



Brigidine College St Ives

2011 Yearbook



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.

Dux of College

Proxime

These academic awards are presented early in 2011 following the release of the Higher School Certificate results.

Brigidine Year Award

Awarded to a student in each Year (7-12) who has demonstrated involvement in Cocurricular or Centre for Excellence activities, involvement in charity or outreach programmes, support of the religious programme 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 9 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 cocurricular activities and generous service to the College and wider communities.

St Brigid Award for Courage and Commitment

This award acknowledges a student in Year 12 who has demonstrated courage and commitment to her studies in the face of significant challenge and adversity.

Jenny Laird Memorial Award for Contribution to College Life

Jenny Laird died in 1975 whilst a Year 10 student at the College. Awarded to a student who displays a genuine commitment to Christian values and practices and who has made a significant contribution to the outreach activities of the College.

Faen Perpetual Trophy for Leadership and Loyalty

Awarded for outstanding leadership of, and loyal contribution to, a College Club.

Silver Jubilee Trophy for Service and Loyalty

Awarded for genuine service to the Centre for Excellence and loyal commitment to the Centre's ideals.

Golden Jubilee Trophy for Outstanding House Leadership

Awarded for conspicuous loyalty and contribution to a House and for inspirational leadership of a House.

Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment to Studies

Awarded for conspicuous efforts in study, through consistent application and hard work, commitment in all subjects and achievement according to ability.

Sister Norma Clare McKay Perpetual Award

In memory of Sr Norma Clare McKay csb, a tireless promoter of eloquence, this Perpetual Award is awarded to the College

Speaker of the Year as evidenced by the speaker's excellence in achievements and her range of participation in public speaking.

Brigidine College 'Blue'

Awarded to Year 12 students in recognition of excellence and the achievement at an elite standard in College sport or other Club activities.

Brigidine College Special Award

Awarded to a Year 12 student for outstanding achievement in and commitment to an area of personal endeavour.

The Gleeson Family Perpetual Prize for Year 12 Modern History

Awarded to an HSC student who demonstrates a spirit of inquiry and intellectual endeavour in Modern History and who has exemplified a particular enthusiasm for Modern History as evidenced by class participation, wide reading and studious application.

Vanessa Kirk Memorial Award for Ancient History

Vanessa Kirk died in 1990 soon after completing her HSC at the College. Awarded in her memory, this prize recognises application and enthusiasm in Ancient History.

Clare Malone Memorial Prize for Visual Arts in Year 11

Clare Malone died in 1993 whilst a Year 11 student at the College. Awarded in her memory, this prize is for First 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 in her memory, this prize is for First place in Drama.

Josef Maurer Shield

Josef Maurer was a renowned teacher of Mathematics at the College. Awarded for excellence in Mathematics.

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.

Macquarie University School Partner Prize

Awarded for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Year 12

Pierre de Coubertin Award

Awarded to a Year 11 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 ADF Long Tan Leadership and 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 the school or the wider community.

College of TAFE Most Outstanding TVET Award

The Award relates to the aspects of due diligence, good attendance, application to study and work, involvement and contribution to the class, which results in an outstanding student.

[Prizes are not necessarily awarded each year]

Year 12 Special Awards

Georgia Boyle	Brigidine College Medal
Monisha Jackson	Parents & Friends Award for Brigidine Spirit
Danica Carter	St Brigid Award for Courage and Commitment
Rebecca Back	Feain Perpetual Trophy for Leadership and Loyalty
Rosalie Moore	Silver Jubilee Trophy for Service and Loyalty
Madeleine Howald	Golden Jubilee Trophy for Outstanding House Leadership
Cristina Olizon	Jenny Laird Memorial Award for Contribution to College Life
Emily O'Donovan	The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
Catherine Dell	Brigidine Year Award for Year 12

2011 College Leaders

Georgia Boyle	College Award for Captain of College
Isabel Owen	College Award for Senior Vice Captain of College
Bronagh Marley	College Award for Vice Captain of College [Houses]
Tara Dingle	College Award for Vice Captain of College [Clubs & Societies]
Manisha Ediriwira	College Award for Vice Captain of College [Student Leadership]
Catherine Dell	College Award for Vice Captain of College [Social Justice]

The following awards were presented early in 2012 following the release of the Higher School Certificate results.

Dux of College 2011	Claire Feather
Proxime	Natalie Mendes



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Courage, confidence, compassion.



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In an article used by Dr Leonie Kronborg of Monash University in her study of the lives of ten eminent Australian women for her PhD thesis on what they perceived as significant contributions to their talent development it was found that 'effective schools and highly supportive teachers had a pivotal role in the women's lives, by providing opportunities that matched their abilities and nurtured their talent. The opportunities ranged from accelerated learning programs, to curricular and extracurricular experiences in leadership, debating teams, drama or sport'.¹ In addition to this, eight of the ten women noted that being in a single sex school for their secondary schooling facilitated their success.

Brigidine aims to provide all of these opportunities and fulfill the legacy of Daniel Delaney in the education of girls and their preparation for their adult lives. It has been a good year in which we have firmed up the projects we began in 2010, commenced our strategic thinking on the future of the school - what it is that defines us and what it is that we want to achieve over the next few years.

This can only happen when good people lend their time and wisdom to supporting the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely the Brigidine Sisters and the College Board whose generosity of spirit allow us to undertake those projects which move us towards our vision of educating girls. We are blessed to have their collective intelligence and nurturing spirituality as they guide and advise.

All areas of the College are flourishing. The appointment of the Assistant Principal Religious Formation has resulted in a more active and inclusive faith community. One of the great challenges for faith based schools such as ours is the declining numbers of church goers in local parishes. Thus, how do we allow the girls to experience their faith so that they can grow in understanding of their Catholic identity and their love of God. All girls now participate in the regular Wednesday morning masses and through their Year Liturgies. Mass is held for the whole College once per term and the girls lead us in prayer and in ministry. All girls are involved in Outreach programs through their Year Group or through initiatives such as the Year 10 Community Involvement Program, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, the service trips to Vietnam and India or through involvement in the Marist Holiday Camp for disabled children.

The academic life of the College continues its core business of educating girls to be their best. 2011 saw the first accelerated Studies of Religion 2 Unit class sit for their HSC in Year 11.

The impact to the girls of experiencing senior assessment skills and understanding has affected their approach to learning in other subjects and their growing confidence and maturity is evident in their learning. Also this year two more opportunities were offered. These were the opportunity to undertake an extension elective in Mathematics in Year 9 and an extension elective in English in Year 10. These will commence in 2012. The numbers who have elected to undertake these courses has been exceptional and reveals the growing confidence of the girls in rising to a challenge.

Growing confidence comes about when wellbeing is in place and we continue to make this a priority. Academic growth and resilience occurs when girls feel positive about themselves. Some girls will go through adolescence untroubled, some will experience some bumps along the way. The Pastoral Program with Camps, Mentor Groups, support from Year Coordinators and Counsellors continues in its work of encouraging and developing the capacity within the girls to bounce back and move forward.

This occurs when we all come together in partnership to ensure that the girls remain at the centre of our thinking. I would also like to acknowledge the staff at Brigidine and the community who supports them in what they do - the wonderful work of parents through the P&F and the Clubs, the College alumni who mentor our girls and our local parish priests who come so readily to lead our Masses.

All sectors of the community have been involved in the development of a new Strategic Plan and this has taken place throughout 2011. In the last phase of consultation, the Plan provides for a philosophical and operational framework to our future planning. This allows us to revise what it is that we do across all areas of the College and ensure that all is aligned and integrated.

And so we move forward, loving what we do and optimistic about it all.

Mrs Jane Curran
Principal

¹ Milburn, G. (2011, March 15).
Top women have much in common. *The Age*, p. 14.



Brigidine College St Ives Board 2011

Front Row: Mrs Catherine Rae (Mission Committee), Ms Anne Garvan (Chair), Sister Maureen Keady.

Second Row: Mr Derick Korte (Chair of Board Finance Committee), Sister Anita Murray (Deputy Chair), Mr Koos Kruger (Chair of Forward Planning Committee).

Inset: Brother Julian McDonald.

This has been a year of direction-setting for the future. We have spent time as a Board contemplating how best we can support all in our College community to continue to provide an education for girls that is inspiring, inclusive, challenging, and empowering. Throughout the year we have undergone a strategic planning process in consultation with students, parents and staff members. It has been encouraging to receive honest and reflective feedback that has reinforced our basic authenticity as a community and challenged us to be true to who we say we are. Our new Mission Statement and Strategic Plan will be launched early in 2012 and we are grateful to all those who approached this important process positively and generously.

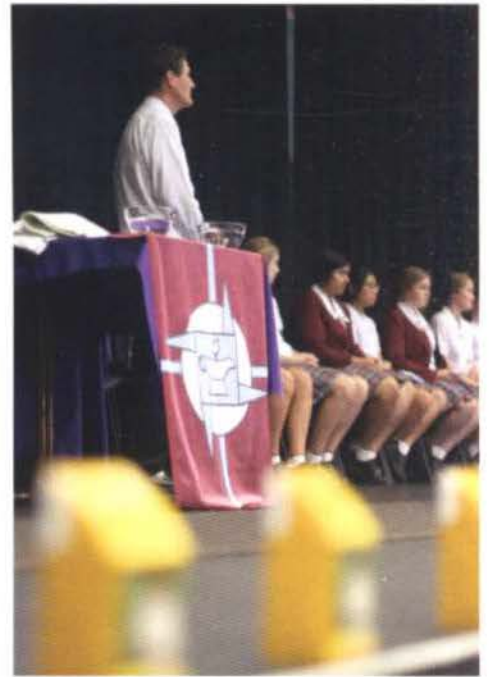
As a Board we have spent considerable time ensuring the practical implementation of our hopes for the College by working closely with

the Executive and Finance Department in developing a six-stage Capital works plan from 2012-2021. We are grateful to the Brigidine Trustees for their support and on-going commitment to the life and energy of the College and enabling us to plan positively for an exciting educational future that will provide facilities that will be innovative and cutting edge. We hope to turn the soil on Stage One with the new Performing Arts Theatre and classrooms and underground parking facilities in 2012. This signals great confidence in the future of the College and to its unique place here at St Ives since 1954.

As we conclude another very successful year for the College, the Board would like to thank Mrs Jane Curran and her Leadership team and staff at every level for their exceptional dedication, generosity and professional expertise. As Chair of the Board I also wish to

acknowledge the time and commitment given by each member of the Board – Sister Anita Murray (Deputy Chair), Sister Maureen Keady, Brother Julian McDonald, Mr Derick Korte (Chair of Board Finance Committee), Mr Koos Kruger and Mrs Catherine Rae. Sister Anita will be concluding her official work with the Board this year and I would like to thank her for her outstanding and dedicated contribution over many years. She will continue her association with us but is finally retiring after a long and unstinting service to the College.

Anne Garvan
Board Chair



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The College realised many initiatives in 2011 with Religious Formation guidance, the support of the Liturgy Committee, and direction from the Liturgy President involving student leadership by the Senior Six. I am most grateful to the staff, particularly the Liturgy Committee who prepared the major liturgical events. I am indebted to the wisdom and guidance of Sister Chanel csb and the creativity of the Religious Education Department led by Mrs Thompson - especially the Brigidine Oak Leaves created for Founders Day. The work of Mrs Boyd, Mrs Hall and Mrs Lee from the Music Department provided many a spark to college celebration and I will never forget *Mission to Love* as the closing hymn on Founders Day. The student leadership of Cristina Olizon as Liturgy President alongside the Senior Six, was exemplary. Cristina offered much enthusiasm and faithfulness as she organised student prayer and I applaud her many initiatives. Her offer of special Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Prayer for Norway reflections held at lunch time for interested staff and students was encouraging and the Chapel was nearly full at each liturgy.

The year began with a Liturgy for all staff in St Brigid's Chapel, with the theme "Building Community through Loving Service". The prayer reflections challenged a focus on the mission of the College as a Brigidine community, aspiring to continue the work and values of St Brigid in the contemporary context.

The Lenten season was launched at a Distribution of Ashes liturgy whereby the community was challenged to accept three key pledges involving Prayer, Sacrifice and Reconciliation. I acknowledge the

girls' faithfulness and willingness to share involvements in the liturgy. In particular, the Senior Six, led by Georgia Boyle who presented the Liturgy of the Word with Sister Chanel and the staff who distributed the ashes. The Year 7 and Year 8 girls gave the prayers of forgiveness and the Justice and Democracy group challenged all to focus on the charity for Year 11, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Mrs Boyd and the Music Department offered a fitting reflection, *Jesus Remember Us*.

At Wednesday Chapel Mass we trialled a roster for Mentor groups. By year end all mentor groups, from Year 7 to 10 had participated. The mass start time has been changed from 8.10am to 8.25am so that the girls are able to attend. In this way each mentor group was encouraged to increase awareness and appreciation for the sacrament. At the same time it was expected that each group will nominate student involvements for the liturgy in Readings, Prayers, Offertory, music, and altar serving. I acknowledge all groups for their reverence and enthusiasm for active participation. As always, members of the community joined the staff and students at the mass.

Each day in the College cycle, a year group gathered in St Brigid's Chapel for prayer. Here, the girls shared the preparation and involvements with a roster of mentors. Amid scripture reference, prayers of intercession, traditional church devotion, and contemporary context the groups were challenged to place God in their lives. As an example the Year 12 girls, led by Manisha Ediriwira, Vice Captain Student Leadership, are to be applauded for making 1000 paper cranes to support Japan

after the tsunami disaster. The Year 12 prayed for all the victims of disaster, natural and man-made, at Chapel Liturgy with the theme; "Lord make us an Instrument of your Peace".

Father Peter celebrated special Mother's Day and Father's Day Masses at the Wednesday Chapel Masses. Thank you to Father for both eucharists and Cristina Olizon and the Senior Six for their preparations and involvements with these liturgies. Also, Father Peter assisted the College with presenting to Year 9 the theme Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is hoped the girls will have the opportunity to participate in a reconciliation liturgy in future years.

During the Easter break, I had the privilege to attend the Pioneers Mass and Luncheon along with Mrs Curran. It was so good to share times of college past and present with many of the women who were the first to be enrolled at Brigidine. Mrs Ann Lomas and the Pioneers steering committee, alongside Mrs Lawrence are to be congratulated on a very successful get together.

For both Anzac and Remembrance Day the College stopped and gathered with moving services organised by the History Department, steered by Mrs Bremner. In March, all Year 12 were invited to attend the Annual BYTE (Broken Bay Year 12 Event), hosted by St Pius X College at their Oxford Falls campus. Bishop David Walker, the Bishop of Broken Bay Diocese, celebrated the Eucharist with all the students and staff from the 15 schools. The BYTE theme, Freedom is Coming, was explored with a variety of multimedia presentations, testimonials, drama, and a Q&A with Bishop David.

The College celebrated an Easter Liturgy with the theme, "Walk with Us" focusing on the journey of the Stations of the Cross. We were so grateful to have Father Peter with us to lead the liturgy. Supporting Father, I acknowledge the spirit of prayerfulness by the seniors, led by Georgia Boyle and Cristina Olizon. As part of the Gospel Reflection, a combined Years 10 and 11 group presented a challenging adaptation of the Stations of the Cross, with a blend of scripture, prayer, and contemporary social justice concerns. Maria Toma, from the Justice and Democracy group, presented the College contribution for Project Compassion to Sister Meg Tallifer, from Caritas.

This year the College launched the New Missal at various masses. With parish help, we worked toward the gradual phasing in of the Roman Missal. With back up from the Religious Education and Music departments the girls were educated about the changes, with implementation completed by Advent.

The College community responded in great numbers for the offer for Prayer Sponsor for Year 12 and the Remembrance Book for Holy Souls.

The offer of a Eucharistic Ministers and Liturgy Support Program was well received by the senior students, with a group completing the course facilitated by Father Bernard, Kathryn Morgan, Campus Minister ACU, and myself. These girls will be commissioned to serve at College liturgies in 2012.

The College is so fortunate to have the assistance of the local parishes for priestly ministry. I am indebted to the following priests who have given so much throughout the year especially for masses; Fathers David, Jim, Biju, Thomas, Anthony, Martin, Zygmunt. In particular, our link to Corpus Christi, St Ives, has been gratifying with the much appreciated guidance and involvements of Father Peter and Father Bernard.

I close with the opening prayer delivered by Cristina Olizon, Liturgy President, at a Student Leaders assembly:

Lord God, you call us to life in all its fullness, following the path set out by Jesus your Son. As we reflect on his leadership as Servant, we ask you to deepen our desire to imitate his example. May our exercise of the gifts you have given us be a faithful reflection of his presence at work in our lives. We make this prayer to you through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mr Bill Gleeson

Assistant Principal, Religious Formation



On St Brigid's feast day the College community gathered together for the opening of the school year with a celebration of the Eucharist. It was so fitting to continue the fine tradition at Brigidine of asking God's blessings on all for the coming year. We were graced with the presence of special guests, including Sr Dorothy Costigan, Province Leader, NSW, Sr Val McKenna, Sr Margaret Doyle and Ms Anne Garvan, Board Chair. The mass was celebrated by Father Jim McKeon, from Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Parish Waitara. Father Jim inspired an uplifting liturgy motivating those present to witness the strength of God's word in prayer, scripture, hymn, and sacrament. Alongside Father, the student body led by Georgia Boyle, College Captain, and Cristina Olizon, Liturgy President, delivered a fitting tribute to St Brigid. Combined with the request for blessings for the school year, the girls paid prayerful tribute to St Brigid and challenged the community to "follow in the steps of St Brigid, as A Woman of Peace A Woman of Our Time".

Following is a part of Cristina's tribute:

"It gives me great pleasure as Liturgy President to offer this reflection as part of the Thanksgiving for our Eucharist today. From the Gospel today, Matthew challenges us to have Christ with us in our times of worry. Likewise St Brigid, as a Saint, being Christlike, can also

provide such nourishment. Our work together in the Brigidine community flows from the spark of St Brigid. St Brigid lived many years ago, in fifth century Ireland. Although this is over 1,500 years she is "A Woman for our Time". Her story can become our story as we follow in her footsteps. I would like to highlight what I believe to be some key aspects of her life which we can gain inspiration,

Firstly, St Brigid with her closeness to nature is a modern role model, stirring concern for the environment, reverence and respect for the land and connectedness to creation.

She provides a model for equality and encourages in many ways a potent image of womanhood; a feminine face of God.

St Brigid was well known for her compassion, sense of justice and concern for the poor.

Her life inspired unity and reconciliation. Her sense of genuine hospitality became legendary.

Thus St Brigid, for our time asks us to be with her in the care of nature, concern for the poor, a search for connection to God, family and others

"St Brigid..... Pray for Us"

Mr Bill Gleeson

Assistant Principal, Religious Formation



Mother Theresa's words and deeds inspired some senior girls to spend part of their summer holidays working with Indian children, so they embarked on a journey of a lifetime to Kolkata (formerly Calcutta).

The Pilgrimage of Hope project is one of the international outreach opportunities offered by the College. It involved three weeks of service to the 'poorest of the poor' for Madeleine Borrowman, Catherine Dell, Sydney Eismen, Laura Flannery, Rachael Harris, Bronagh Marley, Natalie Mendes and Kelly-Anne Turner. The girls were supported by teacher Ms Talisa Salmon and ex-student Hannah Goodwin (Class of 2010) as pastoral care leader.

The Pilgrimage of Hope is part of the Social Justice program offered to Brigidine girls that encompasses both local and international initiatives. Our girls were encouraged to serve 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.

Faced with the intense suffering of a range of vulnerable people, the students were challenged to really be 'present' and to work. From their overwhelming initial reactions to the extreme squalor, the noise, the sickness and the poverty, they realised that the faith and joy of the people supported them more than they could have expected. As Catherine said, "You have no choice but to cope with what is there."

They did more than cope, and each began a journey that was more than just physical. Transported to a world so different from their own, they learnt to be completely connected - by giving time and love to the needy, inspired by Mother Theresa's words, "Do small things with great love".

The homes provide shelter, food, love, education and above all, hope for the future. The students 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 to provide love and support to people who have no-one. They cuddled and held, they washed and cleaned - they gave of themselves.

The girls are still reflecting on the individual highlights of their pilgrimage: the paraplegic boy who considered the visit by the Australian pilgrims to be the best 15 days of the year; the crowd of children who wanted to be touched first rather than receive food or gifts at the orphanage; the peaceful and pristine leper colony built on the rubbish tip.

The impact of such a journey is enormous for these girls, and also for those whose lives they touched in India. The pilgrims all had a strong sense that what they did in Kolkata is not about changing someone's life forever, but about making a difference in that moment, for that person. As Bronagh said, "Mother Theresa's inspiration of Empty Hand Service is so powerful and has profoundly affected me".

These pilgrims want to return, but know that their Kolkata experience can also be found here in Australia.

Mrs Belinda Stoneham

Registrar and Marketing Coordinator



Tuesday 11 January 2011: "I am currently lying on a plush king-sized bed inside the Thanh Van Hotel in Hanoi. I can hardly hold my eyes open after an intense couple of days travelling by bus, train and boat, spending over 24 hours in transit. In the background I can hear the heavy breaths of Georgia Roach in the corner of the room, a strange call in Vietnamese from a moving loudspeaker from the street below, and faint, tone deaf voices singing karaoke in the distance. This hotel room with bright white décor and crisp bed sheets, seems more cold than comforting to me. Strangely enough a bar fridge, TV, and complimentary slippers appear less inviting than they used to be. Truthfully, I'd prefer to be sleeping on a two centimetre thick 'mattress' and wake up in Phay village again... this trip has really brought some perspective to my life".



These were my reflections, days after leaving Phay, a tiny village roughly 300km south-west of the nation's capital, Hà Ni. A group of 12 girls and I from Years 10 and 11, joined by our teacher Ms Jo Baker and Antipodeans leader Sally, spent a week in the village escaping the Western entrapments of excess, materialism, and technology.

We were assigned the community project of building a bathroom and water filtration system for the local pre-school in the village. Each day would begin with the calls of a rooster which rested directly below our bedroom at the ground level of our traditional stilt house. After the procession of food prepared by our private cooks, we would set off for the job. Venturing past the rice paddocks and grazing water buffalo along a dirt track, considerably disjointed from the passing traffic of motorbikes, our destination was reached in less than five minutes. It was here that we spent most of our time, and here that we encountered the faces of children that would soon become our Vietnamese language teachers and cheekiest companions.

Over six intense days of manual labour, we reduced the initial ton of bricks from an enormous, never-ending pile, to a sparse collection of terracotta prisms, and lastly to dust. Gradually the foundations and walls became taller and the ditch, which would house the plumbing, grew infinitely as our hoeing skills improved. I can't adequately describe the sense of achievement I felt when we finally completed the project. Pride burned brightly within each of us, having actualised the dream we had been preparing and planning for the past year.



I will never forget our visit from the neighbouring Hmong community to our homestay. We presented one member of each family of the Phay and Na Mon village with a gift of \$25, equal to one month's pay, as a sponsorship from the members of Brigidine. Ms Baker, or 'Bakes' to us girls, had given a pair of reading glasses to an older woman. Within the hour following, an incredibly elderly woman from Phay, crept into the crowd of people and walked forward to ask about the specs. She refused the money we offered and Bakes took out another pair of glasses and placed them over her aging eyes. The woman in her weathered, wrinkled state smiled with pure, timeless joy. The image of this woman has left an impression in every fold of my brain; a continuous reminder of the great things that can come from the simplest of gestures.



All in all, Vietnam was an incredible journey. Travelling from Hanoi to the southern tropics of Saigon and exploring a new culture left us with recollections which transcend regular teenage experience. I genuinely believe that the memories of Vietnam are ones that will stay with me forever.

Arielle Marshall, Year 11



Year 7 Reflection Day

Year 7 headed off to Camp Kedron, Ingleside, for their Reflection Day on Friday 9 September. After a short bus trip, we settled down in the auditorium where we watched a movie called *The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants*. It was a great way to start the day while being a worthwhile learning experience, demonstrating the importance of friends and the support, trust, and the fun they bring. After morning tea, we returned inside and split off into our Mentor groups where we discussed our own friendships. Continuing on with the day's theme of *Friends and Community*, Mr Gleeson and Mrs Ryder talked to us about the importance of our relationships and what was ahead of us in terms of our friendship groups. Afterwards, Mrs Radcliff and Mrs Ng shared with us a prayer and an illustrated PowerPoint presentation. We warmed up a bit at lunch by chatting with our friends and running around in the sports centre playing volleyball, basketball, table tennis and more. After lunch, each Mentor received a wooden puzzle piece for us to write our names on. Once they were all decorated, all the pieces were fit together to form one big Year 7 Puzzle. Before we went home we watched one of the final scenes from *High School Musical* which fitted perfectly with our Reflection Day theme and ended the day on a high note. Because after all, we're all in this together!

Bianca Yeung, Year 7



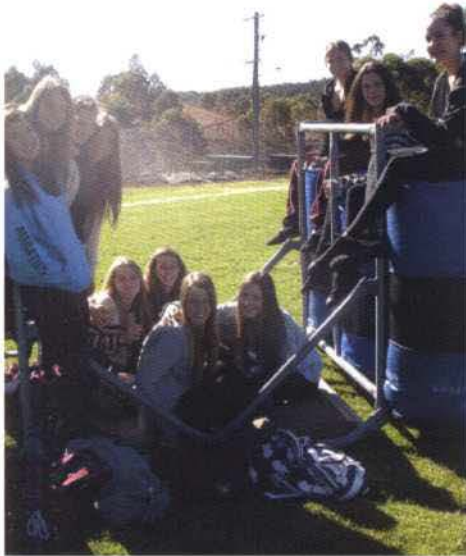
Year 8 Reflection Day

We had our Reflection Day at South Curl Curl Surf Lifesaving Club on Tuesday 2 August. It was a lovely day beside the beach and a great way to bond with peers. The host of the day was the hilarious Chris, with sidesplitting jokes, songs, and inspirational stories centred on love of God, neighbour, and family. He talked to us about how to live a positive life with values. We all had a chance to connect with each other and learn more about the people in our school community. We came away so much wiser, learning so many important life lessons and tips that day. We discovered so many things about ourselves, with the guidance of Chris, who we found could relate to us and who made us smile countless times.

Overall, it was an AMAZING day, with plenty of fun, prayer and meaningful reflection and I'm sure we all hope to have a reprisal somewhere in the near future.

Seraphina Buay and Jessica Lynch, Year 8





Year 9 Reflection Day

Near the end of Term 2, Year 9 travelled to Oxford Falls to participate in their Reflection Day.

The focus for the day was on reconciliation in relationships. After our opening prayer, the students listened to a song called *Caught in the Crowd* by Kate Millar-Heidke. They then viewed *The Girl from Boryslaw*, a true story about Sabine who survived during WW2 despite all of her other family members being murdered by the Nazis. It was deeply moving and the students were asked to consider how they might feel if they had been in Sabine's position. Both stimulus items invited introspection, empathy, and reconciliation.

The Scripture Reflection was centred on the Parable of the Lost Son. The students were asked how they have asked God to help them in the past or how they might invite God into their lives in the future.

Ms Talissa Salmon took the girls for a session of yoga, to relax and ease muscle tension and focus on centred breathing and inner peace. They also participated in guided meditation, led by Ms Carvin or Mrs Ahearne.

Father Anthony Casamento spoke with the girls about his journey toward priesthood and his life as a priest. The students found this component of the day very informative as Father Antony willingly shared his personal story and his love of God.

The closing prayer concluded a productive, spiritual day and the students were grateful for the opportunity to take time out of their busy lives to reflect on God's word and how it may apply to their life.

Mrs Donna Kuper
Year 9 Coordinator



Year 10 Reflection Day

We travelled to North Narrabeen Surf Club for our Reflection Day on Friday 25 November. To begin, we had quiet reflection time and watched the movie *Up*. This made us aware of how friendships develop and sometimes deteriorate. The film allowed us to follow the journey of a man's life and a boy whom he met along the way. It showed the development of a strong relationship between the two of them and how other things in life were put in better perspective as a result of this bond.

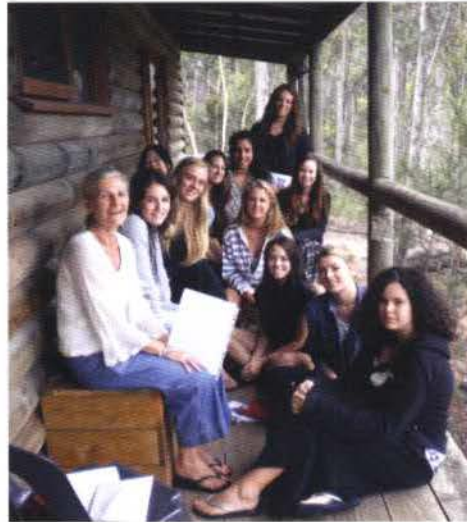
Afterwards we were put into our Mentor groups for activities including reflecting on our individual journey up until now and who or what has helped us along the way, some obstacles which we have faced, and also some moments when we have succeeded. We also looked at fears and our biggest fears so far in our social and emotional lives. As a group we were able to briefly discuss our journeys and design a poster, using only writing paper which



was left over from our exams and PVA glue on black cardboard. Some groups also decided that they would use sand to make their poster more noticeable. To finish off the day, Isabel Estrella along with the help of the rest of the year who gave her photos, made a wonderful

PowerPoint of Year 10's journey at Brigidine from Year 7 up until the present. Despite the disappointment of rain on a day at the beach, Year 10 had a great Reflection Day.

Catherine Lanz, Year 10



Years 11 and 12 experienced a successful retreat programme whereby both staff and student evaluations reflected positive outcomes. All retreats aimed to give students and teachers a community experience in a relaxed environment in order to foster unity within the group based on confidentiality and trust. The development of the whole person, with a balance of spiritual and relationship activities, offered a meaningful time-out and recharge for the year. Most groups celebrated a Mass whilst on retreat and we are thankful to Father Peter Dowd and Father Jim McKeon for leading the eucharists.

Year 11 attended either a Street Retreat or a Spiritual Retreat. The theme "My True Self - Rediscovering Myself and Others", was intended to stimulate and engage students preparing for their final years of secondary education. The purpose was to assist students recognise the importance of their holistic development, to give them further understanding of the "fullness of life". Activities were designed to open students to their spiritual dimension as well as fostering a sense of community and a heightened awareness of their own giftedness and that of others.

This year, 40 girls opted for the Street Retreat and were placed in over 10 venues across Sydney including Catholic Health Care Services, Sir Eric Woodward School, Mercy Friends Day Centre, Edmund Rice Centre, Sacred Heart Hospice, and Brigidine House. The remainder attended a Spiritual Retreat at either St Joseph's Spirituality Centre in Baukham Hills or at Elanora Heights.

The Year 12 Retreat built on their Year 11 experience to extend and deepen the students' reflection on their emerging self - in relationship to their family, their peers, and their God. This year the seniors journeyed to Tallong Retreat Centre on a spiritual retreat where the theme "To Everything there is a Season" was designed to prepare the girls for the stresses and challenges of the HSC year.

Mr Bill Gleeson
Assistant Principal, Religious Formation



The College continues to work hard in its Brigidine and Catholic mission to Centre on the Gospel. The first challenge for outreach was at the start of the year when we shared the national concern for disaster. Amid the flooding, cyclonic destruction, and bushfire within our country comes a desire for generosity. Images of distraught families, property loss, emergency services in operation, welfare and government groups in the process of support, were with us as we grappled with nature's torment. Following Mrs Curran's request for support to our sister school in Indooroopilly, staff and students responded generously.

In the area of Social Justice, various groups are to be commended in their aim of increasing awareness, charity, and service to people in need. Each year, groups elect a charity focus and provide a challenge to the community for active support. The seniors led the way with Year 12 busy in the promotion of Bear Cottage, NSW's only children's hospice, located at Manly. It offers both respite and palliative care to children and young people with life limiting illnesses and to their families. Year 11 provided good work with Caritas Project Compassion during Lent. The Year Coordinators led the junior charities with Year 7 supporting the Australian Live Below the Line Appeal, which involved Tess Clarke in Year 7 and her family. It is a project to combat global poverty. Year 7 also set up Operation Christmas Child finalising the packaging of presents to children in South-East Asia. Year 8 supported the St Vincent de Paul Society with collections for their Winter Appeal and Advent Hampers. Year 9 focused on cancer awareness with the successful running of Daffodil Day and Pink

and Silver Day. Year 10 supported indigenous needs with a link to Goodooga Central School. Goodooga has specific needs and we are in the process of establishing relationships and providing funds for learning support.

