**Mrs Betsy Harvey**  
Head of Vocational Education and Training

**STAFF:** Mrs Betsy Harvey (Head of Department), Mrs Mandy Doyle, Mrs Lisa Kalocsai



The Visual Arts staff and students had a busy and eventful year in 2010. With Ms Kieren Taylor extending her maternity leave, we welcomed Ms Salmon into the department. My thanks to: Mrs Vanessa Briggs, Mrs Lucille Flory, Ms Talisa Salmon and to our art assistant Mrs Jo O'Connell for their contributions in helping make 2010 a successful, creative and productive year. We look forward to Mrs Brodie Byrne returning to our department in 2011.

The Annual Visual Arts Exhibition in August showcased the HSC Bodies of Work and the Romuald Visual Arts Centre was a buzz of activity with visitors, class groups, teachers and parents coming to see the Years 7-12 artworks on display over two days.

We were delighted to hear that two of our Year 12 students, Caitlin-Clare Miller and Kathleen Stevenson, had their artworks nominated for inclusion in the selection process for the ARTEXPRESS Exhibition 2010. Kathleen's work titled *Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up - Picasso's selected for the exhibition.* My thanks goes to their teacher Mrs Lucille Flory for the guidance, time and effort she gave all her Year 12 students throughout the year.

Congratulations to Year 11 students Grace Geier, Tara Dingle, Chloe Gillespie and Heather Oesterheld who gained a place in The National Art School's HSC Intensive Studio Practice course. This is a great opportunity for students to meet art students from across NSW and develop skills in specialist areas such as photomedia, drawing and painting.

Other highlights of the year include an installation of ceramic gargoyles made by Year 8 students during their study of Medieval

Art. These were made site-specific to be hung from the eaves of the sculpture courtyard.

Year 10 visual art students sketched, photographed, constructed and presented for the College exhibition a body of work based on the human form. Girls were initially encouraged to express emotion through facial features in their drawing and found a way to achieve this not by the depiction of the face but through the clever use of posture and spacing.

Year 7 students built on their skill set by undertaking activities related to the Elements of Design. They eagerly participated in learning about line, colour and tone producing a 'Distorted Portrait.' They also designed and constructed an installation of 'human-based character heads.'

Years 9 and 10 Visual Design students had an inspiring day at the Powerhouse Museum to view the Sydney Design Expo. The girls attended a Design Challenge workshop with industry practitioners and enjoyed the exhibitions; *Frock Stars - inside Australian Fashion Week*, *Bernini and Fashion Photography* and *Back to the 80s*.

The Visual Art students in Years 9 and 10 were taken to see the exhibition *Pathways to Abstraction* at The Art Gallery of New South Wales. Other selected artworks were studied at the gallery to inspire the student's paintings.

**Ms Lu Buckley**  
Head of Visual Arts

**STAFF:** Ms Lu Buckley (Head of Department), Mrs Lucille Flory, Mrs Vanessa Briggs, Ms Talisa Salmon, Mrs Jo O'Connell (Art Assistant)

\* SPIRITUALITY

\* ACADEMIC

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- Third Row** Louise Miles, Megan Ng, Nicole McLeod, Lisa Kalocsai, Susan Gibson, Skye Wachter, Sr Chanel Sugden, Sue Frawley, Kate Ryder, Ben Yuen, Debra Warton, Fiona Caithness, Rebecca Hill, Glenda Chidrawi, Ingrid Thompson, Catherine Hickie, Audrey Coburn, Amanda Macri, Maria Jackson, Anne Summerhayes, Gina Hudson, Alison Windmill
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The core business of any school is education. In understanding this, we need to recognise that in the 21st century, young people will learn differently to their parents and will face challenges that will inform their learning into the future. Education shapes lives and provides possibilities and it is imperative therefore that the education we provide allows students to be "successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens". This is a powerful challenge to schools to develop students who enrich our nation and our world and enable us to move forward with authenticity.

Old models of instruction are no longer viable where students were exposed to curriculum content and assessment

tested what had been taught. With the understanding that knowledge is no longer perceived to be finite but represents endless possibilities, the focus has shifted to the way in which meaning is made with the student at the centre of her own education. She has a virtual world at her fingertips and uses the technology available to her to explore it. Google is not a search engine; it is a verb and represents the action of searching out information. Critical literacy is vital in enabling students to test the validity of the material they encounter, assess its integrity and discern its purpose.

So what does all of this mean for us at Brigidine? It essentially challenges us as educators to develop in students the skills to search out knowledge and question its 'truth' and provide a learning environment which enables this to occur. Simply put, a student in the middle of a classroom discussion on the role of the Bourbon monarchs in bringing about their own demise and creating an atmosphere ripe for revolution, can access historians and research papers online which support or challenge their thinking. This is the immediacy of the knowledge world we inhabit.

In testing opinions or the knowledge of others, we are not simply being cynical. Our aim is to use cynicism to test the validity of data and knowledge and then use this to grow and enrich our understanding. In enriching our understanding, we gain ownership of our learning and this enables academic success.

And in the midst of this is the reality that it is girl-centred learning we are talking about. We are able to create an environment in which girls are nurtured, challenged and empowered to act. Girls are leaders in their learning community, encouraged to take risks, enjoy the positive discrimination which occurs in a girls' school, have their achievements celebrated and thrive in a connected community. Research tells us that girls like to know the 'why' as well as the 'what'. They are relational and solve problems through dialogue and social connection. Their understanding often comes through narrative. Understanding gender differences and being in an all-girl school enables girls' learning to thrive.

Girls and their education are our core business. We aim to challenge their thinking, open their eyes to opportunities and enable them to develop their critical and creative talents that will allow for a genuine contribution to their local, national and global communities.

**Mrs Jane Curran**  
Principal

<sup>i</sup> The Australian Curriculum Information Sheet - [www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au)



All schools seek to achieve excellence in the education they offer to their students. What sets schools apart are the unique qualities they can offer their students. It is these that set Brigidine College apart from other schools. Brigidine College is an independent school free of systemic constraints, a non-selective school proud of its spirit of inclusion, a girls' school focused on the development of young women, a Catholic school grounded in gospel values and a Brigidine school imbued with the charisma of the Brigidine sisters. In this framework Brigidine College seeks to achieve excellence.

Seeking excellence implies a search; an acceptance that the status quo is only ever a snapshot of time in the journey towards improvement. It resides on a never-ending continuum of social and technological change. The expectations of a 21st century workplace only add to the complexity. Schools are seeking to achieve future-focused outcomes in transitional stages of learning. Effective learning and therefore teaching has never been more important. The capacities to think critically, perform creatively, work collaboratively and communicate effectively

are now significant skills framed on top of the essential foundation stones of reading, writing and numeracy. The overall success of a school is the accumulation of all its students' successes across many fields of endeavour. Focusing on each individual becomes the key to unlock the possibilities for improvement.

In terms of teaching and learning a close analysis of the student data from 2009 indicated strategic opportunities for improvement, which set the agenda for 2010.

Ensuring that all information regarding curriculum processes, assessment expectations and reporting feedback was efficiently, effectively and consistently communicated to students and parents had already been established as a priority. Curriculum handbooks and assessment manuals were upgraded for all year groups and disseminated in hard copy and electronic copy. Parent information evenings sought to clarify and emphasise expectations, dispel myths and offer strategic partnerships for the girls' well being.

Curriculum structures were refined to provide greater opportunities for all students, irrespective of ability, to achieve their potential. Close attention to the formation of class groups, additional support for literacy on the analysis of NAPLAN results, the addition of new electives in Stage 5 and offering acceleration in Year 10 were targeted towards individual strengths and weaknesses.

It was noted from research that girls needed encouragement to take a risk. It was considered that taking a risk could engender feelings of 'failure' and the critical feedback, which girls were inclined to internalise negatively, caused them to 'play it safe' in future situations and consequently underperform. It was emphasised that positive, constructive feedback was formative and our attention was explicitly

focused on this. Girls were encouraged to work for that extra mark, turn advice into improved results and be prepared to ask the questions; parents were encouraged to be informed, positive and supportive, and teachers were encouraged to know each student more thoroughly and offer constructive advice and commentary. The challenge was established. The girls understood that improving their personal results was the most important measure of progress, that rank orders should be regarded as motivators, that helping one another benefitted the whole cohort and in terms of external examinations, performance should peak for the examination at the end point of a learning journey. Celebrating authentic achievement and success across a range of endeavours became another focal point, especially at the end of the year.

At the end of 2010, the data can be compared to 2009 and student successes can be evaluated. We know that our achievements in the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate have shown significant improvement when compared to other schools locally and statewide. The NAPLAN results continue to show progress in literacy and numeracy. The girls are exploring the opportunities available to them with knowledge and purpose.

The challenge to seek excellence is exciting. Enabling girls to become confident, capable young women for a future workplace is very motivating. We will analyse the student data from 2010, target specific areas and continue to build on the work this year. The changed learning environment with the inclusion of laptops will present opportunities to implement new strategies, but the focus will remain the same – a commitment to deliver an excellent education for girls, each and every one of them.

**Mrs Susan Martin**

Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning



The writer and publisher Maggie Hamilton recently wrote an important book on young women in Australia titled *What's Happening to our Girls?* She also speaks to community groups and schools throughout Australia and members of the Pastoral team were able to hear her speak at conferences they attended in 2010.

She writes in the introduction to her book:

*'In a few short decades almost every part of girl's lives has been transformed, bringing freedoms previous generations of girls could only dream of. Alongside these dazzling possibilities newer, subtler forces are emerging that threaten the gains girls have made... what a girl, now 12, experienced when she was 7, is not what a seven year old*

*faces today. That's why it is hard for adults to get a fix on the lives of girls at the present.*

*Alongside the fragmentation of family and community due to relationship breakdowns, greater mobility, long working hours and time deprivation, we have seen a rise in the power of the media and new technologies. These forces are exposing girls to concepts way beyond their years. They make it easy for girls to live lives their parents know nothing about...'*

What seems a bit daunting to most is actually a challenge that this community at Brigidine is prepared to face. Adapting to the changing nature of adolescent development and meeting the students where they are at, is an important aspect of their pastoral

development. It is often about maintaining the tried and true understandings that have been gained over the years as well as getting a handle on the new ways of communicating and interacting that this new generation of young women prefer.

For example, maintaining a uniform standard and a standard of personal presentation in a climate of individual expression, extensive use of makeup at earlier ages, short dresses and shorts is a challenge for this community. Our College values run counter to the prevailing societal view on these occasions and some students find it hard to meet expectations. It is a lesson for life, in that dress standards will affect people in work situations and other occasions where a 'standard of dress' will be required. Our public face is our students and our name and reputation in the community is often defined by the community expectation of things like uniform and how the students behave and act in a public situation outside of the College.

Another more important dimension to consider is how we continue to infuse and develop sound values in our students and the capacity to cope with change, challenges and crises. Their world is full of instant messaging, rapid fire communication, cyber

connections and a raft of new devices and technology. At the core of all this is the need for 'right relationships' and the appropriate use of any form of communication to form friendships and connect with people. We often hear adults say 'Do away with Facebook!!' but it won't work entirely. What is demanded of educators and parents is an understanding of this fantastic social networking tool, and how it can be used properly to build relationships, and not destroy them through inappropriate use. These sites will continue to alter and evolve in the years ahead and we will all be talking about the next 'next big thing' in less than 12 months. Essentially, we, as adults, have the understanding of what is of value in life and how to create lasting relationships. This is what we can show our young women, and as significant advisors and guides, the College and the parent community can walk through this challenge together.

In 2010 the Pastoral Team made significant inroads into the support, care and encouragement of students and parents in the College. I would like to thank the Year Coordinators and the Counsellors for their outstanding work in providing care and management of the students in the College. This year there have been a number

of students facing significant personal challenges and there have been some great results achieved with thoughtful action, time, persistence and numerous conversations. Each Year Coordinator is supported by a Mentor Team who deal with the students on a daily basis and assist in the regular monitoring and support of students.

Special thanks this year to Mrs Liz May, Mrs Julia Bevan and Ms Julianne Abercrombie who are all stepping down from their roles in 2011. Liz May successfully applied for the Administration Coordinator position, Julia Bevan is taking long service leave then retiring from teaching in 2011, and Julianne Abercrombie is stepping down as Year 9 Coordinator for 2011. All of these great pastoral leaders in the College will be sorely missed in their roles, and I thank them for their many years of outstanding work as members of the Pastoral team at Brigidine.

In 2011 we will conduct a thorough Pastoral review and welcome new staff to the team to lead and guide the students and families of Brigidine College through the challenge of adolescence and beyond that to a transition to life beyond the College.

**Mr Brian Loughland**  
Assistant Principal, Pastoral



**F**or Support Services, 2010 began with the huge task of renovations in the Synan Wing and the Year 11 areas in McCammon. Very ably coordinated by Mr Riordan, the work was completed in time for the arrival of the girls for Term 1.

The BER-funded landscaping and signage project became mired for an extraordinary amount of time in planning disputes, which continued even after a ruling from the government's taskforce. Difficulties with the contractor, who had miscalculated the time required to complete the complicated masonry, delays due to weather, and a long search for someone capable of manufacturing the crests and lettering to specification also contributed to lengthy

delays in completing the project. The end result however is a huge improvement to access, and to the appearance of the College frontage on Mona Vale Rd.

In February, the design competition for the College Master Plan was completed. Fulton Trotter Architects were selected to develop the Master Plan design and to manage the delivery of Stage 1, our Theatre and Performing Arts building. Very extensive consultation continued throughout the year. Besides the range of professional consultants required for each aspect of the works – mechanical, hydraulic and electrical engineers, flora and fauna specialists, landscape architects, traffic consultants etc – we undertook community consultation with residents of neighbouring properties in order as far as possible to address local concerns before submitting plans to Council. By and large the response to this approach was positive, with only a handful of strong objections.

A staged Development Application was lodged with Ku-ring-gai Council in November. We await Council's response, and meanwhile have been proceeding with the detailed specifications for fittings and equipment. Work began at the end of the year on the underground infrastructure for services such as power, water, gas and data.

On a separate planning issue, the College has lodged an application to vary the

consent conditions on Bowie Hall to allow us to host a small number of charitable and community events each year. Council's planning department rejected our application and an appeal to the Land and Environment Court is pending.

In publications, The Bridge was redesigned – a process which also resulted in a further refinement to the College crest and logo – and a new Prospectus has been prepared for release in 2011. Marketing and enrolments have had a very successful year indeed under the clear direction of Mrs Stoneham. 2011 will see the largest College enrolment ever. There is a long waiting list for places in 2012, and healthy lists developing as far out as 2023. We anticipate a "bulge" in enrolment over the next few years, and that the College will settle to a stable enrolment of approximately 900.

The College ends 2010 on a solid financial footing and with a sound forward plan that gives us confidence to project the completion of the Master Plan redevelopment within perhaps ten years. We look forward to the assistance of the new Development Office under Mrs Di Lawrence in attracting the support required of the College's community and friends to bring these plans to fruition.

**Mr Michael Layden**  
Director of Support Services



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Monique Du Preez  
Manisha Ediriwira  
Sydney Eismen  
Saskia Ek  
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Laura Flynn  
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Grace Geier  
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Chloe Gillespie  
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Latrisha Kenny  
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Natasha Lahood  
Alison Langer  
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Abby West  
Montana York

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Genevieve Daneel  
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Meaghan Delaurier  
Jessica-Rose Dilworth  
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Elyse Ferguson  
Michaela Flynn  
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Jessica Gilder  
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Abigail Martin  
Alexandra McGain  
Felicity McHugh  
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Caitlin-Clare Miller  
Rose Moloney  
Alannah Morrison  
Olivia Moylan  
Therese Munsayac  
Anastasia Natoli  
Rebecca O'Brien  
Camilla O'Loan  
Monique Penning  
Vanessa Pennino  
Una Phillips  
Freya Raffan  
Christina Romeo  
Amelia Shanahan  
Georgina Shoppee  
Jessica Smith  
Mariana Souza  
Ellen Spadon  
Kathleen Stevenson  
Hayley Stewart  
Jorja Thomson  
Lisa Tran  
Corinne Turner  
Lara Turton  
Gabriella Vawdrey  
Emily Vrandich  
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**Fourth Row** Georgia Slater, Laura Walbank, Sophie Grieve, Johanna Stokoe, Kathryn Ross, Susan Keighery, Gemma Weller, Tayla Badings

The best part of our camp was the Mentor war cries, and just let me tell you that they were loud, and when I mean loud, I mean LOUD! 7.10 won the war cries competition and their choreography was excellent. Another highlight was when our bus took the wrong way; three times. It was very funny, annoying and frustrating all at the same time.

Maybe watching the *Fly Away Home* movie could also be a contender for the best part of camp. The film was about a girl called Amy and how she helped teach some geese to fly, and taught them the migratory route so that they could survive. A very inspiring movie that moved me and had such a happy ending... I still feel a little bit emotional.

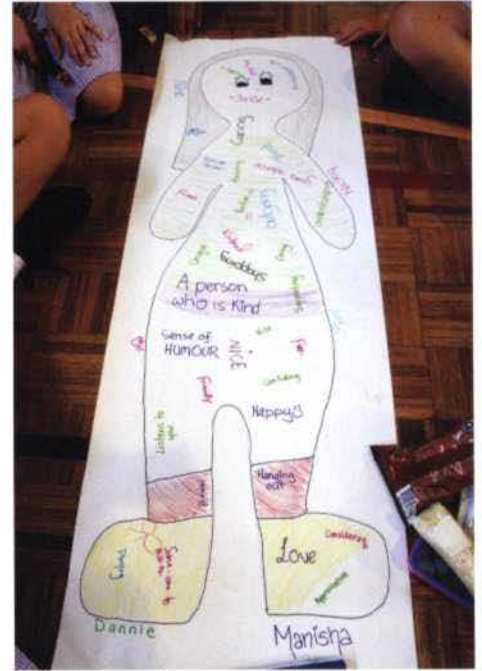
My personal favourite part of camp was the art activity that Ms Buckley helped us to do, it was fantastic!

The camp was great, and I'm nominating it for the best camp of the year.

**Alice Edwards**

Year 7





We were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm displayed by the eighty seven Year 11 Leaders as they led their Year 7 students through the Peer Support Program. They have been a vibrant, dedicated group who have demonstrated strength, gentleness and strong leadership skills by guiding the junior girls through their first year of high school. The Year 7 girls were lucky to be in small groups – often with as many enthusiastic Year 11 leaders as students. By sharing three sessions a term, many girls have developed strong bonds with each other and responded well to the positive role models.

Some of the highlights this year included; the quiz, a newspaper fashion parade and activities centred on friendship. The leadership and teamwork skills that the Peer Support Leaders have developed will be skills they can use throughout their lives. It is hoped that Year 7 have learnt the value of friendship, resilience and being caring Brigidine girls.

**Mrs Kuper, Mrs Ryder and Mrs Skinner**  
Peer Support Coordinators



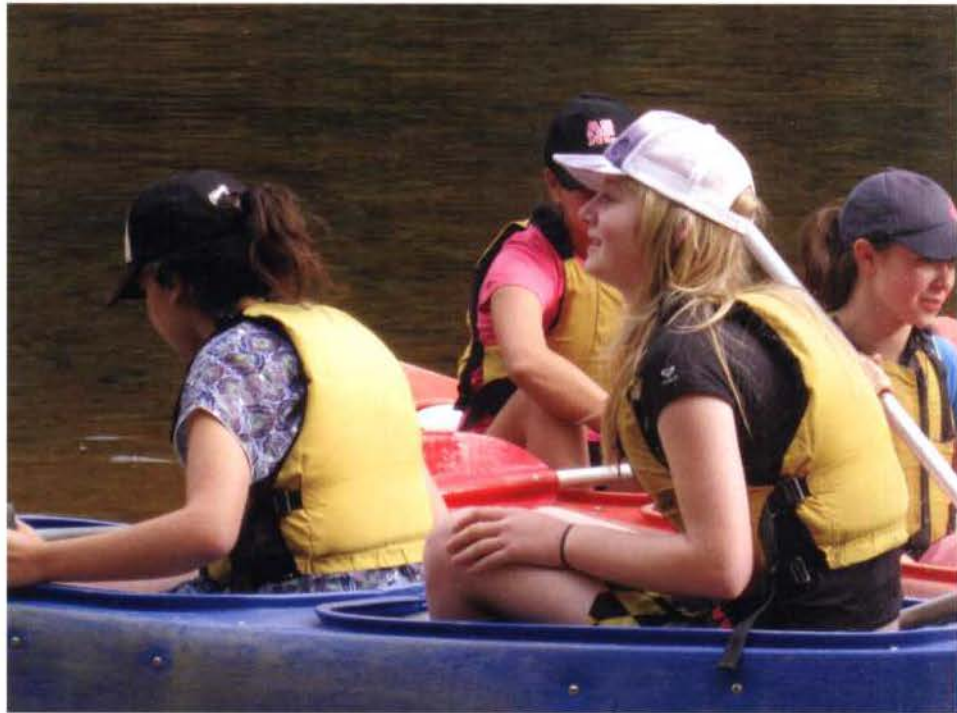


### Year 8 Camp

**G**oals, Challenges, Relationships: these terms are used frequently in the school context and camp experiences were designed with these in mind. The girls were challenged physically, emotionally and, to a degree, spiritually. They encountered high ropes, the giant swing, rock climbing, canoeing and group initiative games. The girls set and met their own challenges, individually and as teams. They participated in a presentation *Rising Generations*, the aim of which was to build strong relationships within their cohort.

I would like to commend the girls on their behaviour and thank the teachers who supervised them with dedication and enthusiasm.

**Mrs Anne Summerhayes**  
Year 8 Coordinator



### Year 9 Camp

**A**s we milled around in the bleak drizzle preparing for our first trek, it became apparent why the Southern Highlands are renowned for the sudden onset of cold weather. More than a few people were regretting not having packed the thermals that the Outdoor Education Group had recommended!

The aim of the Year 9 camp was to provide an opportunity for the girls to have fun whilst developing personal qualities and realising the benefits of team work through adventures in the outdoors.

In groups of approximately twelve students, along with a brave Brigidine staff member and a camp facilitator we set up a bush camp. Much to the girls' horror this involved digging and resorting to the use of a trench

toilet! For many of the girls it was their first experience of cooking for themselves, with varied degrees of success.

During the day we debated over the correct direction whilst hiking, cheered each other on as we attempted the high ropes, worked together to build a raft that would transport the group across a lake to an island and rode mountain bikes across bumpy terrain. Overall, we had a ball.

On returning to school grubby and tired, we all agreed that the camp had been enjoyable and worthwhile; an experience out of the ordinary that revealed important lessons about ourselves and others. Many thanks to Mrs Wachter who coordinated the camp; her tireless effort ensured we had an unforgettable few days.

**Ms Julianne Abercrombie**  
Year 9 Coordinator



### Year 10 Camp

The Year 10 Camp was held at Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre. Located three hours drive north of Sydney, the Barrington River surrounded by mountains provided a relaxing contrast to the energetic activities undertaken.

The girls and their teachers completed kayaking, bush hiking, mountain biking, orienteering and survival skills sessions. How we managed to navigate the rushing rapids, find our direction whilst hiking and stay on the mountain bike tracks were frequent evening conversations.

The Year 10 girls are to be congratulated for participating in the spirit of the camp and challenging themselves. Likewise, the teachers who attended are to be congratulated as it is through their efforts, encouragement and supervision that the camp was made possible.