Alongside the year group outreach, the girls had the opportunity to opt for individual service in a wide range of activities including the Forty Hour Famine, the Balmoral Burn for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation, the Red Shield Doorknock and Legacy collections. Courtney Hume of Year 11 and three courageous staff, Ms Lindsey Wright, Mr Jeremy Powell and Ms Talisa Salmon shaved their heads to support The Leukaemia Foundation.

All girls in Year 10 were issued with the details for the Community Involvement Programme whereby they were motivated to commit to offering a minimum of 20 hours community service to areas of need. This followed the successful pilot to last year's cohort. It is aimed to expose the girls to an active expression of the Gospel, the good news our aching world so desperately needs to know. In our own backyard it was hoped all girls would encounter genuine service. A database of local, appropriate organisations was developed to assist. It was encouraging to see so many girls take on CiP placement. The Mentor Leaders from Year 10 also participated in the Broken Bay Diocesan Social Justice Day and were energised to deepen their personal commitment to the Gospel challenge to live and work for a just community.

Regarding an international immersion option it was inspiring to hear the reports at assemblies from the Pilgrimage of Hope to India and the Antipodeans Vietnam tours. The challenge

to place Gospel in action with a focus on a preferential option for the poor was highlighted in their feedback. Both continue to build on previous tours and provide global social awareness and links for the community to further engage.

Thus, the College is very active in Social Justice involvements. Parents support of such projects is greatly appreciated.

I acknowledge the selfless dedication of Mrs Ryder in the areas of Social Justice throughout the year. She has been inspirational to both staff and students.

We can be inspired by one of Bishop Delany's favourite scripture passages:

LUKE 4: 18

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free"

Thank you to all those who selflessly give of themselves to others in need in 2011.

Mr Bill Gleeson

Assistant Principal, Religious Formation



During the first semester, the Justice and Democracy Group expanded with other Year 11 students joining and providing new and innovative ideas as well as expanding and developing the existing ideas from the girls who travelled to Melbourne. It was soon decided that we would focus on the issue of Fairtrade, with a particular focus on chocolate. Fairtrade ensures that producers of products in developing countries receive a fair price for their product and also makes sure that they can afford to support themselves and their families with the money that they earn. Firstly, we educated ourselves about the issue and then transferred our knowledge to the school community by presentations in assembly and posters around the school. This occurred at the convenient time of Easter, so we focused particularly on Fairtrade Easter eggs.

Our action for this issue was extensive. We held a chocolate taste testing to show the girls that there is no difference in taste between Fairtrade and conventional chocolate brands. This was a success with many girls learning about the benefits of Fairtrade. We then organised a Brigidine Masterclass using Fairtrade chocolate and rice paper products. Run by Brigidine parent and chef Scott Clarke, 43 of the school's year leaders were able to participate by making single origin chocolate mousse and soy-glazed rice paper rolls – having fun while cooking! Students from all year groups came to watch the Masterclass and were shown that Fairtrade products can be easily used in everyday meals.

In Terms 3 and 4, the group changed focus to environmental issues as it is the UN Year of the Forest. We sent a quiz around our school to raise awareness of global warming, pollution, littering and general concerns for our environment.

Justice and Democracy Group

St Brigid has inspired many women to exemplify strength and gentleness in all their actions and it is through this that we young women can live out our faith. The attitudes of our school can be attributed to St Brigid and her model, which in tandem with the Catholic faith, sets the liturgical aspect of the College.

This year has been one of new beginnings, with the help of Mr Gleeson, Assistant Principal, Religious Formation. He has inspired new initiatives in the Chapel liturgies, the Wednesday mentor masses, retreat, and assembly prayer. One addition has been the ritual of the lighting of the Brigidine Candle from the Lamp of Learning at assemblies. It is through this that the spirit of St Brigid is ignited and realised in our school prayers and events. In addition, St Brigid is directly referred to in our prayers as we conclude with "St Brigid... Pray for us." This allows our College to communicate with our special Saint. Subsequently, our liturgies have become richer.

Our year has been filled with various liturgies and celebrations, such as Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Founders Day Masses, where the

whole school could express our Catholic faith together. The annual Mother's Day and Father's Day Masses have been held in the morning, enabling parents to participate in Brigidine's liturgies. As mentioned, Mr Gleeson's addition to our school also means the introduction of special liturgies held in the Chapel at lunchtimes to celebrate certain events such as Mother's Day and a Prayer for Norway.

I would like to thank Mrs Thompson, Head of Religion, and Sister Chanel csb for their efforts, and I would like to especially thank Mr Gleeson, who has been the driving force of the Liturgy Society as he has made it into a significant aspect of our College and for the new initiatives he has undertaken to make the religious aspect more tangible to the students.

In essence, this year has been focused on perpetuating the liturgical aspect throughout Brigidine with a solid focus on our school's heritage. I hope that this will continue so future students will be able to share and live in the Brigidine tradition.

Cristina Olizon
Liturgy Society President



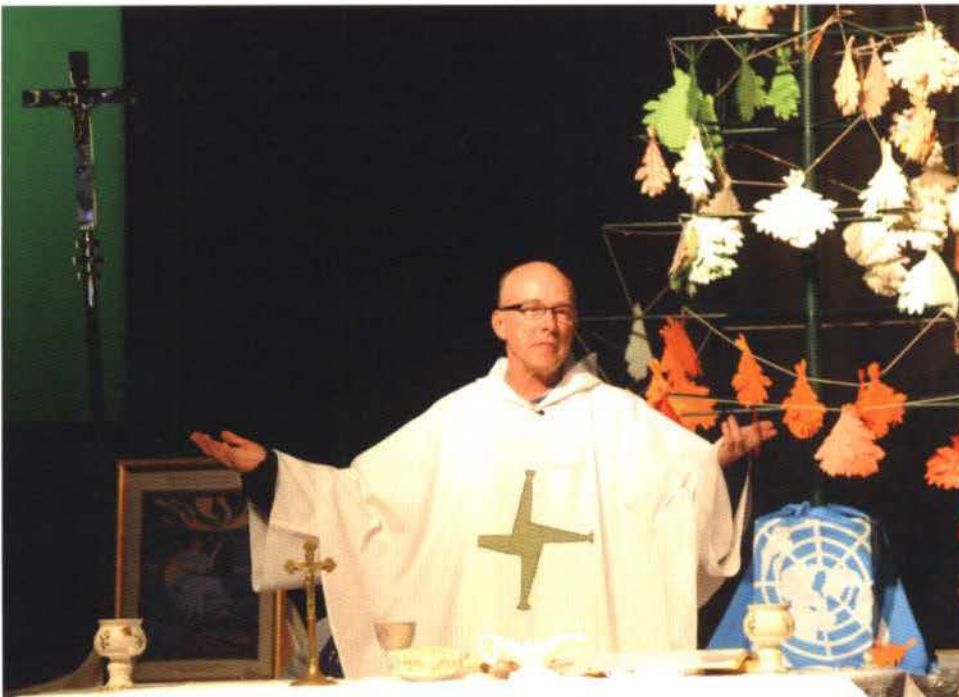
We commenced Term 4 with the 2012 Leadership Assembly at which our student leaders from Year 11 underwent their investiture. Mrs Jane Curran, Principal, said, "I have no doubt that they will bring their talents and their commitment to their new roles and that the rich tapestry of College tradition will be made more vibrant by their contribution."

I have a belief that in each one of us there is a leader. The challenge for each of us is to be a leader with integrity. When we are young, we often mistake popularity and power for leadership. As we mature, we realise that in each of us lies the capacity to make a difference to our world.

To make a difference, we need people with integrity who are honest, truthful, reliable and honourable – to themselves and others. To have integrity, we must begin by respecting ourselves and extend that respect to others. Matthew's gospel puts it beautifully for us:

In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you..."

Mrs Curran led an anointing ritual, alongside Mrs Martin and Mrs Lindsay whereby each leader was anointed on the forehead and hands and Sister Chanel csb presented a Prayer of Blessing for the Leaders' badges.



Founders Day reminds us to model our Brigidine values in all that we do. During the Mass, Liturgy President, Cristina Olizon, introduced the Mass with a reflection on the work of Bishop Delany and links to the United Nations International Year of Forests. As a community, we prayed for the upholding of the spirit of Brigidine with the strength of Christ as a vine and Bishop Delany, St Brigid and all the faithful as being like branches spreading God's Word.

Cristina said, "Taking the theme of celebrating Forests for People, the UN reminds us that... forests are vital to the survival and wellbeing of people everywhere, all 7 billion of us". Trees have a special symbolism in sacred scriptures, including Jewish and Christian, and have been part of the mythology and cultural celebrations of many peoples and countries since earliest times. A growing, spreading tree is a powerful sign of life continuing and flourishing.

In the Brigidine story we heard how Bishop Daniel Delany, the founder of the Brigidines, brought an oak sapling from the site of St Brigid's monastery in Kildare, Ireland and planted it in the garden of the first Brigidine Convent in 1807. We now have an oak sapling which was struck from an acorn from that original oak tree. The original tree is now massive and over 200 years old. The sapling is here awaiting our leaves to adorn what Bishop Delany initiated 200 years ago with the founding of the Brigidine sisters.

Before Founders Day, we all responded to the question: "What does Brigidine mean to me?" and recorded our thoughts on a 'Leaf'. The leaves were part of our Entrance procession and a reminder of the spirit of our Brigidine community.

Among those present at the Founders Day Mass were the Brigidine sisters, the Pioneers (our first Brigidine College St Ives students), alumni and friends of the College.

Mr Bill Gleeson

Assistant Principal, Religious Formation

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*"What you are, those who
come after you will be"*

Daniel Delany

The Religious Education Department enjoyed a noteworthy academic year in which our Year 12 students achieved outstanding results in the Studies of Religion HSC course and Year 7 to 10 students worked with diligence and enthusiasm to produce highly creative work in both assessment tasks and in examinations.

Course work covered a wide range of topics including: studies of the Old and New Testaments, The Liturgical Year, Women in the Bible, Social Justice, Environmental Ethics and significant practices in Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

Work in these units was inspired by excellent classroom pedagogy with students and staff embracing the new 1:1 technology - working collaboratively using One Note, Heucampus and other programs to maintain and improve their ICT skills.

Year 11 produced remarkably good News Broadcasts in the Nature of Religion unit and Year 9 worked in collaboration to produce spiritually moving liturgies about Reconciliation. A highlight of the year was the participation of some Year 7 students in the



Together for Humanity Program. The girls met once a term with students from Iqra Grammar College, Minto, and the Emanuel School, Randwick, to discuss issues of diversity and commonality between people of all cultural and religious backgrounds. The program's enormous success was largely due to the help of our fully supportive and talented staff, and I thank them profusely.

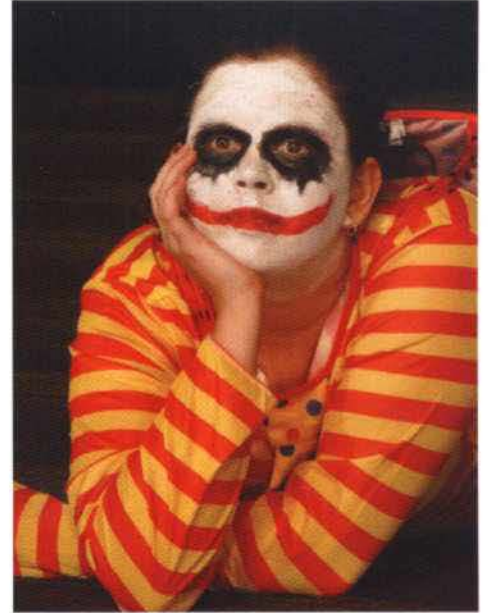
Mrs Ingrid Thompson
Head of Religious Education

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Year 12

Our wonderful Year 12 Drama classes have demonstrated high standards of professionalism, energy and commitment on and off the stage during the course of a year packed with drama. In addition to performance work, students grappled with the academic content in the HSC Drama Syllabus. The contemporary Australian plays of *Ruby Moon* and *Still Angela* provided fabulous stimulation to performance and class discussions along with our other content topic Irish Theatre. Many a time, the Irish accent could 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.

The students were treated to an inspiring evening at OnStage 2010, where we viewed the promotional design project of Shannah Connell from the Class of 2010, whose work was chosen for exhibition as one of the best projects in NSW. Year 12 Drama students presented their Group Performance *Evolution* and Rojan Khastoui presented her solo project *Psycho-ologist* to the whole College during the Year 12 Academic Assembly in September.



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 classes have attended a wide variety of live theatrical performances including *OnStage* at the Seymour Centre and *Gross Und Klein* by the Sydney Theatre Company.

Many students were also involved in the Year 11 Play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* which was devised and directed by Miss McDonald and played to packed audiences in Bowie Hall in June. The production, adapted from Shakespeare's original, had a dazzling 1980s music soundtrack, a hilarious array of mullet wigs and certainly woke the audience up before they go-goed!

Special congratulations to Hannah Mayjor, Stephanie Aikins and Marianna Learmonth whose group performance *Meat* won 2nd place in the prestigious AHISA Festival of Speech that brought together 20 independent girls' schools from across NSW. Their piece was highly creative, original and hilarious!

The students performed in the Drama Showcase, enthraling the audiences with the sophistication of their theatrical skills in individual and group performance work. The Year 11 Drama classes have been taught by Mr Rutherford and they have been delightful to work with – their performance and theatre work have displayed their wonderful talent and passion.

Year 10

In Year 10, Drama students consolidate their skills with a particular emphasis on comedy, beginning with a look at contemporary comedy and tracing the form back to Italian masked *commedia dell'arte*.

In Term 2, we focused on Shakespeare in Performance allowing us to creatively interpret the Bard's work in ways that included movement, music, rap, duologue and scene. Performances developed included a bloodied and disturbed Lady Macbeth, Harry Potter Shakespeare-style, and a highly stylised physical performance between male/female Shakespearean personas. We also studied the absurdist play *The Bald Prima Donna*, invoking plenty of puzzled laughter in the Drama Rooms. Students also participated in a blog allowing each of the three classes to discuss their absurdist dramatic work.

We finished the year with a unit on Brechtian Theatre which invoked many interesting discussions and group performances covering topics as diverse as different types of milk through to the proliferation of My Family stickers.

Our students are encouraged to see mainstream productions and be involved in outside school shows. All Year 10 Drama students were taken to the hilarious Bell Shakespeare Company production of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Sydney Opera House which inspired them to form a fan club for Toby Schmitz, the leading actor.



Year 9

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

"This year I am coaching a young netball team and before I did Drama I think I would have been nervous to talk to them and coach them. But after doing Drama I am confident that I can coach them without any problems."

"For me, acting in front of a group of people was quite embarrassing but after having gone through one term of Drama I am very sure that it has changed me into a more confident and outgoing girl who is no longer afraid of standing in front of a big group. At the beginning of the term I felt as though the people that do Drama were better than me but soon I realised that if I just have a go, I can be as good as them. Drama has made me believe in myself."

"Doing Drama has kind of helped me open up and peel away the outer layer of me that was holding me back in the past, come out of my shell. Never did I think Drama could teach me about life."

It's been fabulous to see our students gain confidence in their own performing abilities, and to learn how to work in group situations. The Year 9 students are involved in improvisation, play building, script analysis, group-devised performances, voice and movement skills, non-realistic skills (mask, fabric, sound, movement) and scripted material – all 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 *Stories of Love and Hate* with a behind-the-scenes tour exploring the costume, set, and workshop areas. It was wonderful to see so many Year 9 students selected for the Drama Showcase Evenings this year.



Staff

The Drama staff have been busy this year as more students elect the subject and we work with students out of College hours on performance projects. As well as teaching, Mr Rutherford and Miss McDonald marked HSC Trial performances in a variety of schools including Roseville College, Stella Maris College Manly, Loreto Normanhurst and Bishop Tyrrell College Newcastle. They also presented a paper on innovative ways to teach the Year 11 Preliminary Course in the Drama classroom at the AIS Drama Conference. Miss McDonald ran a teacher workshop at the Seymour Centre on HSC projects of Critical Analysis, Directing and Theatre Reviewing. A number of workshops run by Sydney Theatre Company, Belvoir Street Theatre, TTA and NIDA were attended by all Drama staff. The dramatic highlight for us this year was the lovely wedding of our beautiful Mrs Johns!

Thank you to my wonderfully supportive colleagues, Mr Rutherford and Mrs Johns, who are such a joy to work with. Drama is a demanding subject and we are truly blessed to have such passionate and energetic students who make 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), Mrs Emma Johns, Mr Christopher Rutherford

*"I love to write. I love the process...
I just love the time I spend alone
adding words one by one to create
a universe that is mine."*

Isabel Allende

The English Department aims to foster a lifelong love of literature. We aim to foster a passion for reading, writing, speaking and viewing, as well as independent thinking.

In 2011, Year 11 students, as well as some students from Year 10, entered the *Sydney Morning Herald* Young Writers' Competition and Natalie Chandra of Year 10 became a regional winner and a finalist. Her anthology of short stories was based on the trigger 'chain' and her work was published in the Finalists' Portfolio. The extract below is from Natalie's anthology called *Old Age or the Alternative* and it demonstrates her acumen as a writer.

The Age Care Hostel is a quiet utopia, home to the faded and forgotten and those who have reached their twilight years. It is home to those who have revolved the full circle in life, having cared for their loved ones before and now being left to be cared for by strangers.

As a student volunteer, I am the youngest in the room although I feel as if I am the oldest in maturity. However, the residents supersede me in means of wisdom and their understanding of the world. As I enter the reception area I am greeted by Violet, her mouth breaking into a gummy smile.

"Good morning Violet how are you today?"

"Hello love, so much better now that you're here!" Her light touch to my shoulder and the twinkle in her eyes shows the genuine nature of her greeting. But there are others, unlike Violet, who have soured with age, that feared stigma of the elderly. They scowl and talk in loud voices of their grandchildren who have astronomical incomes. These are the people with their personality ageing in the opposite direction to their body with their child-like boasting and self-centred needs.

In the Day Room the elderly feebly bang their fists against the table, demanding that they should be graced with the lucky bingo sheet and attention. As I survey my own maze of numbers, the elderly lady, Margo, sits next to me. A purple wash through her fluffy hair, she is dressed in frilly floral. She points with her



arthritis finger and crows whenever I place a wrong counter. Her gaze darts frantically to and from her rivals' boards, assessing her competition. Bingo is the highlight of her week, her one certainty. It is the competition, not the small chocolate bar prize, that excites her.

In May, a group of Year 9 students participated in a residential writing course on Milson Island in the Hawkesbury River. The focus of the weekend was the creation of an anthology of short stories inspired by the theme 'Across the Water'. The students' writing was published in a series of 5 books. Reproduced below are extracts that demonstrate the diversity of the stories. The first extract is from *Book 2: Loss*. The story is called *A Twist of Fate*, written by Kathleen Carrick.

Cafe Matilda sat in between a busy street where cars roared, people moved busily advancing to their next destination and a forest filled with tall whispering trees where droplets of mist cupping the light that poured down from the open sky. Matilda had been present on the outskirts of the city for many years, which had been built for and named after Mr Archer's late wife. It often filled generously with all sorts of people, and today was no exception.

Elton Monroe the 3rd, sat reading his newspaper at an aged wooden table close to the back of the room. As he deciphered the articles with his now faded blue eyes, he reached for his green tea, the very one he had drunk through his now departed youth. Elton observed all the global information before him with a sense of heartache. When had the world become so cruel and unmerciful he asked himself, and why had he once believed it was not so.

The second extract is from *Book 5: Perspective*. The opening of Alex Pinn's story *Boxes and Circles of Life* is reproduced below:

We have seen every part of the world anyone could and yet we have never truly witnessed it. We have heard every story possible but never actually told one. We have seen the beginning and end of every day but never fallen asleep or woken up. We each walk along the beach without leaving any footprints and yet our footprints are found deep within everybody's lives.

To you humans, we are known as Death. Don't look us up in any phone book, you will only find heavy metal bands and funeral parlours.



The English Department's focus on visual literacy continued with workshops hosted by Los Angeles based filmmaker, Linda Heys and the sessions offered valuable insights into reading film as text. The seminars were also valuable in guiding Year 7 students in the scripting and shooting of their short film entry in the annual *BrigFest* Film Festival.

The HSC preparation of senior students was enhanced by a seminar with the HSC Standard course set poet, Peter Skrzynecki. Peter offered fascinating insights into his poems and life as a child of the Diaspora. Jeanette Heys presented Advanced English students with interesting ideas about the poems of Emily Dickinson, Axel Kruse offered his views about Romanticism to our Extension One students and world renowned crime writer Michael Robotham gave advice to Extension 2 students on how they could enhance their Major Works. Advanced HSC students attended the highly acclaimed performance of *Hamlet* at the Sydney Opera House.

The Annual Brigidine Public Speaking Competition was held in Term 3. Every student from Years 7 to 11 delivered a perspicuous oral presentation based on a challenging topic. The best speakers from

each class participated in the Finals Night. Finalists spoke on a variety of topics such as:

- "Warning! Warning!" Year 7
- "Who is Responsible?" Year 8
- "www.allaboutme.com.ok" Year 9
- "Are There Any Press Standards?" Year 10
- "Prohibition of Cynicism" Year 11

Our guest speaker at the Prize Giving Ceremony was Miss Sophie Ticehurst who was College Captain in 2007. Sophie began her speech with extracts from some of the speeches she presented in the finals of the competition whilst she was a student at the College. Sophie reflected on the value of public speaking skills in her studies, career and personal relationships.

The Public Speaking Competition winners were:

- Year 7:**..... Lara Czysnok
- Year 8:**..... Katherine Goode
- Year 9:** Brooke Menzies
- Year 10:** Alexandra McInnes
- Year 11 Pat Moran**
- Prize for Runner up:**..... Phillipa Reeves
- The English Department Speaker of the Year** Emily Scotter

Brigidine College achieved impressive results in the 2010 HSC examination. In the Standard course, 37% of Brigidine students were placed in the top 2 bands. The state average was 4%. Suzannah Curby achieved band 6, a feat achieved by less than 1% of students in the state. In the Advanced course, 81% of Brigidine students were placed in the top 2 bands. The state average was 58%. In Extension 1, 50% of Brigidine students were placed in the top band. The state average was 25%. In Extension 2, 43% of our students were placed in the top band as compared to the state average which was 24%.

In 2012, we will offer an extension English course as an elective in Year 10, and Year 7 students will commence their studies with an exploration of the world of Shakespeare.

Mr Brett Harrison
Head of English

Staff: Mr Brett Harrison (Head of Department), Ms Julianne Abercrombie, Mrs Sharon Cimen, Mrs Emma Johns, Mr Matthew Esterman, Mrs Andrea Fernandez, Ms Meredith Ferris, Mrs Catherine Hickie, Mrs Noela King, Mrs Leslie McLeod, Ms Anne Reading, Mr Chris Rutherford, Mrs Robyn Stone, Mrs Sherill Townsend.

History is a kind of introduction to more interesting people than we can possibly meet in our restricted lives; let us not neglect the opportunity.

Dexter Perkin

Brigidine College students who studied History this year met lots of interesting people. Year 7 met the ancient Egyptians, the ancient Chinese and completed an interesting assessment task which focused on evidence about their self.

Year 8 met medieval Europeans, native North Americans and buffalo (with a little help from *Dances with Wolves*) and Australian Aboriginals who met the Europeans in the 19th century. They also met Tom Newell, who demonstrated the techniques of medieval warfare.

Year 9 met people from the times of Federation, World War I, the Depression and World War II. The Elective History students met victims of shipwrecks, ancient women of Athens and Sparta, a preserved human (Otzi the Iceman), people involved in the American Revolution, the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette as well as Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela.

Year 10 met men and women who opposed Communism in the 1950s, protesters and people involved in the Vietnam War, Gough Whitlam, post-war migrants, the Stolen Generation and Aboriginal protesters including Charles Perkins. In September they had the opportunity to meet two Vietnam War conscripts and their wives, who spoke frankly and openly about the war. They also met Karen Smith who spoke about Aboriginal rights and freedoms and told something of her mother's story as a member of the Stolen Generation. Year 10 History is to be congratulated for the good results they achieved in the History Competition conducted by the History Teachers Association of New South Wales.

Year 10 Elective History met a variety of people including John F Kennedy, Richard III, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and the ever popular drawcard, Jack the Ripper. They finished the year with some great presentations on films they had reviewed for their historical accuracy. Mrs Bremner will never forget the double lesson when there was not a sound to be heard as the girls sat at their laptops with headphones watching their chosen movie.



Year 11 Ancient History students looked at archaeology, Tutankhamun, people of ancient Rome and Deir el-Medina. Year 12 Ancient History met the victims of Pompeii and Herculaneum and their modern excavators, pharaohs of the XVIIIth Dynasty, Hatshepsut and Agrippina the Younger and also had a wonderful opportunity to visit the *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs Exhibition* in Melbourne. No delayed train, plane, or a long tram ride could dampen their pleasure at being able to stand next to an object that many of them had studied as part of their recent assessment tasks. Thanks to Mrs George for her detailed organisation of the excursion.

Year 11 Modern History studied the Romanovs, the Meiji, and the world at the beginning of the 20th century and conducted investigations into aspects of the modern world. Our Year 12 Modern History students studied the Western Front, Conflict in the Pacific, Weimar and Nazi Germany and Leni Riefenstahl. At the National Art Gallery in Canberra they met a former teacher from Brigidine who took them on a guided tour

of the Weimar and Nazi Art Exhibition in the second last week of term.

Extension History students studied with Mr Esterman who introduced them to Herodotus, Thucydides, von Ranke, E.H. Carr, Niall Ferguson and Edward Gibbon. They produced some excellent projects on Camelot, Napoleon and the Sri Lankan Civil War.

My thanks go to our dedicated staff who met with me regularly, who often marked students' work late into the night and who have worked tirelessly to engage students with a rich variety of History lessons.

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 and Ms Anne Reading. We were also joined by four pre-service teachers from Macquarie University: Ms Kate Barnes, Ms Mariel Lombard, Ms Electra Silk and Mr Peter Fathers.



Congratulations to Catherine Dell, Tara Dingle, Manisha Ediriwira, Claire Feather, Laura Flannery, Danielle Moore and Lauren Ward, our Year 12 Honours Program Graduates for 2011. These splendid students entered in the Honours Program in Year 8 and have stayed in the course for five years. Upon their graduation in Year 12, they were presented with an Honours Medal. In every one of those five years, each girl has achieved an excellent academic standard and has contributed to our rich College life through involvement in cocurricular activities, sport, and service commitments.

Several teams of girls in Years 9 and 10 competed in the challenging Global Issues Problem Solving Program. Topics investigated in 2011 included healthy living, air transport, and genetic testing. After researching the topics, the girls analysed specific future scenes or scenarios. The Future Problem Solving Program is designed to help students develop thinking skills that are necessary to adapt to a changing world. I certainly saw evidence of creative and futuristic thinking as well as effective communication and great teamwork.

Once again, Year 8 girls represented the College in a Geography Trivia Day held at St Marys. Two teams competed in 10 challenges throughout the day. One team ranked 5th out of 50 teams.

In the Lower Secondary division of the 2011 Asia Wise Competition, High Distinctions were achieved by Sophie Clark, Rebecca Bau-Gaspar, Amanda Liem and Emma Steele. Distinctions were achieved by Madison Chan, Danielle Maher, Molly Moloney, Natalie Rinaldi and Isabella Ryan. In the Upper Secondary division Elisabeth Diggins achieved a Distinction. Congratulations to all these girls - excellent results. Sophie Clark deserves a special mention for her impressive effort in the competition. She received a Certificate of Excellence for performing in the top 1.0% of students in the national rankings. To achieve



this she had to attain 100%. Sophie was also accepted into a Forensic Science Camp at Armidale in the July holidays.

Honours Program students from Years 8, 9 and 10 participated in the 2011 da Vinci Decathlon which requires teams to complete tasks related to forensic science, engineering, poetry writing, drama, English, Mathematics, and general knowledge. This year, our Year 8 team was ranked 1st out of 44 competitors in the English challenge, and our Year 9 team was ranked 1st in Creative Producers.

A Principal's Essay is written by Honours Program students in Years 9 and 11. This year's topic, set by Mrs Curran, was based on the following quote from Ayn Rand:

"The difference between animals and humans is that animals change themselves for the environment, but humans change the environment for themselves".

In Year 9, High Distinctions were awarded to Elizabeth Diggins, Amy-Elizabeth Dugan, Brooke Menzies, Andrea Pizzie and Abbi Wilkinson. Distinctions were awarded to Maddison Breen and Francesca Farrell. In Year 11, Distinctions were awarded to Kathryn Ross and Kelsey Singh.

Many thanks go to all those dedicated and committed teachers who have set and marked interesting research assignments for all the



Honours Program students not involved in the Future Problem Solving Program. The broad academic interests of the girls are evidenced by the range of subjects chosen for additional research. These included Drama, English, Geography, History, Languages, Mathematics, PDHPE, Religious Education, Science, TAS, and Visual Arts.

Finally, it is with mixed feelings that I retire from a lifetime of teaching young people and in particular from Brigidine College St Ives. It has been an absolute privilege to work with students involved with the Honours Program over the past 11 years.

Mrs Betsy Harvey
Honours Program Coordinator

Staff: Mrs Betsy Harvey (Coordinator)



Year 7 enjoyed an introductory French and Italian course this year, ending each semester with delicious canolli or croissant tastings.

As in past years, there is a Year 8 accelerated group who studied French and Italian for three lessons each per cycle and at the same pace as the other classes studied either French or Italian for six lessons per cycle. These students and many others coped well with their studies and showed a talent for language which they should consider continuing. Their *Ecco Uno* and *Touché 2* texts are very up to date and have IGT components.

To celebrate Languages Day, the French, Italian and Australian flags flew alongside each other at Brigidine and Year 8 dressed in French or Italian colours. The girls watched a presentation by LOTE Fantastique, enjoyed a performance of Dennis Murphy's Pupperty, played soccer and bocce, watched a film, learned French clothing vocabulary, held a fashion parade, and made French books for children on their laptops.

In Italian classes, Year 9 enjoyed antipasto, Year 10 wood fired pizza, Year 11 a day in Leichhardt immersed in Italian culture, Year 12 pizza, an authentic Italian luncheon, and a Study Day at Sydney University.

In French classes, Year 9 and 10 went for lunch at *The Little Snail* restaurant in Pyrmont to eat typical French food such as escargots, coq au vin, profiteroles and crème brûlée. Years 11 and 12 were treated to pain au chocolat and Year 12 attended a Mock HSC Speaking Skills session in preparation for their oral examination in September.



Year 9, 10 and 11 French and Italian students sat the Australian Language Certificate tests in August and as usual, results were very, very good. The girls should be proud of their achievements.

Year 7 and 8 participated enthusiastically in *Carnevale* in February by making exquisite masks. Students voted for their favourites in various categories from the masks on display in SY2.

We extend a huge thank you to those who donated food and their time to help at our International Food Fair. Together with the activities organised by Year 12, thousands of dollars were raised for the Year 12 charity, Bear Cottage.

The Languages Department also supervised students studying languages through The Open High School including Year 9 and 10

Spanish, Year 10 Japanese, Year 12 Chinese Continuers, Year 10 and 11 Beginners, and Year 12 Continuers in German.

I thank all Language Department staff for their professionalism and diligence in 2011. I am also grateful to Mrs Maria Jackson for assuming the role of Head of Department while I took Long Service Leave in Term 4.

Mrs Annemarie Mitchell
Head of Languages

Staff: Mrs Annemarie Mitchell (Head of Department), Mrs Maria Jackson, Mrs Louise Konye (who replaced Mrs Eleanor Phelan), Mrs Veronique Wilson (who replaced Mrs Julia Bevan upon her retirement after 26 years at the College), Mrs Amanda Macri, Miss Veronica Buttarello, Mr David Chant and Mrs Gloria Perin.



This was a year of challenge, growth, and adventure as the Learning Support team engaged in a variety of initiatives and activities to enrich the curriculum and meet the ever-growing variation of student learning need.

The 1:1 laptop environment provided new and challenging ways to ensure that individual student needs were met and this led to some wonderful learning for both students and staff as we prepared to better communicate with parents and other stakeholders. The ever-patient IT department and Mr Graham Hughes as the Learning Technologies Advisor have made a significant impact in finding solutions along the way, for which we are most grateful.