**Mrs Vanessa Briggs**  
Year 10 Coordinator



### Captain of the College

Georgia Boyle

### Senior Vice Captain

Isabel Owen

### Vice Captains

Catherine Dell *Social Justice*  
 Manisha Ediriwira *Student Leadership*  
 Bronagh Marley *Houses*  
 Tara Dingle *Clubs & Societies*

### Society Leaders for 2011

Society	President	Vice President
Liturgy	Cristina Olizon	
Social Justice	Alison Langer	Kelly-Ann Turner
Drama	Bianca Cornale	Kathleen O'Neill
Music	Rosalie Moore	Alexandra Claremont
Archimedean	Claire Feather	
Ciceronian	Catherine Dell	
Debating	Claire Feather	Natalie Mendes
Hellenic	Brianna Peters	Juliette Hall
Justinian	Natalie Mendes	
Periclean	Alana Gibson	
Socratic	Saskia Roberts	

### Club Captains for 2011

Club	Captain	Vice Captain
Athletics	Ashleigh Trupiano	Katrina Scotter
Basketball	Emily O'Donovan	Rachael Bradley
Dance	Rebecca Back	Sydney Eismen
DEAS	Madeleine Howald	Laura Flannery
Equestrian	Clare Miller-Bliss	Georgia Heraghty
Gymnastics	Sydney Eismen	
Hockey	Heather Oesterheld	Saskia Ek
Netball	Taylor Masone	Stephanie Domazet
Soccer	Jessica Mahon	Nyssa Chennell-Dutton
Softball	Lindi Van Rhijn	Jessica Mahon
Swimming	Bronagh Marley	
Tennis	Latrishia Kenny	Laura Flynn
Touch Football	Madison Thompson	Madeleine Paul
Volleyball	Ashleigh Aivazian	Jessica Roberts
Water Polo	Tertia Garay	Katie Lynch

### House Captains for 2011

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Fatima	Saskia Ek	Madeleine Howald
Kildare	Rojan Khastoui	Nyssa Chennell-Dutton
Lourdes	Aysha Brown	Ashleigh Trupiano
Prague	Kelly-Ann Turner	Danielle Moore





I can still remember the feeling of the blindfold... when I was younger my older brother and I would enjoy a game where we would lead each other around the garden wearing a blindfold. The game challenged our trust and dependence on one another. To us it was a game requiring total trust in each other. However on one fateful day, he led me straight into a muddy puddle, staining my prized zebra print flares. I guess you could say he had a very corrupt view of leadership.

Although not well, he learned to lead at a very early age. I couldn't tell you whether leadership is something that we have within us, or whether it is something that can be taught. But I do know that Brigidine College has encouraged me to pursue these qualities. For me, and for my peers, it seems that as Alan Keith stated "Leadership ultimately is about creating a way for people to contribute to making something extraordinary happen." Also, I do believe that Truman, the ex-president of the USA was right when he said "You can achieve anything as long as you don't mind who gets the credit." We, as a leadership group acknowledge this.

Throughout history we admire heroic leaders. These leaders are brave and strong and lead their people into battle. However, our ideas have definitely changed over the years and we now admire servant leaders who instigate change for the greater good of their people. The servant leader is a servant first who serves the cause, the institution, or the school; first and foremost. This seems to be how we do things as a Year Group and as the 2011 student leaders we are committed to this approach.

Brigidine College provides so many opportunities to its students that encourage girls to transform into women with leadership qualities. However leadership does not just start in Year 12. Every single student is provided with the opportunity to portray leadership throughout their College life.

Brigidine encourages leaders to thrive within their environments. I remember being in Year 7 and looking at the student leaders on stage. They seemed so old, mature and important. It's scary to think that it has only been five years, and we have also arrived at that point.

Throughout these years we have been presented with skills that will assist us in our year of leadership. Leadership does not revolve around one person. It is essential to have a hardworking, positive and innovative team to help you achieve your goals. The new Year 12 of Brigidine College exhibit all of these attributes. They are a willing, cooperative and passionate Year Group. Good leaders are those who lead by example. Whether it is pride in uniform, respect for teachers and students or honouring school traditions, we take on this challenge and will set a good example. So as we lead, follow and be as trustworthy as I was at the age of 5. If we blindfold you, we promise not to lead you into a muddy puddle.

**Georgia Boyle**  
College Captain 2011



Claire Feather, Year 11

*"Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul..."*  
Emily Dickinson

A prolific American poet of the 19th century, Emily Dickinson pragmatically describes hope as "the thing with feathers that perches in the soul"<sup>1</sup>. Indeed, hope is a personal human virtue that has continued to play an extremely significant role in human existence throughout history. Dickinson continues to contribute to our understanding of hope by stating allegorically "and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all". Hope therefore may seem incomprehensible to some, but being continuous, universal and unfailing, is an essential foundation on which life and its progression depends.

Hope is defined simply as "to have a wish to have or do something or for something to happen or be true, especially something that seems possible or likely"<sup>2</sup>, although it is ironic that a human emotion or desire so imperative and complex can be condensed into this sole definition. The meaning of hope can be examined further to reveal that there is more than one common interpretation of the concept. In exploring the work of Josef Pieper, a 20th century German philosopher, Bernard N. Schumacher interprets hope as "a second attitude of our nature, which allows the human being to have a veritable trust in the realisation of possibilities"<sup>3</sup>.

The act of hope therefore implies some degree of certainty, explores real possibilities, and is sustained by a trust that potential desires can be fulfilled. Humans do not hope with the knowledge that they will never be able to possess what they seek; similarly British philosopher Godfrey said "One can hope only for what is believed possible"<sup>4</sup>. The fulfilment of hope can therefore be regarded as neither inevitable nor unfeasible. However, there is unquestionably an element of improbability and uncertainty concerned with the notion of hope, which assists in defining its importance within society. Schumacher continues to explain "the moment an act of hope acquires the character of 'absolute' certainty it immediately ceases to be hope and is transformed into knowledge". This analytical and philosophical perspective on the concept explores the way in which

human society has progressed as a result of the hope humans possess.

In the fulfilment of hope knowledge is gained, therefore leading inevitably to further scientific, technological, social and economic development. Albert Einstein, one of the most influential scientists in history, stated "learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow"<sup>5</sup>. With the knowledge that the hope he possessed to succeed in his field could lead to either accomplishment or failure, Einstein persevered with his work which ultimately resulted in major scientific progress and allowed him to be regarded as the 'father' of modern physics.

Essentially, all human progress can be attributed in some way to hope. Martin Luther, a German theologian who played a major role in the Protestant Reformation believed that "everything that is done in the world is done by hope". His actions in successfully initiating religious change were essentially fuelled by the trust that others would follow in his beliefs. When considering numerous other major world figures throughout history, it can be identified that all were motivated by a hope and desire to have a lasting impact through their actions or to create positive change. Mahatma Gandhi was an influential leader during the Indian independence movement of the 20th century, who promoted mass civil disobedience to inspire movements for civil rights and freedom worldwide. During the late years of his campaign, he affirmed "I claim to be an average man of less than average ability. I have not the shadow of a doubt that any man or woman can achieve what I have, if he or she would make the same effort and cultivate the same hope and faith"<sup>6</sup>. From Gandhi's words we can only surmise that the hope he possessed to initiate the change he desired was just as important as the motivation that led him to campaign for this change.

Hope, apart from leading to progress in an assortment of different areas worldwide and throughout history, has been directly related to the leadership that influential world figures such as Gandhi promoted. Although a contrasting personality Napoleon Bonaparte, a well-known French Emperor of the early 19th century and a major political influence within Europe during this time, believed that "A leader is a dealer in hope".<sup>7</sup> The

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hope Bonaparte promoted within his nation resulted in his many successful military campaigns and allowed others to place trust in his ability to lead.

Regarding Christianity, along with faith and love or charity, hope is one of the three theological virtues which are character traits associated with the concept of salvation<sup>8</sup>. Hope in this context is considered as “an expectation of and desire of receiving; refraining from despair and capability of not giving up.”<sup>9</sup> Therefore, there is a strong, direct connection between hope and religion. When comparing hope and faith however, the similarities are unprecedented. Mary Mackillop, whose canonisation has been recently recognised as a historic event for both Australia and the Catholic Church, was a leader whose hope and faith allowed for her to understand the capacity to fulfil her vision. This vision entailed aiding the poor and destitute by providing them with access to education through challenging the establishment and Church hierarchy, along with assisting in the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph.

The virtue of hope has been an essential aspect of religion throughout history due to its strong relationship with faith. When making comparisons between hope and faith, it may appear difficult to formulate a clear distinction between the two. Faith is defined as, “belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, especially without logical proof.”<sup>10</sup> While both rely on aspects of uncertainty, faith is defined by trust in something or someone that cannot often be physically certified and has a strong connection to the ‘supernatural’ dimension<sup>11</sup>. Within the Old Testament, in the book of Hebrews, a wise comparison is made between the two concepts in “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”<sup>12</sup>

Martin Luther clarified this distinction within one of his works providing a total of five main dissimilarities between faith and hope. Luther examines the sources of the two, surmising that “faith originates in the understanding, while hope rises in the will.”<sup>13</sup> Secondly, he examines their functions reflecting on faith as a means of direction in life, while hope is considered a virtue that allows for the mind to exhort courage. Continuing, Luther concentrates on the different objectives of

each and explores their effects. Judiciously, Luther makes a final comparison by revealing “Faith is a judge. It judges errors. Hope is a soldier. It fights against tribulations... and waits for better things to come in the midst of evil.” Evidently, both hope and faith must exist in a religious worldview, as without hope, faith cannot endure and continue but similarly without faith, hope lacks knowledge and its significance deteriorates.

Likewise, a comparison can be made involving hope and optimism. In contemporary society and indeed generally throughout history, hope has been interpreted simply as a virtue reflected through those who promote optimism. Contrary to this Vaclav Havel, poet and previous President of Czechoslovakia believed that “Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.”<sup>14</sup> In this analysis, Havel is referring to the aspect of hope that entails possibility.

Hope is nevertheless directly related to optimism. As discovered previously, hope can be interpreted as a type of desire for a certain event to happen, in the knowledge that there is a possibility that this desire will be fulfilled in the future. Optimism is therefore an essential facet within hope which as an essential aspect within human society, can be regarded as a concept that plays a significant role in creating a foundation for personal futures and allowing for adversity to be overcome. In his work, Schumacher outlines the importance of hope on a personal level, stating; “a human being without hope is like a walking corpse, which is both physiologically and metaphysically absurd.”<sup>15</sup>

In modern day society especially over the last century, the concept of hope has been incessantly challenged and questioned through events in a period of history that has been characterised by increasing pessimism and growing uncertainty surrounding the future of human progress. With over twenty identifiable periods of war; the most familiar including the Great Wars, tragedies such as the Holocaust, Hiroshima, and Rwanda and the deaths of millions of people due to human action, the power of hope in times of adversity has been contested more so than in any other era throughout history.

## “Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow”

Dickinson complements this idea, raising the issue of the effect of pessimism on hope when she continues in her poem “and sore must be the storm that could abash the little bird that kept so many warm.”

Ironically, the progress that has been initiated by hope throughout history has led to modern technological developments including the invention of nuclear weaponry such as the atomic bomb. A foundation and cause of tragedies including Hiroshima and Nagasaki, these very developments question the resilience of hope within our society.

However, the issue of hope and its presence and role within humanity has not been a uniquely modern concern. Philosophers have constantly questioned its authority and primacy over the course of history, attempting to define it and understand its universality as an intrinsic human virtue that identifies itself as constant and unflinching.

Pragmatically, as revealed by Emil Brunner a Swiss theologian, “what oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope to the meaning of life”.<sup>16</sup> The virtue of hope is fundamental within society; essential to human existence, religion and all forms of progress. It has been realised that although human action sometimes questions the definitiveness and preservation of hope - even in the most desperate of circumstances as Dickinson reflects in her poem, hope is always present, an ‘endless song’ that provides guidance and reassures us in regard to the future of the human race. Essentially, as realised around 2000 years ago by Pliny the Elder, “hope is the pillar that holds up the world. Hope is the dream of a waking man.”<sup>17</sup>

**Claire Feather**

Year 11

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# COMMUNITY



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## Reunions

### 7th Annual Pioneers' and 1960s Era Reunion – Saturday 20 March 2010

The Year of Biodiversity was the theme of the Mass celebrated by Fr Tony Banks osa. At the conclusion of the mass our Principal, Mrs Jane Curran presented gold St Brigid's Cross brooches to the Class of 1960 to mark the 50 years since their graduation. Recipients were Margaret Torrens (Dermond), Denise Brady, Eleanor Long (Woolcott), Sandra Woods (Hopkins) and Tony Virgona on behalf of his wife Barbara nee Dalton who sadly passed away in 2001.

Archival displays were very popular at the luncheon in Bowie Hall and our guests took the opportunity to see the recent refurbishment of many of the classrooms in Synan Wing where all of their classrooms were located in the early years of the school.

Special thanks to Sr Maureen Keady csb, Sr Valentine McMahon csb, Sr Andre Lane csb and Sr Anita Murray csb who joined us on this special day.

### Class Reunions

In October, reunions for the Classes of 2000, 1990 and 1980 were celebrated coinciding with Reunion Day held at the College on Saturday 23 October.

The 10 year reunion for the Class of 2000 was held on 9 October at the Sands Hotel, Narrabeen and was organized by Andree Baxter. It was great to see so many attending with some people travelling from interstate and rural NSW. There were also a number of apologies from those still moving around the world. Current and former staff members; John Bowie, Maree Lindsay, Di McDonald, Marilyn Lucas, Glenda Chidrawi and Helen Carlson also had a lot of fun, mostly trying to remember all the ex students names!

The 20 and 30 year reunions for the Classes of 1990 and 1980 were held at the Greengate Hotel over the nights of 22 and 23 October. Organisers Bridie O'Sullivan, Kate Parsons, Karen Doyle and their wonderful teams of helpers encouraged former students from all over Australia and overseas to attend. Kerry-Ann O'Sullivan and Marilyn Lucas, former members of staff, attended the Class of 1990 reunion with apologies from Michael Palme who was overseas on long-service leave.

On 23 October former students from these class groups joined former staff Sr Anita Murray csb, Sr Maureen Keady csb, Marie Duffy and Moira Spiteri, in tours of the College during the afternoon. It was wonderful to listen to their recollections and to hear the shrieks of laughter and recognition as they roamed around the school. It was a very special afternoon for everyone.

### 4th Béile Bríde Dinner Saturday 4 September 2010

Parents from the 1970's to 2009, former principals and members of staff were all represented at the biennial dinner. The evening started with a welcome from Mrs Jane Curran and a presentation by the senior leaders from the Class of 2010. Formalities were not the order of the night; the main agenda was to catch up with Brigidine friends and to maintain links with the College.



## Alumni at Open Day

It was thrilling to meet with so many ex-students and past parents who visited the College during Open Day on 18 March. Returning to the College as prospective parents or grandparents, for some was the first time in over 20 years that they had returned to Brigidine.

This is always a great time to reconnect with former students and parents and to let them know about the many ways in which they can be involved in the life of the College. It was also the chance to gather information and details about ex-students with whom we had lost contact.

Pioneer students Ruth Bridger, Ann Lomas and Cecilia Ferrer (mother of Jemma in Year 7) from the Class of 1977 assisted at the Alumni stand by meeting and greeting our visitors.

## Facebook

This year Brigidine alumni started to get together on Facebook. It has provided a wealth of information about the activities of ex-students, past parents and former members of staff. We now have over 1,400 alumni linked by Facebook.

## 1-2-1 Mentoring Program for Years 9 and 10

This year our alumni (including past staff, parents and students) have been invited to participate in the 1-2-1 mentoring program for our Year 9 and 10 students. The program has a vocational focus and seeks to support students who may be lacking direction or may be inclined to leave Brigidine before completing Years 11 and 12.

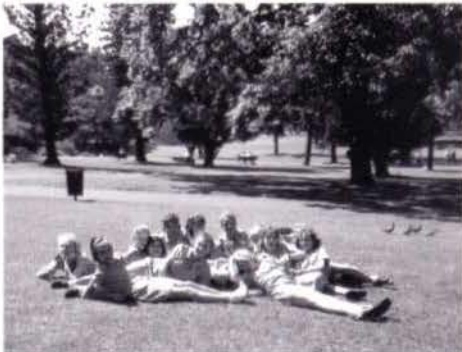
By mentoring these students in Years 9 and 10 the alumni can provide assistance; offering support and direction especially in selecting subjects for Years 11 and 12.

## Helen Carlson

Alumni Coordinator



If you are amongst our past staff, parents or students of Brigidine College St Ives and would like to keep in touch send an email to: [alumni@brigidine.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alumni@brigidine.nsw.edu.au) or search Brigidine St Ives on Facebook.



This year the archive has been involved in creating displays for the library, Open Day, the Pioneers lunch, reunions, reunion tour day and the biennial Béile Bríde dinner for past parents, staff and principals. A good many hours are spent trawling through photos and scanning the best, most appropriate for display. The time is well spent and well worth the effort when I see the enjoyment of the onlooker reliving their days at Brigidine College St Ives. It is always rewarding to hear the stories that come from the memories that the displays trigger.

On Open Day, we displayed photos that show the history of the College with a good portion of photos from around 1980. The images typically depict the demographic of the mothers that were past students and who are now bringing their daughters to enrol. There is a great deal of excitement as they recognise themselves, friends and staff. Often grandparents will come along to Open Day to see how the school has changed and many enjoy sharing their experiences of Brigidine College.

The displays are not limited to photos but contain memorabilia that is archived such as uniforms, trophies, school bags, diaries and a multitude of ephemera. Uniforms in particular stir up many emotions; of laughter as the ex-student remembers trying to lose hats and berets, and of utter disbelief that they actually had to wear stockings and gloves in summer. On the reunion tour in October it was delightful to see a family recognise the schoolbag they had donated which was given to them by another Brigidine family. Now replaced by the College backpack it has a new lease of life in the Archive's display cabinet.

Reunions always spark an interest in what the archive has to display and provide a great opportunity to 'fill in the gaps.' Past students can put names to the photos and will often donate photos too. This occurred at the Class of 1980 reunion when an ex-student, Sara Jane Spurr (née McEwen) loaned her photo album to the department. Scanned and stored we now have snapshots of what school life was like for the Class of 1980.

As we finish another year I want to acknowledge the wonderful work that Mrs Philippa Goddard does in the archive by sorting through boxes and boxes of photos, naming faces and dating them. This enormous task greatly increases the value of each photo by giving it significance and meaning, especially when it is used in displays.

Another huge thank you goes to two very valuable ex-staff, Mrs Marie Duffy and Mrs Margaret Cook, who diligently volunteer in the archive every month. Over the past two years they have indexed copies of *The Bridge* magazines on to a database. This particular undertaking has been invaluable many times for our continuing research.

**Mrs Kerri Genovese**  
Archivist



"What you are, those who come after you will be."  
- Bishop Delany

On Friday 25 June, the last day of Term 2, the College celebrated Founders' Day with a mass, an international food fair and a variety of fun activities. The event was organised by Year 12 and included an 'X Factor' talent quest. The day was a fundraiser for Oasis, the Year 12 charity. Commemorative t-shirts were worn as mufti dress by the girls and staff.

Mass was held in Bowie Hall by Father Peter from Corpus Christi at St Ives and attended by the whole College. The Principal, Mrs Jane Curran, welcomed our special guests: the Brigidine Sisters, our Golden Girl alumni and friends of the College. She gave thanks for the Brigidine College families and the many Sisters and teachers who have worked and served at Brigidine College.

Sister Chanel presented a liturgy at mass which was symbolic of the steamship journey of the first Brigidine Sisters who travelled to Australia in 1883. The Sisters were guided by the words of Bishop Delany: "What you are, those who come after you, will be." Together we reflected upon the faith, courage and hope of the women who became the first Brigidine Sisters in Ireland, 203 years ago.

After a quick transformation of Bowie Hall during recess, the College reassembled to be introduced to our new sports mascot 'Barry Barracuda' modelled by Shannon Baker, College Captain and to watch the 'X Factor' talent quest. Spirits were high as the audience was entertained by a variety of performances including a stunning vocal medley by Rosalie Moore, Chloe Papandrea and Stephanie Domazet and a dance number entitled *Pussy Cat Dolls* by Year 12.



A late entry, *The Macs of the Dance*, was a fabulous contribution by the staff. The event concluded with a rousing rendition of the College song by the entire audience.

At lunch time, an amazing array of dishes, prepared and served by our generous parents, was sold at the International Food Fair event. Nori rolls, lasagne, crepes, hummus, trifle, fruit salad, lollies, biscuits and more tempted the tastebuds of staff, students and guests. All funds raised went towards the charity, Oasis.

Year 12 organised a range of activities for the afternoon including a red carpet photo shoot with 'celebrities', a biscuit decorating stand, karaoke, a disco, fortune tellers, lucky dip and jumping castles. Founders' Day 2010 was a brilliant, collaborative effort by our College community to honour those that came before us and to celebrate the wonderful opportunities that we experience now.



On Friday 27 August, the College welcomed grandparents and special family friends of Year 7 students to celebrate Grandparents Day. The morning began with the College Band welcoming our guests on the lawn with some great music including an ABBA medley. Year 7 student, Keana Bousefield led us in prayer and we were treated to a performance from the College Choir jazzing it up with their version of *Java Jive*. Our other Year 7 leaders; Sophie Grieve and Jessica Lynch shared their reflections on the transition to high school and what it means to be a Brigidine girl. Emma Steele spoke about the power of love and thanked the grandparents and special friends for being such an important part of our lives.

Special thanks must go to the parents whose generous support on the day helped to make this a wonderful celebration.

**Mrs Mary Radcliff**

Year 7 Teacher

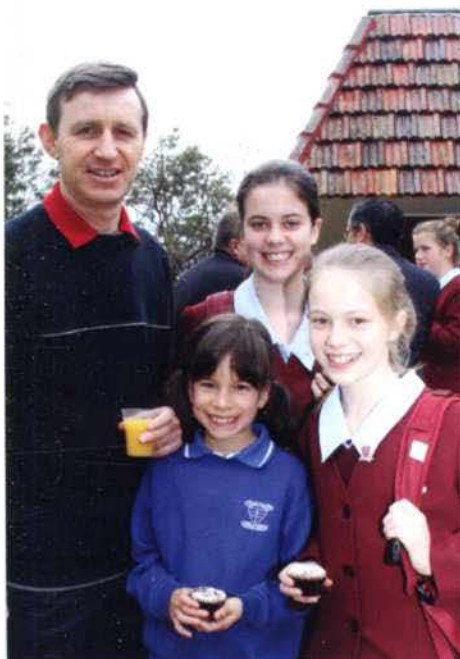
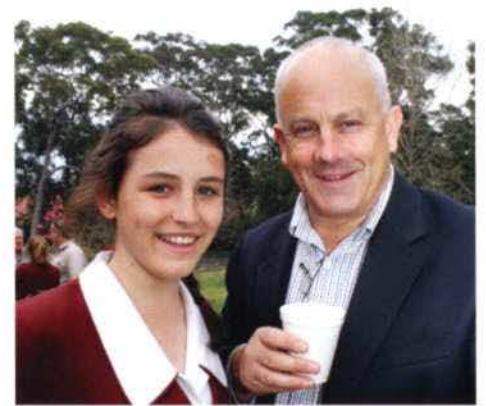
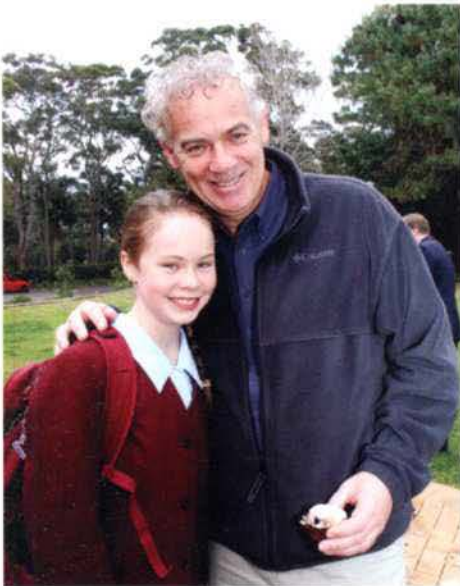


The College welcomed over 150 mothers, grandmothers and special friends who joined their daughters for Mother's Day mass in St Brigid's Chapel on Wednesday 5 May. Mass was celebrated by Father Tighe from Corpus Christi with readings by Mrs Siva and Mrs Steele.

Father's Day was celebrated with mass on Wednesday 1 September. It was lovely to see so many dads and special friends attend with their daughters.

Following each mass, the community gathered on the Principal's Lawn for a light breakfast and the chance to chat with friends.

In honouring our mothers and fathers in an annual mass, we celebrate our special bond and reflect on how important we are to each other.



The College Open Day was held on Thursday 18 March and what a superb day it was!

A change in the format saw the focus directly on teaching and learning, with tours and curriculum displays in many classrooms. Bowie Hall was the site of the P&F cafe and a variety of performances from music, drama and dance students throughout the afternoon. All of the College's co-curricular clubs held displays in the gym with others demonstrating their training skills on the courts, the College green and the Principal's lawn.

Almost 1000 visitors toured the campus throughout the afternoon, and were very happy to hear an address given by our Principal, Mrs Jane Curran, on the Brigidine heritage and its relevance to girls' education in the 21st Century.

More than 300 students contributed to the success of the afternoon – as tour guides, advising people about co-curricular Clubs, as clowns, performing in the Band, Choir or Strings Ensemble, performing drama or music solos in the Hall, working in classrooms, setting up displays, and so on.

Many of the ex-students in attendance visited the Alumni exhibit and were invited to share their contact details and reconnect with the community. Open Day is a huge undertaking for any school and Brigidine staff and students all contributed with pride and purpose in 2010.

**Mrs Belinda Stoneham**  
Registrar









It was my pleasure to serve as President for the P&F Association in 2010. My objectives for the year were to bring as many parents as possible into social activities without the primary focus of fund raising. In my humble opinion the funds the P&F raise, though very welcome, represent a very small proportion of the overall capital budget for the College. My belief is that we best serve the needs of the school by developing an engaged and positive community of parents and friends that will support the girls.

The financial contribution the P&F makes to the College is through the voluntary P&F levy of \$60 per family. In 2009, \$40,000 was raised and after some discussion this sum, with an additional \$10,000 from reserves, was used to complete the air conditioning of the class rooms. This payment was made in May 2010. The primary criterion for the application of these funds is a significant project that immediately benefits the girls. A similar decision will be sought from the Committee early in 2011.

Arguably more important, the P&F undertook a number of social activities, the first of which was the Year 7 Parents Welcome and Information Evening in early November 2009. The evening had a near universal attendance by parents and gave us the opportunity to set the scene for future Committee's activities.

Next was the Second Hand Book Sale on 5 December 2009. After quite a number of years being run by Catherine Raymond, Stethea Grobler and Anton Singh stepped up to the plate and seamlessly ran the event. A total of \$1200 was raised and contributed to the P&F.

The P&F activities of 2010 began with the Year 7 Parents Cocktail Party on 12 February. On a monsoonal evening, 180 parents and staff gathered and after a brief meeting with their daughter's Mentor teachers, the informalities commenced with delicious canapés and flowing champagne. The next month saw the Years 8-12 Parents Cocktail Party on 5 March with slightly fewer numbers but no less equal enthusiasm. I was very pleased to see a number of Year 12 parents making an effort to attend one of their final social functions of their daughter's time at the College.

On 18 March, the College held an open day and hundreds of prospective parents and students toured the school on a warm afternoon. A number of P&F members assisted by serving afternoon tea and refreshments to those attending.

The highlight of the year was the Brigidine Parents Prom held in Bowie Hall on 5 June. A number of intense months of planning resulted in a wonderful evening. My breath

was taken away at the sight of Bowie Hall transformed into an intimate space bathed in silver, gold and blue light, with candlelight reflecting off stars and glitter on more than 20 tables. The Interior Designers' adage that you don't need to decorate a room, rather fill it with interesting people, held true as over 180 exquisitely dressed parents, teachers and friends arrived and filled the room with laughter and conversation. Photographs of couples were taken underneath a revolving mirror ball. Buoyed by a wonderful meal the evening was completed by some old school pub rock courtesy of the band *Destiny Jeff and The Retros*.

I would like to sincerely thank the P&F Committee; Mary O'Connor-Trevisan, Vice President, Tony Butcher, Secretary, Wendy Carrick, Treasurer, Anne McInnes, Events Coordinator and Dave Stewart, our redoubtable Cellar Master. I take this opportunity to thank you for your friendship and all your hard work in making this such a successful year.

**Mr Geoffrey Drummond**  
P&F President 2010



### Parent Volunteers

The Brigidine community benefits enormously from the involvement of our parents and friends who volunteer their time and expertise. Volunteers assist in the running of our sports clubs and societies, the College Shop, the P&F, Cafe Cana, celebration dinners and cocktail parties, the International Food Fair and many other social functions, co-curricular activities and social justice programs. Thank you to the many community members who have helped mentor students, prepare food, scribe for exams, drive, shop, cheer on teams, recycle textbooks, been enthusiastic audience members and who have supported the College through 2010.



### Parents Seminar

Brigidine College invites Paul Dillon annually to chat to our students and parents about safe partying and update us with the latest research on the effects of drug and alcohol use. He has a wonderful rapport with the girls and his talks are full of great tips on how to stay safe and look after each other.

*Every year we become more and more aware of what we should, but didn't know.*  
Chloe Papandrea and Bronte Phillips, Year 11

Paul is a former school teacher and has worked in the area of drug education for 25 years. For sixteen years he worked at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, Sydney where his key role was to disseminate research findings to policy makers, drug and alcohol workers and the general public. He now has his own business that continues this important work.

In May, Paul spoke with Year 11 and Year 12 and told many real life stories to the girls and answered their questions. He said that the best practise in dealing with someone who has drunk too much is to have them seated facing you and check for consciousness regularly. If the person cannot raise their head or sit properly on a straight backed chair, it is a medical emergency and you must take the lead; placing them in the recovery position and calling for help. Paul recommended giving them sips of water, not

large amounts, not give them bread or coffee and it is advisable to sit with them until help arrives, Paul said.

*I'm not here to tell you not to drink, but to teach you to handle situations and stay safe.*  
Paul Dillon

He reminded us that if parents supply alcohol to anyone under the age of 18 they are breaking the law and can be fined \$550 for each under age drinker. He told of how one mother was fined \$9,000 recently after the police were called three times to a party at her house.

Some sobering research that Paul told us about, is that the most important stage of brain development is between ages 15 and 16 which is when the brain hardwires for life. He pointed out that if you drink any alcohol at that age the brain never fully forms properly and you will never reach your full potential. Your ability to learn, to make decisions and memory function will be subtly affected and as you get older you will feel it more and more. In women the brain is fully developed at around age 21-22 and for men at around age 23-24.

Paul said: "It's amazing how much young people sit up and take notice as soon as I talk about how alcohol affects the brain – they know that looking after their brain is very important to their development and for reaching their full potential as adults."





The afternoon tea for mothers or special friends and their daughters on Tuesday 8 June was a huge success. Almost all of Year 8 came along with their mothers. After some pink lemonade we were treated to a most interesting speech from Miss NSW, Bronya Fraser-Hills who was College Captain in 2006 and now works for the Fred Hollows Foundation. She does an amazing lot of other things too!



We ate some cakes and biscuits served by the Year 9 leaders and then gathered with our Mentor teachers to collect the 'surprises' we had made for our mothers.

My mum told me she had a wonderful time getting to know my friends and their mothers - and I am sure all the other mothers, their friends and daughters did too.

**Emma Youdale**  
Year 8



### The Brigidine Mothers' Luncheon Groups

Each year, the mothers of the incoming Year 7 girls are invited to attend one of a series of lunches and suppers in the conference room at the College. The small groups offer mothers a chance to meet others who are on a similar Brigidine journey with their daughters. Sociable and fun, this ongoing "circle of friends" get involved by raising funds to support the College library. The groups meet regularly, often for years, while the girls are at College; fostering a friendly network for Brigidine parents.



### The Year 9 Mothers' Brunch

On Sunday 1 August, Year 9 mothers were invited by the Principal to brunch at Checkers Resort in Terrey Hills. The annual event is a chance for mums to meet the mothers of their daughter's friends; for mums who regularly keep in touch to meet with some new faces, and for the mothers of new students to make new contacts.

It was also an opportunity to meet: Mrs Jane Curran, Principal; Ms Julianne Abercrombie, Year 9 Coordinator; Mr Brian Loughland, Assistant Principal Pastoral and Mrs Sue Martin, Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning.

Ms Abercrombie said, "I wanted to remind you that you have many reasons to be proud of your girls who are shaping up as young women with real character. I am enjoying my experience of working with them and always invite contact from you if you have anything you wish to discuss. A shared approach to nurturing your daughter through what can be a challenging period of growing up often provides much needed reassurance.

Thank you once again for a very enjoyable morning."





On the evening of 3 June, Bowie Hall was transformed into an elegant dining venue for the annual Year 10 Parent/Daughter Dinner. Over three hundred guests enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other a little better and to share their stories about their daughters. Our guest speaker and past student, Miss Erin O'Neill spoke about her diagnosis with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in Year 11 and how this impacted upon her senior year at the College. Erin's story was well received and gave us an insight into the role of persistence and resilience in her recovery and, not least, the mindset that led to her success in commercial radio.

**Ms Vanessa Briggs**  
Year 10 Coordinator



### Year 12 Parent Breakfast

Year 12 students joined with their parents and teachers at breakfast to welcome the start of their final year of school. The event was a chance for Year 12 Coordinator Mrs Maree Lindsay to speak with parents and offer strategies on how to survive Year 12. One of her tips was, "have some fun times together that have nothing to do with the HSC".



### Book Day

Congratulations to Year 12 for a successful and fun filled Book Day, held to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week and pay homage to our favourite authors. A fundraising idea put forward by the 2010 Leaders, the College's inaugural Book Day raised funds for the charity Oasis and collected books to distribute to needy students.

Girls and staff were encouraged to dress as literary characters or in multi dress with Oasis Tshirts and donate a gold coin for the privilege. A fashion parade was held on the College Green with two representatives from each House chosen to parade before the College in Bowie Hall. House points were awarded to the winners. The event culminated in large piles of books stacked on the stage ready to be given to a needy rural school community. Lourdes House has the distinction of donating the most books.

The day generated an enormous amount of Brigidine spirit and was a great chance to dress up and have fun. The Leadership Team will evaluate feedback and consider including Book Day as an annual event in the College Calendar.



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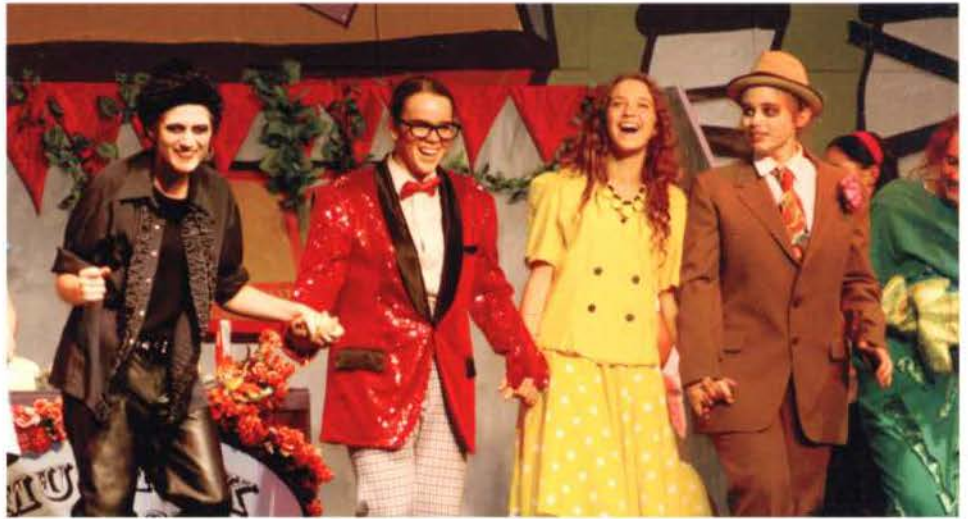
The Brigidine College St Ives musical production presented in March was *Little Shop of Horrors* by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken. The black comedy describes a young man's dilemma when he discovers that the man-eating plant he is cultivating could make him rich, famous and even help him win the heart of his long-adored female assistant, but at the cost of human life. What should he do? How can he get his hearts' desires and keep his new-found fame without resorting to murder?

With up-tempo songs such as *Skid Row*, *The Meek Shall Inherit* and *Feed Me*, the production rocked along with around 100 girls singing, acting and dancing enthusiastically on stage. Some colourful fluorescent costumes and a life-size man-eating plant made a magical formula that entertained the sell-out crowds.

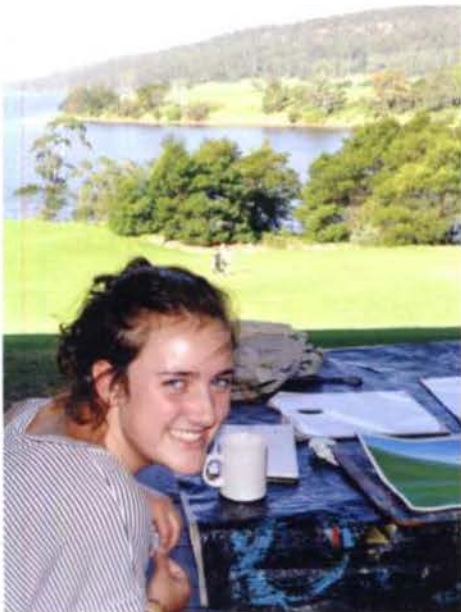
Congratulations on a wonderful show to all the girls in the cast, to the orchestra and the crew!

A huge thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to make this production so entertaining.

**Mr Chris Rutherford** Director  
**Mrs Ros Boyd** Music Director



For over 10 years our Year 11 Visual Arts students have made an annual trek to the banks of the Shoalhaven River to participate in a three day art camp. This year, 34 girls created a body of work in sculpture, drawing, painting and photography inspired by the site. They also documented their experiences and art processes in a small visual arts camp diary. Bundanon and adjoining properties (1000 hectares in total) along with a collection of artworks, letters and photographs is part of the generous donation made by Arthur and Yvonne Boyd to the Australian people. The Educational Centre designed by Glen Murcutt provides a fantastic studio and accommodation facility. Our young artists continually express their appreciation of this special place. Thank you to Ms Lu Buckley, Ms Talisa Salmon and Mrs Vanessa Briggs for helping to make the camp a great one!





The Year 11 production of *Much Ado About Nothing* was a dazzling success. The 1940's style adaptation of Shakespeare's hilarious romantic comedy starred 28 talented Year 11 students and was directed by Emma Conolly, teacher of English and Drama.

The story revolves around a feisty couple Beatrice and Benedick, who both claimed that they could never fall in love, let alone marry. However with a little help from their friends and family they soon realise that they are meant to be together, proving that on the battlefield of love, happiness really can be won.

The cast were clad in vintage inspired costumes and the Shakespearean script was interspersed with 1940's music performed by the sassy 'Bard's Belles'. The performance closed to resounding applause with one of the Andrews Sisters biggest hits, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*. Much work went into the colourful production. Congratulations to the Year 11 students, teachers, parents and mentors involved.





The Brigidine Dance Club celebrated a very successful year in a presentation of their work to the College community at the annual Dance Spectacular on Sunday 5 September. The Spectacular was held at UTS Ku-ring-gai enabling the girls to perform on stage in a professional environment.

Many thanks to the Dance Club committee, the Teacher-in-Charge Mrs Skye Wachter and her team for their part in organising a wonderful evening's entertainment. Huge congratulations to the girls in the Dance Club; your talent and commitment to the College's most popular co-curricular club was evident and thoroughly enjoyed by a most appreciative audience.



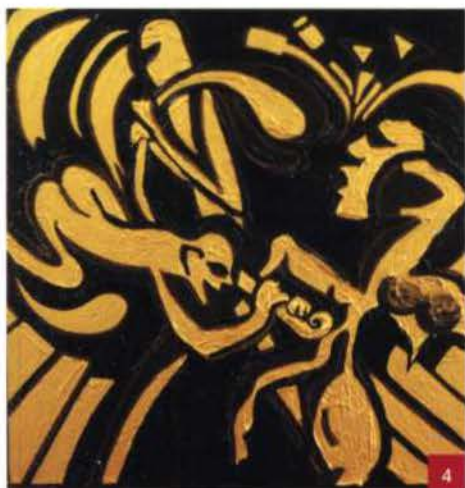


The College community was invited to attend the Visual Arts Design and Photography Exhibition featuring HSC Bodies of Work on 25-27 August in the Romuald Visual Arts Centre.

Guest speaker Stefanie Reinboth, Class of 2004, shared her ideas and her experiences in Media Arts and Production. Her speech highlighted the significant role her studies in art and design had played in forming a solid foundation to her career.

Congratulations to Felicity McHugh whose painting *His Name is Jesus* was purchased by the Religious Education Department to be hung in St Brigid's Chapel and to Rebecca Chandler whose sculpture *Revolution* was purchased by the Music Department.

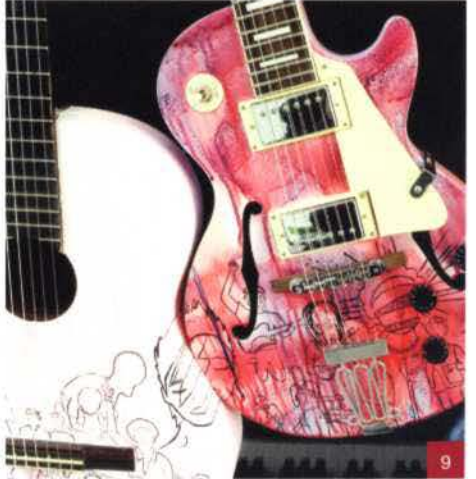
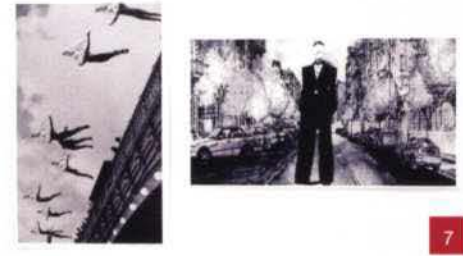
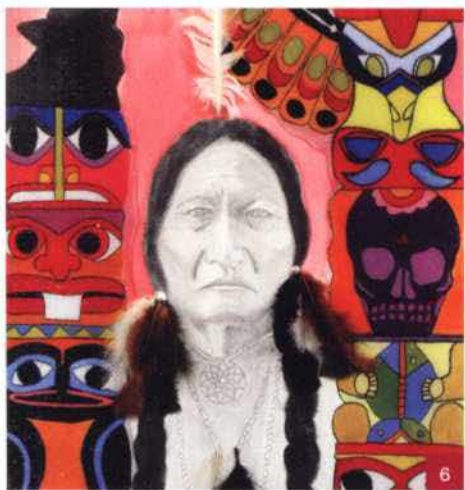




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7. Genevieve Daneel
8. Caitlin-Clare Miller
9. Niusha Khastoui
10. Sara Mackay



1. Kathleen Stevenson
2. Jessica Jones
3. Christina Romeo
4. Imogen Carlisle
5. Lisa Tran
6. Sofia Caronna
7. Matilda Burt
8. Monique Penning
9. Elyse Ferguson
10. Ashleigh Livingstone



1. Nadia Funayama
2. Katherine Ward
3. Christina Meathrel
4. Shelby Evans
5. Meaghan DeLaurier
6. Anastasia Natoli
7. Sigrid Westhoff
8. Jenifer Hesketh
9. Rebecca Chandler
10. Sarah Lewis



## CREATIVITY ♦ TAS EXHIBITION

The Technical and Applied Sciences (TAS) exhibition opened on Thursday 11 November showcasing projects from the areas of Textile and Design, Textiles Technology, Design and Technology, Food Technology and Computing Technology. Students, teachers, parents and special guests all commented on the amazing talents of all our students. Congratulations to all the girls who participated.

The College is thrilled that Year 12 TAS student Jessica Gilder was selected to exhibit her Major Textile Project in the 2010 *Texstyle* Exhibition. *Texstyle* profiles excellence in Textile and Design from the 2010 Higher School Certificate in NSW.





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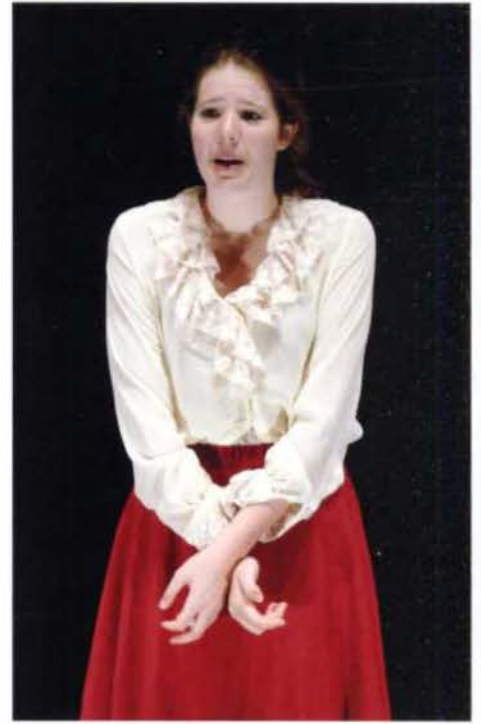
1. Lisa Tran
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3. Sara Abdi
4. Sarah Lewis
5. Lauren Louw
6. Jessica Wust
7. Anna Kuper
8. Alexandra Helsham



**R**hearsals with the concert band, choir and string ensemble, as well as many gifted soloists, kept 100 students and four staff very busy at Music Camp held at Vision Valley during 27 and 28 April. It was wonderful to see and hear so many girls sharing their musical talents with such enthusiasm and joy. The camp was a great success, followed by an outstanding cabaret concert on the following night. All ensembles and soloists who had worked tirelessly at camp performed brilliantly, entertaining over 250 parents and friends. The concert concluded with the girls combining in a massed choir to perform a rousing rendition of *Halo*, from the popular TV program, *Glee*. Certainly one of our best ever nights of entertainment!

**Mrs Ros Boyd**  
Head of Music





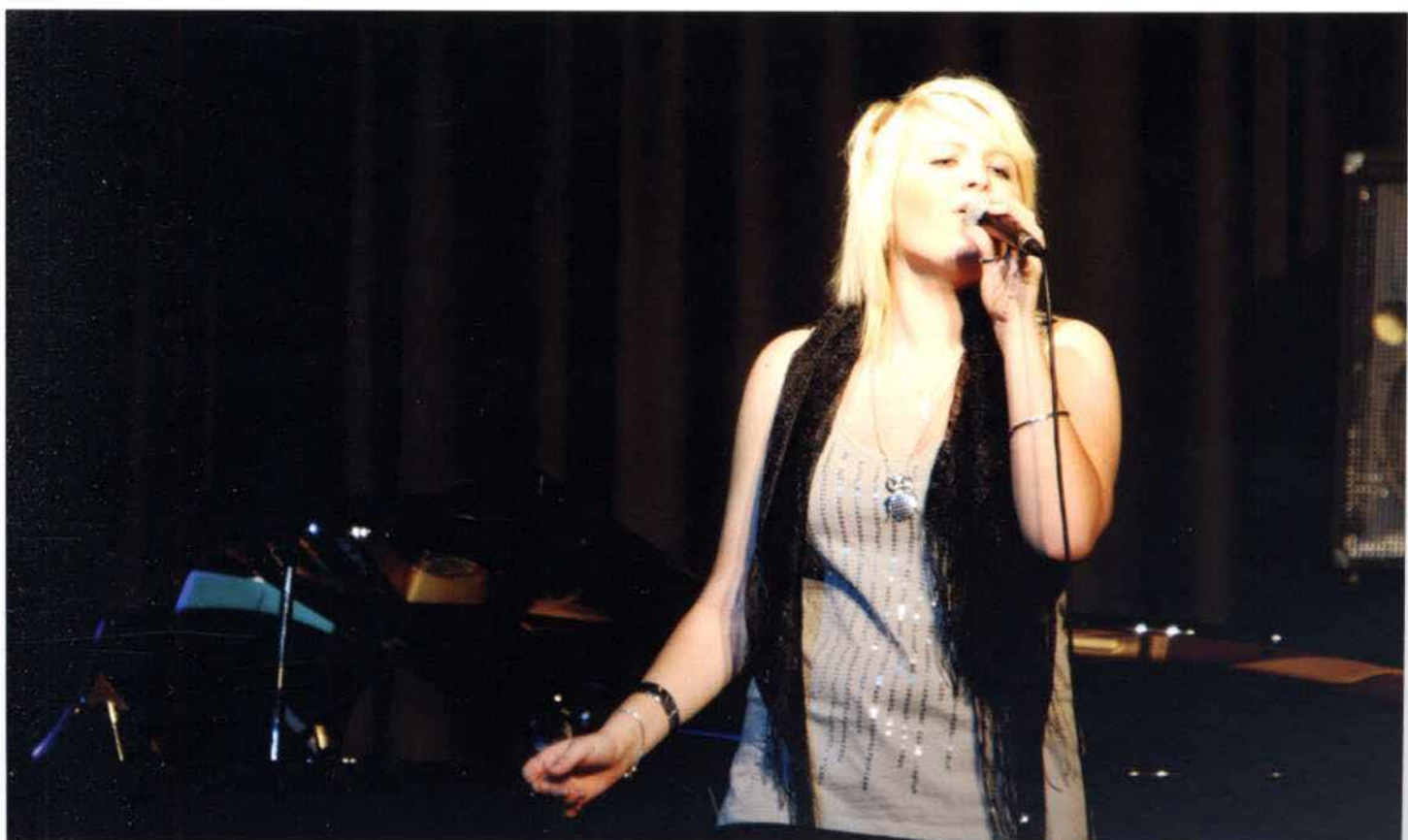
Our Year 12 drama students are to be commended for the presentation of their marvelous performances and projects at the HSC Drama individual group performances, showcased over two evenings in June and July. Mr Rutherford's students thrilled the audiences with the high standard and diversity of their work, ranging from gut-wrenching seriousness to hilarious comedy.