The curriculum has also had some further growth and innovation for the high needs students in 2011. With the appointment of Miss Maria Lee to the Music Department we were able to tap into her knowledge and expertise in the offering of Music Therapy as an additional course for those students identified as benefitting from this form of behavioural expression. Similarly, we have been able to offer specialised Fitness, Cooking and Reading classes to those students most in need.

The Literacy Applications elective in Year 9 and 10 continues to be a fantastic opportunity for those students who struggle to meet the demands of the heavier workload in Stage 5 and who benefit from additional support in developing and extending their literacy and/or organisational skills.

The Centre for Excellence collaborative funding project, which involved a number of schools, began this year and gave a focus in professional development across a range of areas encompassing gifted education, literacy and numeracy development, and Life Skills programming and allowed for shared expertise and resourcing.

We have also continued to engage in many wonderful socialising activities with other schools to further develop social networks for our girls including ten-pin bowling and the customary progressive luncheon at PLC Croydon; the Multi-sports day and dance at St Ignatious College, Riverview; as well as an organised social dance at Danebank College, Hurstville. These networks are very important in expanding the social opportunities which are so critical to the successful integration of all students in their wider community.

During Term 4 we embarked on some intensive work experience and travel training blocks for our Year 10 students and focussed on the practical components of the Living Skills Program. This culminated in an overnight excursion to Terrigal where the students from Years 7 to 10 shopped for, prepared and cooked all of their food as well as demonstrated their domestic skills of cleaning



and making beds. Despite the rain, lots of great learning – not to mention fun – was had by all.

Another initiative to address the social connection of our Year 7 students with transitioning into the High School setting was the SIS Program which enabled some of the Year 10 students who were interested in participating in the Community Involvement program to channel their efforts into assisting the Year 7s with social connection in the playground setting.

The additional service of assistance to anyone in need, through the Homework Help sessions held in the Library on Wednesday afternoons, has been another worthwhile initiative and taken some of the pressure off of parents, particularly in the lead up to assignment due dates.

The learning support team is a vibrant and eclectic group of professionals who bring expertise to their various roles. As our student enrolments grow, so too does our staff, and we welcomed two additional aides aboard this year to assist with the integration needs of our students. Mrs Megan Pickwell and Ms Cristina Barbara are both very professional and hard-working individuals who bring additional skills in inclusive education and experience in work place education to the team.

It was with regret that we bid farewell to Mrs Michelle Barker in Term 3 as she makes preparations to move to Scotland with her family. She was much loved by all and a very positive influence on staff and students alike. We were likewise very fortunate to be able to secure the services of Ms Suzanne Adam to fill her place and provide the continuity of support for the students.

In addition to these staff it can rightly be said that all teachers are in fact involved in Learning Support. This is the core business of teachers

- particularly here at Brigidine. We continue to call upon the skills and talents of specialist teachers such as Mrs Lindsey Wright and Mrs Simone Webb in teaching the Life Skills Science courses and cannot underestimate the tremendous contribution of Ms Jo Baker to the work experience and travel training program.

Similarly, the mentors and regular class teachers in the mainstream classes who respond so caringly to the additional needs that many of our students require in order to fully participate and thrive in the regular classroom.

Finally, it is with heartfelt thanks that we commend the many students in Years 9 to 12 who give up their time so generously to assist students in assessment situations throughout the year, whom require readers and/or scribes in order to better demonstrate their ability. Similarly, to the incredible band of community volunteers who tirelessly assisted our students in their ongoing assessments – Tony and Denise Jollye, Pauline Douglas, Roslyn Hooper, Lianne Woods, Brenda DiBiase and Ingrid Janssen. We simply couldn't have done it without you.

We look forward to the further challenges which await us in 2012 and the opportunity to work collaboratively with parents and students to ensure the brightest possible future.

Mrs Helen Thomas
Head of Learning Support

Staff: Mrs Helen Thomas (Head of Department), Miss Gloria Perin, Ms Carmel McCudden, Mrs Glenda Jennings, Mrs Joanne O'Connell, Mrs Marie Whiting, Mrs Michelle Barker, Mrs Megan Pickwell, Ms Cristina Barbara,



Many schools now have some form of 1:1 program, especially in Years 9 to 12 and the focus of discussion has shifted from the technology to pedagogy. The advantage of widespread 1:1 programs is the abundance of opinion, guidance, and help available. The internet is abuzz with forums, blogs, and wikis all aimed at collaborating on how to make the best use of technology and how to keep the focus on learning.

At Brigidine, we believe that technology, correctly applied, improves learning. We have developed an innovative way of combining the storage capacity and accessibility of our Portal with Microsoft OneNote to create student notebooks that are shared between each girl and her teacher. The notebooks can be accessed from home or school; synchronise new work and automatically save and back-up. Students can now have a weightless electronic folder for all subjects, containing an infinite number of pages and sections that can be marked by a teacher online. We have shown the girls how to reduce printing by using the 'Send to OneNote' function that 'pastes' a copy of a document straight into a notebook, without glue! Some students still use paper notebooks, but the practice is gradually changing. With the introduction of more digital textbooks we will be well on the way to further reducing the weight in the girls' backpacks.

All teachers are able to electronically monitor students when they are working on their laptops for collaborative purposes, such as sharing files, sharing desktops,



discussing issues in a chat environment, and brainstorming on a shared whiteboard. It also enables teachers to ensure that the girls stay on task by preventing access to distracting activities. The internet is a global library where a vast amount of knowledge is freely available and our task is to help the girls navigate through the maze to the information they need, in the most effective way. This is a most crucial 21st century skill.

On the whole, the girls have responded well to the responsibility of looking after their laptops. Breakage and damage caused by careless handling are within expected limits and the program is bedding down nicely.

Mr Graham Hughes
Learning Technologies Advisor



This year saw a major change in the way we deliver information at the College, when we became one of a few schools to provide information digitally. For many years we had offered a database of magazine articles via computer and in 2011 we decided to offer our users mostly fiction books straight to their computers. Girls are able to download titles and read from their computer screens or slide the e-book on to a reader such as an iPhone, iPad or e-reader. This has become one of the most popular decisions we have made in the library. We are investigating how to increase our range of digital non-fiction and Australian titles.

The process of providing a digital service has progressed and we are preparing to make our video collection available digitally through the library catalogue. Users will be able to view a video that they missed in class or be able to gather information contained in the film at their own pace, on their own device. Once in place, the videos will be available from home. Already, our users access Encyclopaedia Britannica, the ANZ Reference Centre database of magazine articles and e-books via the College Overdrive system. Most of our library resources are therefore available 24-7, even during the holiday periods.

Another service we offered for the first time this year was an extension of the library opening hours to 5pm Monday to Thursday and to 4pm on Friday. Homework help in the library, provided by Mrs Helen Thomas and her team on Wednesday afternoons, has been well received. As in recent years, the early opening of the library remains extremely popular each day with over 50 girls using the library at 7.45am.

Fridays in the Library at lunchtime remain popular and this year we have had items from drama and music groups and also presentations by our Film Appreciation and Animal Welfare clubs. These encounters



continue to be an avenue to promote the many talents of our girls and to show those in the audience what is available to them as members of our Brigidine community.

Mr Allen Carters
Library Coordinator

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

The year 2011 was a very special prime year. Yes, the year you have just lived through was a prime number! Not only was 2011 the sum of prime numbers, but the prime numbers were consecutive. To make it even more amazing, the number of prime numbers was also a prime number:

$$2011 = 157 + 163 + 167 + 173 + 179 + 181 + 191 + 193 + 199 + 211$$

The next year that is a prime number and a sum of a prime number of consecutive prime numbers is 2081 = 401 + 409 + 419 + 421 + 431. Prime numbers play an increasingly important role in cryptography, especially in keeping your internet transactions secure. If anyone can find a quick way of factoring prime numbers, then their financial future is safe!

Meanwhile at Brigidine, the study of Mathematics continued. There was a record 50 classes devoted to Mathematics - the increase due to a large group of Year 7 students. The partial grading process adopted in Years 7 and 8 allowed for students to develop their understanding of ideas and processes at an appropriate speed, whether that be with a quick, yet thorough explanation or a more detailed approach with further time to practise. While it is still a challenging subject for many students, there is a definite increase in the number of students who want to study the higher levels of Mathematics as they progress through College.

The Australian Primary Schools Mathematical Olympiad returned to tantalise some Year 8 students this year with two classes participating in the challenging 5 question competition which is held 5 times during the first three terms. The questions asked are not your normal style of question. One of the questions in the first Olympiad actually dealt with those pesky prime numbers, with a suggested time of 5 minutes to get the answer! Question: 561 is the product of 3 different prime numbers. How many factors of 561 are not prime?

The two class teachers, Mrs Covich and Mr Hobsbawn are to be thanked and congratulated on providing this additional extension activity for their students. The trophy winners this year were Kirsten Van Den Berg and Sophie Clark.

Sophie Clark, Joanna Dowsett, Sophia Polito and Kirsten Van Den Berg represented our College at the inaugural NSRMA organised Year 8 Mathematics Day held at Pittwater House School. The competition was between



32 teams from selective and comprehensive, state and private schools in the North Sydney Region. Teams worked collectively and individually in answering problems or finding patterns. Our students were very highly placed in the first and third rounds. The day complemented the problem solving strategies work we have been studying in preparation for the Mathematics Olympiad and the University of NSW Mathematics Competitions. For their efforts on the day, the girls won a class set of Texas Instruments calculators. As these are not used by the College, they have been donated to Father Chris Riley to assist him in funding his Youth Off The Streets Program.

Pi day occurs twice each year, depending on when you want to celebrate it. It was celebrated on March 14 (3×14) by the Year 11 Extension One class when they enjoyed a 'real' apple pie.

Mathematics tuition out of school hours continued this year. The sessions were especially well attended just prior to any assessment in each year. Once again Mr Hobsbawn gave up his time before school to help students clear up any mathematical misunderstanding. This year, Mr Johns also volunteered to provide his expertise after school and some Year 11 students gained valuable understanding practice by assisting at some of the sessions. The students thank all of them for their time, patience and above all, devotion to helping out with Mathematics.

In Term 3, 497 students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the Mathematics division of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, which is run by the University of

NSW. The decision by our Year 12 students to commit to the competition showed a wonderful attitude to their love of Mathematics as they had only just completed their Trial HSC examinations. Out of all our students, 115 received Credit awards and 9 received Distinction awards, they were:

Year 7: Yu-Jin Lee, Tracey Korte, Emily New

Year 8: Sophie Clark

Year 9: Madison Spencer, Ashly Murray

Year 11: Ann Matthias

Year 12: Claire Feather, Isobel Leonard

Congratulations to these girls and to all who participated. While the questions are now targeted at each separate year level, rather than the two-year style of the Westpac Competition, they are still challenging and definitely raise the bar in providing students the opportunity to gauge their ability to deal with mathematical situations. A big thank you goes to Mr Johns for getting the papers to and from Educational Assessment Australia and to Mrs May for organising where the girls would compete on the day.

I extend a huge thank you to all the Mathematics teachers who keep our subject alive at Brigidine.

Mr Michael Palme

Head of Mathematics

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

ANSWER to the prime number problem is:

The sum of the digits of 561 is 12, so 3 is a factor and $561 \div 3 = 187$. The 187 satisfies the test for divisibility for multiples of 11 (that is, $1 - 8 + 7 = 0$), so 11 is also a factor and $187 \div 11 = 17$. Thus, 561 factors into $3 \times 11 \times 17$.

The table shows all factor pairs of 561. Of the 8 factors, 3 are prime. Therefore there are 5 factors of 561 which are not prime.

561	
1	× 561
3	× 187
11	× 51
17	× 33



Concert Band

- Front Row:** Monique Miller, Monique Lewis, Alicia Parton, Alice Edwards, Camilla Corbett, Stephanie Muir, Kathryn Palmer, Madeline Worsley, Emily Morris
- Second Row:** Jessica Squires, Rebecca Feather, Lianne Merlo, Sophia Polito, Molly Sutton, Victoria Trevallion, Kathleen Harris, Jessica Lynch, Kathy Tou, Rachel Seeto, Barbara Honeysett, Emma Squires, Mrs Lorna Hall
- Third Row:** Olivia Johnson, Therese Kelly, Annabella Parsons, Jordyn Chue, Lauren Beck, Chloe Hughes, Elizabeth Trevallion, Emily New, Erin Dobis, Rebecca Stanley, Phillipa Reeves
- Fourth Row:** Isabelle Kersten, Sophia Barratt, Claire Feather, Laura Walbank, Claudia Hallett, Emily Goodman, Kate McGee, Cailin Worsley, Frances Goodman, Rose Warburton, Katherine Vail



Choir

- Front Row:** Celia Wilkins, Hannah Garcia, Eliza Chown, Talia Joubert, Sarah Petherbridge, Sophie Clark, Elizabeth Diggins, Tess Clarke, Rebecca Bau-Gaspar
- Second Row:** Kathryn Palmer, Stephanie Muir, Maddison White, Gemma Wood, Molly Sutton, Catherine Dell, Georgia Nolan, Jessica Lynch, Kathryn Russell, Ms Maria Lee
- Third Row:** Emma Steele, Sophie Clisby, Rosalie Moore, Eleanor McElhone, Cailin Worsley, Katherine Paterson, Jessica Tripp

We began this year with an exciting production of *Singin' in the Rain*. It was fantastic to see so many girls recreate this classic, with fabulous tap dancing numbers, flapper dresses and umbrellas. Congratulations to all the cast, orchestra and crew, and a huge thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, please see the Creativity chapter for the details. We have already begun rehearsing our next production, *The Wizard of Oz*, and are really looking forward to seeing it on stage in 2012.

The Music Society has gone from strength to strength under our 2011 captain, Rosalie Moore. The Concert Band, College Choir, Stage Band, Senior Vocal Ensemble, String Ensemble and Flute Ensemble have each enjoyed successful performances throughout the year. Never short of a performance opportunity, our girls performed at a number of functions 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.

Classroom music lessons continue to flourish and junior students practise their skills on guitars, keyboards, and glockenspiels while senior students hone their individual performance skills both in class and for school events, including Friday Lunchtimes in the Library. All of our classes learn and enjoy the many technological advances in music today. Elective classes enhance their compositional skills on the computer program Sibelius, and junior students integrate video and audio into PowerPoint presentations. The girls have also enjoyed a number of workshops with saxophonist Andrew Oh and guitarist Terry Murray.

Thank you to all the girls involved in music at the College this year. Your enthusiasm and talent is music to the ears of our school! We look forward to another fabulously musical year next year.

Thank you also to Mrs Lorna Hall and Miss Maria Lee, whose continued support and encouragement help to keep music thriving in the Brigidine community.

Ms Ros Boyd
Head of Music

Music Staff: Mrs Ros Boyd (Head of Department), Mrs Lorna Hall and Miss Maria Lee.

Music Tutors: Mrs Judith Allan, Mr Matt Roberts, Mr Andrew Warren, Mr Bruce Allan, Mrs Gabrielle Fisher, Miss Kristen Potter and Miss Katrina Papallo.







The PDHPE Department has had a busy and eventful year. After many years as Head of Department, Ms Jo Baker has moved into the role of Studies Coordinator, leaving behind a legacy of fine programming and an extremely well run faculty. Stepping into the position as PDHPE Head is Mr Joshua Holmes. Other staff movements include Mrs Kate Ryder and Mrs Donna Kuper taking on positions as Year Coordinators as well as teaching PDHPE. Mrs Michelle Skinner took maternity leave in Semester 2 and her classes were taught by a new teacher to the College, Miss Gail O'Connor. Mrs Gina Hudson has continued to share a position with Mrs Olga Pasfield, Olga filling in for Mrs Leigh-Anne Hartwig who is on maternity leave.

The PDHPE Department continue to offer a diverse range of activities including Physical Education classes promoting lifelong physical activity and theory units that deal with the varied issues encountered by adolescent females. Each theory unit is placed throughout the program to ensure optimal timing in relation to the girls' developmental stage and current interests, for example Adolescence and Change in Year 7 and Road Safety for Year 10.

There have been several highlights this year including the Year 8 (Funk), Year 9 (Jazz) and Year 10 (CeroC) dance program with professional dance teachers offering choreographed dance experiences for our students. Year 10 was lucky enough to further their dance program with a session of Zumba. As part of their Sun Safety and Risk Business units, Year 7 spent a great day at Mona Vale Beach experiencing surfing, rescue techniques and beach activities. The Year 10 PASS elective class also had an extended surfing experience, spending three sessions with the Manly Surf School as part of their Physical Activities and Sports Opportunities unit. Linked in to their final unit, Year 10 PDHPE students were instructed in relaxation and meditation techniques in a session of Qui Xiong. As part of the Celebrating Diversity unit, our Year 9 students had the opportunity to hear about individual experiences with risk taking and living with adversity, followed by a game of wheelchair basketball during a visit from the Arrive Alive wheelchair basketball program.

The introduction of the 1:1 laptop program saw the PDHPE Department lead the way with technology, moving from standard workbooks

to digital workbooks, which were well received by the girls. Our elective Year 9 to 12 classes have also moved to online texts and e-learning, ensuring Brigidine girls are keeping up with all available IT advances in education.

Our staff have continued their own professional development in 2011 to ensure they are equipped and updated to teach girls of the current generation by attending professional courses on; Integrating IT into the PDHPE curriculum, Popular Media and Adolescent Girls, Executive Functioning Skills in Students and Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People, to name just a few.

Mr Joshua Holmes
Head of PDHPE

Staff: Mr Joshua Holmes (Head of Department), Ms Joanne Baker, Mrs Donna Kuper, Mrs Kate Ryder, Mrs Gina Hudson, Mrs Michelle Skinner, Mrs Olga Pasfield, Miss Gail O'Connor.



The Brigidine Science Department had an exciting year. Activities included our Science Week Mentor Quiz, with the successful groups enjoying a lunch as a reward for their uncanny knowledge of all things science. The Year 11 Physics class took control of the Parkes radio telescope and downloaded data from pulsars that will be used by the CSIRO and other astrophysicists around the world in their search for gravity waves and further research. Our girls made such an impression that they were invited to visit the telescope whenever they get the chance. Our senior Biology students spent a day in the bush studying ecosystems and the Physics and Chemistry classes toured ANSTO's nuclear facility at Lucas Heights.

Year 7 spent a day at Mona Vale Beach studying local ecosystems and the geology of our coastline and Year 8 enjoyed a presentation about reptilian wildlife, with an opportunity to get up close and hold some of the less venomous species. The CSIRO allowed our Year 9 girls to explore some exciting science and chemistry, while Year 10 visited the Powerhouse Museum. Along with these activities Brigidine girls also achieved very pleasing results in the Science Competition with 96 credits and 19 distinctions being won, a truly remarkable result given the nature of the Australia-wide competition. A Questacon video conference was held in the library and a group of keen students kept themselves very involved in the Science Club, meeting in Lab 3 to perform investigations using science skills learned in the classroom.

Our Science Department is participating in research being conducted through the University of Western Australia by

implementing the Thinking Science Program and analysing the effect that this has on pedagogy and student outcomes. We have also had our Year 7 teachers involved in a series of sessions with Bronwyn Macleod in which contextual programming possibilities were explored and implemented.

The long-awaited demise of the School Certificate examinations will allow the focus of Stage 5 Science to shift from external testing to better integrating science into the students' world. Interesting projects and scope for personal research will be expanded from 2012 with a view to making science an even more exciting and relevant area of study.

With the draft of the NSW version of the Australian Science Curriculum going through a consultation stage in 2011, it will be interesting to see whether the Board of Studies makes significant updates to the current syllabus to allow for the evolving nature of Science teaching, and phenomenal advances in technology since the present syllabus was implemented 13 years ago. Whatever is included in the final version of the syllabus that will be taught in schools from 2014, Brigidine stands ready with a well-resourced and eager teaching staff to deliver a relevant and interesting course that will equip our girls with skills that will be so important for them in their lives, regardless of their direction once they leave College.

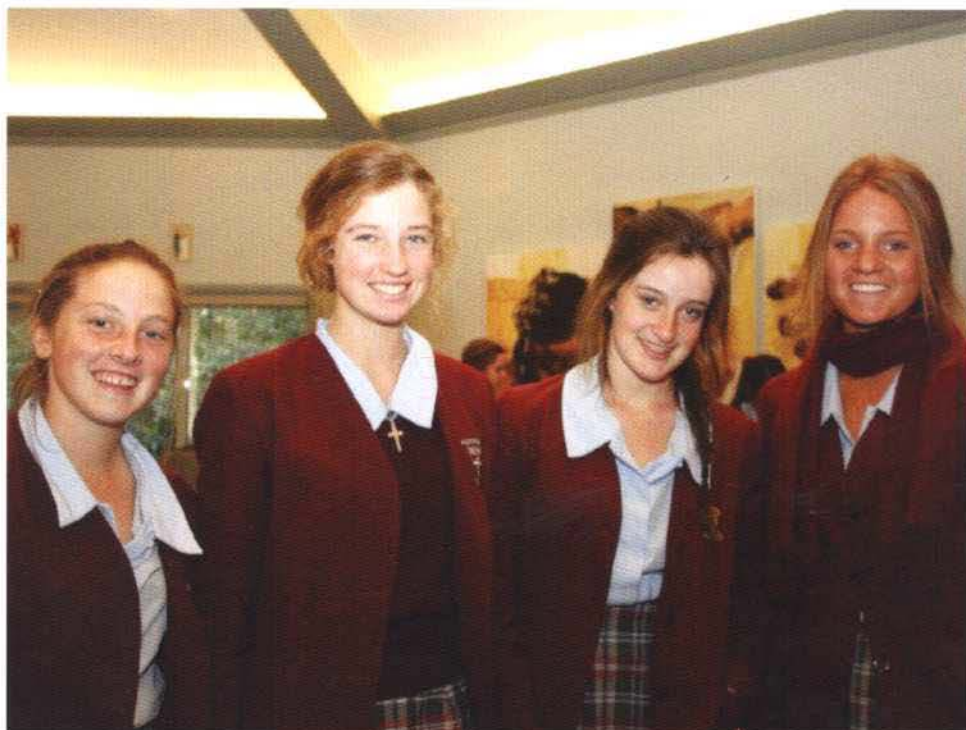
The depth and breadth of skills and experiences within the Science Department is shown by the number of teachers involved in research, HSC and SC marking, authoring texts, and who participate in professional development in addition to those programs



mentioned previously. This is on top of the advances in the skills that teachers have with IT integration in the classroom and its implications for teaching and learning, all of which ensures that Science will continue to be a dynamic and relevant subject for Brigidine girls.

Mr Robert Farr
Head of Science

Staff: Mr Robert Farr (Head of Department), Mrs Sylvia Bonner, Ms Fiona Caithness, Mrs Glenda Chidrawi, Mrs Audrey Coburn, Mrs Judy Gerhardt, Mr Jeremy Powell, Mrs Mary Radcliff, Mrs Skye Wachter, Mrs Simone Webb, Mrs Lindsey Wright.



Engaging students with activities in the real world is important, as observation and analysis skills back-up classroom explanations. Brigidine College students of the Social Sciences investigate the interactions of humans and their environment in a variety of ways.

Year 7 Geography classes visited Careel Bay to undertake a study of the wetland environment. The girls had a very hands-on day. They measured temperature, wind strength and soil moisture and observed the different characteristics of the environments from the mangroves to the salt marshes. There were many squeals of delight and aghast as the crabs scurried around their feet in the mud. The girls were intrigued to learn that the mangroves taste salty and that the pneumatophores are the lungs of these trees.

Year 10 Geography students took a fieldtrip to Avalon Beach to investigate the coastal development issues studied in class, explaining why property is at risk and discussing the strategies to manage this difficult and expensive coastal problem. Another group of Year 10's investigated spatial inequality, travelling west to Cabramatta. 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 10 Commerce and Year 11 Legal Studies classes visited the Downing Centre Courts to observe cases and comment on

the role of the court system. Later, the Year 10 students met their local member at Parliament House while the Year 11 girls visited the Justice and Police Museum at Circular Quay.

Year 9 Commerce participated in the YWCA Money Savvy Program and after devising creative ways to introduce their business mentors to the rest of the crowd, the girls considered a number of issues affecting young people and money through videos, discussions and games.

Hot Potatoes, Kandy Kids and Face Painting were some of the stalls set up by students at Year 9 Commerce Market Day. It was a wonderful day with many opportunities to develop business skills in sourcing and marketing products. Each group of students wrote a business plan to make sure they knew what had to be done and the risks involved in running a business.

The Year 12 Economics class attended a Study Day at the Wesley Centre in the city which addressed the current policy mix and the Carbon Tax in a clear and accessible manner.

Year 8 Geography enjoyed a day at the Zoo examining endangered species and threatened habitats. The students were lucky to have sunshine and blue skies to enhance their harbour experience at what must be one of the world's most beautiful zoos.

Year 7 Geography Semester 2 classes visited Careel Bay on Pittwater, a site with an excellent display of wetlands. With the help of Pittwater Council rangers, the students explored the food chains and adaptive strategies of mangroves.

Business Studies students participated in a day of gaming, simulating the running of a manufacturing business and the operational decisions to be made. Problem solving and teamwork made the tasks interesting, with real learning taking place in a fun environment.

Society and Culture students attended the PIP Day run by the Society and Culture Association in November to prepare them for the major work next year - researching and presenting a Personal Interest Project.

The Money Stuff Challenge encourages students to be creative in researching and developing consumer messages using fun and interactive media that will appeal to their peers and quickly grab their attention. It is a fun and engaging way for students to learn about their consumer rights while meeting syllabus learning outcomes. This year Nicola Cowan, Isabel Estrella, Claudia Lahood and May McMaster were shortlisted for the state finals for their rap creation *Protect Your Pin*. The girls were awarded Highly Commended and were each given a cheque for \$150 plus a cheque for \$1000 for the College.

Mrs Jennifer Preston
Head of Social Science

Staff: Mrs Jennifer Preston (Head of Department), Mrs Danielle Ballesty, Mrs Melissa Cash, Ms Marine Choquet, Mrs Mandy Doyle, Ms Sue Gibson, Mr Mark Hill, Mrs Maureen Mahon, Mrs Susan Martin, Mrs Emma Woods.



The Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) Exhibition provided a wonderful display of creativity and design in student projects this year. Quality project work in many skill areas was seen with a great variety of colours, shapes, sizes, and items to suit many different needs.

There are a number of different subject areas under the TAS umbrella in which students strive to achieve excellence in design and practical skills that are used to complete projects.

Technology – Years 7 and 8

A mandatory course in which the students complete six projects over two years. We encourage them to learn about design, develop new skills, and enjoy working with different materials. The context areas that they work in include; Food Technology, Textiles Technology, Electronics, Computer Technologies, Ceramics, Silver, Wood, and Interior Design. The students have been inspired to construct projects such as: Dream rooms, silver rings, mini magazines, websites, healthy snack foods, bags, Café meals, puzzles, pyjamas, photo frames, mirrors, work with robots, and more. Electives are offered in Year 9 and 10, 11 and 12.



Design and Technology

Our Year 9 students used wax casting to complete a silver ring this year. They also made shaped mirrors and a storage box. All very original, these works were decorated in the design, shape, and colours of their choice.

Year 10 students made a wooden writing pen using the lathe to machine the shape required. They also constructed LED lamps which were displayed in the library. Their biggest challenge was to construct an item of wooden furniture and some of the resulting projects were quite outstanding. Designs included coffee tables, dressing tables, desks, a dog bed, kennel, and an original bookcase in the shape of a surfboard. These were on display at the exhibition and admired by all.

Next year we introduce Design and Technology to Year 11 and look forward to seeing the girls learning more challenging skills in the subject.

Food Technology

Year 9 have looked at the topic of Food in Australia and have come to understand and appreciate the influence of other cultures in our food choices. Practical classes are always enjoyed and the girls develop their skills in food preparation. The highlight of the year is cake decorating which is part of the Food for Special Occasions topic and includes creating invitations and menus for special meals.

Year 10 were challenged to create a product and also to design and make its packaging. Many different pizzas were produced along with some great pizza boxes.

Year 10 also acted as event managers to design and plan a corporate event. Original, innovative, and fun ideas were created and launched to the class through music, video and even gift bags. With such thought and preparation demonstrated by some students it came to our attention that perhaps we may have one of Sydney's next big event planners in our College.

Year 11 enjoyed a visit to Sydney Tower to look at all aspects of running a restaurant and food service. This is always a great learning experience as well as a very spectacular view from the top.

Year 12 thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Pure Gelato factory where they were able to see how gelato is commercially made and discuss new product development. The students were also able to make and taste a variety of flavours.





Textiles Technology

Year 9 students began to develop their skills by making an equipment bag and a smaller bag for pins, needles, and scissors; they very much enjoyed tie dyeing fabric for these bags. Further projects included learning to follow a commercial pattern of a simple skirt and decorating it to suit the fabric; the skills required to complete a textile art project, with the theme of "Seasons". This involved lots of decorative techniques including appliqué, machine embroidery, block printing with leaves, sun fading using salt and other objects, rubbing plates, and couching. The girls prepared samples of these techniques in order to choose the ones they would use for a wall hanging. There was plenty of variety with some concentrating on just one season and others attempting all four. To complete the year, the students made a summer dress for themselves using a commercial pattern.

In Year 10, recycling was researched and students constructed a bag, using a commercial pattern and recycled fabrics. Denim fabric from old garments was to be included and many different bags were produced with decorative features such as lace and unusual fabric, such as wheat flour bags.

The most looked forward to project of the course is corsets, and it was successful with students developing their own patterns by wrapping each other in masking tape! The project offers challenging tasks of inserting boning, lining, and a secure closure. The girls were asked to decorate at least four panels using at least two decorative techniques. The projects were skilfully completed with much variety and enthusiasm displayed.

Year 11 students enjoyed constructing costumes for children and then had a choice to make another garment for themselves or another item. A clown, lion, fairy, mouse, and little red riding hood were a few of the children's costumes made. The garments included special occasion outfits made with more challenging fabrics and a child's chair constructed from black and white cotton and fur.

Our Year 12 students produced projects demonstrating great skill and of an excellent standard. Much time and perseverance went into the decorative techniques used to create

garments reflecting individual sense of style and talent. Skills such as felting, crocheting, beading, rouching, piping, embroidery, and gathering were used effectively with excellent fabric choices. The garments were displayed well and provided the highlight for the exhibition. Our senior students have been very fortunate to have had some special fashion drawing classes as well as a number of workshops to teach them extra techniques that can be used in fabric decoration.

Juliette Hall, Class of 2011, had her work chosen for the *Texstyle* exhibition, one of only 34 Major Textile Projects selected from NSW and we are very proud of her efforts.

We wish our Year 12 girls every success in their future choices of careers.

Information Processes and Technology

Our Year 12 class enjoyed their time with Mr Yuen who has taught the junior and senior classes in this subject over a number of years. This was the last class to complete this subject and as the elective numbers have dropped, it will not run in 2012.

Mr Yuen also was responsible for the successful *RoboCup* with our junior students. The competition was well organised and resulted in an outstanding 2nd and 3rd in the state for our College. The details of this competition are presented in the Computer Club report.

Cocurricular

The cocurricular clubs, supported by the TAS Department, include the Textiles Club and the Computer Club.

The practical areas of Textiles, Design and Technology, and Food Technology are regularly open to the students at lunchtime and after school. Teachers encourage the girls to seek extra assistance if they need it to complete projects. Some days are also offered to senior students in the holidays.

In conclusion, we have enjoyed having Mrs Michelle Schumann with us this year. She has worked in the Food Technology area and in Technology. We are very sad to bid farewell to one of our Textiles and Design teachers, Mrs Sue Frawley. Sue has engendered her love of textiles to the students as well as her positive influence in the classroom. She will be missed by the students and staff. We wish her well for the future.

This year, we have welcomed Mrs Kerry Flynn as our TAS Assistant and have appreciated her efficiency and assistance in the many areas of the TAS Department.

Mrs Sue Brown

Head of Technological and Applied Studies (TAS)



Staff: Mrs Sue Brown (Head of Department), Mr Russell Bebb, Mrs Sue Frawley, Mrs Rebecca Hill, Mrs Amanda Macri, Mrs Michelle Read-Zorn, Mrs Michelle Schumann, Mrs Jan Whiddon, Mr Ben Yuen, Mr Brian Manifold, Mrs Kerry Flynn.



My thanks to the Visual Arts staff for their contributions to the diverse range of activities that are involved in the teaching of our subject. During Term 1, I enjoyed long service leave and I thank Mrs Flory who acted as Head of Department and Ms Talisa Salmon who taught my classes.