Congratulations to Eleanor Biles, Camilla Brown, Genevieve Daneel and Sigrid Westhoff whose group performance *On Court* was nominated for selection in *OnStage*; which showcases exemplary HSC drama works.





Much to the delight of the appreciative audience of family and friends, our Year 12 Music students performed highlights and popular selections from their HSC Music Programs at an evening performance on Monday 30 August in Bowie Hall.



In May, Brigidine students from Years 7 to 12 had the opportunity to submit an entry to BrigFest, the College's inaugural short film festival – a creative initiative of the Principal, Mrs Jane Curran. The three minute videos, with the theme 'Strength and Gentleness', featured music and sound effects, but no dialogue.

It is envisaged that the girls will explore and build on their skills of narration, cinematography, and editing in preparation for future BrigFests. The annual competition will be a way to assist the girls in developing filmmaking skills in preparation for the HSC subjects of Visual Arts, Drama and English Extension 2 – all of which allow video as a component.

The submitted videos were shown at a Hollywood-style awards evening on 20 May to family, friends and staff. The Media Team (a co-curricular club) became the red carpet paparazzi for the night, adding to the excitement and glamour.

### BrigFest 2010 Awards

#### Best Film of the Festival

Jemima Bissett (Year 9): *The Cupcake Maker*

#### Best Film Years 7 and 8

Sophia Polito (Year 7): *The Fight Against Evil*

#### Best Film Years 9 and 10

Chloe Steele (Year 10): *Be Strong*

#### Best Film Years 11 and 12

Tiarne Heath and Nina Evans (Year 11):  
*Time, Space, Life*



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### House Captains

Front Row  
Second Row

Rebecca O'Brien, Renae Jolly, Camilla Brown, Niusha Khastoui, Anastasia Natoli  
Samantha Manson, Genevieve Daneel, Sara MacKay, Jessica Gilder

**Fatima House**

**F**atima House has not only generated an amazing amount of team spirit and participation this year, but also an abundance of spectacular results.

We started the year with a sing-off, where the girls sang and cheered to Christmas carols and *Party in the USA* by Miley Cyrus. A big thank you to Sigrid Westhoff, who stood in for Jess on the day. Dressed as Cookie Monster and a sparkling blue fish, we led our house in singing the loudest in true Fatima style. In blue and white! Congratulations to everyone who went home without a voice that afternoon.

Fatima chose the theme 'Fatima Fishing' for the swimming carnival. Girls dressed up as fishermen, seaweed, boats, fish and many other sea creatures. Fatima's participation was outstanding, with all swimmers cheered on and encouraged by everyone in the stands. The girls' donations to Oasis,

the Year 12 charity, should also be highly commended. Finishing the day off with war cries and "P-fishy", Fatima took out first place at the carnival with a big win!

The House then got a bit freaky at the Athletics carnival with the theme 'Freaky Fatima'. We had fabulous costumes including zombies, ghosts, witches and the ghost of a murdered housewife winning the best dressed prize. Oh, and there were a couple of Avatars too! Although the girls dressed as the dead, they sure didn't cheer or run like it. Fatima girls hit the track and field with high levels of enthusiasm and spirit, winning the cheer competition AND the second carnival of the year!

Not only was Fatima's participation excellent at both sports carnivals, but the ongoing participation in extracurricular activities throughout 2010 was a huge credit to each girl involved and contributed tremendously towards points for our house. A big thank you to all girls in the Fatima house.

The year's last House activity was Book Week, and girls dressed up as a character from their favourite book in exchange for a gold coin to give to Oasis, the Year 12 charity. The girls also brought in old books to donate to charity, with Fatima House alone contributing 203 books. Girls really got into the spirit of the day with characters such as *The Cat in the Hat*, *The Magic School Bus*, hippies, *Noah and his ark*, *Madeline* and many more.

A big thank you to Mrs Wachter for her organisation of the carnivals, Mr Loughland and Mrs Lindsay for organising activities, Mrs Hall for being a great House Patron and a huge thank you to all girls of the Fatima House who made this year so memorable for us both. Good luck for next year, we love you Fatima, and... WE ARE FATIMA COULDN'T BE PROUDER... if you can't hear us, we will shout a little louder!

**Jessica Gilder and Sara Mackay**  
Fatima House Captain and Vice Captain



### Kildare House

The newly appointed House Captain Niusha Khastoui and Vice Captain Anastasia Natoli, were determined to lead Kildare to win with strength and gentleness in 2010. Our first major responsibility was running the Christmas carol sing-off at the end of 2009. It was our first taste of leadership and the Kildare house spirit overwhelmed us when we were recognised for our loud and dominant cheers.

At the swimming carnival our house theme was 'Kildare Karribeans'. Dressed as pirates and pirate ships, Kildare put in a great effort to earn house points. We are proud of the commitment the House displayed in to decorating the area, creating memorable cheers and encouraging Kildarians to get involved.

The year also involved a number of house meetings where all house captains joined forces to strengthen a sense of school spirit. To achieve our goal we organised special house activity days such as Book Day and Easter Games.

The Athletics carnival was the second major house event of the year and we chose the theme of 'Kildare Konga' and supported each other with maracas and cha-cha skirts, to make the most of the day and of Year 12's last sports carnival at Brigidine College. We were privileged to be a part of the introduction of 'Barry the Barracuda', our College mascot who will lead the school community and raise their spirits at sporting events.

The year honed our leadership skills, as we channeled our commitment and love for our College into fulfilling our role as house captains for Kildare – the green and red house. As we reflect on our involvement, we realise that we will forever cherish the honour of being recognised and depended on by the staff and students to run the House at school's sporting events. It was a great experience that we happily pass on to the new Kildare House Captains of 2011. We hope that we have given back to the College that has given so much to us.

**Niusha Khastoui and Anastasia Natoli**  
Kildare Captain and Vice Captain





### Lourdes House

It echoes throughout the school hallways... it swims through the cool blue water of Warringah Aquatic Centre... and it is embedded into the racing track of Narrabeen Athletics Centre. That is, the war cry 'LOURDES, LOURDES IS THE BEST!' For Lourdes, this has been one of the most successful years. Our first duty as House Captains was to lead the girls through the Christmas carol sing-off. Our results weren't very successful, however, it did nothing to dampen our spirits and our determination and immense house spirit shone throughout 2010.

A perfect underwater theme was adorned by Lourdes at the swimming carnival where the whole House dressed up as 'Lourdes' Little Mermaids.' Disguised as our underwater counterparts, there were crabs, fishes, and mermaids galore. In the true spirit of our costumes, it seemed that we had been afforded gills and fins, as our fantastic swimming results were reflected in being awarded second place, pipped by a mere twenty points.

Introduced this year were extra house meetings as initiatives to raise even MORE house spirit in the school. In March, the Easter Bunny visited Brigidine College as the houses went mad with Easter fever. The inaugural house meetings celebrating Easter were comprised of each Year Group completing a 'bunny' related game. From egg and spoon races, 'pin-the-tail on the bunny' and sack races, the first meeting of 2010 was an extremely successful endeavour.

It was at the Athletics Carnival that we "burned up the quarter mile" and "coasted through the heat lap trial." That's right; 'Lourdes Lightning' appeared in a flash. The Lourdes house flew high above every other house in terms of costume and house spirit. The girls, clad in capes and underwear on top of tights meant that 'Lourdes Lightning' were the speedy superheroes of the day.



Once again, we just missed out on first place, however, our efforts were recognised by WINNING the war cry challenge!

The next house event was to recognise and commemorate the Year 12 charity, Oasis. Using the people in our House, we were challenged to take a photograph of the girls in a particular shape that resembled an oasis-like object. Lourdes chose to create a fish, the juniors created the outside of the fish, while the seniors, in their white tops were in the middle of the fish. The image ended up looking really effective, thanks to the cooperation of the girls.

The final activity of the year was in celebration of Book Week. A completely new activity at Brigidine, this was an exciting and creative way to raise money for charity whilst celebrating house spirit in a literary manner. Each person was to dress up as their favourite character from a book, bring a gold coin donation for the Year 12 charity and 'pre-loved' books from home to donate to charity. Lourdes, brought in the most books at a whopping 496. Congratulations girls!

These events would not happen without the support and cooperation of many people. There is, of course, the Lourdes house themselves – thanks for your phenomenal efforts this year. Also, the Year 12 girls who have helped us run the activities and their amazing participation in the carnivals. The Lourdes teachers must also be recognised, especially Mrs Macri our house patron and Mrs Wachter and Mr Loughland. We would like to wish Aysha and Ashleigh the best of luck in keeping up the Lourdes spirit in 2011.

**Renae Jolly and Rebecca O'Brien**  
Lourdes Captain and Vice Captain



**Prague House**

We have really enjoyed being House Captains in 2010. The Prague House has once again demonstrated their incredible spirit and enthusiasm. Our house always has memorable costumes and this year has been no different, with our themes of 'Prague Princesses' and 'Prague Potter Pals'. Though we may not have won either carnival, all our little 'Praguarians' have won our hearts!

With tiaras sparkling and dresses glowing, the 'Prague Princesses' enchanted the pool and proved their angelic voices could win the house cheer-off. With new cheers inspired by Taylor Swift, Lil Jon and the East Side Boyz, Prague once again proved they had the 'X factor' in their Prague pride. Congratulations to all the girls who swam in events and to all the lovely ladies who got involved in costuming, swimming and cheers – you made our job a heap of fun!

In other House events such as Easter Extravaganza, Book Week and creating aerial shots for the Year 12 charity Oasis, the Prague spirit was definitely evident. I have never heard Prague cheer so loud when there were two chocolate Easter bunnies on offer - proving that bribery is the best way to get girls to cheer... (just a little tip for the Captains in 2011). Book Week was a challenge for Sammy and myself to pick best dressed as there were so many

hilarious costumes to choose from such as the pea from *Princess and the Pea*, the Mad Hatter and of course the Purple Telly Tubby. I was very impressed with all the costumes and we also donated a heap of books, which I am proud of all the girls for.

Brigidine's passion for Harry Potter was expressed at our Athletics Carnival when we encouraged all the girls to dress up as their favourite Harry Potter characters, one even coming as the Golden Snitch. There were broom races, witches hats and long black capes which truly made the Carnival a magical experience. We may not have won but our spirit and involvement made the day memorable.

Thank you so much to all the girls who got involved, hopefully you had a fun year – Sammy and myself certainly did. A big thanks to all our house teachers, especially Mrs Ryder who has been a great support. Thank you Mr Chant and Mrs Wachter for all the hours and effort you have put into making the carnivals happen and making our experience so fun and memorable. Good luck to the Captains next year and the rest of the Prague ladies. We have had such a wonderful year leading Prague and thank everyone so much for their enthusiasm and spirit!

**Genevieve Daneel and Sammy Manson**  
Prague Captain and Vice Captain



Colour, cheering, racing, laughter, talent, fun and participation; words that neatly sum up the wonderful Swimming Carnival held on 19 February at Warringah Aquatic Centre. The atmosphere created by the girls, so ably lead by the House Captains was a credit to all involved.

This year the Carnival included Age Championship races, the more relaxed 25m Interhouse races and Novelty races which proved very popular.

Congratulations to Fatima who won the carnival with 1126 points. The competition was close; Lourdes coming second with 1106 points, Prague third with 979 points and Kildare in fourth place with 734 points.

**Age Champions**

**12 Years**

- 1st: Marion Ribuoat – Fatima
- 2nd: Isabella Purnell – Prague
- 3rd: Rebecca Elder – Prague

**13 Years**

- 1st: Louisa Bartels – Lourdes
- 2nd: Brooke Menzies – Kildare
- 3rd: Sophie Grieve – Prague

**14 Years**

- 1st: Gemma Weller – Lourdes
- 2nd: Madison Spencer – Lourdes
- 3rd: Georgia Marshall – Fatima

**15 Years**

- 1st: Johanna Stokoe – Lourdes
- 2nd: Nicola Cowan – Kildare
- 3rd: Monica Courtney – Fatima

**16 Years**

- 1st: Sarah Baker – Fatima
- 2nd: Chelsea Woodward – Prague
- 3rd: Ashlee Page – Fatima

**17 Years**

- 1st: Ellen Spadon – Prague
- 2nd: Bronagh Marley – Lourdes
- 3rd: Tara Blanche – Lourdes

**AWD**

- 1st: Rebecca Baczkowski – Fatima
- 2nd: Tegan Grunwald – Prague
- 3rd: Allison Gillis – Fatima

Congratulations to Sarah Baker, 2010 School Champion for Swimming after scoring the highest individual points during the Carnival. Also to Ellen Spadon, Tegan Grunwald and the Prague Senior Relay team who set new College records on the day.

A big thank you to all the parents who supported the carnival through their attendance, to the staff who made the Carnival run so smoothly and to the students who were so enthusiastic.



## HOUSES ♦ INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On 20 April we were very lucky to hold our annual Inter-house Athletics Carnival in beautiful weather. Congratulations must go to the enthusiasm of our house captains who got the girls well prepared and ready for a day of participation and competitiveness.

The Carnival was an outstanding success with many students excelling in their chosen fields and many others enjoying the opportunity to test their skills in a number of novelty events.

Congratulations to Fatima House, the Champions for 2010 and to our talented Individual Age Champions who are all-rounders extraordinaire. Congratulations also go to: our House and Vice Captains whose organisation and enthusiasm had so much to do with the day being a positive experience for all, to the girls who participated so enthusiastically and positively and to all staff and parents who ran the many events so competently throughout the day.

### Overall Point Score:

**1st:** Fatima – 2616 Points

**2nd:** Lourdes – 2541 Points

**3rd:** Prague – 2495 Points

**4th:** Kildare – 2390 Points

**War Cry:** Lourdes

**Invitational 100M:** Lauren Harrison, Fatima

### Age Champions

**12 Years:** Nina Osada-Phornsiri, Prague

**Runner Up:** Emma Welch, Kildare

**13 Years:** Caitlin Bariol, Kildare

**Runner Up:** Georgia Homan, Kildare

**14 Years:** Emma Douglass, Fatima

**Runner Up:** Lauren Harrison, Fatima

**15 Years:** Nicola Simmons, Prague

**Runner Up:** Laura Douglass, Fatima

**16 Years:** Lauren Murphy, Lourdes

**Runner Up:** Grace Eather, Lourdes

**17 Years:** Ashleigh Trupiano, Lourdes

**Runner Up:** Alex McGain, Fatima

**Multi Disability:** Corinne Turner, Fatima

**Runner Up:** Rebecca Back, Kildare

### Overall School Age Champion

Emma Douglass, Fatima

### Records Set Or Broken

Alex McGain: Open 1500M – 5:01.90

17 Years 800M – 2:23.73

Nina Osada-Phornsiri: 12 Years Long Jump – 4.48M

Emma Douglass: 14 Years Shot Put – 10.98

Corinne Turner: AWD 800M – 1:38.77



- ♦ SPIRITUALITY
- ♦ ACADEMIC
- ♦ STAFF
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# CO-CURRICULAR



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- ♦ CLASS OF 2010
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The Centre for Excellence has enjoyed another busy year and 2010 has seen the introduction of a number of new lunchtime clubs. The Enviro Club (Ms Fiona Caithness), Computer Club (Mr Ben Yuen), Languages Club (Mrs Annemarie Mitchell) and the Textiles Club (Mrs Sue Brown and Mrs Jan Whiddon) have all been implemented and enjoyed by any number of Brigidine students. Thank you to the members of staff who have set these groups up and take time out each week to provide exciting co-curricular activities for the girls.

Many other Centre for Excellence clubs have continued during the year, including: Animal Welfare (Mrs Michelle Read-Zorn), Science Club (Mrs Mary Radcliff and Mrs Lindsey Wright), Art Club (Ms Lu Buckley), Mock Trial (Mrs Mandy Doyle and Mr Matt Esterman).

Thank you to the following Year 12 leaders who have led their Societies in 2010: Amelia Bayliss – Periclean Society; Jennifer Hesketh – Hellenic Society; Emily Barker – Justinian Society; Rebecca O'Brien – Ciceronian Society; and Nadia Funyama – Archimedian Society.

This year Brigidine students have taken part in many co-curricular activities including the Knox Grammar da Vinci Decathlon, Tournament of Minds, Lions Club Youth of the Year Quest and Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

### Lions Club Youth of the Year Quest

Year 12 Senior Leaders have represented the College in competitions such as the Lions Youth of the Year with Shannon Baker, College Captain, taking part in the French Forest contest and Millie Brown, College Vice Captain, competing in the St Ives

competition. The students were interviewed by their respective Lions Clubs and then they each participated in the public speaking component of the competition at the Presentation dinners.

### Tournament of Minds

During Term 3, three teams of Brigidine students participated in the Tournament of Minds, a challenging competition. This year we were delighted with results. Both Language Literature teams, facilitated by Miss Simone Webb and Mrs Amanda Macri, were given Tournament Honours and the Applied Technology Team, facilitated by Ms Talisa Salmon, won their Regional competition and went on to compete in the State Finals.

### Knox Grammar da Vinci Decathlon

The annual da Vinci Decathlon was held at Knox Grammar School on Tuesday 25 May. In the past, Brigidine College has entered teams in three year groups but unfortunately, due to the timing of the junior examinations, we were only able to enter one Year 10 team.

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic interschool gala day where teams of eight students from all over the State compete in ten academic pursuits. These include: Mathematics, English, Science, General Knowledge, Engineering Challenge, Forensic Sleuths, Code Breaking, Creative Producers, Games of Strategy and Art and Poetry.

Our girls enjoyed the day immensely, gaining 1st place for their dramatic performance in Creative Producers. The team had the privilege of performing in front of students from 86 schools who were in attendance. The team's final result was 17th out of a possible 44 schools in the Year 10 Decathlon. This was a champion effort!



Most of the girls in the Year 10 da Vinci team take part in the Honours Program and thanks must go to Mrs Betsy Harvey for the time she put into preparing the girls for the Decathlon.

### Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award Dinner was held at the Killara Golf Club on 9 June 2010. Brigidine College entered two Year 12 students in this award: Hayley Williamson (Year 12) and Rebecca Chandler (Year 12).

The Award recognises young women who have taken part in activities that benefit women and children in significant ways in either their own community or abroad. The entrants complete written requirements and also present a short prepared speech on the evening. Both of our girls spoke sincerely and most eloquently.

The key note speaker of the evening was Bronya Fraser-Hills, Brigidine College Captain 2006. The Brigidine College staff who were in attendance, Mrs Sue Martin, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Annemarie Mitchell and Mrs Jan Whiddon were very proud of both the successes Bronya has achieved in the few short years since she graduated and in the manner in which she gave her address. Bronya had taken part in Public Speaking and various other activities in the Centre for Excellence since she was in Year 7.

### Mrs Jan Whiddon

Director, Centre for Excellence



## Archimedean Society

### Computer Club

The Computer Club was formed this year after much planning and anticipation and has introduced students within all year groups to computing technology and its resources.

Much of the club's activities have revolved around Robotics and the preparation for the Robocup Competition 2010 at the University of New South Wales. Students worked through a variety of activities including the construction of robots using *Lego Mindstorms NXT* kits and a variety of parts such as motors and sensors. The robots were then programmed using NXT v2.0.

A group of Year 10 girls competed in the Dance Theatre category at Robocup. Using the theme of the famous Doctor Who series, *Torchwood*, the troupe came in a respectable third place after the first day's round of competition. All of the girls were very proud of their achievement.

The Computer Club will look at improving their entries for Robocup Competition 2011 and to branching out into video and animation activities. Thank you to all who participated and supported the club this year.

### Mr Ben Yuen

Teacher in Charge, Computer Club

### Science Club

Science Club is open to all girls in Years 7-10. Focusing on first hand investigation and having fun, our activities encompass all the science disciplines yet are designed in a way that will extend the students' experiences beyond the classroom.

Science Club began the year with Food Fun looking at the science behind the enzymatic browning of apples. We made toast with Bunsen burners and learned about Maillard browning. This happens when you cook a yummy roast – making it taste and smell fabulous. Of course we couldn't resist making caramel popcorn which is another form of browning that food scientists use. Science is at its most fun when you get to eat what you experiment with. We also tried our hand at making electricity with fruit. Our investigations showed that the combination of magnesium and iron electrodes in juicy oranges produced the highest voltage. We didn't eat those!

Next we performed some Colourful Chemistry for a *Friday in the Library* lunchtime display. We demonstrated a spectacular chemical reaction with luminol which is used by forensic scientists to identify blood stains. In the dark it fluoresces (shines) with an eerie blue glow. There were other reactions that frothed, bubbled and changed colour when catalysts were added and much, much more.

For some students the ultimate experience is a dissection and this year was no exception. The laboratory was filled with budding surgeons as we operated on bulls'



eyes. It was amazing to see the different structures inside the eye and when the lens was extracted and placed on the newspaper we could see how it magnified the newspaper.

At the end of Term 3 we grew some monkeys. They were made of a polymer that absorbs water. The monkeys started off around 6cm tall and expanded up to six times larger. As all animal keepers do, we regularly weighed our "pets" and graphed their increase in mass.

Term 4 saw us having more polymer fun, playing with magic "hydrophobic" sand; making underwater sculptures and polymer snow.

There was also a serious side to our endeavours with our involvement in the *Shout Out For Climate Change* competition run by the Australian Government Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Two groups of students produced a 60 second video commercial designed to educate others about the issues surrounding global warming. Science Club organisers look forward to getting involved in more of these competitions and doing our bit to encourage others to be aware of current scientific issues.

### Mrs Mary Radcliff

Teacher in Charge, Science Club

### Justinian Society

The Justinian Society enjoyed a very competitive Mock Trial season.

The first round against Knox Grammar was a spirited exploration of Aboriginal fishing rights, with Natalie Mendes and Adeline Siva challenging the opposing barristers' knowledge of Aboriginal customary law. The next round against PLC was entertaining and yet another engaging investigation, with Natalie Mauro explaining to the magistrate the concept of a 'windy bridge'. The last trial in which our girls participated was against Abbotsleigh and explored the legal technicalities surrounding the right of parents to discipline their children in public.

Although the team lost on points at the trials, I'd like to congratulate each of the girls on their efforts throughout the year and their exceptional knowledge of the legal system and its procedures. In addition, the team members were thrilled to be congratulated by the supervising magistrates after every round for their preparation and performance.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Esterman for driving us to our trials and giving up so many of his lunchtimes to assist with our preparations. Also, thanks to Mrs Doyle for her assistance throughout the year and huge thanks to Mrs Whiddon for her hospitality and work behind the scenes in the organisation of the team and the competition. I wish the 2011 Brigidine Mock Trial team the best of luck in the future!

#### Emily Barker

President, Justinian Society



## Ciceronian Society

### Public Speaking

*"If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started."*

– Marcus Tullius Cicero

The most important asset to a public speaker is their confidence and it can honestly be said that the members of the Ciceronian Society have confidence in abundance. Marcus Tullius Cicero was the greatest speaker amongst the many famous statesmen of Ancient Rome and it was the ideals of Cicero that formed the basis of our Ciceronian Society at Brigidine College.

Our year was off to a great start with the inaugural Public Speaking meetings. Guest speaker, Dr Coralee Much, mother of two Brigidine students, visited each Thursday lunchtime over a three week period to provide the girls with inspiration and practical solutions in combating nerves, grabbing the audience's attention and preparing a great speech.

The experiences and skills shared with us by Dr Much were then put into practice throughout the year in the many Public

Speaking competitions undertaken by the Brigidine girls especially when the Catholic Schools Debating Association held its annual Public Speaking competition in March. A team of ten girls from Year 7-12 entered the first round, held at Mater Maria College, Warriewood. Seven progressed into the next round which is an outstanding result. Then, at Marist College North Shore on 12 March the fierce competition continued as we had one student, Kate Millar of Year 10 progress into the final round to represent our College against students from across the Metropolitan area.