A snapshot of the activities, artworks, and excursions that our students have enjoyed during 2011:

Year 12

Great artworks and ideas came to fruition throughout the year and were displayed at our Annual Visual Arts, Design and Photography Exhibition in The Romuald Visual Arts Centre during Term 3. Showcasing their HSC Bodies of Work, our 26 Visual Arts students were brimming with pride on opening night when parents, friends, teachers, and peers gathered to celebrate their success.

Year 11

A three day art camp on the banks of the Shoalhaven River at Bundanon was an invaluable experience for students about to begin their senior art studies. The artworks made during the camp were a great tribute to Arthur Boyd's dream of turning his family's property into a place where people could visit and creativity would flourish.

Following this bushland experience, students were presented with a different challenge. A popular trend in contemporary art is to work collaboratively with fellow artists. Our 22 students worked together on a project to represent a still life painting by the 16th century Flemish artist Brueghel. Each student worked on an individual canvas to appropriate a part of Brueghel's painting in a style from the Modern art movement. The 22 individual canvases form their version of Brueghel's *The Blue Vase*. This splendid artwork now hangs in the art centre.

A return to individual projects was welcomed by students who took to their final task with gusto. Inspired by the Dada art movement and in particular Marcel Duchamp's use of the ready-made object in art, students were given a teapot as a starting point to explore ideas and memories and to create a body of work. This culminated in an exhibition '*Teapotting*' and a morning tea-party for the staff.

Year 10

The drawing skills learnt in Years 7 to 9 are evident in the outstanding charcoal portraits created by the students this year. It was not surprising to see that many of the students were able to adapt their knowledge of portraiture and make expressive three-dimensional forms using clay. An excursion to the Archibald Prize Exhibition at the Art Gallery



of New South Wales inspired ideas for a final project in paint media. Students selected a significant person in their lives to represent through cultural symbols and portraiture.

An excursion to the *52 Burbs Exhibition* at the Museum of Sydney, The Object Gallery and an 'urban crawl' inspired a myriad of ideas for a wearable eco-design project. Raiding the recycle bins to recreate garments and accessories was a great way to inform our students about contemporary sustainable design practice. In a graphic design task, students decoded the advertising strategies used in popular media and utilised photo media and digital tools to communicate their own ideas in the form of a magazine cover.

Year 9

Realism to Cubism, Picasso to Pop, and sculptured animals made from sticky tape are a few of the activities that have taken place in Studio 1 this year. Students observed, constructed, and deconstructed everyday objects into a series of artworks. From carefully rendered tonal drawings to colourful abstract paintings on canvas, the object in art was celebrated by Year 9 students. An excursion to Taronga Park Zoo on a wet and windy day inspired our talented students to turn their attention to the wildlife on our planet and make intriguing transparent sculptural forms from sticky tape.

The excursion to the *Love Lace* Exhibition and the Lace Study Centre in the Powerhouse Museum was an introduction to making designs inspired by lace, insects, and plant forms. Skills in drawing, digital media, wire

forming, embossing, wrapping, packaging, and logo design were developed during this project to create a wearable design ready for market. 'T-shirt as Billboard' was a popular task requiring students to create a symbolic design suitable for a t-shirt print to voice their opinions on social issues.

Year 8

An investigation into the medieval world inspired the students' ceramic castles and mosaics. Thanks to 8T's collaborative art project we have three ceramic mosaics to hang in our sculpture courtyard. The motifs used in the mosaics were drawn from plants in our College gardens and then transformed into a medieval rose window design.

Year 7

Learning about Aboriginal Art was made more significant to the Year 7 students by listening to the history and stories told by guest indigenous artist and educator, Jimmy Smith. He explained the importance of aboriginal language, art, and the Dreamtime to his culture. Students were guided through a painting exercise creating signs and symbols to communicate a journey.

Ms Lu Buckley

Head of Visual Arts

Visual Arts Department staff: Ms Lu Buckley (Head of Department), Mrs Lucille Flory, Mrs Vanessa Briggs, Ms Kieren Taylor, Mrs Brodie Byrne and Mrs Jo O'Connell (Art Assistant)



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Leadership Team

William Gleeson, Susan Martin, Jane Curran, Brian Loughland, Michael Layden



It was with great honour, privilege, and enthusiasm that I commenced the year in the new role of Assistant Principal, Religious Formation at Brigidine College St Ives. The key aspects of liturgy, social justice, retreat and ministry, with strong links to Religious Education and Pastoral Care dimensions are fundamental in this role. It is my core responsibility, along with the Leadership Team to ensure that the College remains faithful to the vision of the Brigidine charism, within the traditions and the practices of the Australian Catholic Church.

Religious Formation must provide a permeating influence on all other dimensions of college life in order for Brigidine College St Ives to maintain its primary goal as a truly authentic Catholic community. It is the vision of the College that the young women in our care, alongside family and church partnership, will be prepared to face the challenges in the years ahead with faith, aptitude, and confidence. Each activity engaged at the College must be like a "great mirror" reflecting the Brigidine values: hospitality, celebration, commitment to family, dignity of human person, involvement and recognition of the value of family, multi-cultural and multi-faith understanding, stewardship, and self-respect. Integral to these values is a strong culture, confident in articulating Christian beliefs and values, and a community visibly expressing worship, belief, and practice.

Throughout the year, all members of the community (parents, staff and students) have been enlivened by the welcome, hospitality, and richness of faith in action.

Such activities as the Opening and Closing College Eucharists, the Wednesday Chapel Masses, Chapel Prayer liturgies, Social Justice and Charity Actions, Year Eleven Justice and Democracy work, Leader's Day at Brigidine Randwick, Social Justice Days, Community Involvement Programmes, Retreat and Camp organisation, all highlight the strong emphasis

the College places on Religious Formation. Alongside the other key domains of college life, the academic, pastoral and cocurricular areas, Religious Formation aims to provide a good balance in the holistic development of all girls.

In my column 'Kindling the Flame' in *Matters* newsletter each week, I report on Religious Formation activities within the community including prayer, spirituality, outreach, liturgy, and ministry. The title, 'Kindling the Flame' comes from the symbolism of St Brigid's Lamp of Learning, whereby the spark of the Brigidine story was lit in fifth century Ireland. The flame was rekindled by Bishop Daniel Delany in the early nineteenth century and continues at each college assembly when the seniors light the College Candle from the Lamp of Learning. Our hope is that our community will build on this vision to accept and confront the challenges of our time with confidence to make the world a better place.

Finally, I acknowledge Mrs Curran and the Leadership Team, alongside the College Board, College staff, students and parents who have made me feel so welcome and motivated for this position. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role and look forward to maintaining and building on the great tradition of the College in the years ahead.

Mr Bill Gleeson
Assistant Principal, Religious Formation



Having established the commitment to deliver an excellent education for girls in 2010, the start of the year heralded a significant change in the delivery of the curriculum and presented a challenge to established pedagogies. It was one that met with some trepidation. The decision to offer each student a laptop notebook was one that embraced the opportunity offered by technology; the opportunity to discover, organise, process, produce, and present work in ways that were not confined to pen and paper, physical spaces and set times. It represented a symbol of the times and the future of teaching and learning. A world of discovery had opened up in our quest to explore the strategies that enabled girls to think critically and creatively, to seek innovative

solutions to problems in a collaborative environment, and communicate their ideas clearly and logically. Like all transitions to something new, the process of change varied amongst students, teachers, and subjects. Some embraced it wholeheartedly, whilst others found it more difficult to adapt. Year 7 was excited, but Year 12 was more ambivalent not wanting a major change in their Higher School Certificate year. We determined to mix the best of all practices, traditional and new.

Like most years, 2011 began with an analysis of the HSC results. It was noted that 70% of all examination results were Bands 5 and 6, and an even closer analysis drew us to the potential results that would exist if each girl was able to score one extra mark. The difference in the results was so remarkable yet so attainable that we developed the mantra of 'just one mark'. In our evolving learning environment, the possibilities were emerging.

To this end we wanted to know the girls more fully in terms of their learning preferences, their strengths and weaknesses, their interests, talents and potential for talent, their achievements, and their progress. The data was gathered and analysed. We needed to create tasks that challenged the girls beyond their present level of achievement, build their capacity to engage more deeply with their

learning, and be prepared to take a risk with their ideas, all of which would be reflected in improvement. The notion of enabling girls to achieve their best was directed at each girl with particular attention focused on the more able and the less able, those for whom the normal curriculum offerings were not always appropriate. New structures and curricula were conceived and developed for 2012. These included an acceleration class in Year 9 Mathematics, an extension elective for Year 10 English and Life Skills courses in Creative Arts and Technology, and Applied Studies for students in Year 11. We await the results of the first Year 11 accelerated class completing their HSC in Studies of Religion.

Beyond the classroom, the girls continued to be actively encouraged to participate in as many cocurricular activities as possible in a spirit of inclusion and enjoyment. The skills learned and enhanced by teamwork, problem-solving, performing, debating, social justice, and physical challenge are enriching and invaluable.

The potential for growth and the opportunity for the girls to experience personal accomplishment and success is an exciting journey of discovery. In this learning environment the possibilities are endless.

Mrs Susan Martin

Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning



The pastoral care structures at Brigidine College St Ives in 2011 have provided a strong network of support for our students. Mentor teachers and Year Coordinators have worked closely with their students to help provide encouragement and support throughout the year.

Camps in Term 1 offered everyone an opportunity to build skills in resilience and working interdependently. Year 7 students spent time together at Collaroy getting to know each other and developing skills to make the transition into secondary school

a little easier. Year 8 students worked on teamwork skills and focused on positive attitudes at Crosslands in Galston Gorge. The Year 9 Camp at Murramarang encouraged the students to challenge themselves with an active outdoor program and Year 10 students spent their final camp together in the Barrington Tops.

Opportunities for parents and staff to meet have been well supported throughout the year, making the care of our students a team effort. Year 12 parents were welcomed at a Parent Daughter breakfast early in the year to receive some Top Tips for Surviving Year 12. Our Years 7 and 11 parents also met early in Term 1 at Meet the Mentor afternoons which afforded the opportunity for parents to put faces to Mentor teams. Year 8 mothers and students shared an afternoon tea with the Year 8 Mentor team while listening to Ashleigh Fong (Class of 2009) convince everyone that the difficulties of early adolescence will pass. Year 9 mothers met with the Year 9 Coordinator, Ms Donna Kuper and Mentor team and were assured that their daughters will all emerge as butterflies, graciously spreading their wings and their joy. Caroline Conlon (Class of 1983) shared her message of courage and determination as the guest speaker at the Year 10 Parent Daughter dinner in June. Parents,

students, and staff were all inspired by her ability to overcome adversity with such gentle strength.

Students have had opportunities this year to learn again about Cybersafety and Peer Pressure with performances from the Bamboo Theatre and Drug educator, Paul Dillon for Years 10, 11 and 12.

The Senior Leaders in 2012 achieved many of their goals including reinvigorating the Day 10 program for Years 7 to 10. In this program, Year 12 students were paired with a mentor group and were able to raise awareness for many issues while strengthening the connections between the year groups. Making 500 Cranes for the people of Japan, the *Hands up for Literacy Campaign* and *Bullying No Way* were just three of the issues discussed over the year.

The Pastoral Care team, consisting of Mrs Anne Summerhayes, Mrs Kate Ryder, Ms Donna Kuper, Mrs Karen Dunsmore, Mrs Vanessa Briggs, Mr Brian Loughland, Miss Amy Wheaton, Mrs Sue Appleton, and Mrs Ingeborg Dean are a dedicated, passionate, and creative team who are a pleasure to work with. The students at Brigidine College St Ives are in good hands.

Mrs Maree Lindsay

Acting Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care



At the beginning of the year we were awaiting the completion of Ku-ring-gai Council's assessment of our Staged Development Application for the College Master Plan, which we had submitted in November 2010. Anticipating a start to building during the year, we took advantage of the summer break to put in the services trench which will eventually carry power, gas, water, and data to the whole of the College. This huge job, laying pipes and ducts from the Woodbury Road boundary beneath Synan, the Quad, McMahon, the Green, and finally the McCammon wing was completed within days of the new Term. When school began,

only the concrete lids of the new distribution pits showed that anything had happened. The College is particularly grateful to Mr Riordan for so competently coordinating this work while also refitting a large number of staff office spaces.

In April, Council rejected the DA and advised the College to withdraw. After taking further legal and town planning advice, we lodged an appeal with the Land and Environment Court, which is still in process. In November 2011, solutions have been negotiated to all the issues of concern, most of our neighbours have come to a much better understanding of the proposal, and our team of architects and consultants are engaged in redrawing the plans to incorporate the agreed amendments, of which the most significant is a basement/lower ground level car park under the Performing Arts and Science building which will house some 75 vehicles.

The cost of these proceedings has been substantial, and the addition of the car park will add very significantly to the building costs of the early stages. However, the College continues to improve its financial position on a base of very strong enrolments and the Commonwealth Bank is willing to increase its support for the project. We currently anticipate a start to construction in mid-2012.

A Court appeal on a second application – to vary the conditions of consent on Bowie Hall so as to allow its use by other community groups – was upheld with conditions by Commissioner Fakes. The first beneficiary of the change will be St Paul's Catholic College Manly, who will hold their 2011 Speech Night in Bowie Hall.

The other very major initiative in 2011 has been the 1:1 laptop computer program. After a short delay at the beginning of the year owing to world shortages of some of the raw materials, the rollout of the devices was very ably coordinated by the ICT team. The logistical aspects of the program continue to run very smoothly, with our suppliers, ACER providing a rapid repair service, and the "swap 'n' go" supply of fully charged and ready imaged spares ensuring that girls are never without their devices. The next expansion to the College's ICT offering will be installed over the summer, when our end-of-lease classroom projectors and screens will be replaced with interactive, very short throw projectors and white boards, adding a new and rich dimension to the presentation of ideas across the curriculum.

Mr Michael Layden
Director of Support Services



In the same way that a home is made up of various people and parts, so is a school. The Development and Community Relations team provide the back room and front of house for our community. This year the team expanded, and now we escort you along the path from your first thoughts about Brigidine, through your College education and for the rest of your life as an Alumnus.

When you first contacted us, Belinda Stoneham would have happily answered your questions, sent you information, gave copious advice, guided you through Open

Day and enrolled your daughter for her critical secondary schooling. Belinda also managed College marketing throughout the year, including the impressive light-boxes at local shopping centres. Julia Postle joined our team in April to support the management of the myriad records needed for enrolment and has provided so many other skills to our team.

Communication is a major focus each year and this is an endless challenge. Whether it is the weekly publication of *Matters*, Calendars, HSC report, the Bridge magazine, Yearbook or invitations and booklets, Alison Windmill adds her creativity and experience to photograph events and produce informative publications.

If you attended any event at the College this year, you probably enjoyed the hospitality of Gail Dugan even if you didn't meet her. As Events Coordinator, Gail organises our refreshments, decorations, and equipment to ensure we can comfortably enjoy ourselves as a community.

Commencing in January, Wendy Baxter became our Facebook guru as part of managing alumni activities. We welcome Wendy back to Brigidine, as she is a past parent. Her work with reunions, Pioneer events, and alumni news is invaluable to our ongoing relationships with past students.

Then, after we have all moved on from school, Kerri Genovese continues to preserve the history of this fine College through her expertise as an Archivist. Though Kerri works with limited space, her dedication and interest in the people and activities of the College is well evident and will provide a rich record over time. Long standing member of staff, Philippa Goddard, assists Kerri with archives activities and Margaret Cooke and Maree Duffy both volunteer their time to rationalise and tag the large collection of photos. We are very grateful for their help.

As someone who is returning to the College after 11 years in other schools, this year has been a time for me to find my feet and re-establish friendships and contacts, introduce new projects such as Scholarships and investigate others including overseas exchanges. Working with the P & F has been a pleasure and we can expect to enjoy their ongoing support in 2012. The College community is so sincerely grateful to the committee for their energy, commitment, and time which really makes a difference in so many ways.

It is great to be back.

Ms Di Lawrence
Director of Development and
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Mimi Rosenbaum
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Kate Spencer
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Samantha Stack
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Aiana Su-Navratil
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Olivia Webeck
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Hannah Ribbons
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Camille Schloeffel
Rachel Seeto
Georgia Slater
Lucy Slater
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Emma Steele
Emma Steiner
Lucy Tate
Megan Taylor
Sarah Thomason
Jessica Tierney
Jennifer Tims
Victoria Trevallion
Genevieve Triemstra
Jessica Tripp
Charlie Turner
Kristin Turner
Kirsten Van Den Berg
Andrea Van Niekerk
Clare Vanzino
Jane Vanzino
Gabriella Vumbaca
Kinlee Wagner
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Emma Welch
Laura Welch
Kelly Wilcox
Vanessa Wilkins
Lauren Willett
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Alicia Wrightson
Natalie Yeung
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Ann-Marie Awad
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Danielle Barakat
Caitlin Bariol
Louisa Bartels
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Zoe Belbin
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Rachael Day
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Elizabeth Diggins
Lucinda Douglas
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Briana Emery
Jessie Everett
Siobhan Fang
Francesca Farrell
Sophie Favalaro
Maria Galletta
Kerrie Galloway
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Jasmyne Gama
Hannah Garcia
Lucy Geier
Georgina Germanos
Amelia Gill
Brianna Gorman
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Ebony Howard
Louise Humphries
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Rebecca Johnson
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Kate Jones
Rhea Karunakar
Natalie Kerr
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Jessica Langley
Georgia L'Estrange
Elise Lieberman
Stephanie Long
Jordan Louis
Claudia Macphail
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Georgia Marshall
Tiana Mastroianni
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Amy McGregor
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Lily Morris
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 Andrea Pizzie
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 Rebecca Shandley
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 Brianna Shlager
 Vindhya Singh
 Jasmin Singh-Brar
 Sarina Siva
 Meredith Spadon
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 Emma Squires
 Lucy Stafford
 Molly Stewart
 Emily Stuart-Jones
 Mikayla Sullivan
 Hannah Tarbotton
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 Kathy Tou
 Elizabeth Trupiano
 Kelsee Turton
 Eliza Van Rooyen
 Sarah Varvarian
 Mikaela Vial Shaw
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 Bronte Wiles
 Abbi Wilkinson
 Hermione Williams
 Jodi Williamson
 Jessica Yang
 Emma Youdale

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 Rebecca Baczkowski
 Tayla Badings
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 Georgia Bain
 Georgia Barnes
 Alison Bell
 Danielle Bennett
 Amy Bettiol
 Jemima Blissett
 Jessica Boccantuso
 Lauren Boccantuso
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 Tamasin Calcraff
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 Nicola Cowan
 Daniela Cuadros-Garrot
 Amelia Cudicio
 Eloise Cunningham
 Kaitlin Cunningham
 Amna Daniels
 Rebekah De Jong
 Adrienne Dell
 Joanne Dey
 Caitlin Dowdall
 Imogen Egan
 Samantha Eismen
 Genevieve Ellis
 Isabel Estrella
 Courtney Etherington
 Poppy Evans
 Ashleigh Ferrero
 Atlanta Finch
 Meg Flannery
 Sarah George
 Preeti Ghadia
 Kathryn Gillis
 Emily Goodman
 Rebecca Goswell
 Emily Gregg
 Lauren Grieve
 Tegan Grunwald
 Aya Hachigo
 Erin Hannan
 Ceridwen Harman
 Madeleine Harris
 Maesie Harris
 Lauren Harrison
 Ashleigh Harvey
 Samantha Hayter
 Rachel Hellyer
 Rachael Helsham
 Nicole Hewitt
 Annabel Higgs
 Jessica Hill
 Emily Hodgson
 Rikki Hopton
 Meghan Hughes
 Bronte Jarrett
 Christina Jones
 Miki Kana
 Susan Keighery
 Isabelle Kersten
 Sarah Korte
 Ildelin Kruger
 Zoe Kruike
 Claudia Lahood
 Ruby Lambert
 Isabella Lane
 Georgia Langham
 Catherine Lanz
 Francisca Leon
 Claire Lhuede
 Sarah Lucas
 Isabella Ludwig
 Vanessa MacDonald
 Caitlin Maher
 Nicole Mandelburger

Lonita Mann
 Caitlin Marton
 Alexandra McInnes
 May McMaster
 Gabrielle Milgate
 Alexandra Musson
 Annalise Neal
 Emma Nedov
 Eliza Nehrybecki
 Georgia Newell
 Kristie Nixon
 Gisele Nour
 Emilia Olog
 Monique O'Sullivan
 Jessica Paterson
 Mikki Peters
 Emily Phillips
 Katie Philp
 Alice Poljak
 Brittany Prowse
 Bronte Pulman
 Emma Radcliff
 Julia Reed
 Lauren Rice
 Katharyn Russell
 Caitlin Sankey
 Tierney Seeto
 Victoria Silton
 Nicola Simmons
 Rebecca Somerville
 Madelin Strupitis-Haddrick
 Megan Thomas
 Brittany Tosh
 Elizabeth Trevaillon
 Maeve Wadsworth
 Laura Walbank
 Alison Walsh
 Georgia Walsh
 Sarah Watts
 Gemma Weller
 Dominica Westhoff
 Stephanie Whitehouse
 Danielle Wigston
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Stephanie Aikins
 Madeleine Andrews
 Rachel Baird
 Bridgette Barnes
 Lily Barrett
 Tiasha Bastianpillai
 Lauren Beck
 Annabel Biles
 Kirsten Bisset
 Shelby Blake
 Hanna Bianche
 Tamara Bose
 Francesca Breen
 Jordan Brink
 Larissa Carnegie
 Mackenzie Carroll
 Ashley Chalhoub
 Kasumi Champion
 Pajje Channon
 Eloise Clark
 Carmela Colinares
 Monique Collins
 Abbie-May Connery
 Olivia Cook
 Camilla Corbett
 Jessica Corfield
 Monica Courtney
 Rosalinde Czynok
 Isabella Day
 Claudia De Berardinis

Isabella Devenish-Mearns
 Maria Devine
 Laura Douglass
 Chantelle Drake
 Elisha Dunn
 Danielle Eather
 Grace Eather
 Tamara Fechner-Head
 Louise Finch
 Olivia Flynn
 Rebecca Fong
 Sinead Forde
 Amelia Forsythe
 Alish Galloway
 Danielle Gane
 Amy Gladwin
 Phoebe Goodwin
 Madeleine Grant
 Derryn Grobler
 Isabella Hall
 Claudia Hallett
 Clare Hansen
 Ebony Harris
 Olivia Haveika
 Rebecca Head
 Courtney Herringe
 Alexandra Hollis
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 Jieun Hong
 Jacqueline Howard
 Courtney Hume
 Rebecca Iacono
 Genevieve James
 Alexandra Jones
 Jennifer Kim
 Alexandra Kopp
 Melissa Krechkin
 Marianna Learmonth
 Corinne Lieberman
 Jessica Lin
 Bonnie Macqueen
 Alexandra Marshall
 Arielle Marshall
 Brigitte Maskine
 Alison Masters
 Jessica Matthews
 Ann Matthias
 Natalie Mauro
 Hannah Mayor
 Susan McCourt
 Brae McGarva-Neal
 Kate McGee
 Ariyana Merlo
 Jordana Moulds
 Lauren Murphy
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 Jessica O'Donovan
 Caitlin O'Hagan
 Nicola O'Neil
 Anabelle Ottery
 Ashlee Page
 Bilynda Palmer
 Phoebe Partridge
 Sarah Penn
 Sophie Pentelow
 Danielle Phillips
 Melanie Poussin
 Philippa Reeves
 Sarah Rodgers
 Claudia Rosati
 Kathryn Ross
 Cassandra Rounds
 Camie Rubinstein

Emily Scotter
 Jessica Shlager
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 Isabella Tafuro
 Jessica Tam
 Elen Thompson
 Erin Thompson
 Maria Toma
 Daniela Tosoni
 Vanessa Trabucco
 Dominique Trauer
 Samantha Tripp
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 India van Kool
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 Nicola Welch
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 Ashley Wick
 Isabella Wildsmith
 Lauren Wilkins
 Alexandria Woods
 Chelsea Woodward
 Caitlin Worsley
 Sally Youdale

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 Georgia Boyle
 Rachael Bradley
 Aysha Brown
 Louise Butcher
 Josephine Capel
 Danica Carter
 Nyssa Chermell Dutton
 Amanda Chong
 Jaimee Chue
 Clare Conn
 Bianca Cornale
 Nicola Cunningham
 Millicent Davies
 Catherine Dell
 Tara Dingle
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 Chantel Du Preez
 Monique Du Preez
 Manisha Ediriwira
 Sydney Eismen
 Saskia Ek
 Nina Evans
 Nicole Favalaro
 Claire Feather
 Laura Fianerny
 Laura Flynn
 Tertia Garay
 Grace Geier
 Alana Gibson
 Chloe Gillespie
 Kate Gould
 Alexandra Hall
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Georgia Hamilton
 Lauren Harcombe
 Rachael Harris
 Tiarne Heath
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 Chelsea Herbert
 Tarryn Hill
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 Alexandra Howe
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 Gemma Jones
 Alice Keighery
 Latrisha Kenny
 Rojan Khashtoui
 Emily Knight
 Elena Kovacs-Hegedus
 Natasha Lahood
 Alison Langer
 Isobel Leonard
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 Fiona Livisianos
 Katie Lynch
 Gabrielle MacDonald
 Jessica Mahon
 Bronagh Marley
 Taylor Masone
 Jacquelyn Maurer
 Hayley McAlister
 Sophie McMichael
 Natalie Mendes
 Julia Merrick
 Clare Miller-Bliss
 Danielle Moore
 Rosalie Moore
 Isabelle Morris
 Samantha Murphy
 Clara Naibandian
 Katherine Nuttall
 Casey O'Brien
 Emily O'Donovan
 Heather Oesterheld
 Cristina Olizon
 Kathleen O'Neill
 Aissa Osada-Phornsiri
 Kiah Ostowari
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 Georgia Roach
 Jessica Roberts
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 Katrina Scotter
 Ashleigh Scrivener
 Rachael Sechi
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 Madeleine Sweeney
 Rachel Tanner
 Madison Thompson
 Paige Thompson
 Ashleigh Trupiano
 Kelly-Ann Turner
 Lindi Van Rhijn
 Melissa Walsh
 Sophie Walsh
 Lauren Ward
 Courtney Welsh
 Abby West
 Montana York



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Catherine Dell, Mianisha Edinwira, Isabel Owen, Mrs J. Curran, Georgina Boyle, Tara Dingle, Bronagh Marley



Brigidine Daughters

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Second Row: Latrisha Kenny, Tara Perkins, Maggie Stokeld, Nicola Welch, Lauren Grieve, Ebony Harris, Claire Havelka, Allison Bradley, Rose Spurr, Georgia Boyle, Mrs K. Ryder

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Years 7 – 10 Leaders

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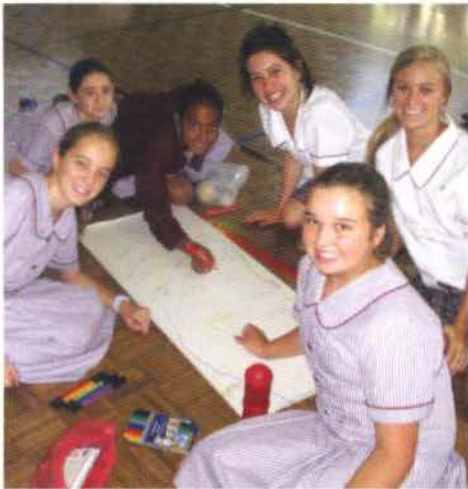
Fifth Row: Amelia Gill, Catherine Lanz, Eloise Cunningham, Alice Poljak, Georgia Marshall, Amy-Elizabeth Dugan, Francesca Rowlinson, Amelia Baillie, Christina Jones, Molly Stewart



We are very proud of the individual and communal achievements of all students who attended camps from Years 7-10 between 9 to 11 March. They were supported and nurtured by our College staff and our camp providers, and were able to face many arduous walks, challenging experiences and some physical deprivations. The community was able to learn more about themselves and others in a unique and challenging setting. All agree it was hard at times, maybe a lot of the time, but they were able to come through it and learn more about coping with challenges, dealing with discomfort and taking risks - all important lessons for life not easily taught in the classroom environment or in the comfort of home. For every student that tried something new and challenging to them, for every one that faced a fear and overcame it and for those who walked with others and shared the troubles of the journey, I am equally proud as well. The College sees the Camp programme as an integral part of the holistic development of all Brigidine students.

Mr Brian Loughland
Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care





Congratulations and thank you to all of our wonderful Peer Support Leaders who demonstrated excellent leadership qualities towards the youngest members of our Brigidine community. Due to the size of the cohort we needed the help of some Year 10 students to assist the Year 11 Leaders. All Leaders exemplified the College motto of *Fortiter et Suaviter* whilst encouraging participation in the numerous activities. Some highlights of the year included the paper fashion parade, trivia contest and learning resiliency strategies. All students are to be commended on their participation and progress throughout the program and we look forward to seeing some of the Year 7s join us as peer Support Leaders in their Senior years at the College.

Mrs Amanda Macri, Mrs Michelle Skinner, Mrs Kate Ryder, Mrs Lucille Flory, Mrs Glenda Chidrawi, and Mrs Donna Kuper
Peer Support Coordinators

Year 8 Camp



Year 9 Camp

Our theme was 'We're all in this Together', which was very apt as the students bonded over shared challenges and experiences of camp.

We set off at 5am in three loaded buses and headed south to Murrumbidgee on the coast. The camp was structured so that groups were dropped off at different points and then intersected through the camp site. This caused some distress for our very social Year 9 girls as it meant that they would not see some of their friends for 2 nights!

Activities included coastal walks (with a full pack on), bush walks (with a full pack on), surfing, more coastal walking (with a full pack on) and more bush walking (with a full pack on). Groups also cooked their own food and erected their own tents. It was very challenging and exhausting. It pushed emotions to the edge and students had to dig deep within themselves to find the strength to carry on... but carry on they did.

Groups which began as disjointed and conflicted, emerged with their own hiking songs, in-jokes, and stories regarding injuries, food, beautiful scenery, and hilarious photos.

Year 10 Camp

Brigidine girls awoke bright and early on the 9 March with the realisation that it was a day many had dreaded, the day of Year 10 camp. Duke of Ed girls, as well as all of Year 10, had to don heavy packs and leave behind all traces of civilisation. With confusing maps and compasses, the year set out into the great unknown that is Belanglo National Park. To some girls' dismay, their beloved Nutella, iPods, and mobile phones had to be left behind. With much tears and anguish, we all set off on our three days of adventure. These days were filled with patting wombats, hiking and group bonding exercises, interspersed with bike rides and meeting other groups with much joy and excited screaming.

I am sure that for the whole year group, Year 10 camp will be forever imprinted as a blur of funny memories, heavy packs, and strengthening friendships. A huge thank you to the group leaders who led us through the three days, to the other girls who made even the worst moments liveable, but most of all to the tireless Mentor teachers who put up with the tired girls. The three days proved to be a very rewarding experience that brought Mentor groups closer and challenged us to push our own personal boundaries. Camp made us truly appreciate what we often take for granted.

Natalie Chandra and Nicola Cowan

Year 10



The camp certainly challenged many girls. As the physical comforts of home were stripped away, they needed to rely on all members of the group to reach group goals and they also reached within themselves to find strength that many never knew they had.

In the post-camp evaluation, it was rewarding to read that most of the students had recognised that they had been challenged, but they appreciated the opportunity to be challenged and they felt very proud of themselves for coping

as well as they did. One encapsulated the thoughts of many, when she wrote: "My worst day was climbing the mountain. It wasn't easy, but it was an experience that I will remember forever because now whenever I think that I can't do something, I know I can."

The students developed skills of perseverance, independence, interdependence, tolerance, and courage. Congratulations on achieving great life skills Year 9. Remember... out of huge pressure, diamonds are made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff members who completed the camp activities (also with full packs on), You were tremendous role models for the girls and your efforts were truly amazing... especially Mr Holmes who climbed the mountain with two packs on!

Mrs Donna Kuper
Year 9 Coordinator





College Captain

Emily Scotter

College Senior Vice Captain

Maria Toma

Vice Captains

Lauren Murphy – Clubs

Laura Douglass – Houses

Chloe Steele – Social Justice

Stephanie Aikins – Student Leadership

Year Ambassadors

Jordan Brink, Eloise Clark, Olivia Havelka, Kelsey Singh and Abbey Vawdrey

House Captains

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Fatima House	Hannah Major	Camie Rubinstein
Kildare House	Olivia Cook	Louise Finch
Lourdes House	Kathryn Ross	Lily Barrett
Prague House	Bonnie Macqueen	Alison Masters

Sports – Clubs

Club	Captain	Vice Captain
Athletics	Olivia Flynn	Ellen Thompson
Basketball	Camilla Corbett	
Dance	Larissa Carnegie	Daniella Toson
DEAS	Tiasha Bastianpillai	Isabella Hall
Equestrian	Samantha Tripp	
Gymnastics	Danielle Gane	
Hockey Club	Clare Hansen	Chloe White
Netball Club	Sophie Pentelow	Phoebe Partridge
Soccer Club	Jessica O'Donovan	
Softball Club	Phoebe Goodwin	Sarah Penn
Swimming Club	Johanna Stokoe	Chelsea Woodward
Tennis	Lauren Murphy	Annabel Biles
Touch Football	Alexandra Jones	Shelby Blake
Volleyball	Rachel Baird	Nicola Welch
Water Polo	Rebecca Iacono	Alexandra Marshall

Centre For Excellence – Clubs

Club	Captain	Vice Captain
Animal Welfare	Adeline Siva	
Art	Courtney Hume	
Computer	Corinne Lieberman	
Debating	Phillipa Reeves	Alexandra Kopp
Drama	Mackenzie Carroll	Jacqueline Howard
Justice and Democracy	Bonnie Holman	Rosalinde Czysnok
Languages	Courtney Herringe	
Music	Jessica Squires	Camilla Corbett
Public Speaking	Adeline Siva	
Science	Nicola O'Neil	
Textiles	Jessica Shlager	







“Bring, bring! Bring, bring!” That’s the sound a bell makes on a bicycle.

Something common most of us share is the memory we have of learning to ride a bike. Attempting this task is certainly not easy and although the path might seem smooth and level sometimes, we fall and bruise ourselves along the way. But this happens for a reason and every curve in the road makes us get stronger and more confident.

Here is my recollection of when I learnt to ride. I was only 4 years old at the time and according to my parents had quite a good sense of balance as well as coordination. Because of this they believed I had the ability to progress straight from my 3-wheeler bicycle to my 2-wheeler bike, avoiding the usual sequence which involved training wheels. Naturally, I trusted their decisions so I accepted this advice and let them steer me in the right direction.

I have vivid memories of the mixed emotions I felt that day. Feeling proud of myself for bypassing the middle stage of using training wheels, I was keen to get going. Dressed in my helmet and knee pads I couldn’t have looked better prepared! I looked a little like a sumo wrestler with all my padding but I felt happy and comfortable knowing I was equipped for any rough road ahead. However, I also realised that despite being well prepared, there might be the occasional speed hump and obstacle in my way and I felt a little numb with fear and anxiety wondering how I would cope with this. The day was long and tiring and by the end my body was certainly a little battered and bruised. However my ego was high as I was full of a new found confidence in myself for having mastered this difficult skill.

My parents proved to be my leaders that day, encouraging and motivating me to reach beyond my limits and tackle the bumpy road until I had finally mastered this difficult task. It was their vision that made it possible for me to go that one step beyond my comfort zone, challenging and inspiring me to reach new heights.

Just as I had been had guided and inspired that day, so too does an effective leader. Leaders inspire trust and confidence in their followers. By communicating clearly, honestly and in an encouraging manner, they build a sense of trust in their followers, always supporting and empowering them despite giving direction.

Leadership can take many forms and can mean very different things for each individual. For some it may be the classroom teacher, the sports coach, a priest at church, the local community mayor or even the lead singer in a band who inspires us. Whoever it is, all humans need someone to rely on and give them direction as to what to do and what to believe.

At Brigidine there are endless opportunities for each of you to develop leadership skills. From the youngest students in Year 7 who are chosen as captains to do the toss at the start of a sporting game, to those who play starring roles in the college musicals or perhaps a soloist in the choir, to those who achieve academic awards, or the students in Year 11 who take on the role of Peer Support Leaders, as well as the representatives in every year who take on the responsibility as Year leaders and Ambassadors, you can all strive to serve and lead within this school in some capacity or other. Leadership is by no

means restricted just to the Year 12 leaders you can see here today – each one of you has the capacity to lead in an area that interests you. We all learn to ride a bicycle at some stage in our lives and we can all be bike riders.

Together with my fellow 2012 Leadership Team we hope to encourage every one of you in the coming year to overcome your challenges and develop confidence in your own abilities. We will support and encourage you in your individual pursuits so that you too can be inspired to develop your own sense of leadership. Equally important in our role is the partnership between the leaders and yourselves. Just like the significance of the partnership between my parents and I when I learnt to ride my bike, so too is the importance of the partnership between you students and the 2012 leaders. A successful team can only work when there is a balance and interaction between both.

The road ahead may be a long and winding one, full of surprises at every corner. Your 2012 Leaders are ready to take on this journey and pedal as smoothly as the road will allow. There will no doubt be speed humps and pot holes along the way that may cause us to slow down and change gear. Overall though, we are looking forward to this challenge and have the energy and enthusiasm to begin. We ask each of you to accompany us on this journey and help protect us by believing in us and having trust and confidence in us so that together we can form an effective, efficient and formidable 2012 Brigidine team.

Emily Scotter
College Captain 2012

“The difference between animals and humans is that animals change themselves for the environment, but humans change the environment for themselves.”



With the advance of technology, the delicate balance of the environment has been upset. Through deforestation, strip mining and the use of non-renewable resources, man has been able to permanently change the environment for what is believed to be his own benefit. Man has the capability in today's society to bend the environment to his own will. Animals are faced with the opposite choice, now, more than ever, animals must adapt or die, seeming to prove once and for all that, “The difference between animals and humans is that animals change themselves for the environment, but humans change the environment for themselves.”

Human beings are currently battling the environment, seemingly rigid in their belief that it is their entitlement to plunder our natural resources in order to provide their particular version of an idyllic lifestyle. It appears that modern man has no conscience when faced with the effects upon the environment caused by his actions, using and or destroying vast quantities of natural resources which have taken, in some cases, millions of years to produce while doing very little to support mechanisms to replace these resources for future generations. Humans in today's society apparently wish to live a tropical island lifestyle in the middle of naturally frosty terrains and will appear to let nothing stand in their way.

A perfect example of this was the arrival of the first Europeans in Australia, a country whose natural environment bore no resemblance to their homeland. Over many thousands of years Indigenous Australians had survived in this often harsh terrain and adapted successfully, somehow intuitively understanding that the two must live harmoniously. The native inhabitants

had found a way to live while having minimal effects upon the environment, however the Europeans were determined to somehow reconstruct their traditional lifestyle. This decision would have profound and far reaching effects upon the future of Australia.

Animals are faced with an extremely different set of circumstances. Historically, animals have proven to be extremely in tune with their surroundings, allowing them to live comfortably and realistically.

The animal kingdom provides many outstanding examples of this behaviour including bears hibernating during winter when food is scarce and the climate harsh; animals who migrate annually to sometimes far flung regions which will offer them the best environment to reproduce and therefore ensure the continuation of their species; and bears living in polar, ice covered continents who have developed thick coats to act as insulation. Animals, as a result of human activity, have had to drastically increase their rate of adaptation as their environments are constantly changing.

Animals have no option but to adapt to their environment if they wish to survive and while mankind may currently believe that he is winning his battle with nature, the final outcome may prove him to be tragically incorrect.

Animals generally have no ability to alter their surrounding environment to suit themselves and therefore their only option is to transform themselves to suit their environment or perish.

Animals seem to instinctively understand that only one force can be in control and that nature is the the most likely to prevail. To quote a Brigidine senior from her Visual Arts major work - “When man creates a stronger chainsaw, nature will create a stronger tree”. This is a theory that the majority of the human population have not yet realised as they are too caught up trying to overcome their surroundings to create their ideal way of life. Ironically, the harder they toil and the more they possess, the unhappier many people seem to be. Material possessions would seem to come at a cost not only to the environment but to the true quality of human life and health. Family, community and peace of mind may be additional casualties to the more often debated climate and natural resources in the battle for any ideal existence.

It is a common belief that human beings can only bring joy to their lives and attempt to satisfy their inquisitive nature by discovering something new, coming to admire it and then working to change it. This may be what today's society has adopted and blown out of all proportion. There is a theory that the basis of

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mankind's need to alter his environment lies in the structure of his brain. Humans have been blessed with a brain capable of imagining and creating things well beyond any other animals' capabilities, and this is where the problem originates. As a result of this brain, humans no longer measure successful survival in a rational form. An average animal in nature would be considered successful having lived to a reasonable age without ever being hungry or without shelter however, the majority of today's human population have made it impossible to ever measure success in the same form as we have lost the brain capabilities to do so.

In their ignorance, by the ongoing destruction of their natural environment together with the seemingly insatiable consumption of large reserves of natural resources, humans are unintentionally destroying fellow human beings. They, albeit largely unwittingly, may very well be the creators of their own downfall. The use of non-renewable resources is an example; uranium is one of the simplest ways to obtain energy in today's world however this also comes with many side effects. The extensive use of nuclear energy is a direct result of the easy access to uranium; this unfortunately is offset by the very real risk of a potentially fatal and devastating catastrophe, given that it remains impossible with modern technology to create a nuclear power plant with 100% security. If an accident were to occur it could cause unimaginable damage, as illustrated by the 2011 Japanese nuclear meltdown. The persistent use of uranium would appear to prove that humans will let nothing, including the safety of their fellow beings prevent them from obtaining their ideal.

Advanced technology would appear able to provide sufficient information to our society to raise concerns about the apparent devastation they are forcing onto their natural environment; however, it has only increased the problem.

Technology has enabled human beings to bend and manoeuvre their surroundings into previously unimaginable forms. Human beings were once like animals, they understood their environment and they could differentiate between needs and wants and their lives, therefore, revolved around providing the only two real essentials to life... food and shelter. Over time, however, human being's wants have far surpassed their needs resulting in them doing almost anything to obtain their desires with little thought for the effects and this is where the environment has begun to suffer.

China is an obvious example with its current population of 1.3 billion people. Fortunately for the rest of the world the majority of China's population falls into the category deemed by most western countries to be the “poor people of the world”. This is seen as a positive, as those who cannot afford the supposed ‘luxuries’ cannot cause the level of damage to the environment nor deplete global resources to anywhere near the extent that those with money can.

Society is then posed with the very confronting question of what could happen should the majority of the 1.3 billion people living in China rise from a subsistence level to a financially comfortable existence. When over a sixth of the population suddenly feels the need and has the capabilities to obtain not only their basic ‘needs’, but also the ‘wants’ in their lives.

While it certainly appears unfair from a social justice perspective that an improvement in lifestyle for the majority of the Chinese population, or indeed all people living in unfortunate conditions, would be seen as a negative for the global economy and general wellbeing of the minority, the very real threat to the world as a whole is that further increases in the wealth and perceived entitlement to a more luxurious lifestyle for greater percentages of

the world population would result in greater destruction of our natural resources and environment in an attempt to satisfy these needs.

It would seem that the way for mankind to secure his future may be to relinquish his desire to overcome nature in an attempt to ‘improve’ his life and to copy the animal kingdom and find happiness in a simple and sustainable future for both the current world population and that of future generations. Truly the way to a successful future may be to take a step back into the past.

Amy-Elizabeth Dugan

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Commemorating our Kildare connection

The annual reunion for the Pioneers and 1960s era Alumni was held in April and the participants had a wonderful time as they chatted, laughed and reminisced about their years at the College. 2011 is the United Nations International Year of Forests, and in keeping with the theme Forests for People, the Alumni presented a pair of oak saplings to the College as part of the Liturgy held to commemorate the Pioneers' Reunion Day.

The oaks were propagated from the tree that Bishop Daniel Delany, founder of the Brigidine community, brought to the first Brigidine College in Australia in 1807. The propagated oak trees came from the original oak that grows on the site of St Brigid's monastery in Kildare, Ireland.

The Pioneers and '60s era Alumni are proud foundation members of the ever-growing Brigidine College St Ives community and were delighted to present the trees as a powerful sign of life continuing and flourishing at the College.

The oaks will not be planted on the College grounds due to regulations restricting the planting of trees which spread over a large area, but will be lovingly nurtured and tended to by our grounds staff for the enjoyment of present and future members of the ever-growing Brigidine College community.

Reunions

8th Annual Pioneers' and 1960s Era Reunion – Saturday 9 April 2011

The reunion was held at the College on a beautiful sunny day and the celebrations commenced in the chapel with the Pioneers Mass celebrated by Fr Bernard Hancock ocd. At the conclusion of the mass our Principal, Mrs Jane Curran presented gold St Brigid's Cross brooches to the Class of 1961 to mark the 50 years since their graduation.

Recipients were Margaret Christensen (Heffernan), Christine Nemes (Collins), Dot Spires (Craig), and Janice Jarvis (Stalgis).

After the luncheon held in Bowie Hall, our guests took the opportunity to tour the College and were impressed with the refurbishment of the classrooms in Synan Wing where all of their classes were held in those early years. Our Archival displays were also a focus of much attention as the Pioneers reminisced about their school days.

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



Class Reunions

The annual 'Back to Brigidine' reunion day was held on Saturday 22 October, and this year we celebrated the classes of 2001, 1991, 1981 and 1971. The day commenced with Open House at the College from 2pm to 4pm and many of our past students took the opportunity to meet at St Brigid's Chapel for tours, the viewing of archival displays, and just to catch up and chat after so many years.

On arrival our guests were welcomed by Emily Scotter, Kelsey Singh, and Abbey Vawdrey - who did a great job acting as College ambassadors conducting tours and showcasing the great facilities currently enjoyed by today's students. We were also honoured to be joined by current and former staff members and our thanks go to John and Patty Bowie, Maree Lindsay, Pat Moran, Glenda Chidrawi, Eniko Sweeting, Helen Leete and Sr Maureen Keady.

After the Open House, each year group then went on to celebrate at their own individual functions.

The 10 year reunion for the Class of 2001 was held at the Cremorne Hotel, and was organised by Kath Blenkinsop. As well as the



reunion, Kath also managed to organise her wedding, which happened a few weeks before and started a new job around the same time! It was great to see so many Brigidine girls attending. There were a number of apologies from those still moving around the world. Current and former staff members John Bowie along with his wife Patty, Di McDonald, Di Lawrence and Wendy Baxter also had a lot of fun at the celebration. It was such a good night that the group have decided to meet again in December.

The 20 year reunion for the class of 1991 was held at *The Deck* at Luna Park and was organised by Gabrielle Wilson. The spectacular view of Sydney Harbour was a great backdrop to a happy, fun-filled evening, a highlight of which was a fantastic PowerPoint display of old College photos. Former staff member



Dr Kerry-Ann O'Sullivan attended with apologies from Mr Michael Paime.

The 30 and 40 year reunions for the Classes of 1971 and 1981 were held at the Greengate Hotel. The sounds of laughter and loud chatter from two groups of Brigidine Alumni filled the corridors of the venue. The 30 year reunion was organised by Jenny Landrigan and Catherine Dean and the function room was decorated with the "30" theme including special name tags, balloons, table decorations and a PowerPoint display of photos. The 40 year reunion was organised by Amanda Marshall and although only a small year group, their celebration was a delight to be a part of.

The reunion day was a very special occasion for everyone.



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 it was the first time in over 20 years that they had come back to Brigidine.

Open Day 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 a chance to gather information and details about ex-students with whom we had lost contact.

Pioneer students Ann Lomas and Barbara Brannan assisted at the Alumni stand by meeting and greeting our visitors.

Facebook

The Brigidine Alumni Facebook membership is growing and it proved to be a great asset in organising attendance at this year's reunions. It has also provided a wealth of information about the activities of ex-students, past parents and former members of staff. We now have over 1,450 Alumni linked by our Facebook page: Brigidine St Ives.

1-2-1 Mentoring Program for Year 10

In 2011, the 1-2-1 Mentoring Program was conducted for Year 10 students with 14 students and mentors taking part. The aim of the 1-2-1 Mentoring Program is to assist students to make decisions about future

work and study options by giving them the opportunity to meet weekly with a trained mentor. Our mentors come from all walks of life, experiences and ages, they include members of our local community and five past students. Highlights for students and mentors were an excursion to UTS City Campus and Ultimo TAFE, hearing from the mentors about their own careers and work, and sharing experiences together over special lunches.

The contribution of our mentors is invaluable and we look forward to greater involvement from our community, especially alumni, in the future. The program is managed by Mrs Pamela Ledley, Career Counsellor, and assisted by Mrs Marilyn Lucas (past Brigidine teacher).

Mrs Wendy Baxter

Alumni Coordinator





Another busy year has been had by the Archives, organising, maintaining and preserving the paper records, photographs, DVD's, uniforms and memorabilia of Brigidine College St Ives. With the planning process for the next building stage of the College, previous plans and other building records have had to be searched for and scrutinized for the necessary information to satisfy the ongoing process. Therefore, it is essential to have these records filed away in the correct way so they will always be available quickly for reference.

However, apart from the everyday filing of records, I also get to have fun setting up displays for numerous events that occur during the year. Starting with Open Day in March, where I select photographs suitable for display that will show the evolution of Brigidine College St Ives from its humble beginnings of 12 students, to where it is today. Prospective parents, who were themselves ex-students, particularly love to see the photos and tell their daughters about the old school days at Brigidine. The archive stand on Open Day is situated in the Library, where I also have three display cases of previous uniforms and other memorabilia. One of the display cases which received a lot of interest was of the hats worn by the students over the years. This was also very pertinent due to the introduction of the new hat for the uniform in 2012.

Hats were an integral part of the first uniform at Brigidine College St Ives in 1954. There was a white Panama hat, with an embroidered crest on a beige band, and maroon under the

brim for summer. The winter hat was maroon coloured velour, also with a beige coloured band with crest. These hats continued to be worn to and from school, special events, and excursions for the next two decades. A maroon beret was introduced in the 1970s and used until 1981. Stories have been told by ex-staff and ex-students how the beret would be passed through bus windows when uniforms checks were made as the girls alighted from the school bus.

These hats were worn by our Pioneer students who gather together for a reunion lunch every year. This year, the Class of 1961 celebrated their 50 year anniversary since leaving the College. They received a gold St Brigid's cross and enjoyed reminiscing with friends while looking over the photographic display of their school days. The archive was then kept busy helping the Alumni prepare for reunions and the reunion tour day at the College in October. The classes of 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2001 also enjoyed looking at their school photos, remembering their days at Brigidine College St Ives.

A big thank you goes out to Philippa Goddard, library assistant, who spends many hours sorting through photos and to my two wonderful volunteers who consistently turn up once a month to help, Margaret Cook and Marie Duffy, both ex-staff. Margaret and Marie have just completed an enormous task of indexing *The Bridge* magazine from 1996 to 2010.

Mrs Kerri Genovese
Archivist



At the end of Term 2, we stop for a day to celebrate, honour, and acknowledge the founders of our school. We are part of a rich tapestry that aligns Celtic and Christian spirituality and Irish and Australian history, in a global connection that transcends time and place.

The story of Brigid and, later, Daniel Delany is not a twee fairy tale we acknowledge just to give ourselves a reason to celebrate. Each of their stories is one of courage, bound up in a political and religious climate where strength was needed and faith was the fuel that powered the strength. When Brigid established her abbey and church in Kildare, around 480AD at the approximate age of 17, she lived in an Ireland which stood at the crossroads of Celtic and Christian spirituality. Her defiance of her father and her dedication to God were acts of extraordinary courage that we rarely witness today. It was this faithful woman who gave her name to the order of nuns who give their name to this College. Bishop Daniel Delany founded the Brigidine Order on 1 February 1807 at a time when Ireland was suffering deeply from the Penal Laws which were inflicted on the country for close to 300 years, from the 1500s until the 1800s.

During this time all bishops were to leave the country and if they returned were put to death.

Secular priests at home could remain if they were registered; in 1709 however, they were required to take an oath denying their faith which no priest could conscientiously take, so that registration ceased to be a protection. They could not set up schools at home nor resort to Catholic schools abroad, nor could they receive legacies for Catholic charities, nor have on their churches a steeple, cross, or bell.

The laity was no better off than the clergy in the matter of civil rights. They could not set up Catholic schools, nor teach in such, nor go abroad to Catholic schools. They were excluded from Parliament, from the corporations, from the army and navy, from the legal profession, and from all civil offices.

Bishop Delany returned to Ireland towards the end of this chaos, deeply saddened by the ignorance he saw around him – ignorance of both their faith and education generally. To dispel this ignorance, Bishop Delany founded the Brigidine Sisters to educate and train young people. That heritage is their gift to us.

In celebrating Founders Day, we acknowledge the gift of those who have gone before. We honour their legacy and stand as a proud testament to their vision.

Mrs Jane Curran
Principal





There was an unmistakable buzz in the air as our Year 7 students waited in anticipation for their Grandparents and Special Friends to arrive on Friday 26 August. The band played beautifully outside as our guests arrived and the atmosphere was full of excitement. After watching a performance in the hall of a Year 7 talent quest, the group enjoyed morning tea on the College Green. Our Grandparents and Special Friends were given letters that we had been working on in our English classes before we took our visitors on a tour around the College to the library, classrooms, gym, and even through the art exhibition. They also got a chance to meet some of the teachers. Our very special guests left with their letters and memories of a wonderful morning at Brigidine College.

Francesca Rowlinson, Year 7



Each year St Brigid's Chapel is filled with a warm glow, as special masses are celebrated to honour our parents on Mother's and Father's Days. The masses are followed by a light breakfast on the Principal's Lawn and it is always delightful to see our families focus on the love and respect they have for each other.

Mrs Gail Dugan
Events Coordinator





Our College Open Day is an opportunity to share what is great about Brigidine with the community. We conduct tours for prospective families and students to showcase what a Brigidine education looks and feels like. One of the College's greatest assets are the volunteer tour guides. These students embody the College values and talk proudly of what it means to be a part of the Brigidine community. Our thanks are extended to Mrs Belinda Stoneham, Registrar, and the students and staff who give of their talent, time and energy to make Open Day a positive experience for our visitors.



A brief snapshot of a very busy year for your Parents and Friends Association... At the Second Hand Book Sale in December 2010, it was my pleasure to welcome new Year 7 parents to the College community and to introduce the College P&F committee. Steph Grobler and Anton Singh guided our College 'supermums' through the ordered chaos of such a complex venture and made a significant donation to the P&F. For the first time, we hosted a BBQ at this event.

The extremely well attended P&F Year 7 Parents Cocktail Party had great support from College staff and canapés and champagne were expertly dispensed to an appreciative audience. 'Meet the Mentor teacher' worked well with some valuable and longer term relationships being cemented on the night.

The Year 8 to 12 Parents Cocktail Party was another well attended night of fine food, champagne and great company. Our guest speaker, educational psychologist Dr Andrew Martins, provided us with a witty and insightful talk on the challenges of raising teenage girls and left us with a toolkit of strategies to help us move in the right direction.

The College Open Day saw a steady stream of visitors enthusiastically mingling with staff and students while they did a brilliant job of presenting the broad activities available at the

College. The P&F volunteers kept everyone well fed and watered with afternoon teas, coffees and biscuits.

Arsenic and Old Lace; what a night for that classic madcap farce! The stormy tempest outside provided the backdrop for Pymble Players to put on an enjoyable and energetic performance enjoyed by parents and staff.

The last official function of the P&F year was a highlight for me, as I was one of the guests of honour at the Year 12 Academic Awards and presented the P&F Award for Brigidine Spirit. While individuals did rightly shine and were recognised for academic excellence, participation and commitment, the true winner of the afternoon was the College community, with so many confident and community-minded girls emerging after six years of high school.

This year, the P&F contribution to the College was to improve the comfort of Bowie Hall, particularly in high summer, with the installation of large fans.

My sincere thanks go to the P&F team; Anne McInnes, Mary O'Connor-Trevisan, Wendy Carrick and Mitch White for their efforts, and to the staff and Jane Curran for their support.

George Poljak
P&F President





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, celebration dinners and cocktail parties, the International Food Fair and many other social functions, cocurricular 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 2011.

Mrs Gail Dugan
Events Coordinator





Bowie Hall was full of happy chattering as the Year 8 girls played host to their mums, walking with trepidation back to their tables with mum's cup of tea. Our guest was a former student, Ashleigh Fong Class of 2009, who spoke to the girls about the trials and tribulations of being in the early years of adolescence. She promised that they would survive and blossom using the skills they learn at College. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend and help create a cherished memory.



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. This year, we had three luncheon groups and a supper group. 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 group of mothers become involved in the College by raising funds to support the library. The groups meet regularly, often for years while the girls are at College; fostering a friendly network for Brigidine parents.

Mrs Vivien Robotham
Coordinator



Year 9 Mothers' Brunch

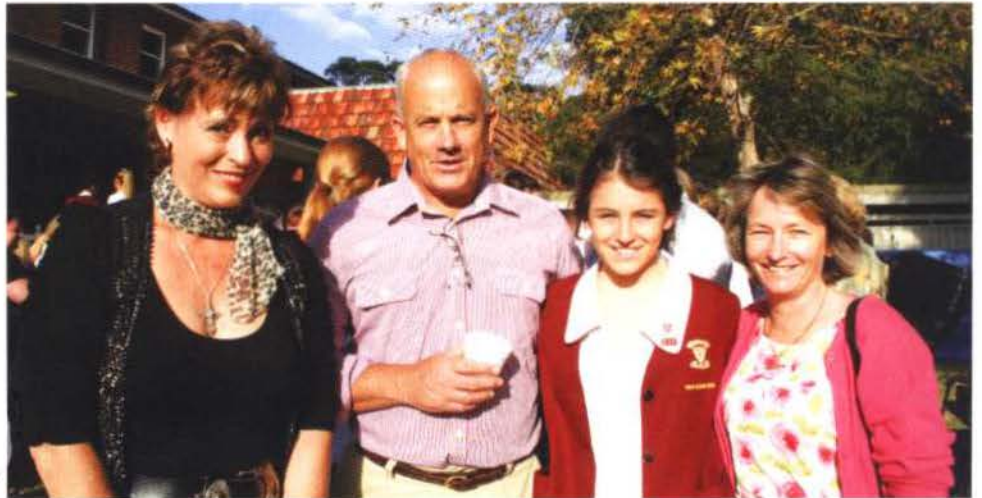
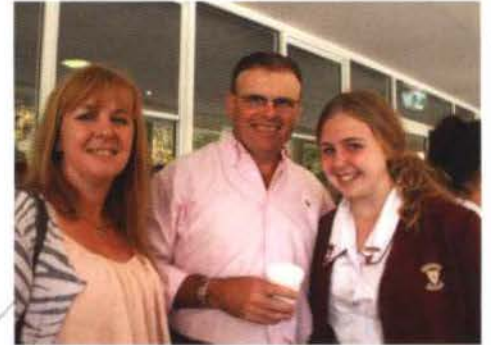
At a brunch held in August for Year 9 mothers, Mrs Donna Kuper, the Year 9 Coordinator, spoke of her experience with teenagers as both a mother and a teacher. "Remind them of appropriate behaviour and what you value in terms of relationships. If we keep trust, honesty and integrity a priority then we keep faith, hope, joy and love alive. I guarantee that they will value the same things."





This event was a lovely evening of camaraderie with the undoubted highlight being the speech by Caroline Conlon, a former student of the College who left in 1983. Caroline was born profoundly deaf and spoke of her difficulties with learning and socialising. Her mother decided she needed to learn to speak even though she had never heard the spoken word. The way she spoke to us in Bowie Hall was articulate and heartfelt and showed the sheer determination that possessed her to succeed in learning to speak. Halfway through her speech, she reverted to sign language, her 'first' language, and her interpreter spoke to the audience for her. It was a powerful combination of two languages and challenged us to review our perception of what constitutes bilingual. After Caroline had spoken, a number of our girls had a chat with her in sign language, not only comfortable with doing so but challenging the barriers that we sometimes put up with those whom we perceive to be disabled.

After breakfast with Year 12 parents and teachers at the start of 2011, Maree Lindsay, Year 12 Coordinator, said, "We are looking forward to a year of hard work and community spirit, giving 100% commitment to everything we do and remembering to enjoy learning about our subjects, ourselves and each other. Thank you to everyone who helped to put such a lovely morning together for us."





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This year's musical production was a theatrical adaptation of the classic MGM film *Singin' In The Rain*. Starring 70 talented students from Years 8 to 12, the cast played out a classic love story against the backdrop of a Hollywood motion picture studio in the 1920s. Along with singing tunes like the title song, *Good Morning*, *You Are My Lucky Star* and *Make 'Em Laugh*, the students performed tap dance routines, the Charleston, and played audience to a series of comic movie screenings.

Congratulations to each performer who helped bring a screen legend to the stage. On behalf of the cast and the production team, thank you to the Brigidine community for your generous support of the show – we had two sold-out evening performances as a result of your enthusiasm!

Mr Chris Rutherford, Drama
and Mrs Ros Boyd, Music





On Thursday 24 February, twenty-two Year 11 Visual Arts students set out for our annual Art camp at the Arthur and Yvonne Boyd Educational Centre at Bundanon. After a four-hour trip, our artistic motley crew spilled out of the bus and into an unexpected heat wave. The heat was soon forgotten as our senses were assaulted by the vibrant Australian landscape. Our souls were overwhelmed by a sense of peace, harmony, and blissful beauty.

We were given an interesting and informative talk about the Boyd family and the property and taken on a tour through the Boyd's home which exuded a warm feeling of lived-in comfort, giving us an important insight into the life of such an artistic family. We also visited Boyd's studio where we encountered large original landscape paintings, his palette, homemade brushes, his shoes, a favourite old jumper flung over an old chair, and other interesting objects he used for painting his masterpieces. Simply, standing in the studio that formed the artistic and inspirational world of such a notable Australian artist was truly enlightening.

The next day we were able to dabble in some of our own artmaking. On a journey through the bush we recorded the sounds and the walk using pencil on paper. This was developed into an interesting mosaic artwork. Each artwork was seen as a journey. We learnt to capture our thoughts and layer the work with meaning, appreciating every stage of production until the artwork was resolved.

The Art camp was an incredible experience which opened our eyes to the life and work of Arthur Boyd and allowed us to visit such a beautiful setting.

Mrs Lucille Flory
Acting Head of Visual Arts





A fabulous and funky version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was performed by our Year 11 students and directed by Miss DiAnne McDonald, Head of Drama. Audiences were welcomed to a neon and fluorescent world reminiscent of the 1980s and thoroughly enjoyed the adaptation of Shakespeare's most loved comedy. While walking on sunshine, the antics of the lovers (who are so lucky, lucky, lucky) were mirrored by the rapping mechanicals and the funky fairies of the love shack in the forest. The performers wore colourful tulle skirts, legwarmers and lace gloves and brought much enthusiasm to the Bowie Hall stage. Thank you to all involved for a wonderful night of entertainment.





The Brigidine College Dance Club held their annual Dance Spectacular at UTS Ku-ring-gai on Saturday 27 August. Within three days, all tickets to the popular event had sold out. On the night the dancers performed beautifully to an audience of 879 friends and family. This year saw a record number of over 300 girls attend dance classes and a huge amount of thanks goes to their dance teachers: Christie Hutton, Elise Osborne, Melissa Prentice, Mala White, Courtney Watts, Lauren Thompson and Rochelle Jones, our Principal Dance Teacher, who continues to amaze us with her choreography for our eisteddfod groups. Many thanks also to our parent helpers; including Mrs Shane Grieve, and Teachers in Charge Mrs Lucille Flory and Mrs Amanda Macri, for their support throughout the year.





This exhibition gives the school community an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all students in Visual Arts, but most particularly the HSC students of 2011. Jacqueline Butterworth, Class of 2005, opened our show this year. She shared with us experiences that gave her both the confidence and conviction to pursue a career as an artist. Jacqui congratulated the students on the completion of their HSC Body of Work and praised the excellence and variety demonstrated in both the conceptual and material practice of the artworks.

Twenty-six HSC Visual Arts students have completed the practical component of the course, representing 50% of their HSC mark in this subject. Students worked in a diverse range of forms including painting, drawing, designed objects and environments, and photo media.