The next competition, Rostrum Public Speaking, was held at Hornsby Girls High School on 24 March. Three Brigidine College students took part in Round 1 that involved junior students speaking on a topic for six minutes and senior students talking for eight. Our speakers were; Marion Ribuoit (Year 7), Jessica Squires (Year 10), and Rebecca O'Brien (Year 12). Then, on May 17, Catherine Dell of Year 11 represented Brigidine in the *Sydney Morning Herald* Plain English Speaking Award. At this year's local final held at Abbotsleigh, entrants presented

an eight minute prepared speech that was based on an article, story or review from the newspaper. In addition, competitors were given an impromptu challenge where they had three minutes to prepare a three minute speech. Catherine represented the College in her usual 'strong and gentle' manner.

The Legacy Public Speaking Award was held at Pittwater High in July. Two junior students, both from Year 9 represented our college, Danielle Bennett and Eloise Cunningham.

In Term 4, the prestigious AHIGS Festival of Speech was held at Meriden School, Strathfield. Brigidine students took part in the various sections from Public Speaking, Poetry, Readings, Current Affairs and Religious and Ethical questions.

Throughout 2010, many students represented our College with pride in numerous Public Speaking Competitions. They are a credit to the College and exemplify our motto 'Proud to be Brigidine!'

**Rebecca O'Brien**

President, Ciceronian Society

## Periclean Society

### Languages Club

As President of the Periclean Society I saw many enthusiastic girls come at lunchtime on Mondays to immerse themselves in games and activities from various cultures. We transformed a piece of paper into all kinds of creations including sumo wrestlers, whales and penguins using Origami, the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. We played the Italian card game, Scopas. We tasted the cuisines of many countries and we even appreciated the complex and extravagant Japanese art of carving vegetables into shapes - such as radishes into roses. Computers were used to research various festivals around the world and Term 4 was dedicated to discovering how Christmas is celebrated in other nations.

I have really enjoyed being President of the Languages Club. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell for all her hard work in making our club come alive.

**Amelia Bayliss**

President, Languages Club



The College Debating Society flourished in 2010. With a large number of new girls joining the club, Brigidine was able to forge a strong team of debaters who took to the season well.

Coached weekly, the girls actively participated in two competitions which ran on a weekly basis. The prestigious Archdale competition saw Brigidine face tough competitors from other private girls' schools across Sydney including PLC, Tangara, St Catherine's and Loreto. Led by Archdale Debating Coordinator Ms Warton, the debating girls displayed true Brigidine spirit and impressive wins were obtained against these competitors.

The Friday night ISDA competition against schools such as The Kings School, Redlands, The Scots College and Barker College provided a challenge to Brigidine debaters that they met head-on. Experiencing both wins and losses the girls are to be commended on their fantastic sportsmanship and manners towards all opposing teams and adjudicators. Coordinated by Ms Ferris, the Friday night season was extremely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

An immense thank you is to be extended to the coaches who donated their time to assist the girls to develop their debating skills in all areas from speech structure through to improving confidence and also to Mrs Dugan who organised all of the food when Brigidine had the delight of hosting both Tuesday and Friday night debates. Brigidine made an outstanding impression as a result of Mrs Dugan's hard work.

Finally thank you to Ms Ferris, Brigidine College 2010 Debating Coordinator, whose dedication to the society is immeasurable. Ms Ferris ran and organised every aspect of the society, overseeing all involved and making the Debating Society the success it is at present.

I would also like to thank all the girls who were involved in the society this year. Each and every girl represented the College with pride – as supportive runners up and as modest winners. They are to be congratulated on displaying strength and gentleness as debaters of Brigidine.

I am confident the society will continue to expand in the future, the season has been an enjoyable one and most definitely one of which we can all be proud.

#### Ellie Biles

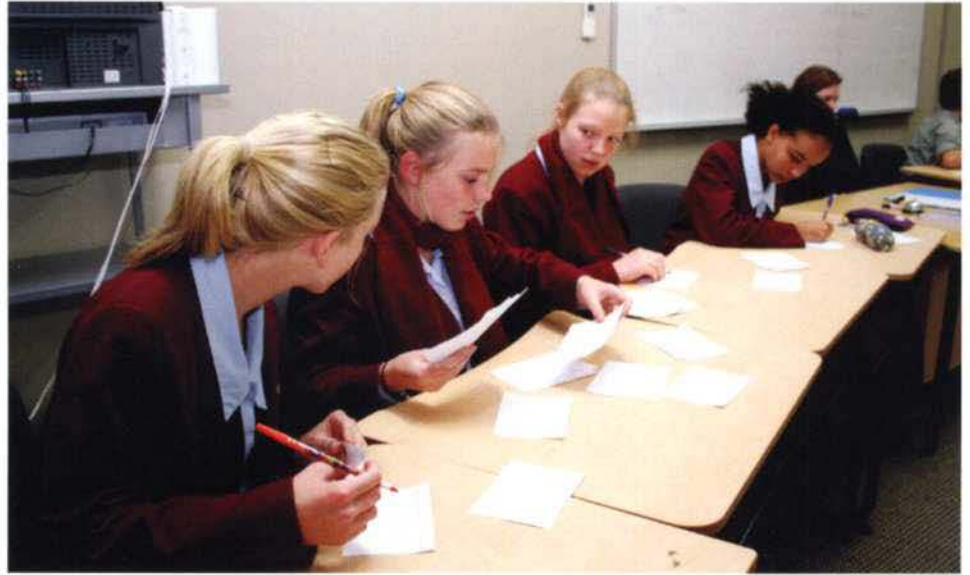
Captain, Debating



#### Brigidine Debating Team

<b>Front Row</b>	Samantha Lyne, Alexandra Buttrose, Emily Hodgson, Elizabeth Diggins, Nadia Funayama, Eleanor Biles, Rachael Day, Bridget Leonard, Jessica Lynch, Natalie Rinaldi
<b>Second Row</b>	Alison Langer, Jessica Anstiss, Stephanie Long, Isabella Barry, Alexandra Kopp, Jasmyne MacKane, Victoria Siltan, Caitlin Bariol
<b>Third Row</b>	Phillipa Reeves, Holly Dalton, Madeline Ellam, Danielle Calamos, Rose Moloney, Lara Turton, Charlotte Robotham, Madeleine Sankey
<b>Fourth Row</b>	May McMaster, Sarah Korte, Yoon Kim, Tara Dingle, Amy-Elizabeth Dugan, Susan Keighery, Alexandra McInnes





**B**rigidine Athletics Club has had an exciting and competitive season in both track and field events. The girls competed at the IGSSA, BBSSSA and CCC Athletics carnivals and in the IGSSA and CIS cross country events. Every girl achieved outstanding results contributing to the continuing success of the club this season.

A large number of girls attended Wednesday afternoon training sessions which were fun and beneficial to all. The training sessions improved fitness and heightened our skills in preparation for the upcoming IGSSA Twilight Series.

The Twilight Series, held on Friday nights throughout late Term 2 and early Term 3 were cold and sometimes wet, but this did not deter the participation and enjoyment by all involved. Throughout the four weeks, we practiced our preferred events as well as trying new ones. We were enthusiastic and excited to race, no matter the weather and we very much appreciated the effort Mr Chant and Mrs McCudden put in to get us to Homebush on time.

The IGSSA carnival was a great carnival and produced good results with help from the newest club member, Barry the Barracuda. Barry has become the new Brigidine mascot and made his debut at the IGSSA carnival to support the girls who were competing on the day.

The BBSSSA carnival in early September gave all 44 Brigidine competitors a chance to perform well and show how they had improved as a result of their training sessions during the season. The girls competed with a great amount of spirit and truly displayed the X-factor. A special mention goes to Amy Bettiol in Year 9 who broke the 15 year old Walk record and Nina Osada-Phornsiri in Year 7 who broke High Jump and Long Jump records that had been held for 12 years. Brigidine placed second overall in the carnival and won the Senior Girls overall point score, due to their hard work and dedication as well as the support from parents, coaches and of course, Barry. With this fantastic result, we had 15 girls representing BBSSSA at the CCC carnival.

A big thank you goes out to the coaches: Emma Lincoln-Smith, Martin Lynch, Jake Lynch, Sue Maxton, Darrel Welch, Bev Jaye and Gary Malcolm who assisted the girls to achieve such great results. The constant support and advice that you gave us throughout the season is greatly appreciated.

Cross Country is also a part of the Brigidine Athletics club. At the IGSSA carnival, held in May, Brigidine placed 22nd in the overall point score. All 22 Brigidine girls were very supportive of each other, encouraging participation and healthy competition in all races. Two students, Caitlin Bariol of Year 8

and Nicola Simmons of Year 9, went on to represent IGSSA at the NSW CIS carnival. Both girls performed at high standards in the tough competition. Alex McGain represented NSW as well as Brigidine at the Australian Cross Country Championship in Brisbane where she placed 25th in the Under 20s. A big thank you to our Cross Country coach Chris Fuller, who prepared the team on Tuesday and Thursday mornings prior to the carnival.

Another huge thank you goes to our Club Convenor Julie-Ann Thompson, Secretary Nikki Drummond and Treasurer Gloria Flynn who enabled the club to run smoothly throughout the season. Also, to our Teacher in Charge, Mrs Carmel McCudden as well as Mr David Chant whose support and dedication over the season is greatly appreciated.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to lead the Athletics Club through a great season that has been fun and exciting. We have all enjoyed every moment at the track or in the buses with the wonderful girls in the club. Congratulations to Ashleigh Trupiano and Katrina Scotter, the Athletics Club Captains for 2011.

Good luck for future seasons and keep up that Brigidine Spirit!

**Alexandra McGain**  
Captain, Athletics and Cross Country







*"Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game."*

– Michael Jordan

I want to congratulate all of the Brigidine Basketball Club for a tremendous 2010 that was full of excitement, struggle and improvement. Each girl played to the best of her ability and with exemplary Brigidine spirit. The club was involved in three competitions this year: Manly Warringah, BBSSA and IGSSA. Each team showed great sportsmanship and camaraderie, which was reflected in the effort displayed at every game.

As an indication of their commitment to their club, our members gave up a Saturday to feed hungry shoppers and help raise funds for the club by holding a barbeque at Bunnings Warehouse.

Georgie Shoppee, Alex McGain and I have played for the Basketball Club since Year 7 and we have been so lucky to have a Club Committee that cares about us and ensures that everyone enjoys the game. I would like to sincerely thank Dee DeLaurier for all the work she puts into the club - she will be truly missed. Thank you to Sanchia Bradley who has been constantly on top of everything (regardless of whether she is manager), she has been a tremendous help to me. Thank you to Danielle O'Donovan, who has ensured that the club ran smoothly and effectively this year and who coordinated the Bunnings barbeque. Lastly, thank you to Mrs Wachter and Mrs Kuper who have contributed significantly to the Club, by supporting the girls and attending countless games.

I have had an amazing six years in the Basketball Club and have been extremely lucky to gain new friends, experiences and skills. Georgie and I wish the club great success and even though we will miss our time as Brigidine basketball players, we do have some unforgettable memories.

I wish the new Captains, Emily O'Donovan and Rachael Bradley all the best for their final year at College. I know they will do a great job! Once again thank you for the opportunity to be Club Captain and I hope 2011 is an even better year.

#### **Meaghan DeLaurier**

Captain, Basketball



#### **BBSSA Intermediate Basketball**

**Front Row** Jessica O'Donovan, Atlanta Finch, Olivia Flynn, Catherine Lanz, Erin Hannan  
**Second Row** Hannah Mayor, Camilla Corbett, Ashley Wick, Camie Rubinstein



#### **BBSSA Junior Basketball**

**Front Row** Stephanie Muir, Briana Emery, Claudia Felton, Keana Bousfield  
**Second Row** Bianca Parnell, Madeleine Sankey, Estelle Horrocks, Allison Bradley



#### **BBSSA Senior Basketball**

**Front Row** Casey O'Brien, Olivia Flynn, Alexandra McGain, Ellena Kovacs-Hegedus  
**Second Row** Meaghan DeLaurier, Rachael Bradley, Georgina Shoppee, Emily O'Donovan



**Brigidine 1 Basketball**

**Front Row** Katie Hitchman, Emily O'Donovan, Rachael Bradley, Elena Kovacs-Hegedus, Allison Bradley  
**Second Row** Olivia Flynn, Hayley McAlister, Georgina Shoppee, Casey O'Brien





The Brigidine College Dance Club has enjoyed another highly successful and memorable year. The Club continues to be the largest co-curricular club within the College containing 245 members from Year 7 to Year 12. The highlight of the year was the Dance Spectacular held at the UTS Campus in Lindfield on Sunday 5 September. The performance showcased all club members in a variety of items and was very much enjoyed by family and friends in the audience and by the Brigidine dancers alike.

Each year auditions are held to form an Eisteddfod Group within the Dance Club. This year the group entered two jazz and two contemporary/lyrical routines. The Eisteddfod Group, consisting of approximately 30 girls from Years 8 to 12, achieved the following outstanding results:

#### Northern Beaches Eisteddfod

2nd – *Thriller* Jazz Group  
 Highly Commended – *Can't Not* Jazz Group  
 1st – *Beauty from Pain* Lyrical Group

#### Extreme Eisteddfod

1st – *Thriller* Jazz Group  
 Highly Commended – *Can't Not* Jazz Group  
 1st – *Bolero* Contemporary Group  
 3rd – *Beauty from Pain* Lyrical Group

#### City of Sydney Eisteddfod

1st – *Thriller* Jazz Group  
 1st – *Beauty from Pain* Lyrical Group  
 1st – *Bolero* Contemporary Group

The group achieved the amazing result of being placed first in all of the three sections entered at the prestigious City of Sydney Eisteddfod. They won the jazz section which consisted of over 35 entries from secondary schools from all over the state with the routine *Thriller* achieving a perfect score of 100%. An amazing achievement!

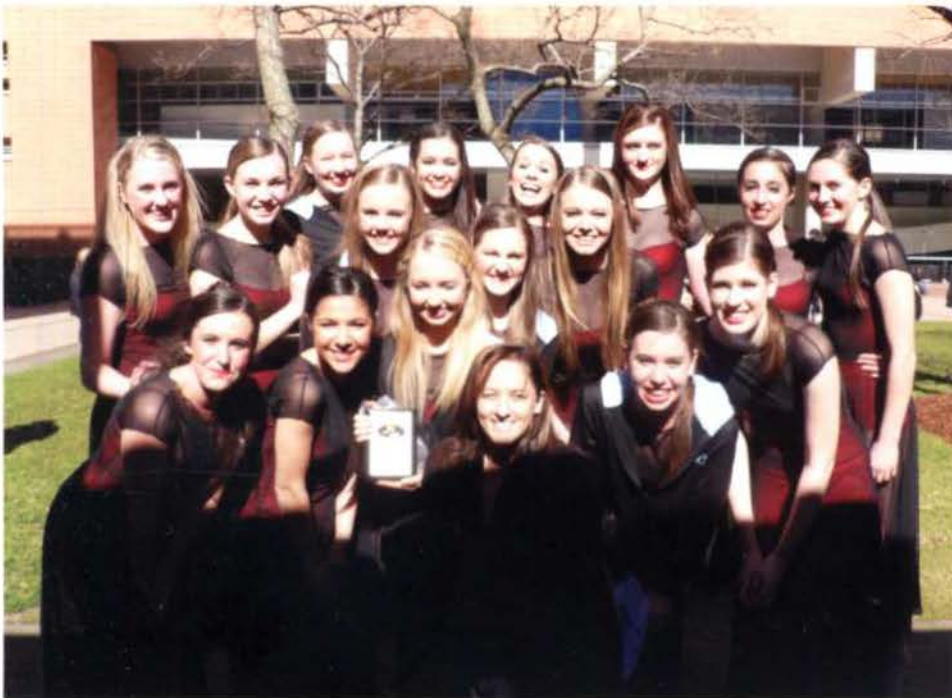
The Dance Club owes a great debt of gratitude to the Parent Committee who works so tirelessly to make the club possible. We would like to thank: Club Convenor Shane Grieve, Treasurer Jane Brown, Club Secretary Lana Lahood, committee members Diana Ward and Kerry Garay and photographers Alfredo Estrella and Kathy Thompson. We also thank Mrs Skye Wachter our Teacher in Charge.

A special thank you must go to our wonderful teachers: Melissa Mitchel, Melissa Prentice, Christie Hutton, Elise Osborne, Courtney Watts, Marla White and Millie Goodearl. Especially we sincerely thank our amazing principal teacher Rochelle Jones. Rochelle is not only a talented teacher but her gifted choreography continues to ensure our outstanding Eisteddfod results. We are very lucky to have such a passionate, committed and dedicated teacher.

**Zoe Brown and Jessica Smith**

Captain and Vice Captain, Dance Club







The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (DEAS) has been one of the most challenging but also rewarding experiences of our time at Brigidine. The award is offered to all young people worldwide and has some demanding components: the expedition, the skill, physical recreation, community service and residential project. Participants in DEAS are able to step out of their comfort zones to learn new skills while making a difference to themselves and their communities. We highly recommend the award scheme to any girl at Brigidine, and have discovered that it is a way to learn lessons of self motivation, leadership, independence, cooperation and responsibility – and have a lot of fun!

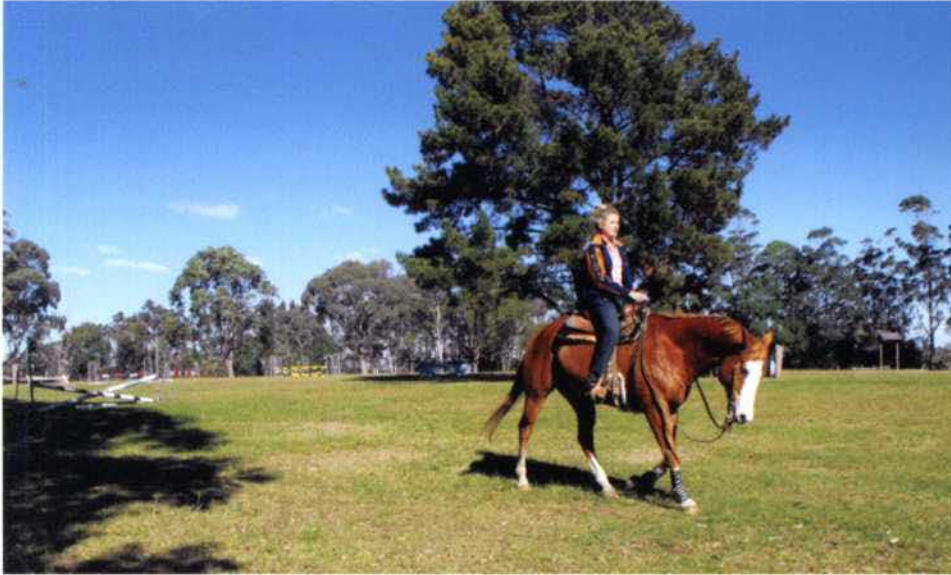
At Brigidine we had over 200 girls enrolled in the scheme for 2010, with more girls than ever completing their Gold award. Congratulations to all those who have already received their awards, what an achievement! Good luck to those girls who are still working towards their goals, it's hard work but definitely worth the effort.

Our thanks to Mrs Wachter and the DEAS committee. The success of the club is a reflection of the committee's hard work combined with the continuous efforts of Mrs Wachter who spent countless hours both preparing and attending the expeditions, along with many other duties. Likewise, a big thank you to all the loving parents who not only drove us all around but did countless loads of laundry after many rainy and muddy expeditions!

We would also like to say a massive thank you to Dee Gadsby, who has been the life and soul of the club here at the College for the past decade but is now stepping down from the role. Due to Dee and her family's efforts, we saw so many Brigidine girls graduate from the school with Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and we are very grateful for her dedication and devotion to the club. Dee will be fondly remembered by all those who knew her at Brigidine as an inspirational role model and leader and we wish her the very best in all her future endeavours.

**Hannah Goodwin and Amelia Shanahan**  
Captains, Duke of Edinburgh





The Brigidine Equestrian Club has had another very successful year of competition throughout 2010. Riders ranging from Year 7 through to Year 12 achieved great results in a range of disciplines including dressage, showjumping, cross-country and sporting.

The season began with the State Interschool Championships. We had a team of six girls who showed in a variety of events and should be thrilled with their results. Jess Tripp in her first year representing Brigidine College, placed first in the 90cm showjumping and second in the 80cm showjumping, she also placed third, fourth and fifth in other events she competed in. Her older sister Sam Tripp of Year 10 also did a fantastic job in that event and both girls went on to compete in the National Interschool's Equestrian Championships in September.

The PLC Dressage day took place in April with Jessica Langley in Year 8 placing first in her 1A test and Clare Miller-Bliss of Year 11 placing first and second in her Elementary tests. At the Tara Interschool competition

Taylah Collins of Year 7 placed fifth in her event and Clare Miller-Bliss placed third and fifth. Abby West and Georgia Heraghty, both of Year 11, competed and achieved excellent results in the Oxley College Equestrian event in September.

The Brigidine College Equestrian Club was represented at all other interschool competitions: Galston High and Camden High events, as well as the big Hunter Valley Equestrian Championships and all who showed and competed need to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts and results.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Chant, Mrs Stoneham, Mrs Brenda Tripp and all of the supporting parents, as without them no one could participate at these events. We would also like to congratulate Clare Miller-Bliss and Georgia Heraghty on becoming the 2011 Equestrian Club Captain and Vice Captain and we wish you the best of luck.

**Lauren Louw and Charlotte Gregoire**  
Club Captain and Vice Captain, Equestrian

## CO-CURRICULAR ♦ GYMNASTICS CLUB

This year has been very successful for the Brigidine College St Ives Gymnastics Club. The club places emphasis on developing new skills by promoting balance and fitness over four artistic apparatus: floor, beam, bars and vault in a fun environment.

All girls have improved significantly and learned many new skills. At the St Catherine's Invitational Carnival at Waverley on 10 September, club members showed extraordinary spirit in accomplishing their routines with skill and grace. It was a great opportunity for the girls to sample a competition atmosphere leading up to the IGGSA in October.

2010 has seen many new gymnasts join the club and it is great to see all the girls' progress so far in such a short period of time. This year we were introduced to our new coaches Cris and Tori of Manly Warringah Gymnastics Club who have given up their time to train us and allowed us to use the Manly Warringah facilities leading up to St Catherine's Invitational and IGGSA. The gym has a large range of equipment and a sprung floor, was exceedingly useful for the higher-level girls. We are tremendously grateful to Sydney Eismen for her assistance with coaching throughout the season and to Mr Chant and Mrs Ryder for driving the buses to and from training. Mrs Ryder has been a great help to the gymnastics club this year for organising the training sessions with Manly Warringah, competitions, transport and, not least, for her encouragement to the girls. We are all very grateful.

Thank you to Mrs Joanne Cowan, who has been a wonderful Convenor and Secretary and Mr Jim Cowan, our Club Treasurer, for all their help this year. Joanne spent tireless hours designing a new leotard for the girls and finding manufacturers to make it in time for our first competition. We appreciate all their time and effort in making everything run smoothly for our club.

Thank you to all the gymnasts for their enthusiasm, commitment, fantastic results and for all the fun we've had this year! We look forward to another excellent year of gymnastics in 2011.

**Jess Gilder**

Captain, Gymnastics



The season was very exciting and successful for the Brigidine Hockey Club. Girls proudly represented the College in the Term 2 North Shore Competition, the Term 3 IGSSA competition and at various clinics that provided us with the opportunity to develop and improve our hockey skills. Congratulations and thank you to all girls, parents and committee members who have made this season so memorable.

Term 2: Students participated in a clinic at the beginning of the season which for most, was the first time they'd played hockey in 12 months while for others it was their first taste of the sport. The clinic challenged our fitness and slowly helped refresh skills. The club registered five teams in the North Shore competition and was a great introduction to the season, giving all girls a chance to get to know their team members and the requirements of different positions. Both Brigidine 1 and 2 competed in grand finals

against Loreto Kirribilli and North Sydney Girls respectively. However, both teams lost 2-0. Brigidine 5 finished in 3rd place and Brigidine 3 and 4 finished in 4th place.