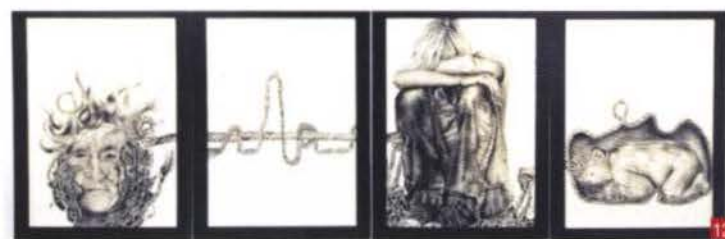
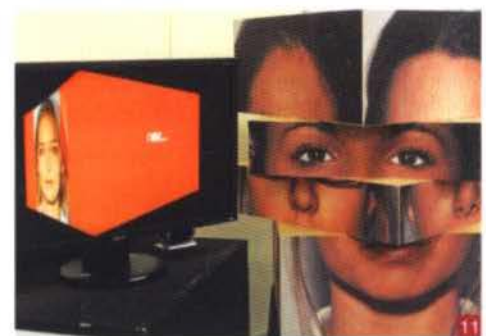
A range of student works from Years 7 to 11 were also on display including artworks, designs, films and photographs. With music provided by the Brigidine string quartet, the Year 11 students helping to organise and serve the food and beverages, and a large and appreciative crowd in the Romuald Visual Arts Centre, the night was a great success.

Ms Lu Buckley
Head Of Visual Arts





1. Katrina Scotter *Unravel Me*
2. Bronte Phillips *From Fertility To Femininity*
3. Grace Geier *House Of Worship*
4. Madeleine Borrowman *Refraction among the Groves*
5. Katherine Nuttall *Moving around Life*
6. Alexandra Howe *Ipukarea (homeland)*
7. Julia Merrick *Our Home*
8. Heather Oesterheld *Topographical Faces*
9. Chloe Gillespie *A Quintessence of Cuts*
10. Isabelle Morris *In Your Facebook*
11. Kiah Ostowari *I Sang in The Dark, She Shone in My Light*
12. Brianna Peters *Modern Family*
13. Lauren Harcombe *Cold Maids and Dead Men's Fingers*



1. Jessica Mahon *More Than Meets The Eye*
2. Angela Oswald *Black 45%, Brown 40%, Blonde 13%, Red 2%*
3. Bianca Cornale *The Eternal. The Internal.*
4. Cristina Olizon *Retrospective on a Great Uncle*
5. Kate Gould *The Silent Language Of Depression*
6. Alexandra Hall *When Man Makes A Stronger Chainsaw, Nature Will Make A Stronger Tree*
7. Millicent Davies *I Am Your God And You Are My People*
8. Jessica Roberts *Children of the Dawn*
9. Tarryn Hill *The Soul*
10. Abby West *There's A Free Sprit Somewhere Here*
11. Stephanie Domazet *In pursuit of perfection - what will you swap?*
12. Tara Dingle *Lifespun15*. Julia Merrick *Our Home*
13. Nina Evans *Time Of Life*

The Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) Exhibition opened on Wednesday 2 November showcasing Textiles and Design, Textiles Technology, Design and Technology, Food Technology, Technology and computing projects completed at the College in 2011. It was a wonderful display of creative projects showing the talent and hard work put in by our TAS students.

On the opening night, everyone was given the opportunity to vote for their favourite projects in the different categories.

The winners in the People's Choice Awards are:

Design and Technology:
Susan Keighery of Year 10

Food Technology:
Elizabeth O'Brien of Year 9

Textiles and Design:
Ashlee Page of Year 11

Technology:
Madison Chan of Year 8

We congratulate the girls on their efforts in creating their wonderful projects.

It is very pleasing to announce that Juliette Hall, a Year 12 Textiles and Design student, has had her work selected for the *Texstyle* exhibition. Her work was one of only 34 Major Textiles Projects selected from the state and will be part of the exhibition that students can visit next year. We are very proud of her efforts.

Mrs Sue Brown
Head of TAS





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1. Georgia Hamilton
2. Kelly-Ann Turner
3. Madeleine Howald
4. Latrishia Kenny
5. Juliette Hall
6. Sophie McMichael
7. Kathleen O'Neill
8. Fiona Livisianos
9. Monique Du Preez
10. Madeleine Sweeney
11. Jacquelyn Maurer



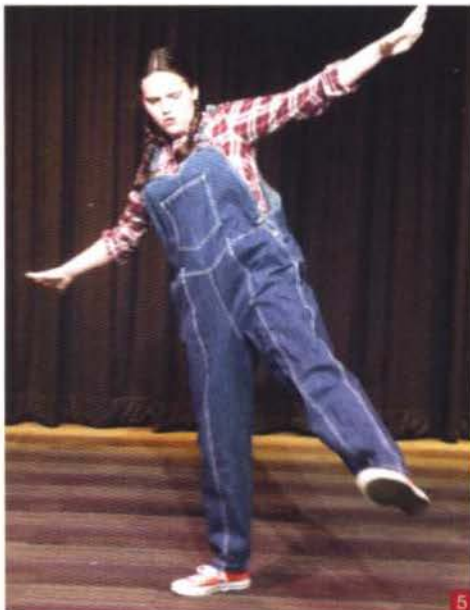
Music Camp was held during 2 and 3 May and rehearsals with the concert band, choir and string ensemble, as well as our gifted soloists, kept students and staff very busy. The camp was a great success, followed by an outstanding cabaret concert on the following night. All ensembles and soloists performed brilliantly, entertaining parents and friends. It was wonderful to see and hear so many girls sharing their musical talents with such enthusiasm and joy.

Mrs Ros Boyd
Head of Music



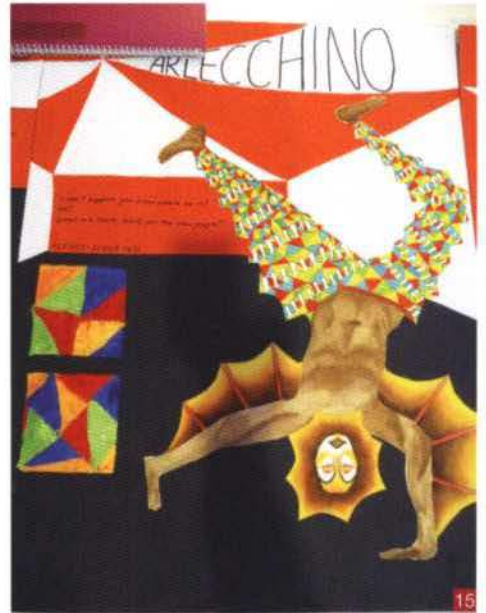


1. Stephanie Domazet
2. Jaimee Chue
3. Rosalie Moore
4. Alissa Osada-Phornsiri
5. Chloe Papandrea
6. Montana York
7. Chloe Papandrea and Rosalie Moore



1. Millicent Davies
2. Kathleen O'Neill
3. Julia Merrick
4. Alexandra Hollis
5. Bronagh Marley
6. Chloe Papandrea
7. Hayley McAlister
8. Gemma Jones





1. Tiarne Heath
2. Terri Adams
3. Sydney Eisman
4. Rosalie Moore
5. Saskia Roberts
6. Taylor Masone
7. Rojan Khastoui
8. Rebecca Back
9. Isabel Owen
10. Kelly-Ann Turner
11. Montana York
12. Georgia Boyle
13. Emily Knight
14. Ciara Bowey
15. Heather Oesterheld
16. Bianca Cornale
17. Alexandra Howe





In May, Brigidine students from Years 7 to 12 had the opportunity to submit a three minute video and enter BrigFest, the College's short film festival. This year the motif was a balloon which had to appear in each entry. The films have music and sound effects, but no dialogue - requiring the girls to explore and build on their skills of unspoken narration, cinematography, and editing to tell a story. The festival is to encourage students to develop filmmaking skills in preparation for the HSC subjects of Visual Arts, Drama and English Extension 2 - all of which allow video as a major HSC component. The submitted videos were shown at a Hollywood-style awards evening on 9 June to family, friends and staff and also by the Film Appreciation Club in the Library at lunchtimes.

Congratulations to the winners of Brigfest 2011:

Years 7 and 8:

equal first to *You've Got a Friend* by Taylor Gleeson and *The Great Escape...s* by Savannah Herringe, Alexandra Buttrose, Emma Warburton and Eleanor Harris

Years 9 and 10:

What Does Anyone Know by Alex Pinn

Years 11 and 12:

The Balloon Movie by Evangeline O'Connor-Trevisan

Best Picture:

The Unknown Artist by Jemima Bissett



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House Captains

Front Row: Danielle Moore, Aysha Brown, Mrs Jane Curran, Saskia Ek, Madeleine Howald

Second Row: Bronagh Marley, Ashleigh Trupiano, Rojan Khastoui, Nyssa Chennell Dutton, Kelly-Ann Turner

Fatima House

Fatima 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 classic Christmas carols. Dressed as a giant snow bunny and a sparkling blue cyber-girl we led our house to sing the loudest in true Fatima style, "Lourdes, Prague, Kildare watchout and beware, look towards your tomb, Chick Chick Boom." Congratulations to everyone who went home without a voice that afternoon!

Fatima chose the theme 'Fatima Flashdance' for the Swimming Carnival. Girls dressed up as retro dancers wearing lycra, leg warmers and 80s style tops. Fatima's participation was outstanding, with all swimmers cheered on

and encouraged by everyone in the stands yelling, "Fatima we're blue and white, won't go down without a fight." The girls' donations to Bear Cottage, the Year 12 charity, should also be highly commended. Finishing the day off with war cries adapted from Kesha's *Tik-Tok* and Taai Cruz's *Dynamite*, Fatima took a close second place at the carnival.

The House adopted a fictional role at the Athletics Carnival with the theme 'Fatima Fantasy'. We had fabulous costumes, with the centaur winning the best dressed prize. Oh, and there were a couple of avatars too! The girls dressed as mystical creatures and ran and cheered like it too, running at supernatural speeds and cheering as if they were immortal. Fatima girls hit the track and field with high levels of enthusiasm and spirit, unfortunately

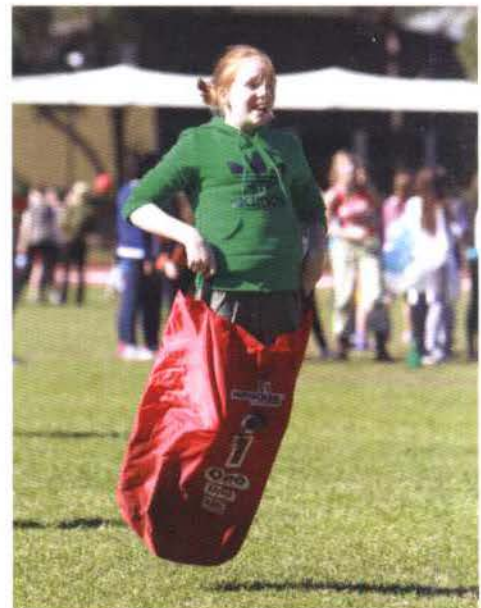
losing the cheering competition, but WINNING the carnival!

Not only was Fatima's participation excellent at both sports carnivals, but also in all the extracurricular activities and house events throughout 2011. This was a huge credit to each girl involved, as it contributed tremendously towards points for our House.

We extend our thanks to the organisers of the carnivals, Mrs Maree Lindsay for organising house activities, Mrs Lorna Hall for being a great and enthused House Patron, and finally the girls of the Fatima House who made this year so memorable for us both. Good luck next year, we love you Fatima! Oh yes we do!

Saskia Ek and Madeleine Howald
 Captain and Vice Captain, Fatima





Kildare House

As enthusiastic House Captains of Kildare for 2011, we aimed to lead the house with excitement and positivity towards a year of fun and success. Our first major responsibility was to run the Christmas Carol sing-off and motivate the House to work together for the title of loudest and most dominant cheers, leaving the rest of the houses awestruck.

At the Swimming Carnival, the House was adorned in a theme of 'Kildare cavewomen'. Dressed to impress, the Kildare cavewomen dominated the water and the day, winning the points for House with the best spirit and the cleanest area. We are extremely proud of the commitment Kildare displayed competing in the races and creating memorable cheers.

Throughout the year, we were involved in a number of House meetings where we embarked on improving school activities and overall enthusiasm through creating a stronger relationship between the grades.

The Athletics Carnival was the third major event of the year, and Kildare's theme was 'Cadets'. The House was dressed in camouflage and army themed attire and we were set to pounce. The day was full of stretching, sprinting, and high jumping! Once again, Kildare exceeded all expectations, winning the war cries and points for having the most team spirit.

The year tested and developed our leadership skills and allowed us as House Captains to channel our own enthusiasm and love for the school to the younger grades and encourage them to do the same. The responsibility was a great honour and experience and we happily pass this on to the new Kildare House Captains of 2012. We will cherish our experience.

Rojan Khastoui and Nyssa Chennell Dutton
Captain and Vice Captain, Kildare House



Lourdes House

What looks like a blue and orange flash on the track and a ghoul in the pool? Lourdes you fool!

With a great start to the year at the Christmas sing off, Lourdes showed determination and Christmas spirit. The carols, *Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer* and *All I Want for Christmas*, rang loudly in Bowie Hall.

In Term 1, the Swimming Carnival stands were dominated by a sea of blue and orange sequin and feather combinations for 'Lourdes Las Vegas'. Ladies of Luck dressed in card costumes, dice made out of boxes and Las Vegas signs were among some of the ingenious costumes the girls came up with. Even Elvis Presley made an appearance... maybe even more than once! Everyone put in a 'rocking' effort and we ended up coming FIRST which was a great achievement. Apart from our spectacular swimming skills, the way that everyone got involved played the biggest role in our win!

1, 2, 3... 'ROCK LOBSTER'! Lourdes performed the moves of Brigidine's dance craze like experts whenever the spontaneous tune was played over the loudspeaker. We even saw some teachers perform the "praise the rock god's" move!

Next up was the Athletics Carnival with a 'Lourdes Lady Gaga' theme: a dress code of crazy colourful wigs, big glasses and even bigger shoulder pads. It was the Lourdes girls who stood out at the carnival. The carnival gave a chance for Lourdes to showcase their talent as athletes on the track, coming in second place, and also to put all their loud voices together in the war cries. Everyone is congratulated for their enormous amount of effort, especially Year 12 who more than got into the Lourdes spirit for their last carnival ever.



As Lourdes House Captains, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the girls in Lourdes for their phenomenal efforts this year - your spirit was truly amazing. Thank you to all the Year 12 girls who helped to run the activities with a smile and a special thank you to our House Patron Mrs Amanda Macri. Best of luck to next year's leaders, Kathryn Ross and Lily Barrett. We're sure you will keep up the spirit and be as proud as we are to call ourselves Lourdians!

Aysha Brown and Ashleigh Trupiano
Captain and Vice Captain, Lourdes House





Prague House

At Prague House this year we may have not won trophies, we may not have won all our races, but we most definitely won in spirit!

Dannie and I started our leadership of Prague in Term 4 of 2010 with the Christmas Carol sing off, on a 40 degree temperature day, in banana and Santa suits. Despite being such a hot day, it was also the last day of school so the energy in the hall was explosive and the whole College got completely into the spirit of what it is to be Brigicine and 'Rock On'.

Our 'Prague Panic' and 'Prague Punk' themed swimming and athletics carnivals were fantastic days filled with incredible enthusiasm by everyone, the costumes really did make Danni and I proud. Such creativity! Our bootcamp sessions in preparation for the Athletics Carnival were great fun and once again, the girls tackled the difficult challenges of jump-rope, dodge-ball, captain ball, and relays with eager attitudes and got us completely fired up for the Athletics Carnival.

Even though we may have come last, Dannie and I honestly say that being House Captains for Prague has been a fantastic honour filled with fun, energy, and an incredible sense of support and camaraderie with the other House Captains. We hope all of the girls in Prague enjoyed themselves as much as we did and wish the 2012 Captains every success in their year of leadership.

Kelly-Ann Turner and Danielle Moore
Captain and Vice Captain, Prague House





A new venue, two pools, racing, cheering, great participation, and of course the *Rock Lobster* - our Swimming Carnival was held at a new venue for Brigidine, Ryde Aquatic Centre. Having the girls in the one stand resulted in an amazing atmosphere, so ably led by the House Captains. It was an incredible sight to watch the entire school dancing in unison to the *Rock Lobster*. Congratulations Year 12 for this amazing initiative which brought the school together as one.

This year we had age championship races in the main pool with 25m Interhouse races in the lower pool. Congratulations to Lourdes who won the carnival with 999 points. Second place went to Fatima on 841 points, Kildare 3rd on 677 points and Prague in 4th place with 613 points. Congratulations to Kildare for winning the war cry competition and to Georgia Nolan (Year 7, Lourdes) for coming 1st in the competition to design the cover of the carnival program. 2nd place went to Abby Ballesty (Year 7, Lourdes).

2011 Age Champions

12 Years

- 1st Samantha Wilcox – Lourdes
- 2nd Orla Flynn – Fatima
- 3rd Kate Menzies – Kildare and Georgia Nolan – Lourdes (equal)

13 Years

- 1st Marion Ribuoat – Fatima
- 2nd Olivia Findlay – Kildare
- 3rd Jasmine Follett – Fatima

14 Years

- 1st Louisa Bartels – Lourdes
- 2nd Brooke Menzies – Kildare
- 3rd Gemma Nicholas – Kildare

15 Years

- 1st Tierney Seeto – Prague
- 2nd Madison Spencer – Lourdes
- 3rd Harriet Bradbury – Kildare

16 Years

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

17 Years

- 1st Chelsea Woodward – Prague
- 2nd Bronagh Marley – Lourdes
- 3rd Ashlee Page – Fatima

AWD

- 1st Ellen Hester – Lourdes
- 2nd Rebecca Baczkowski – Fatima
- 3rd Tegan Grunwald – Prague

Congratulations to Tierney Seeto for breaking the 50m Breastroke record and Tegan Grunwald for breaking her own record in the 50m Butterfly.

The School Champion for Swimming for 2011 is Tierney Seeto, gaining the highest individual points at the carnival. 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 of course to our enthusiastic students.

Mr David Chant

Sports Club Development Coordinator



Congratulations and thank you to all those who made our carnival so enjoyable and successful. Students are to be commended for their positive approach. Clothed in colourful and at times eccentric outfits, they ran, jumped, threw, cheered, and roared their support with uncompromising enthusiasm to make for a great day all around. Year 12 led the way with their truly inspiring involvement and tremendous House and School spirit.

Brigidine's best athletes were also on show striving for personal bests and earning valuable points for their House on the track and in the field. Many others were determined not to let standards drop as they participated in the quirky novelty events which created so much interest.

Thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly to ensure for a smooth running and efficient carnival. Thank you also to those parents who took time away from work or home to support their daughters.

Congratulations to Fatima, the 2011 Athletics Carnival champions.

Overall Point Score:

- 1st Fatima 1859 points
- 2nd Lourdes 1803 points
- 3rd Prague 1646 points
- 4th Kildare on 1616 points

Winners of the House war cry
Kildare.

Winner of the Invitational 100m
Catherine Lanz – Lourdes

Winners of the All Age Relay
Kildare



Age champions

12 Years

- 1st Samantha Wilcox – Lourdes
- 2nd Eleanor Eckton – Prague
and Kristi Wilkinson – Kildare (equal)

13 Years

- 1st Nina Osada-Phornsiri – Prague
- 2nd Olivia Whiting – Lourdes
- 3rd Laura Welch – Kildare

14 Years

- 1st Kelly Wilcox – Lourdes
and Stephanie Muir – Kildare (equal)
- 3rd Jacinta Perret – Fatima

15 Years

- 1st Emma Douglass – Fatima
- 2nd Genevieve Hooper – Kildare.
- 3rd Ashley Price – Prague

16 Years

- 1st Olivia Flynn – Lourdes
- 2nd Laura Douglass – Fatima
- 3rd Caitlin Sankey – Prague

17 Years

- 1st Ashleigh Trupiano – Lourdes
- 2nd Maria Devine – Fatima
- 3rd Lauren Murphy – Lourdes

AWD

- 1st Ellen Hester – Lourdes
- 2nd Rae Pastuszak – Lourdes
- 3rd Tegan Grunwald – Prague

Overall school age champion is Emma Douglass, Fatima. She earned 82 points which was the most number of points earned by an individual for a House.

Congratulations to Amy Bettiol for breaking the record for the Open 1500m Walk and to Emma Douglass for breaking the record for 15 years Discus.

Mr David Chant

Sports Club Development Coordinator



Swimming Age Champions

Front Row: Samantha Wilcox, Louisa Bartels, Johanna Stokoe, Marion Ribuoit, Tierney Seeto, Ellen Hester

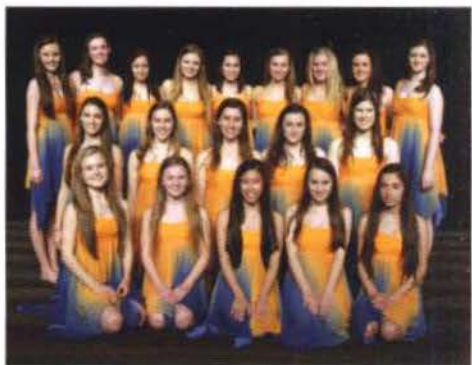
Absent: Chelsea Woodward



Athletics Age Champions

Front Row: Stephanie Muir, Tegan Grunwald, Kelly Wilcox, Samantha Wilcox

Second Row: Ashleigh Trupiano, Nina Osada-Phornsiri, Emma Douglass, Olivia Flynn Absent: Ellen Hester



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Front Row: Cristina Olizon, Alana Gibson, Catherine Dell, Rosalie Moore, Mrs Jane Curran, Tara Dingle, Kelly-Ann Turner, Alison Langer, Katie O'Neill

Second Row: Brianna Peters, Juliette Hall, Natalie Mendes, Bianca Cornale, Saskia Roberts, Claire Feather

During 2011 the Centre for Excellence has been buzzing with activity. Various competitions and activities have taken place in addition to the weekly club meetings run by the senior leaders.

Lions Club Youth of the Year

Isabel Owen, Senior Vice Captain, participated in the Lions Club of St Ives Youth of the Year competition in February. She was interviewed about her leadership at school and her involvement in sport and community service. At a presentation dinner, Isabel and five other participants presented a five-minute speech on a topic of their own choice and were asked two impromptu questions. Isabel spoke with sincerity and conviction and was an exceptional representative of Brigidine College.

Georgia Boyle, College Captain, had taken part in this competition for the Frenchs Forest Lions Club in 2010 and was announced the winner of the regional final of the Lions Youth of the Year in March 2011. Georgia then participated in the district final held at the Bankstown Sports Club and spoke very well on the evening but was not selected to progress onto the state competition. Georgia was a gracious representative of both Brigidine College and of the Frenchs Forest Lions Club.

Tournament of Minds

The Tournament of Minds is a national competition where seven students in each team take part in a Long-Term Challenge. The Challenge starts at the beginning of Term 3 each year and teams have six weeks to prepare for Tournament Day. Students from Years 7 to 10 are eligible to enter. Each team must be comprised of two Year 7 students and any combination of students from Years 8, 9

and 10. No more than four students may be from any one year group. This is a wonderful way for students of different year groups to get to know one another.

For their challenge, the team may choose from four disciplines: Language Literature, Maths/Engineering, Social Sciences, and Applied Technology.

Two of our teams selected Social Sciences as their discipline and the third team selected Applied Technology. In solving the challenge each team prepares a ten minute dramatic presentation. On Tournament Day each team also participates in a Spontaneous or Impromptu Challenge.

This year we were delighted with the result of first place in both Social Science and Applied Technology. We had won the Applied Technology section in 2010 which made it two years in a row!

The State Final of the Tournament of Minds was held at the University of NSW in September. The performances took place in front of very large audiences and the teams were wonderful representatives of Brigidine College. Throughout the Tournament of Minds



St Ives Lions Club Youth of the Year, with Isabel Owen on right

season, I have had support from Amanda Macri and Simone Webb who were facilitators of the Social Science teams.

Knox Grammar da Vinci Decathlon

Brigidine College students participated in the Knox Grammar da Vinci Decathlon in September. We entered teams in each of the competitions this year; Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Forty-four schools competed in each Year level with students travelling from all over the metropolitan and regional areas. Our teams had a great time taking part in English, Mathematics, Science, Forensic Sleuths, Games of Strategy, Creative Producers and much more. The members of each team work together to complete questions in 10 disciplines.

We were very excited to hear that the girls achieved some great results including; 1st place in English (Year 8), 14th place in Engineering Challenge and Forensic Sleuths (Year 8), 1st Place in Creative Producers (Year 9), 6th Place in Games of Strategy (Year 9), 6th Place Creative Producers, 18th Place in Games of Strategy (Year 7) and 15th Place in both Art and Poetry and Forensic Sleuths (Year 10).

Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognising a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements, and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

This year the college representative was Catherine Dell, of Year 12. The Presentation Dinner was held on at the Killara Golf Club in June and was attended by Cathy, her parents and supporters from the staff, including Susan Martin, Maree Lindsay and Jan Whiddon.

Each student gave a short presentation on how they could change the status of women in the world. Cathy spoke with her usual warmth and sincerity. We were very proud of her. Cathy has been participating in Centre for Excellence activities since Year 7.

Mrs Jan Whiddon

Director, Centre for Excellence



Georgia Boyle, Mrs Jan Whiddon, Mrs Sue Martin and Mrs Maree Lindsay



Archimedean Society

Computer Club

It has been a wonderful year for the Computer Club. Much of this year's activities revolved around preparation for the annual RoboCup Junior Competition at the University of NSW in which we were very successful. Brigidine entered three teams to compete in the Senior Dance and Senior Dance Theatre categories. Teams have to construct a robot, program it to dance in sync to music, test it, construct original props and costumes, and maintain a journal. The girls dedicated a lot of time preparing for the challenge and spent most of their lunchtimes and after school hours to work on their robots.

Congratulations to Team Sherlock for their participation, Team Party Rockbots for placing 2nd in the state and Team Powerpuff Girls for placing 3rd in the state. Both teams worked extremely hard, well done!

The Computer Club also runs activities which involves design and creativity using multimedia programs. This year the club designed and produced a digital Christmas card for the College which involved learning new skills in graphic and video editing, animation, and presentation software.

It has been a fruitful and productive year and all members of the club deserve a big thank you for their efforts.

Corinne Lieberman

Captain, Computer Club



Science Club

The Science Club has flourished in 2011 with a number of excited new members from the junior years becoming readily involved. Open to girls from Years 7 to 10, the club gathered on Tuesdays at lunchtime to engage in exciting first-hand investigations that extended both their scientific knowledge and experience beyond the limits of the classroom.

Science Club began the year with an experiment that explored the strange flow properties of non-Newtonian fluids. A simple mixture of cornflour and water clearly demonstrated the bizarre behaviour of these liquids under pressure. Both fascinating and unusual, the experiment turned out to be quite messy!

A highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Coke and Mentos Fountain which was enjoyed by all girls. Both entertaining and educative, the experiment involved an instantaneous eruption of foam from a bottle of Diet Coke when Mentos were added. The porous surface

of the Mentos acted as a catalyst for the release of carbon dioxide gas resulting in the rapid expulsion of soft drink foam from the bottle. Luckily, the girls managed to capture this on camera!

Other memorable experiments included designing parachutes, investigating fluorescence using glow sticks, making and racing balloon rockets and learning about the Maillard reaction and the caramelisation of sugar in fairy floss.

The current success of the Club can be attributed to the constant organisation and hard work of Mrs Wright and Mrs Radcliff, who are thanked immensely for their efforts in allowing the Club to run smoothly throughout the year. Always in need of keen new members, we hope that the Science Club will continue to grow in the future as more girls discover exactly how much fun can be had during lunchtimes.

Claire Feather

Captain, Science Club



Above Youth Speaks: Jordan Brink, Chloe Steele and Maria Toma of Year 11

Right Mrs Jane Curran and Danielle Bennett of Year 10

Below Alex Bradley of Year 7



Ciceronian Society

The Ciceronian Society gives all girls the opportunity to improve and showcase their public speaking skills. For one to be able to aptly express themselves confidently in front of others is a vital skill, both in school and life. In the senior years at Brigidine, many tasks are oral assessments, while job interviews and work presentations all require the skills of public speaking.

This year, the society has flourished with a large number of keen and enthusiastic Year 7 students joining and attending lunchtime meetings in the beginning weeks of Term 1. They were given the opportunity to develop and showcase their skills and it was wonderful to see a number of them reach the finals of the Inter-house Public Speaking Competition.

Girls are given opportunities to participate in public speaking competitions throughout the year to practice. Earlier in the year the Catholic Schools Debating Association (CSDA), ran their annual three round public speaking competition and five out of our ten students who represented the College in the first round advanced to the second.

This is an outstanding achievement. One student, Danielle Bennett, was successful in progressing to the final round.

The College was selected to host the final round of the CSDA Competition. Sixty representatives from thirty-nine Catholic schools competed around the College with junior and senior students assisting in the running of the evening. The CSDA Committee complimented us on our hospitality, the facilities, and execution of the evening. In addition, Danielle Bennett was awarded third place in the Year 10 competition. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement Danielle.

Brigidine has been competing in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition for over 11 years, and this year six students including Ciceronian President Catherine Dell and Vice Captain for Clubs and Societies Tara Dingle delivered speeches, performing extremely well.

The Legacy Public Speaking Award is a competition open to high school students and Alexandra Bradley from Year 7 represented the College at the competition hosted by Wenona. She spoke about Facebook and also took part

in an impromptu speech where she had five minutes to prepare a two-minute speech. Well done, Alex.

Rotary Club Frenchs Forest again ran their Youth Speaks Competition. It was held at Forestville RSL in August and Maria Toma (Speaker), Chloe Steele (Chairperson) and Jordan Brink (Vote of Thanks) represented the College. The girls were successful, placing second in the competition. Congratulations.

Thank you to all the girls involved for their eager and wholehearted participation this year, it has been a pleasure to watch your skills develop. Thanks also to Mrs Whiddon for her endless assistance and running the Centre for Excellence. Your hard work is appreciated by all.

Overall, this year has been highly successful for the Ciceronian Society and I look forward to its further growth in future years, beginning under the leadership of Adeline Siva in 2012 as Public Speaking Club Captain.

Catherine Dell
President, Ciceronian Society



Justinian Society

Mock Trial is an activity open to students in Years 10 and 11, and it re-creates a trial in a court of law, in which two different schools compete against each other as opposing counsels. Mock Trial allows students to participate in the capacity of a barrister, solicitor, witness, court officer or magistrate's clerk, and students exercise their skills in public speaking and analysis of legal principles and situations. It is an activity which gives students the opportunity to gain an insight into the legal profession and the workings of a court room. Additionally, it allows them to be mentored and judged by practicing barristers and solicitors.

Mock Trial requires significant preparation and focus both before and during a trial.

Brigidine twice represented the prosecution and twice the defence in cases ranging from a negligence case involving a fictional public school, to theft and illegal trespassing. It is impressive how our team consistently proves their maturity and poise when arguing a legal point with the opposition and occasionally the magistrate.

This year, Mock Trial has been led by Mr Esterman and Mrs Doyle, who have devoted their lunchtimes and afternoons to coaching and supporting the team. In addition to this support, the girls were fortunate enough to have a solicitor coach, Mr Chris Wood. Mrs Whiddon also played a key role as she does in so many cocurricular activities.

The 2011 team consisted of Adeline Siva, Arielle Marshall, Caitlin Worsley, Caitlin Sankey,

Elizabeth Trevallion, Emily Gregg, Jessica Squires, Jessica Paterson, Kathryn Ross, Natalie Mendes, Natalie Mauro, and Rebecca Fong. Each and every girl played their role well and often received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the magistrate supervising the cases.

Over the course of the season we have competed against St Ives High School, Masada College, Knox Grammar and Loreto Normanhurst. All four Mock Trials were challenging for different reasons and took each participant out of their comfort zone.

I have to commend both girls and coaches for their effort and dedication to Mock Trial this year.

Natalie Mendes
President, Justinian Society

Periclean Society

Languages Club

As President of the Languages Club this year, it was my goal to encourage girls to participate in a variety of activities that allowed them to explore aspects of new cultures. Though it is only a small club, the girls involved from Years 7 to 12, always came along with an enthusiastic attitude and ready to try something new.

We created Easter bunnies with the art of Origami and sewed together our own felt Babushka dolls. We also greatly enjoyed playing two Italian card games, Scopa and Briscola, which became quite competitive! Researching particular countries on our computers was also very interesting as we gained an insight into the different cultures of the world. We explored population, climate, landmarks, food and festivals. And it wouldn't be Languages Club without tasting cuisine from around the world, which included German gingerbread and Japanese potato cakes.