Term 3: Again, 5 teams were entered to compete in the Term 3 IGSSA competition. Congratulations to Brigidine 2 and 4 who made it to the semi finals for their grade, this is a tremendous achievement! All other teams played an exceptionally competitive season and improved immensely as players. The five teams enjoyed a fantastic competition filled with wins, draws and loses, all of which add to the strength and character of each team.

Term 3 was not only about the game but also involved some fundraising. Numerous members of the club rallied at Bunnings Warehouse and hosted one of the best barbeques ever, in order to fundraise for next year's hockey season.

We would like to thank our dedicated coaches who have helped us so much over the past season; Emma Poole, Dave Spence, Bridget Dean, Claire Purnell and Tayla Edmunds. Their assistance and patience have been invaluable. An exceptionally big thank you goes to the committee, Mrs Wachter and Mrs Christofides without whom the Club would not exist. In particular, thanks to our convener Alison Penn who has dedicated so much time to the running and growth of the club.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our time playing hockey for the College and will always remember the friendships and memories forged though the club. All the best for 2011, we hope that it will be as great a season as 2010 has been.

**Michaela Flynn and Maddison Deer**  
 Captain and Vice Captain, Hockey







The Netball Club had their biggest season yet with an overwhelming number of enthusiastic players and 17 teams registered in the KNA competition. The season ran smoothly and the high spirits of the girls were evident in every game. We had a fantastic result with 7 teams making it into the semi-finals, 4 into the finals and 2 making it into the grand finals. Brig 5 played their hardest and fought right to the end but came in second while Brig 10 was successful, becoming Premiers.

IGSSA also had a great response this year with four Brigidine teams entered in the competition. Brig 1 finished third after the round games, losing in the semis while Brig 3 finished runners up in a very close final. Teams Brig 2 and 4 performed well and had an enjoyable season.

Brigidine participated in the BBSSSA (Broken Bay) and NSW CNA (Catholic Netball Association) Gala Day competitions again this year. In the BBSSSA competition, the Senior and Intermediate teams played

strongly to reach the semi-finals and the Junior team put in an enormous effort in every round they played. The CNA competition demonstrated the girls' great ability; the Intermediate team played exceptionally well coming second in their pool and the Junior team placed fourth.

A group of Year 11 Netball and Soccer girls, along with Mr Chant, Mrs Hartwig and Mr Bebb travelled to Brisbane for the annual competition against our sister school Brigidine Indooroopilly. The girls enjoyed a lovely weekend with their billets, ending with friendly netball and soccer games. They fought hard but Indooroopilly won both games and the shields were returned to Queensland... until next year.

It is fantastic to see the number of girls who put up their hands to umpire for the club and many received their umpire badges throughout the year. Their tremendous efforts are to be commended and we hope they continue to umpire for the Club. A special congratulation goes to Sophie Pentalow who

was awarded her National C badge, inspiring many others to follow in her footsteps.

Thank you to all who are involved in the Netball Club: the players, umpires, coaches, managers and parents. Your support and encouragement are greatly appreciated. The Club would not be possible without the committee that works very hard each year to make it run smoothly. A special thank you to Convenor Steven Head and Teacher in Charge Mr Chant.

We wish the newly elected 2011 Netball Captains Taylor Masone and Stef Domazet all the very best for the year.

**Nicola Head and Nicola Cleary**  
Captain and Vice Captain, Netball

What another fantastic season for the Brigidine Soccer Club. This year, the club continued to grow with over 120 girls from Years 7-12 participating in the IGSSA competition. This incredible involvement, spirit and dedication certainly proved itself in the results with the Brigidine 2 and 5 teams making it through to the grand final and Brigidine 6 winning the overall premiership for their division. What a great effort girls!

Thank you to the eight coaches and managers who were outstanding, making it both an enjoyable and successful season. Also thank you to the parents who supported the club and helped with the various duties throughout the year.

The BBSSSA gala days were a great success. Teams from junior, intermediate and open age groups represented Brigidine and their efforts were tremendous. Both Brigidine Junior and Senior teams missed out by a whisker on making the semi-finals, which is a great credit to all girls.

This year saw a continuation of the annual soccer tour, in which a team of Year 11 girls travelled to Queensland to compete against our sister school Brigidine Indooroopilly. It is a way for the girls to improve their skills and make new friends while being hosted by the families of the Indooroopilly girls. The game was close with both teams battling hard; however Brigidine Indooroopilly were just too good on the day, winning the Brigidine Soccer Shield for 2010. The rest of the trip was filled with lots of enjoyment and sightseeing and completed by a memorable trip to Dreamworld. Congratulations to the girls who represented the College so well and to Mr Chant and Mr Bebb for coaching us and organising the trip.

With the excitement of the 2010 FIFA World Cup we experienced a great year off the field, and a special mention goes to the girls who showed their dedication and spirit by attending the World Cup breakfast. It was a fantastic morning with much laughter, anticipation and celebration shared by all. Thank you to Mr Riordan, Mr Loughland and Mr Chant for organising the event.

Last but not least, a huge thank you goes to our Convener Peter Newell, Coordinator Mr Chant, and Teacher in Charge Mr Bebb. Without their tireless hard work, commitment and support, the Soccer Club could not function as well as it does. The growth of the club and the enjoyment of the girls every year stems entirely from their dedication and we sincerely thank them.

Congratulations Brigidine Soccer Club on this amazing season. Good luck and best wishes for the future!

**Imogen Carlisle and Christina Meathrel**  
Club Captain and Vice Captain, Soccer



**BBSSSA Intermediate Soccer**

Front Row Meg Flannery, Daniela Cuadros-Garrot, Caitlin Sankey, Sarah George, Nicola Simmons, Erin Hannan  
Second Row Lauren Adams, Emily Rowbotham, Atlanta Finch, Lonita Mann, Lauren Rice, Lauren Carlton



**BBSSSA Junior Soccer**

Front Row Jennifer Tims, Mia Holman, Hannah Lanz, Aoife Doran, Claudia Felton, Catherine Gliddon  
Second Row Jessica Lynch, Elena Lynch, Eliza Cameron, Nina Osada-Phornsiri, Jacqueline Bonner, Sophia Azize



**BBSSA Senior Soccer**

**Front Row** Hayley Stewart, Jessica O'Donovan, Lauren Murphy, Imogen Carlisle, Ashleigh Trupiano, Sophie Walsh, Isabel Owen

**Second Row** Renae Jolly, Alexandra Hall, Jessica Roberts, Jessica Mahon, Louise Finch, Nyssa Chennell Dutton, Aysha Brown



**Brigidine 1 Soccer**

**Front Row** Nyssa Chennell Dutton, Jessica O'Donovan, Sophie Walsh, Jessica Mahon, Imogen Carlisle, Isabel Owen, Ashleigh Trupiano

**Second Row** Hayley Stewart, Aysha Brown, Jessica Roberts, Louise Finch, Lauren Murphy, Alexandra Hall, Renae Jolly



This year the Brigidine Softball Club has continued to succeed across all divisions in the IGSSA competition and we would like to congratulate every girl for her participation. This success has ensured that Brigidine remains competitive and enthusiastic in the IGSSA competition.

The continuous support from parents has been recognisable this year and has contributed to the achievements of the club as well as allowing it to remain competitive within the school's co-curricular activity.

Of the six teams that we fielded this year, three progressed to a grand final. Special congratulations are in order for the Year 8 team, Brigidine 5, who won their competition.

The Club had three girls Kali Jurkschat, Sanchia Bright and Rachael Sechi, selected in the BBSSEA softball team to play in the

NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) championships. Rachael Sechi was also selected for the NSW CCC softball team and the NSW all schools softball team which is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to each of these girls for excelling at such a high level.

We would like to thank Convenors Gary Thomson and Andrew Harris who coordinated the club's activities and also Mr Chant, for his continual support of the club. A further thank you to Mr Johns, the Teacher in Charge; without his tireless efforts we would not be able to operate such a successful club.

The skills learnt and the enjoyment experienced this year can be attributed to the exceptional expertise of the coaches. It was fantastic to see so many current and

past students, as well as parents, forfeiting their time to ensure a good season. The parents who took on roles of managers, scorers and umpires should be further congratulated for their contributions. A great many thanks to St Ives Park Primary School for allowing us to use their grounds.

With the help of Convenors Gary Thomson and Andrew Harris and the whole committee, the Brigidine Softball Club has shown a great display of enthusiasm, success and companionship. We wish the club great success for the future and good luck for the 2011 softball season.

**Kali Jurkschat and Jorja Thomson**  
Captain and Vice Captain, Softball



#### Brigidine Softball

Front Row Monique Marcellino, Lindi Van Rhijn, Kali Jurkschat, Sanchia Bright, Jamie Li  
Second Row Kandace Marcellino, Victoria-Lee Tesson, Zoe Kruize

## CO-CURRICULAR ♦ SWIMMING CLUB

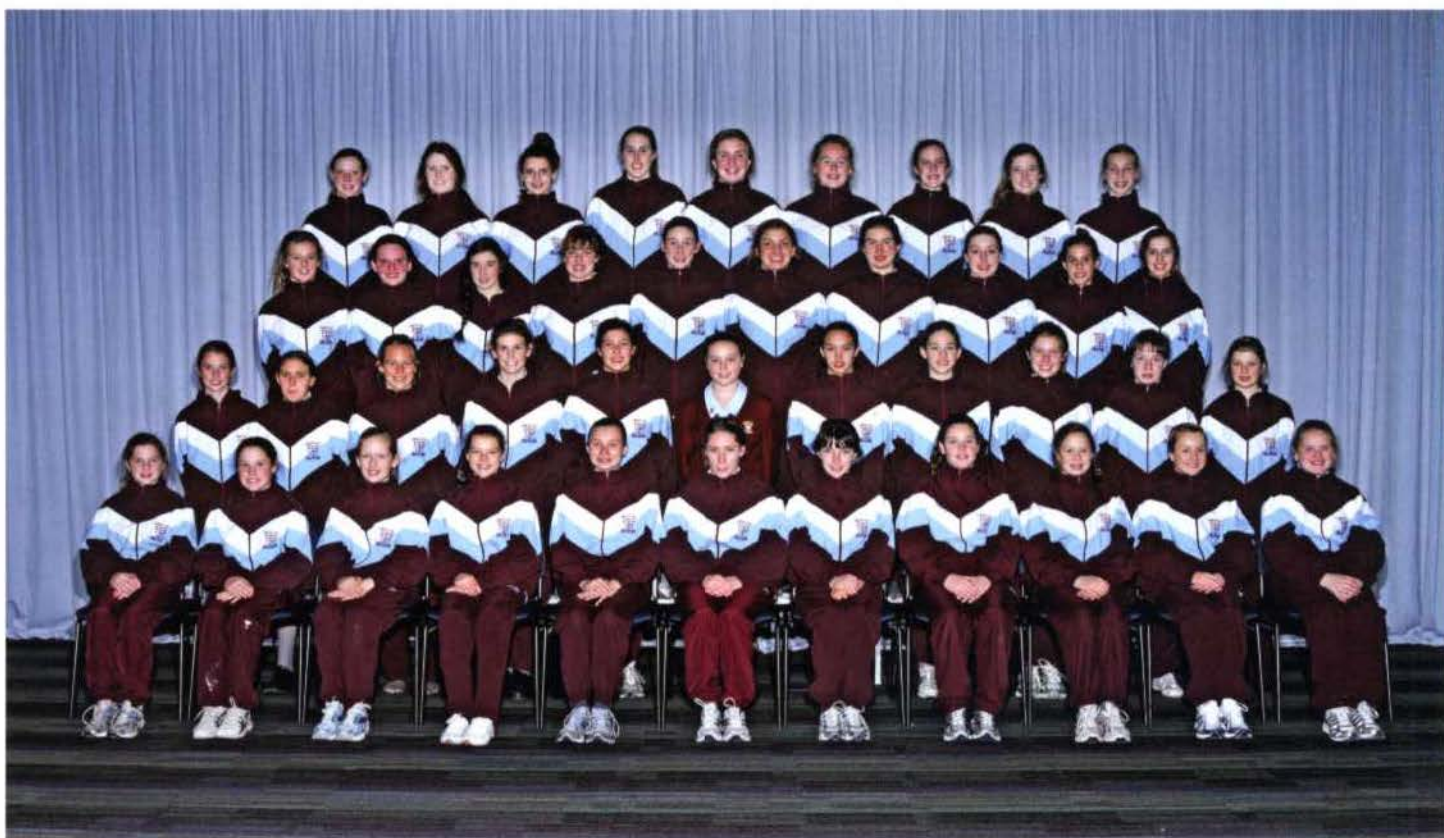
The Swimming Club had the largest number of enrolments so far with 59 members in 2009-2010. The season started in Term 4 of 2009 with training sessions at the Carlisle Swim School in Killarney Heights. After Christmas we continued our squad training in Term 1 at a new location-Terrey Hills Swim School. I am very proud of every girl who participated in the squads, showing immense effort and willingness to improve their swimming skills.

The swim team competed in many invitational carnivals throughout Term 1. Our first event was at St Catherine's College in Waverley. Many of our Year 7's found it a little overwhelming to begin with but quickly became accustomed to the strong team atmosphere which helped them achieve personal best times. We also attended carnivals at MLC Burwood, PLC Pymble and Abbotsleigh College, Wahroonga. All of our girls swam exceptionally well with more personal best times recorded there too. The girls also had the opportunity to demonstrate

their abilities at our Swim Club race days, which we started this year. Taking place over four Saturday afternoons during Term 1, the events allowed girls to gain more experience and confidence in racing.

This year the Brigidine College St Ives Swimming Carnival was filled with much excitement and great talent. Fatima won the carnival with Lourdes not far behind in second place. The age champions for this year were; Marion Ribuo, Louisa Bartels, Gemma Weller, Johanna Stokoe, Sarah Baker, Ellen Spadon and Rebecca Baczkowski. The overall School Swimming Champion for 2010 was awarded to Sarah Baker of Year 10.

Due to College camps Brigidine were not able to enter a team to compete in the IGSSSA carnival but a team of 26 girls were selected to compete in the BBSSSA carnival. We performed excellently with Marion Ribuo named as the 12 Years Age Champion. Our junior team were also awarded a trophy for winning the Junior Division point score.



### Swimming Team

<b>Front Row</b>	Catherine Gliddon, Kelly Wilcox, Lauren Willett, Marion Ribuo, Nicola Cowan, Chelsea Woodward, Jordan Louis, Isabella Purnell, Claudia Felton, Gemma Nicholas, Rebecca Stanley
<b>Second Row</b>	Taylah Collins, Rebecca Baczkowski, Laura Baczkowski, Jessica Tripp, Madeline Lai, Jessica Tierney, Louisa Bartels, Emma Warburton, Alice Pitney, Tegan Grunwald, Rebecca Elder
<b>Third Row</b>	Isabelle Ramsay, Bronagh Marley, India Van Kool, Tamara Fechner-Head, Natalie Killingsworth, Gemma Weller, Letitia Alford, Ellen Spadon, Madison Spencer, Natalie Kerr
<b>Fourth Row</b>	Laura Walbank, Jessica Roberts, Sarah Baker, Tara Blanche, Johanna Stokoe, Hanna Blanche, Bronte Wiles, Brooke Menzies, Sophie Grieve



Sarah Baker of Year 10, School Swimming Champion for 2010.



As a result of our amazing achievements at BBSSSA, we had 11 girls selected to represent Broken Bay at the NSW CCC carnival. A special mention goes to Sarah Baker of Year 10 and Tegan Grunwald of Year 9 for being selected to represent the Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships, a very proud achievement for our club. Commendations also to Ellen Spadon and Tara Blanche for achieving the Brigidine Long Service Award for six years of dedication to the Swim Club.



A huge thank you to Mrs Skinner for taking on the roles of Swimming Coach and Teacher in Charge this year. To be thanked also are the Swim Club committee, including the retiring committee: Steve Blanche Convenor, Conor Marley Treasurer and Mrs Iman Weller Secretary. Their combined hard work and effort included the creation of a development program encouraging students to become swimming coaches. It was pleasing to see several Year 10 girls take on the responsibility as Assistant Swim Coaches for junior swimmers. Thank you also to Mrs Jo Cowan for planning and promoting the Swim Club Race events and to all the parents who assisted and participated.



Finally, I would like to thank Mr Chant for his tireless efforts, assistance and support to the swim team and myself over the past 6 years that I have been involved. I also wish the incoming Captain, Bronagh Marley and the swim team, strength and success for the 2011 swimming season.

**Tara Blanche**  
Captain, Swimming

The Touch Football season was a huge success in 2010 – not only for the sport but also in our development as a club. Touch became one of the highlights of Term 4 and we saw a significant increase in the number of players involved. Brigidine entered 7 teams into the Loreto Normanhurst competition, in comparison to 4 in 2009. Out of the 7, 6 teams made it into semi finals, 4 to finals and 2 won their overall competition.

Huge congratulations to Brigidine 5 as they were undefeated for the whole season and won the grand final. Brigidine 6 showed incredible determination in winning their overall division.

Thank you to all who are involved – our players, coaches, managers and parents. Your support and commitment is rewarded by the enthusiasm displayed by the girls each Saturday. This new club would not be possible without the committee that works endlessly to make the process run so efficiently. A special thank you to: Mr Phil Jones, Mrs Pamela Ledley, our Teacher in Charge and to Mr David Chant as they are ultimately responsible for the smooth running of the club.

Congratulations to our first official club captains: Madison Thompson, Captain and Madeleine Paul, Vice Captain.

The Touch Football Club Presentation Night was an evening of celebration. The Team Awards were;

**Most Valuable Player Brigidine 2**  
Maddie Paul

**Most Valuable Player Brigidine 3**  
Amity Bliss

**Most Valuable Player Brigidine 4**  
Sophie Clisby

**Most Valuable Player Brigidine 5**  
Lizzy Trupiano

**Most Valuable Player Brigidine 6**  
Clare Vanzino

**Coaches Award Brigidine 6**  
Rebecca Elder

**Most Valuable Player Brigidine 7**  
Maddie Baillie

Congratulations to all the players who contributed to the success of their teams.

**Mrs Pamela Ledley**  
Teacher in Charge, Touch Football





In Term 1 the girls competed in the IGSSA Saturday morning competition and all of the Brigidine teams reached the semi-finals. Brigidine 1, 4, 5 and 6 won their semi and played straight afterwards in the finals. The matches were very close, special congratulations to Brigidine 6 who won the finals to become the Premiers of their division.

Also in Term 1, Brigidine competed in the Broken Bay Gala and successfully won the Under 13 and Open Divisions and the College hosted the Brigidine Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships. Both days were a challenge in hot weather but the standard of play was spectacular.

Tildesley Shield is a highlight of the year for the Tennis Club. The competition aims to encourage and empower young girls to compete at a high level and share in team spirit. 'Tildesley' was held in April and the College entered a team of twenty five girls. Each student committed themselves to the drilling training and the three days of the event. Every player played outstandingly in hot weather and the girls should be proud of their efforts. The remainder of the club members who umpired, were ball girls or spectators should also be congratulated for their hard work. We are no team without you. We finished 21st overall; a good

effort against tough competitors. It was an extremely enjoyable three days with high levels of enthusiasm from all the girls who were continually cheering and encouraging other team mates.

On behalf of the members of the Tennis Club, we sincerely thank our coach John Paul La Fou for the remarkable dedication he put into coaching us over the past years at Brigidine. He helped us to become the best players we can possibly be. We are saying goodbye to him this year and wish him the best of luck – we will miss him.

Thank you to Mrs Macri and Mrs Wachter who have helped to run and coordinate the season and to all the teachers who gave up their time to transport us safely to matches and watch us play. To the parents – your support has been overwhelming.

We extend a special thanks to our Convenor Mrs Menzies and Treasurer Mrs Murray and most importantly to all of our players, thank you for making 2010 such a wonderful year. Good luck to the 2011 tennis captains for the future!

**Therese Munsayac and Sarah Lewis**  
 Captain and Vice Captain, Tennis

The Tennis Club has had a fabulous year with all girls making an immense effort to improve their game. Our enthusiasm and talent have grown and we had a really exciting season. Congratulations to the members of the club and thank you for the commitment you have demonstrated.



**Brigidine Tildesley Team**

- Front Row** Heather Oesterheld, Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick, Emma Steele, Carmela Colinares, Lauren Gorman, Brianna Gorman, Nicoleta Walters, Chloe Gillespie
- Second Row** Latrishia Kenny, Ashly Murray, Laura Flynn, Therese Munsayac, Caitlin Bariol, Terri Adams, Nicole Murray
- Third Row** Sophie Walsh, Lauren Murphy, Chloe Steele, Brooke Menzies, Tamasin Calcraft, Charlotte Riminton, Montana York





**Brigidine 1 Tennis**

Caitlin Bariol, Lauren Murphy, Brooke Menzies, Laura Flynn





### BBSSA Volleyball

**Front Row** Sara Abdi, Ashleigh Trupiano, Zoe Gleeson, Jessica Roberts, Rachel Baird  
**Second Row** Tara Blanche, Shannah Connell, Georgina Shoppee

**A**nother fantastic season to report on for 2010! This year saw an enthusiastic response in registrations with girls from Years 7 to 10 signing up and was our second year with our new irreplaceable coaches: Rory Connell, Nathan Wong and Lauren Millar whom the girls have really warmed to.

On 3 September, Brigidine hosted the annual Senior Invitational Carnival with two Year 9 teams, two Year 10 teams, one Year 11 team and one Year 12 team playing against PLC Pymble.

Year 10 Blue, Year 11 and Year 12 placed equal first on games won and lost, with Year 10 Blue and Year 11 moving on to play in the final on percentages. The event marked the last Invitational Carnival for Year 12 who finished with a fantastic outgoing result of 3rd place on percentages after attempting an almost unreachable goal of winning by sixteen points.

The final game saw Year 10 Blue come in at 2nd place after a difficult and suspenseful game against Year 11. Our Year 11 team with a score of 24-17 received a well deserved first place, winning back the trophy for Brigidine for the first time in six years. After

the sausage sizzle, the lollybags and the final presentation of the trophy, I can safely say on behalf of all players who participated that it was indeed a great night.

I thank everyone who was involved in the Club: Mr Chant for all of his hard work, Mrs Baird our amazing club Convenor, our wonderful coaches Rory Connell and Nathan Wong and all of the parents who assisted with the stalls – as well as everyone who came and cheered the girls on.

Our main competition was played in Term 4 at Santa Sabina College in Strathfield on Saturday mornings for six weeks. We thank our parents for their efficient transportation every Saturday, especially when we had early morning starts. All teams achieved good results at the conclusion of the competition with places in the top four. Year 9.2 came first in their division against Monte, receiving gold medals. All teams had an amazing amount of support and encouragement from staff members, parents and friends and once again, our coaches' expertise was invaluable.

Brigidine students exemplified tenacity and enthusiasm in the BBSSA competition after being invited to participate this year.

Brigidine placed 2nd and received shiny, silver medals for their efforts, being defeated in the final by St. Joseph's. The representatives included from Year 10: Rachel Baird, Year 11: Emily O'Donovan, Jessica Roberts, Ashleigh Trupiano and from Year 12: Georgina Shoppee, Tara Blanche and Sara Abdi with Zoe Gleeson and Shannah Connell were Managers for the day.

I find it hard to describe how elated I am to be coaching a Volleyball team after six years of playing in the Brigidine Volleyball Club. I was involved with assistant coaching last year, and hope to complete a coaching course so that I can guide the girls to further their skills and improve their techniques; to be the best that they can be. Both Shannah and I were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to coach the incoming Year 7's this year. This allowed us to get to know the new girls and to find their strengths and weaknesses during our training sessions, in preparation for the Santa Sabina competition in Term 4.

Additionally, I would like to extend my utmost gratitude towards Jan Baird, our fantastic Convenor for her efforts in coordinating another successful year for the club, Mr Chant for his dedication, and our coaches



– not just for their dedication but for their skill in coaching our girls with consistent success. Thank you to Mr Loughland, our Teacher in Charge who assisted by supervising coaching and with the general organisation needed for our club. Huge thanks goes to the staff, parents and friends who supported the girls in their endeavours.

As outgoing Vice Captain of 2010, I would like to welcome the new Captains, Ashleigh Aivazian and Jessica Roberts to their roles and wish them a happy and productive year ahead in 2011.

Through my captainship I have learnt that just getting involved, having a run around and participating can create new experiences and help form new friendships that I will cherish for years. The Volleyball Club is still growing and I hope more students will sign up and immerse themselves in the game whilst also having fun. Having fun is what our club aims for; the competition comes later!