As I am learning Japanese outside of College, I taught the girls how to write their names in Japanese calligraphy. We also completed



jigsaw puzzles of famous Italian and French landmarks and created fabric bookmarks in the shape of Japanese women wearing kimonos. As well as participating in these activities, the students in the club shared their own various travel experiences and stories.

It was an absolute pleasure to have led such a successful club in 2011, with all members immersing themselves in a new cultural aspect

each week with a readiness to learn and have fun.

I extend a huge thank you to Mrs Mitchell, our Languages Coordinator, who dedicated so much time to helping with the organisation and success of the club, making it a great experience for all.

Alana Gibson
President, Languages Club



The Animal Welfare Club aims to educate others about animal welfare issues and to demonstrate respect for animals and animal care.

At our weekly meetings students get the chance to bring up animal-related issues for group discussion. Sometimes these issues go beyond discussion into action - as was the case in Term 1 when we held a Stuffed Animal Picnic. We raised money to support animal shelters that were set up around the earthquake zone in Japan. Students made a small donation to enjoy a picnic together on the Principal's Lawn and we thought of all the wonderful people who were working in Japan to restore hope to both animals and animal owners.

In recent months, there was a significant amount of discussion about live animal exports. During our lunchtime meetings we explored this topic by looking at the various points of view that have been described in the media. We particularly considered the ethical and moral implications of this trade. We looked at Animals Australia and the RSPCA and how these organisations have been working to bring about public awareness of this issue and work towards a ban on the trade.

Club members have been working on presentations and speeches on topics such as animal cruelty and exploitation, shelter pets, conservation programs at the zoo and animal bullying. These were presented in the library to other students and our members spoke passionately.

Thank you to all those involved in our club; for your work for animals and for being so motivated as animal welfare members. It's been a wonderful year and we hope to see the same enthusiasm next year.

Adeline Siva
Captain, Animal Welfare

The aim of Art Club is to encourage creativity within the Visual Arts at the College. We do this by nurturing and guiding students through a series of art making activities. The majority of club members were from Years 7 and 8, and our Year 9 members were a great asset in helping the juniors. As well as a time set aside once a week to make art, the Club gives us a chance to have a chat over lunch while making art, having a laugh, relaxing and getting to know girls from different year groups. With a common interest being a passion for art, the students feel connected.

Led by myself and with the support of Ms Buckley, some of the activities involved sketching objects, painting a canvas, making ceramic totems inspired by animals, and card making. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mrs Whiddon for organising everyone and to the art teachers for their support. Thank you to all the wonderful, enthusiastic students who participated in this club throughout the year. I wish next year's Art Club Captain the best of luck and hope the students continue to explore their love for art.

Brianna Peters
Captain, Art Club



A successful season was enjoyed by all involved in the 2011 Brigidine College Debating Society. With strong and determined teams from each year group, the College participated in the Independent Schools Debating Association (ISDA) Competition, which proved to be challenging and rewarding for every girl involved.

Debating took place on Friday nights after a coaching session either at Brigidine or away. We debated against a range of schools from different areas in Sydney, including Ascham, St Catherine's, Pymble Ladies College, Sydney Grammar, MLC, Queenwood, and Kambala. With some wins and losses for each team, all Brigidine debaters are commended on their

success in proudly representing the College. While none of our teams proceeded to the semi-finals after the 7 rounds of debates, the girls are to be congratulated on their constant enthusiasm and team participation.

Debating strongly encourages girls to learn how to synthesise strong arguments and practice public speaking skills while involving themselves in a team-orientated activity. The coaches must be thanked for providing constant feedback and valuable advice each week and for encouraging us to further develop our skills.

Particular thanks are extended to Mrs Ahearne, coach of Year 8, and to Mrs Dugan for providing suppers for our hungry guests each Friday night.

Finally, Ms Ferris, the Brigidine College 2011 Debating Coordinator, is thanked for her outstanding contribution to debating within the College. Her consistent organisation and dedication allowed for the Society to run smoothly and its success to date is evidence of her hard work.

All girls involved this year are to be congratulated on their continual display of Brigidine pride and spirit. I wish the best for the Society in the future, and hope that it continues to expand as more girls become involved in years to come.

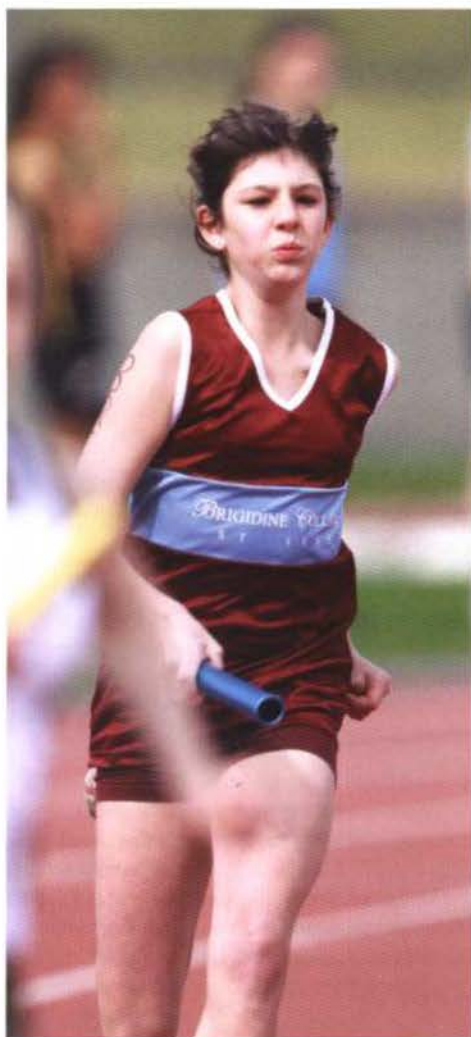
Claire Feather
President, Debating Society



Front Row: Eloise Ott, Madelin Strupitis-Haddrick, Emily Hodgson, Claire Feather, Natalie Mendes, Natalie Rinaldi, Rebecca Bau-Gaspar, Amanda Liem

Second Row: Ms K. Ahearne, Monica Grayson, Arielle Marshall, Jessica Lynch, Alexandra Kopp, Rebecca Feather, Tomika Shaw, Ms Meredith Ferris

Third Row: Stephanie Long, Isabella Wildsmith, Natalie Chandra, Sarah Korte, Phillipa Reeves, Alexandra Bradley



Congratulations to all the girls in the Athletics Club for another fantastic and competitive season. Brigidine competed at The Independent Girls' Schools (IGSSA), Broken Bay Schools (BBSSA) and NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) athletics carnivals as well as the IGSSA and CIS cross country events. Each girl showed school spirit in their ongoing participation and achieved outstanding results contributing to the clubs ongoing success.

The first competition for the year was the IGSSA Cross Country in beautiful Mittagong at the Frensham School. Twenty-five students represented Brigidine in all age groups from 12 years to 16 years. Best performing athlete for Brigidine was Olivia Flynn who, by finishing 8th in the 16 years age group, earned selection into the IGSSA Cross Country team to compete at the NSW CIS (Combined Independent Schools) Championships at Eastern Creek in June. Congratulations to Olivia and to all of the Brigidine runners.

Training sessions on Wednesday afternoons and the IGSSA Twilight Series, held on Friday nights at Homebush throughout late Term 2 and early Term 3, gave many girls the opportunity to participate and try different events as well as practice preferred events to improve in fitness and heighten skills and techniques.

The IGSSA Carnival was held on 12 August and was a fantastic day; great results were produced placing Brigidine 13th out of 26

schools. The BBSSA Carnival followed soon after and gave more Brigidine competitors a chance to show their improved skills which resulted in 16 of our girls representing Broken Bay at the NSW CCC Carnival. A special mention to Amy Bettiol of Year 10 who broke her own record in the 1500m walk by 20 seconds and Nina Osada-Phornsiri of Year 8 who created a new record in the high jump with an impressive jump of 1.61m. Well done also to the 16, 17 and 18 year girls team who won the Senior Point Score Shield.

A huge thank you to the coaches; Jake Lynch, Sue Maxton, Bev Jaye, Gary Malcolm and Alex McGain. Their constant support and guidance assisted the girls in achieving great results and is very much appreciated. Massive thank you goes to our Club Convenor Darryl Welch, our Teacher in Charge Mrs McCudden, and Mr Chant, whose support and dedication has helped make the club such a success.

Katrina and I have had an amazing six years in the Athletics Club and it has been a privilege to lead it this year. We wish Olivia Flynn and Ellen Thompson, the Athletics Captains for 2012, the best of luck and also to all Brigidine athletes in the seasons ahead.

Ashleigh Trupiano and Katrina Scotter
Captain and Vice Captain, Athletics



Cross Country

- Front Row:** Sophia Tonoli, Stephanie Muir, Melissa Fitzsimmons, Kristi Wilkinson, Kirsten Van Den Berg, Kate Menzies, Amelia Pitney, Alison Colgan, Shehara Bastianpillai
- Second Row:** Samantha Wilcox, Kelly Wilcox, Erin Dobis, Kristin Turner, Maddison Breen, Nicola Cowan, Lauren Gorman, Olivia Whiting
- Third Row:** Brianna Gorman, Kafe Jones, Isabelle Ramsay, Olivia Flynn, Ashley Price, Caitlin Barol, Islay Dumas
- Fourth Row:** Nicola Simmons, Lonita Mann, Frances Goodman, Brooke Menzies, Emily McGain



Brigidine 1 Basketball Front Row: Elena Kovacs-Hegedus, Rachael Bradley, Emily O'Donovan, Hayley McAlister, Casey O'Brien
 Second Row: Allison Bradley, Olivia Flynn, Chelsea Herbert, Jieun Hong, Ms D. Kuper (Teacher in Charge)



BBSSA Basketball Front Row: Chelsea Reed, Cassidy Burgess, Eloise Ott, Emily O'Donovan, Rachael Bradley, Amelia Littler, Caitlin Walsh, Tomika Shaw
 Second Row: Briana Emery, Casey O'Brien, Moly Stewart, Olivia Tams, Bianca Parnell, Allison Bradley, Shyrin Hagh
 Third Row: Fiona Grace, Elena Kovacs-Hegedus, Catherine Lantz, Chelsea Herbert, Emily McGain, Eliza Roel, Olivia Flynn



The basketball season at Brigidine has been one of fantastic success and accomplishment and all girls have improved with each displaying an admirable show of sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and determination on and off the court. Through the club we have made many new lifelong friendships, and have gained an opportunity to extend and challenge ourselves in both confidence and skill.

There have been many achievements that have taken place throughout the Manly Warringah Basketball Association (MWBA) Competition, as well as the BSSSA and IGSSA competitions. We are very proud to report that four out of seven teams made the MWBA finals. In the IGSSA Competition, Brigidine entered an opens team compiled of students from Years 9, 11 and 12 in the 1B division, and finished in 3rd place. The girls are to be commended on their team spirit as they competed against teams containing mainly representative players. The BSSSA gala days were a great success, and both the intermediate and senior teams made it to semi-finals.

Both of us; Rachael Bradley and Emily O'Donovan, along with Casey O'Brien, Hayley McAlister, Melissa Walsh, Ellena Kovacs-Hegedus, and Chelsea Herbert, have been playing together since Year 7. We have been so lucky to be a part of this amazing club and treasure every moment it has brought us over the past six years.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the Brigidine parents, volunteers, as well as, Mr Chant, Mrs Dickens, Mrs Kuper, the Basketball Committee, and the Conveners Danielle O'Donovan and Sanchia Bradley. We would also like to thank all the coaches: Amelia, Gemma, Nick, Dan, Emily, Casey and Rachael – we appreciate the wonderful efforts you put in at training and games. Well done to all those involved and we wish you all the best for the 2012 season.

Emily O'Donovan and Rachael Bradley
Captain and Vice Captain, Basketball





Dance Eisteddfods

- Front Row:** Claudia MacPhail, Ciara Mulkeen, Isabel Estrella, Adele Samus, Sydney Eismen, Rebecca Back, Mikaela Vial Shaw, Harriet Bradbury, Demi Schofield, Lidia Marrocco
- Second Row:** Ebony Howald, Edwina Ovens, Samantha Eismen, Natasha Lahood, Arielle Marshall, Jessica Chanell, Fiona Livisianos, Taylor Gleeson, Alish Galloway, Terri Adams, Tori Ovens
- Third Row:** Elizabeth O'Brien, Olivia Tams, Ashley Price, Isabelle Korsten, Ashlee Page, Madeleine Andrews, Andrea Pizzie, Tiffany Browne, Georgia Burns, Kathleen O'Neill
- Fourth Row:** Grace Eather, Susan McCourt, Kate McGee, Lily Morris, Lauren Ward, Daniella Toson, Adeline Silva, Kristie Nixon, Larissa Carnegie, Lauren Grieve

It has been a year of great memories and success for the Dance Club. Dance continues to be the largest cocurricular club at the College, enrolling more than 350 members from Years 7 to 12. Two highlights were the Club's participation in Eisteddfods and at the annual Dance Spectacular held at UTS Ku-ring-gai Campus on Saturday 27 August. The event showcased all club members in jazz, hip-hop, musical theatre, ballet, tap and included our Eisteddfod lyrical, contemporary and jazz entries. The evening was enjoyed by an audience of family, friends, staff, and students and of course, by the dancers themselves.

Each year an audition process is held to select dancers for the Eisteddfod groups. This year we entered three jazz and two contemporary and lyrical routines. The groups consist of approximately 30 girls from Years 7 to 12.

Eisteddfod Awards

Thriller was performed by the Years 9 to 12 Eisteddfod Jazz Group who were awarded 1st in the Extreme Eisteddfod, 2nd in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod and Highly Commended at the Sydney Eisteddfod.

Beauty from Pain was performed by the Years 9 to 12 Eisteddfod Lyrical Group who were awarded 1st in the Extreme Eisteddfod and 2nd in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod.

Inertia Creeps was performed by the Years 8 to 12 Eisteddfod Contemporary Group who were awarded 3rd in the Extreme Eisteddfod, 3rd in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod and Highly Commended at the Sydney Eisteddfod.

Burlesque was performed by the Years 7 to 11 Eisteddfod Jazz Group who were awarded 3rd at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod.

All groups achieved brilliant results this year and our dancers should be proud of their efforts.

The Club is so successful due to the ongoing dedication and commitment from Club Convenor, Shane Grieve. Words cannot express how grateful we are for her hard work. Thanks to our dance teachers for their dedication and patience: Elise Osborne, Marla White, Melissa Prentice, Lauren Thompson, Courtney Watts and especially Christie Hutton. Also, to the teachers in charge, Mrs Lucille Flory and Mrs Amanda Macri.

We especially thank our amazing principal teacher, Rochelle Jones. Her immense effort, dedication and gifted choreography contributed enormously to the success of our Eisteddfod groups. We are fortunate to have such a passionate and committed teacher. Best wishes to the new Dance Captains and for the future of the Dance Club.

Rebecca Back and Sydney Eisman
 Captain And Vice Captain, Dance Club



One of the most challenging yet rewarding activities offered from Year 9 onwards is the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (DEAS) with some demanding components including an expedition, a skill, a physical activity, community service, and in the Gold Award, a residential project. Through DEAS, participants are able to learn skills of self motivation, leadership, independence, team-work, cooperation, and responsibility while making a difference to their local community.

The club had over 200 girls enrolled this year completing bronze, silver and gold awards over a number of grade levels. The expeditions offered at Brigidine include hiking, cycling and canoeing in a variety of interesting locations. Girls travelled to the Hunter Valley, Blue Mountains, to the top of Mount Kosciuszko as well as to Batemans Bay and the Hawkesbury River with the Outdoor Education Group to encourage them to reach their full potential and complete the award.

Technological advances proved to be challenging in 2011 as new participants were required to complete their awards online. We had many lunchtime sessions learning and teaching the bronze girls how to complete every aspect online. Every Wednesday we held DEAS meetings for anyone who had questions or queries about the award.

Our thanks go to the girls who have been actively involved in DEAS this year with special thanks to all parents who have helped their daughters achieve awards. Our gratitude extends to Mrs Wachter, our Teacher in Charge, who helped prepare the girls for expeditions and to the many teachers who volunteered to attend the expeditions and returned with great stories and a new found love for the outdoors. Good luck to all who continue with Duke of Ed, we wish you the best!

Madeleine Howald and Laura Flannery
Captain and Vice Captain, DEAS



- Front Row:** Madeleine Howald, Laura Flannery, Alison Langer, Ashleigh Scrivener, India Van Kool, Catherine Dell, Sydney Eismen, Madeleine Borrowman, Tiasha Bastianpillai
- Second Row:** Corinne Lieberman, Ebony Harris, Terri Adams, Aysha Brown, Tamara Fechner-Head, Olivia Flynn, Jordana Moulds, Isabella Hall, Mrs S. Wachter (Teacher in Charge)
- Third Row:** Bonnie Macqueen, Ashley Wick, Lauren Murphy, Courtney Hume, Grace Geier, Hanna Blanche, Olivia Havelka
- Fourth Row:** Laura Douglass, Sophie Pentelov, Claudia Hallett, Chelsea Herbert, Johanna Stokoe, Caitlin O'Hagan





As Drama as a curricular subject is offered to students in Year 9 onwards, my co-captain and I initiated a cocurricular Drama Club for Years 7 and 8 to give the juniors a chance to explore the subject. Held on Friday lunchtimes, the group enjoyed playing drama games and activities to build confidence, performance skills and friendships. We also encouraged the girls in the Club to see the dramatic performances which occasionally take place in the library at lunchtimes and to audition for roles in the school musical.

The largest number of girls in the group was roughly 100 students, which proved challenging, but it was inspiring to see so many interested in the dramatic arts.

Our creation and maintenance of the Drama Club has not been effortless, especially considering our other Year 12 commitments, so we're very proud of the girls who have consistently come to the meetings each week and given one hundred and ten per cent of their enthusiasm. We're hoping that next year the Drama Club will continue to grow and become even more organised and proficient.

Bianca Cornale and Katie O'Neill
 Captain and Vice Captain, Drama Club



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

The season began with the State Interschool Championships. We had a team of eight girls who showed in a variety of events and should be thrilled with their results, with many placings from Taylah Collins, Jessica Tripp, Samantha Tripp, Ellen Thompson and Clare Miller-Bliss. Congratulations to all girls who competed and contributed to Brigidine placing 15th overall out of a selection of 50 schools.

In March, the Club was represented by Taylah Collins of Year 8 at the Tara Dressage Day at Sydney International Equestrian Centre, where she achieved excellent results. In August, Taylah also placed at the Central Coast Grammar Dressage Day – congratulations for these outstanding results.

The Brigidine College Equestrian Club had representatives at other interschool competitions such as the Hunter Valley Equestrian Championships and all who showed and competed are congratulated on their exceptional efforts and results whilst representing the College.

In August, Jess Tripp of Year 8 was selected to represent Australia in the International Children's Jumping Competition in Columbia, where she achieved 7th place overall - an amazing achievement as she had only 30 minutes and 6 practice jumps to prepare her borrowed horse for this international event!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Stoneham, Mrs Tinika Bliss, Mrs Brenda Tripp and our supportive parents, as without them no one could participate at these events. We would also like to congratulate Samantha Tripp on becoming the 2012 Equestrian Club Captain and we wish her the best of luck, we know she will be an excellent leader.

Clare Miller-Bliss and Georgia Heraghty
Captain and Vice Captain, Equestrian





This year saw the recommencement of the Socratic Society after a year of inactivity. Socratic Society, evidently named after Socrates, deals with philosophy, particularly in the field of film. Beginning by renaming the club with the more familiar 'Film Appreciation', I also changed the structure of the society, by creating both Junior and Senior groups.

This year, the Junior group focused on films from childhood that carry philosophical significance. The girls realised that there was much to learn from such films as *Mulan* and *Legally Blonde*, favourites of many of the students. By examining movies that they knew well, we were able to realise the messages communicated to girls in their younger years, thus understanding the power of visual media in our lives.

Film Appreciation Senior this year was centred on examining more sophisticated films, beginning with the recent *Paper Heart*. This 'mockumentary' debates the existence of love in a challenging yet simultaneously humorous way, making it perfect as an introduction to our newly formed group. By viewing films such as this, as well as Jason Reitman's *Up in the Air*, our society began to engage in friendly debates about themes and the issues that arose.

I thank Mrs Whiddon, Director of the Centre for Excellence, for her assistance in helping me re-establish the group. I would also like to acknowledge all the other obliging teachers who lent me their laptops when technology refused to co-operate, allowing me to show the films. Most importantly, I am extremely grateful to my fellow students who participated in Socratic Society this year, as obviously the club would not have been possible without their support. It has been extremely refreshing to see other members of the Brigidine community express an interest in philosophy and I believe that all involved learned a lot but also had a lot of fun this year.

Saskia Roberts
Film Appreciation

Our club has had another great year with many new gymnasts joining. It has been wonderful to see each girl improve their skills and form new friendships over our short season. The emphasis of the club is for the girls to have fun and develop new skills by promoting balance and fitness over the four gymnastics apparatuses of vault, bars, beam and floor.

For many, the inaugural Brigidine Gymnastics Carnival at Allambie Heights, and the State IGSSA Competition were exciting first-time competition experiences. Our exceptional results at IGSSA included being placed 4th in our division and 11th Overall in Women's Artistic Gymnastics. Outstanding individual results include:

Level 10 - Emma Nedov of Year 10 placed 1st on Bars, Beam and Floor and 3rd on Vault.

Level 8 - Madeleine Nedov of Year 7 placed 1st on Vault, Bars and Floor and 2nd on Beam.

Level 5 - Eliza Burns of Year 7 placed 1st on Vault and Bars, 2nd on Beam and Floor.

Level 3 - Madison Chan of Year 8 placed 3rd on Floor.

Thank you to our two fabulous coaches, Tory and Chris, who have given us the opportunity to train at their club in Allambie Heights. They worked closely with us to improve our skills for the two competitions. I would also like to thank the parents of the girls who gave up their time in the early hours of the morning to drive us to school from the training venue. Also a huge thank you to the Teacher In Charge, Mrs Kate Ryder, and our Club Convenor, Mrs Jo Cowan, who have done such an amazing job.

Thank you to all the gymnasts for their enthusiasm, commitment and support for one another. We look forward to another excellent year and wish the 2012 Captains the very best of luck with their leadership.

Sydney Eismen
Captain, Gymnastics





Hockey is a fantastic team sport, bringing together girls to train and compete. The sport involves developing skills in hand-eye coordination, fitness, agility and strength. Most importantly, the girls love having fun and making new friendships within their own year groups and beyond.

This year, the College had five teams participate in the North Shore Women's Hockey Association and IGSSA competitions over the winter months. Many new coaches and girls formed the teams with Teacher in Charge Miss Gloria Perin, Mr David Chant as Club Supervisor and Koos Kruger as Club Convenor.

In Term 2, the girls participated in a clinic which for most was the first time they had played in 6 months - for others it was the first time they had ever picked up a hockey stick. The clinic challenged our fitness and slowly but surely, refreshed our skills. The club registered teams in the North Shore competition, which was a great introduction and gave all girls the chance to get to know their team members and improve their individual skills. In Term 3, the IGSSA teams had tough competition and rain saw the cancellation of many matches.

Congratulations to Georgia Langham of Year 10 who was selected into the IGSSA Open Age Rep team this year. Congratulations also to Sarah Penn of Year 11 and Chloe White of Year 11 who were selected for the IGSSA Invitational team. All of the girls represented at the NSW CIS (Combined Independent Schools) Championships in May of this year.

At the club presentation night, many girls proudly received plaques of participation and trophies were awarded to Most Valuable Player, Player's Player and Most Improved. Saskia Ek received a trophy for having participated in the hockey club throughout Years 7 to 12. Our Club Captains next year are Clare Hansen and Chloe White. This dynamic duo will ensure the club continues encouraging girls to maintain fitness and forge friendships.

Heather Oesterheld and Saskia Ek
 Captain and Vice Captain, Hockey



Front Row: Tierney Seeto, Clare Miller-Bliss, Heather Oesterheld, Saskia Ek, Nicoleta Walters, Clare Hansen
 Second Row: Georgia Langham, Alexandra Musson, Tara Dingle, Chloe White, Sarah Penn, Ildelin Kruger





It was a fantastic year for music in the College in 2011. With activities ranging from the College Musical, *Singing in the Rain*, to the Founder's Day Liturgy, the stream of musical achievements has been unending this year.

The musical, directed by Mr Chris Rutherford, was a huge success as the cast took the audience on a journey back to the 1920s. The girls grooved their way through the Charleston, and had the 'rags' to pull it off! Congratulations to the cast, crew and orchestra for your fantastic performances and hard work, and a huge thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly to make this event possible.

In early May, the club, accompanied by Mrs Boyd, Mrs Hall and music tutors attended an overnight camp at Vision Valley, Arcadia. This annual trip never fails to be an amazing experience and fantastically good fun with music playing, rehearsing, learning, and

more food than you could ever dream of! The Music Cabaret Evening which followed had a fabulous turn out and proved to be a brilliant night of entertainment and talent showcasing. Well done to everyone involved; Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Stage Band, Concert Band, String Ensemble, and soloists – you were all excellent.

Throughout the year, there has been an array of festivals and competitions in which the Choir and Band have participated. The Concert Band, led by Mrs Lorna Hall, attended the Yamaha Band Festival in June and they did extremely well, winning a silver award for 2nd place. The Choir, conducted by Miss Maria Lee, and the Concert Band, conducted by Mrs Hall, participated in the Ryde Eisteddfod in July. Both days were well received and great events.

In August, the Year 12 HSC music students had their showcase evening. Unfortunately,

two out of the six students were unwell and unable to perform. It was still a great night, highlighting just how talented the Class of 2011 were.

On top of all of these fantastic achievements, music girls also performed in College Masses, Liturgies, on Grandparent's Morning, Open Day, and in the Spotlight on Music Concert.

Congratulations and well done to all the girls for their musical success and dedication over the year and to the staff for making it all possible – you have made the college a brighter place! I wish Jessica Squires and Camilla Corbett the best of luck as Music Captains 2012; I am confident you will continue to lead the students with vigour and determination.

Rosalie Moore

President, Music Society



String Ensemble

Olivia Webeck, Maddison McCauley, Kirilee Wagner, Lucy Stafford, Camilla Corbett, Sophia Polito, Marie-Joseph Ta, Ms Katrina Papallo



Stage Band

Front Row: Emma Squires, Hannah Ribbons, Jessica Squires, Annabelle Parsons, Alice Edwards

Second Row: Rebecca Stanley, Katherine Vail, Camilla Corbett, Kate McGee, Elise Lieberman



BBSSA Netball

Brigidine entered three teams; a Junior (13 years), Intermediate (15 years and under) and Senior team (Open age) into the BBSSA Championships. All played with a great sense of team spirit and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the gala day.

While our Intermediate team narrowly missed out on making the semi-finals, both the Junior and Senior team progressed through to play-offs. The Junior girls fought hard and showed tremendous determination but ended up going down 2-15 to St Peter's, Tuggerah who were the eventual age winners.

Our Senior team played some incredible netball and finished the round games undefeated and on top of their pool. They progressed to the semi-final where, after being down in the first half, they came back amazingly and won 22-13. They then faced the undefeated Mount St Benedict's team in the final. Once again, Brigidine were behind at half time, but became winners and defeated Mount St Benedict's 20-12. The team was: Olivia Flynn, Laura Douglass, Lauren Murphy, Alex Marshall, Sarah Rodgers, Camie Rubinstein, Kaitlyn Cunningham, Jordyn Chue and Georgia Marshall. A special thanks to Kathryn Ross of Year 11 who was Brigidine's umpire representative on the day.

Congratulations to all of girls who represented Brigidine at these Championships and did the College proud in both their on and off court embodiment of Brigidine spirit.

Leigh-Anne Hartwig

Teacher in Charge, IGSSA and BBSSA Netball



IGSSA Netball

Brigidine registered five teams for the Term 3 Saturday morning IGSSA Schools Competition. All teams competed strongly throughout the season, with three teams; Brig 3, 4 and 5 reaching the semi-finals. Brig 5 continued through to the finals and despite having been undefeated all season they went down in a close game to a very committed opposition. Thank you to Mrs Hartwig, Teacher In Charge and Brig 1 coach, and to our coaches Rebecca May and Sarah Davies Brig 2, Mrs Kuper Brig 3, Mrs Ryder Brig 4 and Rebecca Chambers Brig 5, for their commitment and energy throughout the season.

Australian Netball Representative

Congratulations to Georgia Marshall of Year 9 who was selected for the 15 years Australian Schools Netball team. Following a successful performance with the NSW Catholic Colleges team and her selection into the NSW Schools team, Georgia travelled to Perth in August for the Australian Championships. Based on her performances at the Nationals, Georgia was one of only two NSW players named in the Australian team. The team is due to play in a tournament against a New Zealand team in South Australia in May 2012. Best of luck Georgia!

KNA Netball

The Brigidine Netball Club celebrated 40 years involvement in the Kur-ring-gai Netball Association this year and had a big and successful season due to the overwhelming number of enthusiastic players. We had 20 teams registered in the KNA Competition with a substantial number making it to the finals, and three teams who made it to the grand finals. Congratulations to Brig 1 who won their grand final this year. This is a fantastic achievement as they were the first Brig 1 team to win a grand final at KNA in 40 years! The team was: Sophie Walsh, Madison Thompson, Danielle Moore, Taylor Masone, Claire Feather, Stephanie Domazet, Madeleine Paul, Madeleine Howald, Rebecca Back and Tarryn Hill, coached by Janine Masone.

The Club celebrated its 40th anniversary with a presentation night in September themed "Talking About Your Netball Generation." It was a very enjoyable evening with many games played, laughs had and girls receiving awards for their achievements throughout the season.

The season ran smoothly with the dedicated help of our coaches and umpires. Many of our new umpires received their Mid D badge this year, which is an outstanding achievement. However a special congratulation goes to Kathryn Ross of Year 11, who was awarded

her National C badge, the 4th highest umpiring badge that can be awarded in Australia.

Thank you to all who were involved this year; the players, umpires, coaches, parents and especially the committee. Your support and encouragement was greatly appreciated and the Club would not have had such a successful season without your help. A special thank you

goes to Mr Chant and Mrs Dickens who have done so much work behind the scenes.

Congratulations to Sophie Pentelow and Phoebe Partridge, the Netball Club Captains for 2012. We wish you the best of luck and hope you have as much fun as we did this season.

Taylor Masone and Stephanie Domazet
Captain and Vice Captain, Netball



Brigidine 1 Netball KNA

Front Row: Madeleine Howald, Madeleine Paul, Taylor Masone, Sophie Walsh, Danielle Moore

Second Row: Rebecca Back, Tarryn Hill, Madison Thompson, Stephanie Domazet, Claire Feather





Brigidine College entered a small team in the NSW Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championship for the first time in April this year. Congratulations to the group of students and Mrs Mandy Doyle who returned with the Spirit Cup - a testament to their exceptional sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The team of Pia Doyle, Hannah Lanz, Islay Dumas, Elise Lieberman, Jill Chambers, Catherine Lanz and Genevieve James sailed Pacers from Woollahra Sailing Club against teams from nine schools in a magnificent display of sailing.

The Brigidine flag on *Stiletto* in Sydney Harbour during the NSW Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championship.



What another fantastic season for the Brigidine Soccer Club. This year, the Club continued to thrive with over 90 girls from Years 7 to 12 participating in the IGSSA Competition. The incredible enthusiasm and dedication shown by the girls paid off with Brigidine 2 and 4 being runners-up in their division, a definite achievement.

Thank you to the seven coaches and managers who were outstanding and whose efforts made it an enjoyable and successful season. Thank you also to the parents who supported us and helped with the various duties throughout the year.

The BBSSSA Gala Day was unfortunately rained out this year, however Brigidine participated in the Broken Bay Selection Trials where four outstanding players were selected. Congratulations to Nicola Simmons, Meg Flannery and Erin Hannan of Year 10 and Ashleigh Trupiano of Year 12.

This year also saw a continuation of the annual soccer tour with our sister school Brigidine Indooroopilly sending a team from Brisbane for a friendly match. The game was extremely close, ending in a nil-all draw. The game was a great way for the girls to improve their soccer skills and make new friends. Congratulations to all who represented the College so well.

A huge thank you goes to our Convener Peter Newell, Coordinator Mr Chant, and Teacher in Charge Mr Bebb for their tireless hard work, commitment and support. The growth of the club and the enjoyment of the girls each year stems entirely from their dedication and we sincerely thank you.

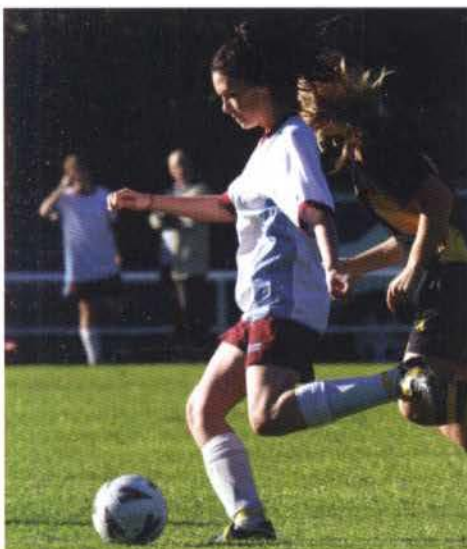
Congratulations Brigidine Soccer Club on this amazing season. Good luck and best wishes for the future!

Nyssa Chennell Dutton and Jess Mahon
 Captain and Vice Captain, Soccer



Front Row: Gemma Jones, Sophie Walsh, Nyssa Chennell Dutton, Jessica Mahon, Lauren Murphy, Jessica O'Donovan, Isabel Owen

Second Row: Aysha Brown, Georgia Hamilton, Madison Thompson, Louise Finch, Ashleigh Trupiano, Mr Russell Bebb (Coach)





Brigidine Softball Club has continued to succeed across all divisions in the IGSSA Competition and we congratulate every girl for her participation. Our success has ensured that we remain competitive and passionate. 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 active in the College's cocurricular program.

The Club had three out of five of our teams make it to the grand finals with two teams finishing on top of the table – an outstanding result. Congratulations to all players and coaches involved. This year we also had one of our students selected in the Broken Bay Secondary Schools Sports Association (BBSSSA) representative team. Congratulations to Mim Cudicio.

We thank the Convenors, Craig Manning and Koos Kruger, who coordinated the

club's activities, as well as Mr Chant for his continuous support. Thank you also to Mr Johns, Teacher in Charge; his constant effort ensures that we are able to operate successfully.

The skills attained and the fun experiences we enjoyed can be attributed to the outstanding expertise of the coaches. It was fantastic to see so many current and past students, as well as parents, giving up their time to support us. The parents who took on roles of managers, scorers and umpires should be further congratulated. Many thanks to St Ives Park Primary School for letting us use their grounds. The Softball Club has shown a great display of passion, achievement and camaraderie and we wish the Club and next year's captains luck and success for next season.

Lindi Van Rhijn and Jessica Mahon
 Captain and Vice Captain, Softball





The Swimming team had a very busy season commencing with invitational carnivals at Oakhill, Abbotsleigh, St Catherines and MLC where many girls achieved personal best times. The girls swam against many fast swimmers, benefiting from the competition.

As always, our school carnival was extremely exciting with both competitive and non-competitive swimmers having a ball! At Ryde Aquatic Centre, a new venue for Brigidine, we held 25m Interhouse races in the lower pool and Age Championship races in the main pool. It was an incredible sight to watch the entire College dancing in unison to *Rock Lobster*. Congratulations to Tierney Seeto for breaking the 50m Breaststroke record and to Tegan Grunwald for breaking her own record in the 50m Butterfly.

The BBSSSA (Broken Bay) Representative Carnival was held at Homebush and congratulations to our girls who participated. Swimmers who progressed to the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Swimming Championships in May were: Ellen Hester of Year 7, Gemma Nicholas of Year 8, Tierney Seeto, Nicola Cowan, Tegan Grunwald and Rebecca Baczkowski of Year 10, Chelsea Woodward of Year 11. All girls swam their best against many strong swimmers and should be proud of making it to this high level. Special congratulations to Tegan for winning two bronze medals and Rebecca for winning three bronze medals in the 16 and over Multiclass races.



Thank you to Mr Chant, Mrs Skinner as well as Parent Convenor Michael Carroll and his committee. Special thanks to Rafael who looked after all of our Saturday afternoon squad sessions at Terrey Hills Swim Centre.

All the best to the new Swim Captains, Johanna Stokoe and Chelsea Woodward. Good luck for the season and keep up the Brigidine spirit!

Bronagh Marley
Captain, Swimming



Swimming BBSSA

Front Row: Jasmine Follett, Tegan Grunwald, Orla Flynn, Samantha Wilcox, Kate Menzies, Maddison Ronksley, Olivia Findlay, Gemma Nicholas

Second Row: Rebecca Baczkowski, Kelly Wilcox, Harriet Bradbury, Brooke Menzies, Madison Spencer, Nicola Cowan, Tierney Seeto, Mia Holman

Third Row: Tamara Fechner-Head, Bronagh Marley, Johanna Stokoe, Hanna Bianche, Marion Ribuoit, Jillian Chambers





Which sport gives you strength, fitness and flexibility combined? Which sport can you practise on your own but be part of a team where you can achieve personal bests and have them acknowledged? If this sounds good to you, maybe you should try Taekwondo!

I've been practising Taekwondo since the beginning of Year 7 and have improved from a beginner white-belt, all the way to a junior black-belt and am now training for my full black-belt in Year 9. I can say with confidence that I know that I have improved throughout these three years in the club. My kicks have become more powerful and precise, as have my punches and I have become much more flexible. I have also been able to improve my technique in kicking, one-step sparring, and my patterns, all of which are required in order to participate and pass the end-of-term grading for the next belt.

I know I am improving and my advancements are clearly shown by the coloured tips and belts that I wear. I find this aspect of Taekwondo encouraging, as you and everyone else in the club can see that you are gradually becoming an expert in martial arts.

Taekwondo is a great way to socialise and burn off tension from a hard week, as it is held on Friday afternoons. All year groups are welcome and everyone gets along. There is a real feeling of teamwork, as everyone is willing to teach each other even though the sport is about achieving personal bests.



Everyone is also careful not to actually hurt one another, and the occasional laugh is guaranteed.

I would recommend Taekwondo to any girl who wants to build their confidence, learn self-defence, and who is fuelled to achieve personal bests and to truly see improvement. I would also recommend it as an activity to do with a friend, so you can improve your skills together!

Stephanie Long
Taekwondo





Tildesley Tennis

Front Row: Tiasha Bastianpillai, Jessica Langley, Ashly Murray, Laura Flynn, Latrishia Kenny, Nicole Murray, Miki Kanai, Carmela Colinares

Second Row: Lauren Gorman, Vanessa MacDonald, Emma Steele, Montana York, Alexandra Jones, Nicoleta Walters, Kate Jones, Brianna Gorman, Maddison McCauley

Third Row: Charlotte Riminton, Tamasin Calcrafft, Annabel Biles, Brooke Menzies, Lauren Murphy, Eliza Roel, Chloe Steele, Emily Heyes



The Brigidine Tennis Club had a busy, successful and fun year. Our Club members have shown great enthusiasm and athleticism whilst competing in a large variety of tough and challenging competitions and all girls have significantly improved in their sport.

In Term 1 we competed in the IGSSA Saturday morning competition and all girls played consistently with some good wins against hard-hitting opponents. The majority of the teams were able to reach the semi-finals, and Brig 9 became the premiers in their division. Congratulations to all of the girls for committing their Saturday mornings and to all the parents for supporting us along the way.

The Tennis Club was awarded the Players Shield for the HKDTA Competition in Term 4. The Shield represents the school with the highest percentage of games won per player throughout the competition. This is the first time the College had been awarded the Shield and we were extremely proud to have attained it.

In Term 4 2010, Brigidine competed in the Broken Bay Gala Day and we entered an Open, Intermediate and Junior team into a round robin with all of the schools in the Broken Bay diocese. It was a challenging and exciting day with wins across the entire Brigidine squad. The Open team: Lauren Murphy, Laura Flynn, Brook Menzies, Ashley Murray and Nicole Murray won their division and proceeded to compete in NSW CCC Championships at Bathurst where they came runners up. An amazing effort!



Brigidine 1 Tennis Lauren Murphy, Laura Flynn, Ashly Murray, Brooke Menzies



Tildesley Shield is a highlight of the year for the Club. The competition is run over three days and aims to encourage and empower the girls to compete at a high level and share in team spirit. Held in April, the team of 25 players committed themselves to training for weeks leading up to the competition. Each player performed well in the hot weather against highly competitive schools from across Sydney. We thank the consistent and diligent effort from the umpires and ball girls who gave up their time to help manage our home court. The team finished 21st overall; a great effort considering the tough competition. Our girls were incredibly enthusiastic, filled with Brigidine spirit and were eager to show off our mascot, Barry the Barracuda. We are sure that all the girls are looking forward to improving their placing next year. Thank you to all of the parents who ran the very successful BBQ and canteen throughout the three days and also to the family and friends who came and supported us.

On behalf of the Tennis Club, a special thank you to our coach Sarah Atkins, who spent many hours on court supporting and preparing the club in their matches, Mrs Wachter and Mr Yuen for their endless organisation and encouragement and to our Club Convenor Mrs Menzies and Treasurer Mrs Murray. Huge congratulations to all members who have individually contributed to such a memorable season, we wish the best of luck to all players and club captains for next season. Keep up the Brigidine spirit!

Latrishia Kenny and Laura Flynn
Captain and Vice Captain, Tennis





This year, many enthusiastic girls gathered on Wednesday lunchtimes to create artistic and original textile items, such as jewellery pouches and silk paper.

We began by learning to use a sewing machine and then made jewellery pouches as a gift for Mother's Day. We also experimented with a number of fabric decoration techniques, learning how to create our own fabric using gummy silk. Printing techniques such as Riso screen printing, block printing, and transfer printing were explored to create patterns for a variety of applications, such as phone pouches. Most recently, the club used wooden printing blocks that were hand-carved in India, to create unique and interesting patterns on fabric.

Over the course of the year, the Club experimented with Shibori dyeing which involves folding and dyeing fabric to create interesting patterns. We each created a sample of fabric that was unique and original and we now have a new textile skill to use. One of our most recent projects has been to make a Japanese doll, using fabric and cardboard. We each made our own kimono to dress the doll, which can be used as a bookmark, or as a decorative feature for a card or scrapbook.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Whiddon for all her hard work in making Textiles Club such an enjoyable experience for all the girls involved!

Juliette Hall
Textiles Club

The 2011 touch football season was a huge success. This year we had nine teams competing in the Loreto Normanhurst Competition, an increase of two teams from last year. Five out of the nine teams made the grand finals however, due to wet weather, no grand final games were played. This meant that in each grade, the highest placed teams became the premiers. Congratulations to premiers Brig 3 and Brig 8. To all the teams, especially Brig 4, 5, and 6 who made it into the grand finals. Well played and we look forward to having you play again in 2012.

Thank you to all who are involved - our players, coaches, managers and parents who support and encourage the players each week. A special thank you to Mr Phil Jones, Teacher in Charge, Mrs Pamela Ledley, and to Mr David Chant as they are ultimately responsible for our opportunity to play touch football each week.

Our Presentation Night celebrated a fantastic season and the players who excelled in 2011. Awards included Player's Player, presented to the girl whose teammates value as a team player and in recognition of her commitment. And a Coaches Award to the girl nominated by her coach to have shown the most improvement or commitment.

Brig 1

5th place

Brig 2

4th place

Brig 3

Premiers

Brig 4

Runner up

Brig 5

Runner up

Brig 6

Runner up

Brig 7

3rd place

Brig 8

Premiers

Brig 9

5th place

BBSSA (Broken Bay Schools) Touch Football

Brigidine also sent three teams to the Broken Bay Touch Football Championships in February of this year - Opens, 15 years and 13 years. The best performing team was the 15 years team which consisted mainly of Year 9 students. This team did well to reach the semi-finals of a tough competition - going down to the eventual winners from the Central Coast. Congratulations to Tayla Perrin of Year 9 who was selected to represent Broken Bay at the NSW CCC (Combined Catholic Colleges) Championships in June.

Alexandra Jones

Captain, Touch Football



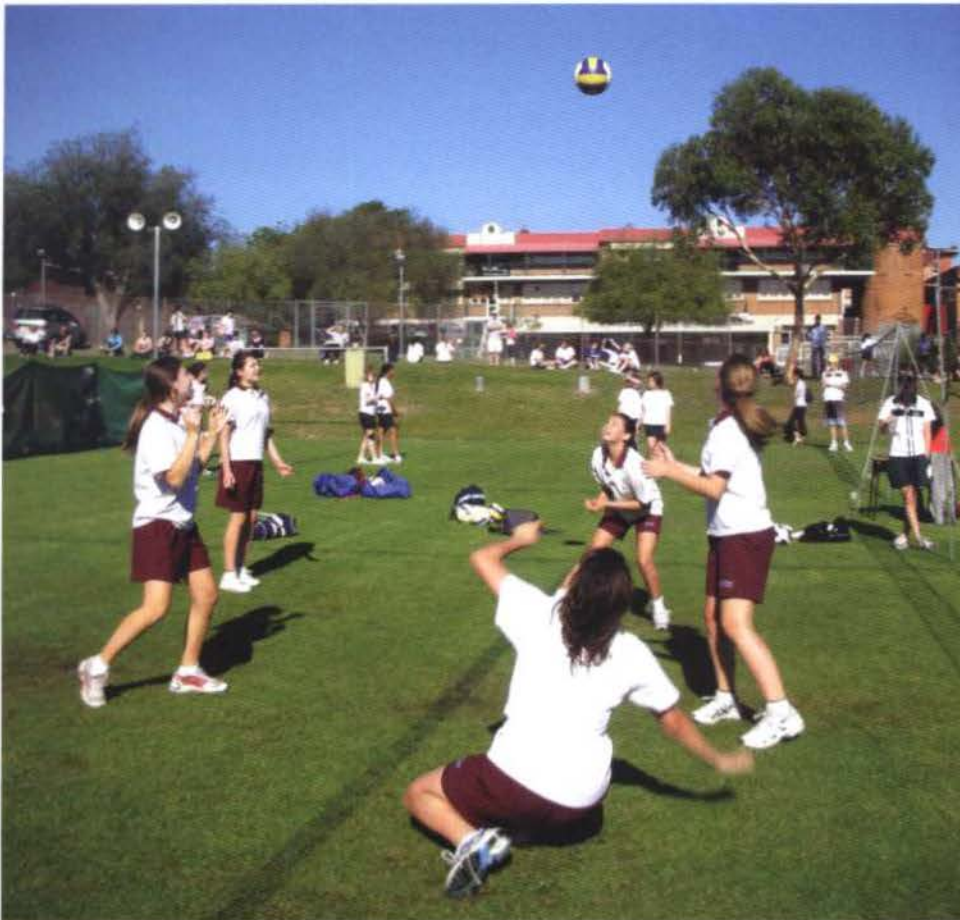
Touch Football BBSSA

Front Row: Sophia Tonoli, Georgia Bathie, Bethany Crawford, Vindhya Singh, Kate Jones, Ashley Price, Tayla Perrin, Kristi Wilkinson, Samantha Wilcox

Second Row: Amity Bliss, Isabelle Ramsay, Lucinda Douglas, Chloe White, Grace Eather, Alexandra Jones, Nicola Rowland, Genevieve Hooper

Third Row: Rebecca Back, Madeleine Paul, Alexandra Marshall, Madison Thompson, Sophie Pentelow, Nyssa Chennell Dulton, Sophie Walsh





Another fantastic season of volleyball with a particularly enthusiastic response from Year 7 girls who were welcomed into the club, it was a promising start to the season. Again we were privileged to have coaches Nathan Wong, Rory Connell, Lauren Millar, Zoe Gleeson, Shannah Connell, Rachel Baird and Cassandra Duvuloco working with the girls to improve their skills and teamwork in a fun environment. Brigidine was also extremely privileged to enlist the services and experience of Joe Sleiman, member of the NSW State Volleyball association to extend the girls' volleyball knowledge and skills. Mr Sleiman also conducted an additional coaching course for girls in Years 9 to 12, who were interested in gaining coaching qualifications.

A senior team was selected to compete in the Broken Bay (BBSSA) Beach Volleyball Tournament held early in the year. Our team was triumphant over previous rivals St Joseph's and was awarded runners-up, a great achievement!

Attending the School Girls Get Active Breakfast, Jess and I were privileged to meet the inspirational Kerri Pottharst, one of Australia's most decorated Olympic indoor and beach volleyball players. Alongside other girls' high schools across Sydney, the Brigidine Volleyball Club Captains enjoyed a great healthy breakfast and took part in a range

of activities, such as Zumba, whilst having a chance to win great prizes for our school.

On 2 September, Brigidine hosted the Senior Invitational for Years 9 to 12. Competing against Pymble Ladies College and Santa Sabina College, the eight Brigidine teams performed strongly but were unable to retain the trophy and Santa Sabina's senior team were the winners of the evening. For the Year 12 team, the Invitational marked the end of the volleyball season and our last exciting game for Brigidine.

The Junior Invitational held on 9 September for Years 7 and 8 saw five teams of enthusiastic juniors having a great time competing against Pymble Ladies College. Brigidine was able to successfully secure the junior trophy for another year.

Our main Saturday competition, played at Santa Sabina College, Strathfield throughout Term 4 saw teams achieve great results, many gaining a brilliant 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. We thank all of our parents who sacrificed Saturdays to drive us to and from games, especially those with early morning starts.

We sincerely want to acknowledge the great work of Jan Baird whose commitment and dedication as club convenor has enabled yet another fantastic season, and the work of our parents on the committee. We are also grateful



for the work of Mr David Chant and Mrs Sally Dickens, Mr Brian Loughland, outgoing Teacher in Charge and Mr Russell Bebb, the newly appointed Teacher in Charge and congratulate him on the birth of his beautiful baby girl, Naomi.

We wish Rachel Baird and Nicola Welsh, the Club Captains for 2012, all the best for the upcoming year. We have great faith in their ability to lead the Volleyball Club into another successful year of competition.

Ashleigh Aivazian and Jessica Roberts
Captain and Vice Captain, Volleyball



The 2011 Water Polo Club had another successful and enjoyable year with six teams entered into the Northern Suburbs School Water Polo Competition at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to all the girls who participated this year, you are all to be commended on your outstanding efforts at training and in games.

The Open A team, coached by Craig Marshall, had an outstanding season. The girls showed determination and commitment to maximise their skills and game techniques. They worked very hard as a team and as a result won the overall competition, which was the best result in many years.

The Open B team was coached by Kate Iacono, with the girls learning how to apply their skills to the game that they had been developing for many years. The girls worked great as a team and are to be commended on their continuous efforts throughout the season.

The Intermediate A team, coached by Bec Iacono and Tertia Garay and made up of Year 9 girls, finished 3rd this season. The team had a great season unfortunately losing their semi-finals. They showed continuous improvement and development of their skills and they are to be congratulated on their teamwork.

The Intermediate B team, coached by Tierney Seeto, finished 8th this season. They had a great start with wins against all the B teams and made it to the semi-finals. The team worked hard each game to draw in the semi-finals which was a great achievement and the girls are proud of their efforts.

The Under 13 competition for Year 7 students had two teams, Brigidine Red coached by Barry Kilham and Brigidine Blue coached by Jo Stokoe. For most of the girls it was the first time they had played water polo, learning the rules and correct skills from their coaches. They have had a great season developing new skills and both teams made it into the semi-finals.

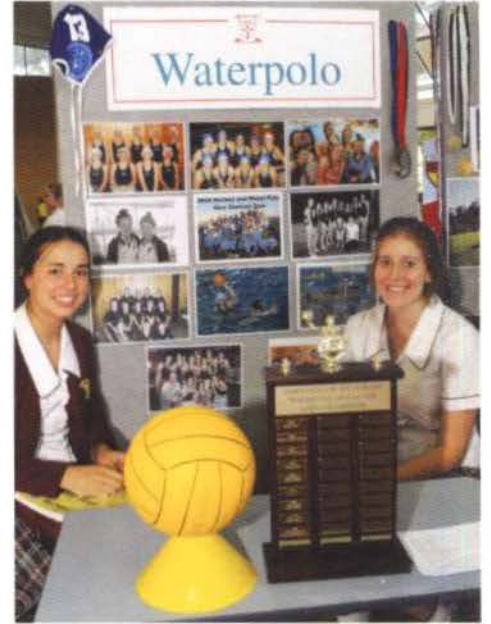
Many thanks to the coaches, managers, convenor Brian Stokoe and the Teacher in Charge Ms Jo Baker, along with the committee for their continuous hard work and effort throughout the year. You have all helped make this year a very enjoyable and successful season for the girls.

Brigidine also sent two teams along to the NSW CCC (Combined Catholic Colleges) Championships in November at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre, Homebush. The Senior team, Years 10 to 12, finished 3rd in its pool while the Junior team, Years 8 and 9, had more success, finishing runners up in the competition. This was a great achievement as no Brigidine team prior to this had made a final at this level.

Congratulations to Madison Spencer of Year 9 and Marion Ribuo of Year 8 who have been selected for the NSW CCC squad to compete at the NSW All Schools Championships in 2012.

Tertia Garay and Katie Lynch
Captain and Vice Captain, Water Polo





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As the car pulled up in the driveway, she peered out of the passenger window and looked at all the other girls walking in step with one another inside the front gates to the school. Everyone looked happy, chatting away with their friends and laughing.

Not a care in the world.

None of them were worrying about what lay beyond the beautifully manicured gardens, what would happen inside the classrooms. None of them seemed to be troubled by similar thoughts of... what people would think when they looked at her petrified face. She was never very good at hiding her emotions. No, no such thing as a poker-face here...

So, she forced herself to *not* throw up. To get out of the car. To take a *deep* breath. To lug her *heavy* bag inside the gates... and... face the music, so to speak. She *had* to do this.

That was exactly how I felt as I **rocked** up to my first day of classes at Brigidine College back in 2006! That's right...I **rocked** up feeling nervous, scared, and rather alone. I'm assuming many of those tiny girls in Year 7 probably felt exactly the same way. High school, as a beginning student OR a beginning teacher is a rather daunting experience. But boy am I glad that I started with such a wonderful year group.

I am honoured to be one of the teachers in tandem of this special year group, but I am not

the only one who has travelled with you on this journey. I also had the pleasure of starting with many fabulous teachers that year...one person in particular, however, has been by my side right from the beginning. In fact, I could go so far as to call her my **rock**...and that would be none other than, Ms Webb.

Good afternoon Mrs Curran, parents, guests, staff, students, and good afternoon to the beautiful girls of Year 12, 2011. These girls sitting before you have inspired the entire Brigidine community through their theme of **ROCK. Respect, Opportunity, Connectedness, Knowledge.** These ideals are ones we are all familiar with from our Brigidine ethos, but this year's Year 12 have reminded us how we can demonstrate these qualities in all aspects of our Brigidine lives. Always making a big impact on our community, Year 12 have motivated and inspired us all through their enthusiastic approach to their Brigidine life. School spirit is never lacking when they are present. Donations raised for Bear Cottage and Barry the Barracuda are testament to this. Led by their influential senior six, Georgia, Isi, Manisha, Catherine, Tara and Bronagh, the Year 12s have definitely made their mark.

However, it is not only this year that these special young ladies have made an impact. Let's cast our minds back in time and recall

some of the fonder moments from a teacher's perspective:

School days passed in a haze in the junior years...or maybe it's just our memories. Uniforms were dangling well past the knees, school bags felt like they had **rocks** in them and there was not a scrap of makeup to be seen on those angelic little faces. Coming to terms with the concept of high school, the changing classrooms, the onslaught of assignments and assessments were a challenge. But they handled it well, aided by the amazing year Coordinators, Mrs Bevan and Miss Foster/Fernandez. Not only did the girls change, so did the school. The building of the "circus tent" with soft rubber matting for all their crazy lunchtime antics proved to be rather exciting. In these years, **rock** solid foundations had been laid for the rest of their inspiring journeys at Brigidine to be built on.

Moving into Years 9 and 10...where **rocking** the boat was not out of the ordinary. Rules started to be ignored, and boundaries were pushed. Hem lines crept up, attitudes entered their dark phase, and you were solely responsible for the black eyeliner market running successfully. We battened the hatches to weather the storm. Ear muffs at the ready, a triumphant sigh was heard from the battling teachers as each chatter lesson came to an end.

Light entertainment was provided along the way, by none other than Rojan who simply makes sneezing a side splitting event. Chloe's endless supply of giggles kept a smile on our faces, as did trying to take Paige's greasies seriously.

Both Mrs Johns and I had the pleasure of being Year 10 mentors, sharing the textiles rooms (much to Mrs Brown's dismay!). I would often come up to the textiles rooms in the morning to find that our classes had joined forces, getting up to mischief before the bell, Tiarne strutting her stuff down an imaginary catwalk, or Maddy showing off one of her latest fashion finds. Amongst all of this was Monisha instilling a calming influence.

Similar mischief could be seen on the infamous Year 10 camp. I can recall commando rolling with Hayley across the grass during a very competitive game of spotlight, peeling potatoes with Stef, and a rather unmentionable event in the canoes with Bronagh. Yes, Year 10 camp has definitely been a highlight for me and my camp buddy Mr Rutherford!

As we trekked through what only can be likened to the deepest, darkest, undiscovered jungle of the Congo and triumphantly pitched our tents for the night, our weary bodies were weak with the anticipation of our hard-earned meal... powdered meat. Hunger immediately subsided, morale was low. The following day a mutiny ensued, a refusal to trek one step further. Strangely, none of these complaints were heard from Maddy. Perhaps that was due to her inability to form sounds caused by the enormous weight crushing her wind pipe... as her pack was literally larger than her body.

We all survived and were stronger for the outdoor experience. But to the other extreme, Year 10 was also the year that we both enjoyed seeing you all look so beautiful, transforming into the dignified young women we are so familiar with today at your Year 10 formal. Yes, Years 9 and 10 were the years when those **rock** stars began to emerge in every one of you. This was all of course aided by the remarkable duo - Ms Abercrombie and Mrs Briggs along the way.

And finally we hit the senior years: swapping blue shirts for white, and rediscovering a respect for teachers, education, and old friends. The big move, finally, to the other side of the school where the pastures are greener, and there is of course a microwave for senior use only. "Frees" where you would all of course use your time productively! There was also Mrs May's enlightening view to the correct way to wear your uniform and the arrival of our gorgeous new Principal - Mrs Curran.

A standout moment for me in Year 11 was the Year 11 Play *Much Ado About Nothing*. I cannot imagine a more rewarding moment for

me in the school! Everyone involved, from the cast to sound and lighting, put in 100% effort. Notably, the Bard's Belles who **rocked** it up every night belting out their tunes. Chloe and Georgia, who managed to finally NOT giggle while looking lovingly into one another's eyes. Katie, who had a sick moment back stage one minute before the curtains opened and came out fresh as a daisy, not a line or cue missed! And we can't forget Georgia Roach who was forced to perform in a wheelchair (much to the enjoyment of Rojan!) and managed to acquire more band aids and slings as the nights progressed. This truly was a highly professional production and I was so proud to be your director.

In 2011, the front of the school changed as did our parking situation, as the teething period had number plates being called over the loudspeaker... kindly being asked to move your vehicle...resulting in a force field of P-plates surrounding the school.

And as if you didn't have enough excuses to procrastinate, the introduction of the one-to-one laptops ensured you had your fingers on the pulse of world news, at all times. This led to Mrs Lindsay being informed of Osama Bin Laden's death, live as it happened, in her Year 12 Maths class.

Your transformation is almost complete: you've studied hard and survived all those daunting assessment tasks, major works, and exams. You have made and successfully navigated many changes in your life, primary school to high school, Myspace to Facebook, and are now about to embark on a new journey. We won't physically be there though I hope that you remain to hold us close to your heart. Differing to other teachers at the school, instead of watching you grow in a motherly light, we have grown with you more similarly to siblings, and our time on this journey appears to have flown by so fast.

The tiny, unfamiliar girls who walked in those front gates back in 2006 are now unforgettable friends deeply intertwined as part of our memories and journey through our six years at Brigidine. Every one of you has **rocked** our world in some way and this year you have particularly shone:

You have constantly amazed and inspired us with your relentless school spirit at the athletics and swimming carnivals and your wholehearted involvement and reflections at the Year 12 Retreat and your amazing efforts raising funds for Bear Cottage.

You've entertained and enthralled us showcasing your talents in the Art and TAS exhibitions, drama and music nights. Furthermore, in the Dance Spectacular and your involvement in the many musicals, clubs, societies, and sports.

AND after all of this you STILL managed to smile and give a cheeky wink in the corridors each morning. You truly are a remarkable year group and we know you will continue to rock into very inspiring futures.

So... Mrs Johns, what advice do you think us oldies could give to this already amazingly talented and intelligent group of young women?? Mmm maybe we could say... always wear sensible shoes??

No... how about:

Always keep the Brigidine spirit close to your heart - to be strong AND gentle and remember your **ROCK** values:

R is for **r**espect: Always care for others and be respectful of their opinions, they are just as important as yours. Everyone plays an important role in your life, however brief.

O is for **o**pportunity: Don't be afraid to follow your own path in life. You may find yourself alone at times, but you ALL have the strength to travel independently. Make the most of lessons learnt from past experiences to guide you through the future.

C is for **c**onnectdness: Leaving school isn't leaving anything behind, you are simply taking the next step, and we will always be here, keen to hear of your adventures in the big wide world. So stay in touch!

K is for **k**nowledge: You were born in the last century; however you will be spending your lives in this millennium obviously facing new and unpredictable challenges. Be a life-long learner - don't get comfortable or lazy in life. Challenge yourself every day. Take all you have learnt so far into your '**rockadelic**' futures.

So Year 12.....**rock** on.

Ms Simone Webb and Mrs Emma Johns
Teachers in Tandem, Class of 2011



The week-long graduation ceremonies began on Monday 19 September at Year 12 Presentation Day where we celebrated major academic achievements and afterwards hosted afternoon tea for families of the Class of 2011.

A farewell BBQ breakfast served by staff to the girls on Wednesday was followed by chapel and a Graduation Assembly in Bowie Hall to which Year 12 parents were invited. As is College tradition, Year 11 formed a guard of honour and presented flowers to the graduating girls as they left their last College assembly. On Thursday evening, a Graduation Mass at Corpus Christi was followed by a spectacular dinner in Bowie Hall for the departing students and their parents. The following night the girls and staff attended the Year 12 Formal at Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific.





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



Terri Adams
 "Hanging with my girls at lunch, formals."



Ashleigh Aivazian
 "The invaluable friendships made, the countless memories and laughter, experiencing Duke of Ed, school camps and retreats and the amazing class of 2011!"



Rebecca Back



Anne Louise Bennett
 "Last day of Year 11 where we had an Australian themed Christmas party. Maths with Mrs Lindsay was always filled with laughter and being part of such a lovely cohort."



Madeleine Borrowman
 "Every single year camp, excursion and school activity from the past 6 years. Our Year 12 ROCK Dance and having so much fun with the year group every single day. ROCK ON!!"



Ciara Bowey
 "Year 11 Play, "Divorced, beheaded and died", reading "Jill's Gymkhana" in Maths whilst discussing Asian tea, having a leaf throwing fight in English Ext. singing in the corridors."



Georgia Boyle
 "Carnivals, performing in the Year 11 Play, Founders Day, unpredictable drama lessons, Year 12 shenanigans, laughing uncontrollably, supporting Bear Cottage as the year that R.O.C.K'd."



Rachael Bradley
 "Class in Year 10 and spending every single day and lunchtimes with the most amazing girls!"



Aysha Brown



Louise Butcher
 "Year 11 retreat, Tennis lessons (Year 9-10), the disco on Founders Day, Mentor with Mr Palme (Year 11) and hanging around the library."



Josephine Capel
 "PE lessons, recess, lunchtime, sport."



Danica Carter
 "I don't have a specific favourite memory but being at Brigidine has taken me on a journey and shaped me as a person. When I look back on my time here I remember so many wonderful things and I'll never forget the lessons I've learnt, the people I've met, and the places they've allowed me to go."



Nyssa Chennell Dutton

"All carnivals, especially in Year 12."



Amanda Chong

"The late night D&Ms at Year 12 retreat, Year 10 RE class with Mr Loughland, spending time with friends at lunchtime, Founders Day, meditation with Mrs Thompson."



Jaimee Chue

"Mrs Hall's music classes where she would express her knowledge and teach us aural skills through her interesting interpretations of music."



Nicola Cunningham

"7Q, Mrs Rad's cakes, History tortellini fight, tomato education, Tim