#### **Zoe Gleeson**

Vice Captain, Volleyball

This season has been an amazing experience for all the girls involved, with teams growing and working together to play great games of volleyball. It has been the utmost honour and privilege to watch them succeed and learn. Through my and Zoe's extensive presence and participation during the games, we aim to take a coaching course and return to Brigidine after we graduate. Watch out for the Year 7's, who are sure to be a very good group of girls in the new season!

As outgoing Captain of Volleyball, I would like to reiterate Zoe's thanks to all the parents and teachers that have supported and assisted us in our leadership roles, and for their continued dedication to the club.

#### **Shannah Connell**

Captain, Volleyball



From left to right Ashleigh Aivazian, Lindi van Rhijn, Jessica Roberts, Taylor Masone, Alice Keighery, (in front) Ellena Kovacs-Hegedus, Ashleigh Trupiano.



From left to right Shannah Connell (Captain), Nicola Head, Sophia Brindie, Zoe Gleeson (Vice Captain), Sara Abdi, Tara Blanche, Georgina Shoppee (in front).



**D**uring the 2010 Water Polo season five Brigidine teams were involved in a total of 58 games played over 20 Friday nights and 14 Monday nights. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the three coaches: Kate Iacono (Open A's and Intermediate A's), Craig Marshall (Open B's and Intermediate B's) and Barry Kilham (Juniors) for their tireless efforts.

**Open A's: 12 Friday nights**

Having played 10 games, winning seven and scoring 84 goals for and conceding only 33 goals against them, the girls played very well. The team made second place in the round robin, winning their first game of the finals against Sydney Girls High, followed by a second win against Redlands A, and culminating in Runners Up for 2010.

**Best and Fairest:** Tara Blanche  
**Most Improved:** Natalie Walsh

**Open B's:**

After winning 7 out of the 10 games played and scoring a total of 71 goals for and conceding only 30 against their rivals, the Open Bs team made an outstanding effort.

The girls came second place in the round robin but lost their first round game in the finals to Mater Maria.

**Best and Fairest:** Alex Marshall  
**Most Improved:** Isobel Littler

**Intermediate A's Year 9: 14 Monday nights**

Winning 9 and drawing 1 out of the 12 games in the season, the Year 9 team finished second in the round robin competition, scoring a total of 72 goals. The team went on to make the semi final rounds, winning 2 of the 3 games, but it was not enough to make the finals.

**Best and Fairest:** Catherine Lanz  
**Most Improved:** Rebecca Goswell

**Intermediate B's Year 8**

Scoring 75 goals in 12 games and winning 8, the team finished second in the round robin. During the semi final rounds the girls won the first two games and went down to Mackellar B's in the third of the semi final games.

**Best and Fairest:** Maddie Spencer  
**Most Improved:** Andrea Pizzie

**Junior Year 7- 8 Friday nights**

Playing a staggering 14 games in only 7 weeks, resulting in 9 wins and 5 losses their 84 goals are something to be proud of. Finishing the season in 3rd place in the round robin competition, they made the semi finals, but unfortunately went down to Pittwater 3-7.

**Best and Fairest:** Sophie Grieve  
**Most Improved:** Tamara Alford

Overall, 2010 was a very successful season with all teams making the finals. The most successful team was the Open A team who were the runners up. Thank you to all the teams and their families for support and encouragement.

**Ms Jo Baker**  
 Teacher in Charge, Water Polo



- ♦ SPIRITUALITY
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- ♦ ACHIEVEMENT



I really am delighted to be able to pay tribute to this wonderful group of girls as the 'teacher in tandem'. The phrase 'teacher in tandem' is one that conjures up all kinds of images for me. My immediate thought was that of a tandem bicycle with two riders moving in perfect harmony, one leading, one following but both heading in the same direction. An image clearly synonymous with teaching and parenting, is it not?

In Year 7 it is the teachers and parents who are riding up front, steering a safe path, negotiating obstacles but ensuring there are opportunities to experience all that life brings; the ups, the downs and the wipe outs.

By Year 9 there is considerable argument over who should be steering, which direction we should be going in and when we get there will there be internet access? At times we feel we are travelling a lonely road and even worse we are moving in completely the opposite direction.

By Year 12 we are out muscled, out manoeuvred and out of money. We have relinquished control of the handle bars. Our girls are ready to ride solo or should I say fly solo, to take the lead. And what's more they have confidence in their own abilities. They say "It's OK, Dad. Trust me I know what I'm

doing." Or "It's OK Mum, just close your eyes and take a deep breath. I have it under control."

Alright, maybe I have exaggerated the perils of being in tandem with Year 12 just a little. The phrase 'in tandem' can also be used to describe a close relationship between people working together in a partnership. It is this definition that reflects the collaborative nature of our school.

I have been so fortunate to have taught many of you in science and I must make special mention of my Year 12 chemistry classes who have been a joy to teach each and every day. How blessed we are to have a culture where students and teachers share their knowledge, their experiences, and their expertise providing a rich and stimulating learning environment.

It is at sporting events like the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals that Year 12 take on another dimension. 'In tandem' could mean 10 students in one swimming lane linked together with various flotation devices, or the Fatima precision marching band competing across all 8 lanes on the 100m track. It also describes the way in which these leaders of our College work together to make these days a highlight of the year. It is without

doubt the sheer enjoyment on your faces and the enthusiasm you exude that is the best advertisement to other students "to get involved". This, together with your support of College Clubs and Societies, whether as a captain, a volunteer coach, or a club member, is what has helped us to build a sense of community and to foster a strong connection within it.

The culture of working in tandem with others is not restricted to our own school but extended to include the wider community. Through team work and commitment you have made an enormous difference to young people in need with your outstanding contributions to the Year 12 charity, Oasis. The students who journeyed to India on the Pilgrimage of Hope have inspired us. You ventured out of your comfort zone to work side by side with the destitute and the dying. As St Brigid did before, you have reached out to others with love and compassion as strong and gentle women.

For many of you the partnership with our wonderful College will continue for some time to come. It never ceases to amaze me the connection students have to this place. As Mr Byrne said "it is not about the built environment we have here, as beautiful as it is. It is about the people we share our lives with that make it such a warm, welcoming and nurturing corner of the world." If you ever want to bump into past students just attend any Brigidine function throughout the year. They adjudicate in the Public Speaking finals. They coach teams from debating through to dance. They can be found amongst the International Food Fair stalls or watching the latest College musical or play. Sometimes they even come back to teach. So it is not really "farewell" but "see you soon".

Although we want to keep you close we also encourage you to ride far. Take time to plan some of your journeys. This way you will get to where you are going safely and you will not miss out on important milestones along the way. Take time to go off road, make your own tracks in the sand. It is the anticipation of what unknowns lay up ahead that heighten the senses and that make for a thrilling ride. Enjoy the adventure, delight in the challenges you face and know that wherever your journey takes you we are with you in spirit.

Congratulations!

Today is your day.

You're off to great places!

You're off and away.

Oh' the places you'll go!

**Mrs Mary Radcliff**  
Science Teacher

**Year 12 Graduation Week**

Year 12 graduation ceremonies commenced with an awards assembly on Monday 20 September. The whole college was in attendance to celebrate the academic achievements of the seniors. The girls and their families gathered together for afternoon tea following the assembly.

Wednesday dawned with a farewell BBQ breakfast served by staff to the girls, followed by chapel and a graduation assembly in Bowie Hall to which Year 12 parents were invited. Year 11 formed a guard of honour and presented flowers to the graduating girls, resulting in much excitement and some tears as they left their last College assembly.

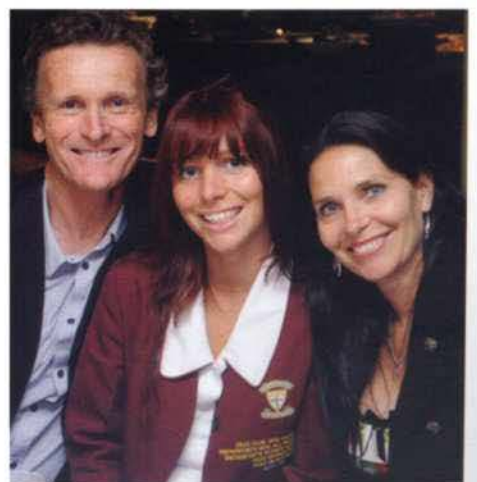
A graduation Mass at Corpus Christi was followed by a spectacular dinner in Bowie Hall for Year 12 and their parents on Thursday evening. The following night the girls and staff attended the Year 12 Formal at Taronga Centre.





# CLASS OF 2010 ♦ YEAR 12 GRADUATION





**Year 12, 2010 were asked to reflect on their favourite memories of Brigidine College St Ives**



**Sara Abdi**

Meeting all the lovely girls at Brigidine and creating a memory with each one. "Studying" in my frees and sipping tea.



**Kyla Ansell**

Christmas in June, Brigidine Boys, Founders' Day dance, High School Musical, Outbursts, Canteen lunches, and all my ladies!



**Bianca Arancibia**

Brigidine Drama lessons, Year 11 Plays, Founders' Day, Year 11 spirituality retreat and endless final moments with good friends.



**Alison Ackroyd**

Year 10 formal, Year 11 Founders' Day dance and in Year 12 the Baker's Day.



**Shannon Baker**

2010, the year of the X-Factor, The Spice Girls, senior six dance, the formal, hilarious moments at the Year 10 camp and a million other memories. Most of all seeing my best friends' every day.



**Persephone Allcorn**



**Emily Barker**

Many words of the day, including pandemonium and ludicrous.



**Katie Allman**

The International Food Fair and Brigidine's Got Talent, especially the teachers act! Also year camps, carnivals and lunch times with my friends.



**Amelia Bayliss**

Baker's Day in Year 12.



**Eleanor Biles**

Lunchtimes with friends, the Founders' Day dance.



**Chloe Brennan**

When we brought masks to school and "ghosted" people on the green, Christmas in June, Maths with Mrs Lindsay, Year 10 formal, and 2010 Founders' Day.



**Brittany Black**

Memories and lunchtimes with the 'girls', Enchiladas, Hogwarts the school and robots.



**Emily Briggs**

Insane trivia at Year 12 Retreat (12.2 winning!), Spice Girls, Founders' Day and Founders' Day dances, Mrs May crumping, Hamlet Handball, Dance of Champions and Dance Scrapbook.



**Tara Blanche**

The lunchtimes spent with my friends, every mentor and all the friends that I have made through the sporting teams I have been a part of.



**Sophia Brindle**

Year 11 play, Back to Book Week day, Founders' Day every year, the Founders' Day dance, musicals and drama and the delightful talents of Kate Harris.



**Gloria Bonazzi**



**Camilla Brown**

Abundant! Year 9 and 10 camp, the 'Blue Team', belting "We are Australian" down the Year 9 corridor, drinking 'tea' with Bec in the Year 11 play and the endless dressing up for Fatima, drama, musical and Founders' Day!



**Victoria Boyd**

Spending time laughing with my friends. Especially during musical performances and Christmas in June/July.



**Zoe Brown**

Year 9 Christmas extravaganza, Melbourne dance tour, Founders' Day and Founders' Day dances, blue team, running the Founders' day disco, every moment of DEAS, Christmas in June, Book Week dress up and Maths classes with Mrs Lindsay.



**Matilda Burt**

Feeling happy. I've always loved Brigidine and I've got friends that I'm grateful for.



**Stephanie Casarotto**

There are so many memories, Year 10 Camp, our little group NG08! Year 9, Ordering Pizza.



**Danielle Calamos**

There are so many memories I will never forget! Year 9, the formals, Year 10 camp with group NG08, eating recess and lunch everyday with my friends.



**Amelia Casella**

Lunchtimes with friends, Year 10 camp, Founders' Day dance, Year 9 camp and Year 12 retreat. 'not better, not worse, just different'.



**Courtney Calloway**

Fun mentor times, Year 9 & 10 camps, musical craziness, chessie's GP, the many class memories over the years.



**Rebecca Chandler**

Engaging in a ruthless thumb war with Millie in Year 11 play, all of our Year 12 drama classes and our maths class bursting into song every lesson.



**Imogen Carlisle**

Lunchtimes and memories with "the girls", enchilada's, religion with Hildy, Phoebe moments, The Diary of "Anne Frank, the musical, Soccer club, dancing to Founders' Day and PCD, Brigidine Boys and our Harry Potter parties.



**Nicola Cleary**

Fun mentor times, Year 10 camp with Gazza, red frogs, 10U English lessons, macca's run after the Year 12 food tech excursion, Watkin stories and lunchtime with friends.



**Sofia Caronna**

The 15 minutes every morning I spent with some of the most amazing people in mentor. The time spent in class with friends (old and new) creating memorable moments in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Year 10 camp and Year 11 retreat, Year 10 videos.



**Shannah Connell**

The Year 12 Founders' Day, Founders' Day dance, and our year bursting into song at random intervals.



**Tamara Cornell**

Camps and retreats, DT! School soccer, soccer breakfasts, formals, SY7, the whole of Year 9, Founders' Day dances, sticker collection, lunchtime with the girls.



**Meaghan Delaurier**

Year 10 Mathematics and MC4, the beginning of Hologram High. Mrs King's German.



**Suzannah Curby**

Baker's Day, Year 9 and Year 10.



**Jessica-Rose Dilworth**



**Genevieve Daneel**

Year 11 play, Year 10 camps, Drama class and every athletics carnival and Founders' Day.



**Anna Douglas**

Enchiladas, Phoebe moments, Clarence, Mrs King and the Girls.



**Courtney Dawson**

Maths with Mrs Brooks, singing with Nicola on stage, Year 11 play, friendship, everything... and fort memories from Year 12 retreat.



**Madeline Ellam**

Picnics under Florida, singing badly, the box of friendship gifts I've received from Katie and of course, Fort memories.



**Maddison Deer**

Baker's Day! Year 9, Year 11 retreat, Christmas in June.



**Shelby Evans**

Mrs King and her German accent, the good times of Year 10 camp and wheel-chairing in Year 8.



**Elyse Ferguson**

Year 10 camp and lunchtimes with my girls.



**Elise Gillard**

The invaluable friendships that I have formed, the countless memories that our year has shared together, Year 10 camp, Duke of Ed, Founders' Days, Founders' Day dance and lunch time conversations.



**Michaela Flynn**

Some memorable moments would have to be Street Retreat in Year 11, 10, and 9. Year 12 extension Maths and leaving this school knowing that I have forged friendships with the most beautiful girls I will ever meet.



**Zoe Gleeson**

So many memories with my group! Speculation and vehicle calibration, Hannah at the Bondi help desk.



**Rachel Fong**

Friends and mentor memories.



**Hannah Goodwin**

The first day of Year 7, the last day of Year 12 and everything big and small in between. Going to India and the hundreds of hysterical lunchtime conversations with the girls.



**Nadia Funayama**

Every moment spent with my friends, playing Jenga, dressing up as Noddy. The Pilgrimage of Hope and all the incredible friends I have made along the way.



**Charlotte Gregoire**

Lunchtimes laughing with my friends, camps and retreats, Year 9, Baker's Day, class 10S, the tamborine girls, Mentor 6.



**Jessica Gilder**

Hayley falling off a cliff at Duke of Ed, Founders' Days, Year 12 retreat and leaders retreat, 'Fringes' in Year 8. Founders' Day dance.



**Kate Harris**

Year 10 camp and accidentally cooking the meat in cordial. Maths, Hologram High and the subway crew.



**Jessica Hayman**

All of the fun lunch times with my friends, being involved with the musicals, Year 11 play and the great times at music camp!



**Alexandra Hooper**

Mrs Chaplin's 10 commandments, the first day of Year 10 and Year 10 camp. Sitting on the verandah at Year 11 retreat, Year 11 Play Twelfth Night. "Study" periods, Maths classes every year.



**Nicola Head**

All the lunchtimes spent with my friends and free periods.



**Stephanie Jardine**

You, me and the Bunny, 2112 bus buddies, Year 12 retreat, Master Yoga, Founders' Day



**Alexandra Helsham**

Having my friends, as my friends... simply because they are the best friends for me and I'm lucky to have them. Oh, and making politically incorrect jokes at lunch time and being able to laugh at them.



**Annemarie Jin**

Year 10 Camp, senior science, Year 12 lessons, Year 7 camp, maths with Mrs Bridges, PE Year 11 with Ms Baker.



**Jennifer Hesketh**

Saying hello to Katie Hitchman on the orientation day, running after Katie to get my 50 dollars back. Taking part in the Musical and getting my leadership position.



**Renae Jolly**



**Katie Hitchman**

Meeting everyone in Year 7, lunchtimes with friends, Year 10 camp, Year 12 retreat. Surfing and rock climbing in Year 10, Duke of Ed, DT in Year 9 and 10 and Mrs Miller.



**Jessica Jones**

Maths classes with Elyse.





**Kali Jurkschat**

Year 7 music performances including me playing the xylophone, Monique Penning playing the violin but turning up without one and Sara Mackay singing the Lion King. Baker's Day.



**Ashleigh Livingston**

Bundanon Art Camp, Year 9 and 10 DT lessons, radioactive unicorn, Year 12 religion lessons, Year 11 play, Duke of Ed!



**Niusha Khastoui**

Me and my friends having too much fun, our crazy extension maths class and Monique and my Year 7 gymnastics routine.



**Lauren Louw**

Reppin' mentor 6 for 6 Years – the most beautiful mentor in the world.



**Anna Kuper**

Spending lunchtimes with my friends. Free periods and Year 9 in general.



**Sara Mackay**

Year 10 camp, Year 9, being part of the best mentor and venus serena, Mrs Summerhayes, Christmas in June.



**Sarah Lewis**

I have had so many great memories with my friends who I have become so close with at Brigidine. Camps and lunchtimes.



**Rebekah Mackay**

Venus serena in the microwave, Year 10 class, Baker's Day! Mentor 12.6.



**Jamie Li**

Music camp, Year 10 camp, Hamlet handball, Year 11 and 12 maths class.



**Sophie Madigan**

Year 10 reflection day, Year 12 retreat, my 17 frees a fortnight and coming to school to start the morning with my amazing mentor, 12.6.



**Samantha Manson**

Successfully turning Prague into Hogwarts and seeing dozens of Praguarians all Harry Potteresque at the athletics carnival.



**Christina Meathrel**

Lunchtimes on the green, mondo grass, Mentor 12.6! 'Whine' time, space invaders in English, cube 'prayers', and seeing my friends everyday!



**Kandace Marcellino**

Religion with Mr Jayaraj and H'chyl



**Caitlin-Claire Miller**

Art with Ms Flory, Baker's Day and mentor 12.6.



**Abigail Martin**

Year 10 class, PCD, Founders' Day Dance, Drama lessons, mentor, Year 10 camp, street retreat, Year 12 (but not the actual HSC), POH.



**Rose Moloney**

Being part of mentor 12.6, Year 12 retreat, Year 10 camp and spending everyday with friends.



**Alexandra McGain**

Athletics carnivals, camps and retreats, Year 8 absentees, Nat Walsh and her canola oil, Phoebes, being part of the best mentor ever and spending endless hours with the girls.



**Alannah Morrison**

Spending \$60 per week on coffee, Daniel Conn, pixie sticks.



**Felicity McHugh**

Year 10 & 11 camps, Baker's Day and being part of the best mentor ever.



**Olivia Moylan**

Baker's Day battles, Mrs Ng math class, Founders' Day Dances, Canteen Crew.



**Therese Munsayac**

DNM's with mentor, Year 10 and 11 camps, Bus times with 9053 crew, Bri, Aussa, Nat, Gem. All the big and little moments shared with all of my friends.



**Vanessa Pennino**

Year 12 Retreat, Music Camp, Mentor parties and lunchtimes with my best friends.



**Anastasia Natoli**

Everything revolving around food! Year 9, Baker's Day, never ending periods of laughter.



**Una Phillips**

My first day of Year 7, Hamlet Handball, Jamie's Chem Bears and the Awes Force. Cool times.



**Rebecca O'Brien**

Year 8 fun with Mrs King, anything Hamlet related. 21 frees a cycle and camps.



**Freya Raffan**

Year 9 camp, lunchtimes.



**Camilla O'Loan**

Lunchtimes with the girls.



**Christina Romeo**

Waiting for Godot, party in SY9.



**Monique Penning**

Baker's Day battles and Year 9.



**Amelia Shanahan**

Year 10 camp. Year 12 Baker's Day battles.



**Georgina Shoppee**

All camps and retreats, especially Year 10 and 12.



**Hayley Stewart**

Year 10 class and camp. Year 11 retreat and Baker's Day.



**Jessica Smith**

Duke of Ed hikes, Dance Spectaculars, Year 11 and 12 maths classes, Year 10 camp, Year 10 formal and Year 12 in general.



**Jorja Thomson**

Baker's Day and Mentor times.



**Mariana Souza**

Meeting all the girls, Baker's Day! Maths with Mrs Ng.



**Lisa Tran**

Year 9 Maths class.



**Ellen Spadon**

Mondo grass, Year 11 camp, Founders' Day, radioactive unicorn, Year 7 religion lessons, Year 9-10 DT, Year 10 Elective History, Year 12 religion lessons, Year 8 Camp and Duke of Ed.



**Corinne Turner**

My first day of Year 7 being surrounded by an amazing group of friends and also being involved in lots of camps and retreats. I also will miss the Brigidine spirit with everyone participating and of course Brigidine College. Athletics, swimming carnivals, Founders' Day and the Class of 2010.



**Kathleen Stevenson**

Gangsta handshaking Mr Byrnes.



**Lara Turton**

Lunchtimes with the girls, maths with Elyse. Ellie's role plays.



**Gabriella Vawdrey**

Year 10 camp, Year 11 retreat, Founders' Day dance, Maths class, Christmas in June and Founders' days.



**Sigrid Westhoff**

Year 9, Year 10 camp, Baker's Day and mentor.



**Emily Vrandich**

"The razor" film clip at Year 11.



**Hayley Williamson**

Year 9, Year 10 camp, Year 11 street retreat and Year 12 'X-factor' talent quest.



**Natalie Walsh**

Year 10 camp.



**Tahlia Woo**

Year 9 and my "Dunsmore Army".



**Katherine Ward**



**Sarah Worsley**



**Sarah Watkins**

Year 10 camp and the Founders' Day dance.



**Jessica Wust**

Friends – sandwich stealing, fresh mints and "the razor".



I believe that it is difficult to fully comprehend the value of the education and the endless opportunities we are offered here at Brigidine. It is only when we look back over the past six years, that we can appreciate the way in which Brigidine has fostered our growth and development. I have truly loved being part of the Brigidine community, and sharing the journey with the wonderful girls in the class of 2010. It is only now, when we prepare to leave the College for the last time, that we particularly recognise those people who have shaped us into the young women we are today.

We are all fortunate to have the unwavering support of our teachers, who provide us with an outstanding education and give us the tools to achieve our goals for the future. We have each been given invaluable opportunities to be involved in the community, develop our skills, make friendships and most significantly, develop as unique individuals.

The leadership opportunities at Brigidine have instilled within us the value of service to others, and the power that we as individuals have to effect a positive change in the world. This can be clearly seen in Year 12's tireless efforts in raising funds for the charity Oasis; the generosity of the Brigidine community will assist disadvantaged young people to receive the education and support they too, are deserving of.

The friends I have made here, some of whom have shared my journey since the first day of Year 7, I will keep for life. I am so grateful for the time I have spent at Brigidine. "Strength and Gentleness" is a living tradition at Brigidine, because it embodies all of the beautiful qualities that I have seen in the staff, and the friends I've made here. Especially in the girls of Year 12 2010 - I see kindness, humility, warmth and most of all a unique spirit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the senior leaders for all of the support and dedication you have shown throughout 2010. I would also like to thank all of the staff, students and the Brigidine community for the wonderful opportunity of being College Captain for 2010. I feel privileged to have been a part of the Brigidine leadership team for this year. Finally, I know that the girls of the class of 2010 will treasure the memories and friendships they have made here at Brigidine, and carry with them the spirit of strength and gentleness.

Thank you.

**Shannon Baker**  
College Captain 2010



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# ACHIEVEMENT



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## DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

**Brigidine College Medal**

Awarded to an outstanding Year 12 student who has consistently demonstrated the pursuit of excellence in a range of endeavours, who has been consistently and significantly involved in the life of the College, has exemplified *'Fortiter et Sauviter'*, and whose quality of response to the College has been one of generosity.

**Parents and Friends Award for Brigidine Spirit**

Awarded to a Year 12 student for her outstanding contribution to the promotion of community spirit at the College through a positive and committed approach, generous support of others and an active involvement in College life.

**Brigidine Year Award**

Awarded to a student in each Year (7-12) who has demonstrated involvement in co-curricular or Centre for Excellence activities, involvement in charity or outreach programs, support of the religious program of the College, awareness of the needs of others, a willingness to volunteer and who epitomises the College values of strength and gentleness.

**Honours Program Graduation Award**

Awarded to Year 10 and Year 12 students who have been involved in the highly challenging Brigidine Honours program for three and five years respectively. Each student has demonstrated a commitment to holistic excellence in the pursuit of academic achievement, participation in co-curricular activities and generous service to the College and wider communities.

**Clare Malone Memorial Prize for Visual Arts in Year 11**

Clare Malone died in 1993 whilst a Year 11 student at the College. Awarded for 1st place in Visual Arts.

**Louise de Jong Memorial Prize for Drama in Year 11**

Louise de Jong died in 1997 whilst a Year 11 student at the College. Awarded for 1st place in Drama.

**Pierre de Coubertin Award**

Awarded to a student who, through a range of sporting activities, has made an exemplary effort to achieve her personal best and who has inspired the involvement of others.

**The 2010 ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award**

Awarded to a Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 student acknowledging the achievements of students who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork either within our school or the wider community.

**Academic Merit**

Certificates for Academic Merit are awarded to students who have achieved excellent academic results across a range of subjects.

**Application to Studies**

Certificates for Application to Studies are awarded to students who have demonstrated commitment and diligence to their studies across a range of subjects.

*Prizes are not necessarily awarded each year.*



YEAR 7

**Application to Studies**

Sophia Azize	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Rebecca Bau-Gaspar	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Georgina Beauchamp	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Isabella Bonadio	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Tara Chandra	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Sophie Clark	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Kanishka (Sammy) Dayananda	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Simone Dennis	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Rebecca Elder	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Yerin Ha	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Mia Holman	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Madeline Lai	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Fiona Lewis	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Amanda Liem	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Elena Lynch	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Danielle Maher	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Maddison McCauley	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Sophia Polito	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Isabella Ryan	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Enya Schaefer	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Rachel Seeto	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Natalie Yeung	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies

**Academic Achievement**

Tara Chandra	3rd History
Yerin Ha	3rd Music
Gemma Hughes	3rd History
Fiona Lewis	3rd Mathematics
Elena Lynch	3rd Religious Education
Maree-Rose Scalercio	3rd Italian
Kirilee Wagner	3rd Music
Emma Warburton	3rd Technology 3rd Visual Arts
Isabella Ryan	3rd History 3rd Music
Rebecca Bau-Gaspar	2nd Music
Jemma Ferrer	2nd Italian
Mia Holman	2nd Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Jessica Lynch	2nd Religious Education
Marion Ribuo	2nd French
Rachel Seeto	2nd Visual Arts
Natalie Yeung	2nd Music
Seraphina Buay	2nd English 2nd French
Sophie Clark	High Distinction Australasian Schools Science Competition 2nd History 2nd Mathematics

**Academic Achievement**

Olivia De Gruchy	2nd History 2nd Science
Isabel Bunting	1st French
Molly Moloney	1st English
Stephanie Muir	1st Music
Jennifer Tims	1st Visual Arts
Amanda Liem	3rd Music 1st Italian
Sophia Polito	3rd History 1st Mathematics
Taylah Collins	1st Geography 1st Science
Simone Dennis	3rd History 3rd Religious Education 2nd Technology 1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Emma Steele	3rd English 3rd Personal Development, Health & Physical Education 3rd Science 1st History 1st Technology

**Special Awards**

Emma Steele	<b>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education Outstanding Academic Achievement Award Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year Brigidine Year Award for Year 7</b>
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## YEAR 8

**Application to Studies**

Harriet Bradbury	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Maddison Breen	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Lauren Gorman	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Edwina Ovens	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Alexandra Pinn	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Jodi Williamson	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies

**Academic Achievement**

Georgia Harrison	3rd Visual Arts
Brittany Norris	3rd Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Jessica Langley	3rd Mathematics
Emma Douglass	2nd Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Espina (Milianne) Roberts	2nd Music
Brooke Menzies	1st Science
Alexandra Pinn	1st Visual Arts
Madison Spencer	3rd Technology 2nd Mathematics
Caitlin Bariol	3rd French 1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Abbi Wilkinson	3rd Science 1st Music
Jessica Anstiss	2nd History 1st Geography
Andrea Pizzie	2nd English 1st Geography
Isabella Christenson	2nd Technology 1st English
Stephanie Long	3rd Italian 2nd Visual Arts 2nd Science
Louisa Bartels	3rd Religious Education 2nd Italian 1st Technology
Maddison Breen	3rd English 3rd History 2nd Music 1st Religious Education
Lucy Stafford	2nd French 2nd Religious Education 1st History 1st Music
Demi Aung	3rd Music 1st French 1st Italian 1st Mathematics

**Special Awards**

Maddison Breen	<b>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education</b>
Caitlin Bariol	<b>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</b>
Brooke Menzies	<b>Year 8 Sportswoman of the Year</b>
Emily Heyes	<b>Brigidine Year Award for Year 8</b>

## YEAR 9

**Application to Studies**

Danielle Bennett	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Anne-Marie Bonner	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Rachel Hellyer	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Annabel Higgs	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Meghan Hughes	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Susan Keighery	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Caitlin Marton	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Jessica Paterson	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Georgia Walsh	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Eloise Westwood	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies

**Academic Achievement**

Cayla Attwater	1st Physical Activity & Sports Science (PASS)
Danielle Cattelan	1st Visual Design
Natalie Chandra	1st Geography Elective
Jessika Chong	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Isabel Estrella	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Meg Flannery	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Sarah Korte	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Alexandra McInnes	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
May McMaster	1st Commerce <b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Alexandra Musson	1st Mathematics 5.2
Jessica Paterson	1st Textiles Technology
Katharyn Russell	1st Mathematics 5.1
Laura Walbank	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Eloise Westwood	1st Music
Yerin Yoo	1st Italian
Eloise Cunningham	1st History Elective 1st Food Technology
Isabelle Kersten	1st Music 1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education <b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Madelin Strupitis-Haddrick	3rd Mathematics 5.3 3rd Personal Development, Health & Physical Education 2nd Religious Education 2nd Science 1st English 1st French 1st Australian Geography 1st Australian History


**Academic Achievement**

Susan Keighery	3rd Personal Development, Health & Physical Education 2nd Australian Geography 1st Design & Technology 1st Drama 1st Mathematics 5.3 1st Religious Education 1st Science 1st Visual Arts <b>Graduation with Honours</b>
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**Special Awards**

Susan Keighery	<b>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</b>
Tegan Grunwald	<b>Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year</b>
Catherine Lanz	<b>Brigidine Year Award for Year 9</b>

## YEAR 10

## Application to Studies

Jordan Brink	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Carmela Colinares	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Danielle Eather	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Jessica Lin	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Alexandra Marshall	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Jessica Matthews	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Sarah Penn	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Adeline Siva	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Chloe Steele	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Jessica Tam	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Samantha Tripp	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Abbey Vawdrey	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Chelsea Woodward	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Caitlin Worsley	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies

## Academic Achievement

Stephanie Aikins	High Distinction History Competition 1st Drama
Isabella Barry	1st Geography Elective <b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Kasumi Champion	High Distinction History Competition High Distinction Australasian Schools Science Competition
Claudia De Berardinis	High Distinction in Italian Language Competence
Laura Douglass	High Distinction History Competition 1st Physical Activities & Sports Studies (PASS)
Danielle Eather	1st Design & Technology
Phoebe Goodwin	High Distinction History Competition 1st Australian Geography
Bonnie Holman	1st Design & Technology
Arielle Marshall	1st English
Bilynda Palmer	1st Visual Design
Phillipa Reeves	High Distinction in French Language Competence
Teresa Rhodes	1st Mathematics 5.1
Kathryn Ross	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Jessica Squires	1st Music
Sarah Stamp	1st Mathematics 5.2
Marie-Joseph Ta	High Distinction in French Language Competence
Dominique Trauer	1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Katherine Vail	1st Religious Education
Chelsea Woodward	1st Food Technology
Stephanie Kim	High Distinction in French Language Competence High Distinction in Italian Language Competence

## Academic Achievement

Alexandra Kopp	High Distinction in French Language Competence High Distinction in Italian Language Competence 1st French 1st Italian
Jessica Shlager	1st Textiles Technology 1st Visual Arts
Kelsey Singh	High Distinction History Competition <b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Nicola O'Neil	High Distinction History Competition 3rd Australian History 2nd Commerce 1st Science 1st History Elective 1st English <b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Samantha Tripp	3rd Australian Geography 2nd Science 1st Commerce 1st English 1st Mathematics 5.3 1st Australian History
Chloe Steele	1st Information Software Technology High Distinction History Competition

## Special Awards

Katherine Vail	<b>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education</b>
Samantha Tripp	<b>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</b>
Lauren Murphy	<b>Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year</b>
Chloe Steele	<b>ADF Long Tan Leadership &amp; Teamwork Award Brigidine Year Award for Year 10</b>



YEAR 11

**Application to Studies**

Georgia Boyle	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Tara Dingle	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Manisha Ediriwira	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Isobel Leonard	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Natalie Mendes	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Danielle Moore	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Heather Oesterheld	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Cristina Olizon	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Saskia Roberts	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Maddison Ryan	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies

**Academic Achievement**

Anne Louise Bennett	1st Food Technology
Monique Du Preez	1st Textiles & Design
Tarryn Hill	1st Visual Arts
Alexandra Hollis	1st Photography, Video & Digital Imaging
Clara Nalbandian	1st Physics
Emily O'Donovan	1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Cristina Olizon	1st English Standard
Chloe Papandrea	1st Drama
Madeleine Paul	1st General Mathematics
Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick	1st Italian Continuers <b>Distinction in Critical Thinking: PHIL 137 Macquarie University</b>
Melissa Walsh	1st Information Processes & Technology
Courtney Welsh	TVET Outstanding Student Award for Retail Studies
Montana York	1st Music 2
Manisha Ediriwira	1st Business Studies 1st Economics
Saskia Roberts	1st French Continuers 1st Modern History
Isobel Leonard	1st English Advanced 1st English Extension
Laura Flynn	3rd Mathematics 2nd Italian Continuers 2nd Mathematics Extension 1st Biology
Natalie Mendes	3rd Modern History 2nd English Advanced 2nd English Extension 2nd Society & Culture 2nd Studies of Religion I <b>High Distinction in Critical Thinking: PHIL 137 Macquarie University</b>
Danielle Moore	3rd Chemistry 2nd Ancient History 2nd Mathematics 1st Society & Culture 1st Studies of Religion I

**Academic Achievement**

Claire Feather	3rd English Advanced 1st Ancient History 1st Chemistry 1st Music I 1st Mathematics 1st Mathematics Extension 1st Studies of Religion II
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**Special Awards**

Tarryn Hill	<b>Clare Malone Memorial Prize for Visual Arts in Year 11</b>
Chloe Papandrea	<b>Louise de Jong Memorial Prize for Drama in Year 11</b>
Manisha Ediriwira	<b>ADF Long Tan Leadership &amp; Teamwork Award</b>
Claire Feather	<b>Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education (2U) Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</b>
Sophie Walsh	<b>Year 11 Sportswoman of the Year</b>
Ashleigh Trupiano	<b>Pierre de Coubertin Award</b>
Georgia Boyle	<b>Brigidine Year Award for Year 11</b>



## YEAR 12

## College 'Blue' Awards

Alexandra McGain	College 'Blue' (Cross Country 2010)
Tara Blanche	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Zoe Brown	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Maddison Deer	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Jessica Gilder	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Hannah Goodwin	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Ashleigh Livingston	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Alexandra McGain	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Amelia Shanahan	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Jessica Smith	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Hayley Stewart	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Una Phillips	College 'Blue' (Snowsports 2010)
Tara Blanche	<b>Year 12 Sportsperson of the Year</b>
Lauren Louw	<b>Brigidine College Special Award</b>
Rebecca O'Brien	<b>Sister Norma Clare McKay Perpetual Award</b>

## Application to Studies

Shannon Baker	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Emily Barker	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Amelia Bayliss	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Victoria Boyd	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Imogen Carlisle	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Courtney Dawson	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Elise Gillard	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Hannah Goodwin	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Charlotte Gregoire	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Stephanie Jardine	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Rebecca O'Brien	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Georgina Shoppee	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Jessica Smith	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Sarah Watkins	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Hayley Williamson	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Elise Gillard	<b>Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment to Studies</b>
Corinne Turner	<b>Special Workplacement Award 2010</b>

## Academic Achievement

Emily Briggs	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Elise Gillard	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Rose Moloney	<b>Graduation with Honours</b>
Katie Allman	1st Senior Science
Amelia Bayliss	1st Mathematics
Sophia Brindle	1st Chemistry
Imogen Carlisle	1st Business Studies
Clare-Elizabeth Conn	1st Food Technology
Courtney Dawson	1st English Advanced (Equal)

## Academic Achievement

Charlotte Gregoire	1st French Extension
Kali Jurkschat	1st Textiles & Design
Felicity McHugh	1st Visual Arts (Equal)
Monique Penning	1st English Extension 2
Una Phillips	1st Biology (Equal)
Kathleen Stevenson	1st Visual Arts (Equal)
Lara Turton	1st Legal Studies
Natalie Walsh	1st Information Processes & Technology
Hayley Williamson	1st Geography
Shannon Baker	1st Modern History <b>The Gleeson Family Perpetual Prize for Year 12 Modern History</b>
Suzannah Curby	1st Economics 1st English Standard
Michaela Flynn	1st Italian Continuers 1st Italian Extension
Anna Kuper	1st Business Services 1st Mathematics General
Camilla Brown	1st Drama 1st Music <b>Drama Department Performer of the Year Award</b> <b>Music Performer of the Year</b>
Elise Gillard	2nd Studies of Religion II 1st Biology (Equal) 1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education 1st Society & Culture
Zoe Brown	2nd Chemistry 1st Mathematics Extension 1 1st Mathematics Extension 2 <b>Josef Maurer Shield</b> 1st Physics
Rose Moloney	3rd Ancient History 2nd French Extension 1st English Extension 1 1st French Continuers 1st Studies of Religion I
Rebecca O'Brien	2nd Drama 2nd English Extension 1 1st Ancient History 1st History Extension <b>Vanessa Kirk Memorial Award for Ancient History</b> 1st English Advanced (Equal) 1st Studies of Religion II <b>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</b>



**Special Awards**

Hannah Goodwin	<b>Feain Perpetual Trophy for Leadership and Loyalty</b>
Amelia Shanahan	<b>Feain Perpetual Trophy for Leadership and Loyalty</b>
Emily Barker	<b>Silver Jubilee Trophy for Service and Loyalty</b>
Rebecca O'Brien	<b>Golden Jubilee Trophy for Outstanding House Leadership</b>
Emily Briggs	<b>Jenny Laird Memorial Award for Contribution to College Life</b>
Hayley Williamson	<b>Jenny Laird Memorial Award for Contribution to College Life</b>
Felicity McHugh	<b>ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award</b>
Shannon Baker	<b>Brigidine Year Award for Year 12</b>
Rebecca Chandler	<b>Parents &amp; Friends Award for Brigidine Spirit</b>
Camilla Brown	<b>Brigidine College Medal</b>

**2010 College Leaders**

Shannon Baker	<b>College Award for Captain of College</b>
Rebecca Chandler	<b>College Award for Senior Vice Captain of College</b>
Camilla Brown	<b>College Award for Vice Captain of College (Houses)</b>
Felicity McHugh	<b>College Award for Vice Captain of College (Clubs &amp; Societies)</b>
Hayley Williamson	<b>College Award for Vice Captain of College (Student Leadership)</b>
Emily Briggs	<b>College Award for Vice Captain of College (Social Justice)</b>

**2011 College Leaders**

Georgia Boyle	<b>Captain of College</b>
Isabel Owen	<b>Senior Vice Captain of College</b>
Bronagh Marley	<b>Vice Captain of College (Houses)</b>
Tara Dingle	<b>Vice Captain of College (Clubs &amp; Societies)</b>
Manisha Ediriwira	<b>Vice Captain of College (Student Leadership)</b>
Catherine Dell	<b>Vice Captain of College (Social Justice)</b>

The following awards were presented early in 2011 following the release of the Higher School Certificate results.

**Dux of College 2010** Rebecca O'Brien  
**Proxime** Rose Moloney



# ACHIEVEMENT ♦ PRIZE LIST FOR 2010



YEAR 7 AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 8 AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 9 AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 10 AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 11 AWARD WINNERS



1. Emma Steele
2. Emily Heyes
3. Caitlin Bariol & Brooke Menzies
4. Demi Aung
5. Catherine Lanz
6. Chloe Steele
7. Susan Keighery
8. Tegan Grunwald
9. Samantha Tripp
10. Lauren Murphy
11. Sophie Walsh
12. Chloe Papandrea
13. Ashleigh Trupiano
14. Georgia Boyle

## SWIMMING

## AGE CHAMPIONS

Age	2007	2008	2009
12	J Stokoe & E Smith	Gemma Weller	Louisa Bartels
13	Hannah Blanche	Johanna Stokoe	Gemma Weller
14	Ellen Spadon	Hanna Blanche	Johanna Stokoe
15	Elise Gillard	Ellen Spadon	Chelsea Woodward
16	Belinda Bull	Elise Gillard	Ellen Spadon
17	Carly Clyant	Belinda Bull	Elise Gillard
SWD	Julia Kennett	Lucy Reynhout & Tegan Grunwald	Lucy Reynhout

## 2010

12 Years	Marion Ribuo
13 Years	Louisa Bartels
14 Years	Gemma Weller
15 Years	Johanna Stokoe
16 Years	Sarah Baker
17 Years	Ellen Spadon
AWD	Rebecca Baczkowski



## BRIGIDINE SWIMMING CARNIVAL RECORDS

Event	Record Holder	Time	Year
Open Female 200m Individual Medley	Kristi Oliver Danielle Hopcroft	2:26:15	2001
Junior Female 100m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	1:04.04	2006
Intermediate Female 100m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	1:02.31	2008
Senior Female 100m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	1:02.62	2009
12 Years Female 50m Breaststroke	Louisa Bartels	40.06	2009
13 Years Female 50m Breaststroke	Bianca Esposito	39.53	1998
14 Years Female 50m Breaststroke	Kristi Oliver	36.76	2001
15 Years Female 50m Breaststroke	Kristi Oliver	37.24	2002
16 Years Female 50m Breaststroke	Victoria Cook	34.58	2000
17+ Years Female 50m Breaststroke	Ellen Spadon	32.88	2010
AWD 50m Breaststroke	Danielle Flanagan	48.51	2003
12 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Bianca Esposito	30.17	1997
13 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Rachel Pearse	30.09	1990
14 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	29:65	2006
15 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	28:41	2007
16 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Ellen Spadon	28.91	2009
17+ Years Female 50m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	28.76	2009
AWD 50m Freestyle	Danielle Flanagan	38.20	2001
12 Years Female 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	36.99	1997
13 Years Female 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	35.43	1998
14 Years Female 50m Backstroke	Natalie Bentley	34.11	2000
15 Years Female 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	33.07	2000
16 Years Female 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	32.47	2001
17+ Years Female 50m Backstroke	Ellen Spadon	32.88	2010
AWD 50m Backstroke	Danielle Flanagan	41.18	2001
12 Years Female 50m Butterfly	Rachel Pearse	36.47	1989
13 Years Female 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.84	2000
14 Years Female 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.40	2001
15 Years Female 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.43	2002
16 Years Female 50m Butterfly	Danielle Hopcroft	31.61	2001
17+ Years Female 50m Butterfly	Victoria Cook	30.99	2002
AWD 50m Butterfly	Tegan Grunwald	1:17.87	2010
Open Female 50m Invitational	Elise Gillard	28.74	2009
Junior 4x50m Freestyle relay	LOURDES	2:07.81	2009
Intermediate 4x50m Freestyle relay	FATIMA	2:14.71	2009
Senior 4x50m Freestyle relay	PRAGUE	2:09.71	2010

**ATHLETICS**

**AGE CHAMPIONS**

Age	2007	2008	2009
12	Laura Douglas	Alice Poljak	Alex Fryer
13	Alex Marshall	Caitlin Sankey	Emma Douglass
14	Olivia Caprarelli	Alex Marshall	Laura Douglass
15	Chelsea Hayward	Olivia Caprarelli	Alex Marshall
16	Natasha Hill	Breanna Alder	Olivia Caprarelli & Ashleigh Trupiano

17	Kate Tenney	Rebecca Woodroof	Alex McGain
AWD	Corrine Turner	Tegan Grunwald	Tegan Grunwald

2010	
12 Years	Nina Osada-Phornsiri
13 Years	Caitlin Bariol
14 Years	Emma Douglass
15 Years	Nicola Simmons
16 Years	Lauren Murphy
17 Years	Ashleigh Trupiano
AWD	Corinne Turner

**ATHLETIC RECORDS**

Event	Record Holder	Time	Year
Open 1500m	Alex McGain	5:01.90	2010
12 years 200m	Samantha Norris	26.36s	1991
13 years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.25s	1998
14 years 200m	Bree Donnelly	27.26	2000
15 years 200m	Sharon O'Kane	26.40s	1977
16 years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.36s	2001
17+ years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.45s	2002
M/Disability 200m	Chloe Eather	35.83s	2006
12 years 100m	Samantha Norris	13.94s	1991
13 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.84s	1998
14 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.94s	1999
15 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.84s	2000
16 years 100m	Sarah Kimmorley	12.66s	2006
17+ years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.74s	2002
M/Disability 100m	Chlie Eather	16.23s	2006
Open 1500m Walk	Alison Patchett	7:21.11s	1996
12 years 400m	Sarah Gailey	1:09.05s	1993
13 years 400m	Shannon Finch	1:02.80s	1982
14 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorley	1:04.06s	2004
15 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorley	1:04.07s	2005
16 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorley	1:02.86s	2006
17+ years 400m	Danielle Fisher	1:02.67s	2003
M/Disability 400m	Belinda Nipatcharoen	1:39.88s	2003
Junior 800m	Chelsea Hayward	2:32.61s	2006
Intermediate 800m	Justine Cobb	2:30.57s	2001
Open 800m	Alex McGain	2:23.73	2010
Invitational 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.53s	2000
All Age Relay 6x100m	KILDARE	1:20.20s	2009

**FIELD RECORDS**

Event	Record Holder	Time	Year
<b>LONG JUMP</b>			
12 years	Nina Osada-Phornsiri	4.48m	2010
13 years	Lauren Harrison	4.77m	2009
14 years	Kelly Cheng	4.97m	2003
15 years	Virginia Smith	5.00m	1979
16 years	Tatum Pearce	4.88m	2003
17 + years	Sharon O'Kane	5.00m	1979
<b>HIGH JUMP</b>			
12 years	Lauren O'Neill	1.52m	2001
13 years	Lauren O'Neill	1.64m	2002
14 years	Briana Zylstra	1.50m	2000
15 years	Briana Zylstra	1.55m	2001
16 years	Kandis Orr	1.57m	2006
17 years	Briana Zylstra	1.59m	2004
<b>SHOT PUT</b>			
12 years	Rachel Hill	9.05m	1990
13 years	Kerry Reen	10.61m	1983
14 years	Emma Douglass	10.98m	2010
15 years	Sophie Spinks	10.79m	1989
16 years	Sophie Spinks	11.33m	1990
17 years	Kristina Reen	10.3m	1994
<b>DISCUS</b>			
12 years	Alice Poljak	20.35m	2008
13 years	Emma Douglass	27.34m	2009
14 years	Laura Douglass	28.59m	2009
15 years	Nicola Jones	31.05m	2000
16 years	Nicola Jones	32.10m	2001
17 years	Nicola Jones	34.41m	2003
<b>JAVELIN</b>			
12 years	Laura Douglass	18.90m	2007
13 years	Angelique Delaney	24.80m	1999
14 years	Angelique Delaney	31.21m	2000
15 years	Angelique Delaney	34.17m	2001
16 years	Angelique Delaney	35.02m	2002
17 years	Angelique Delaney	30.61m	2003





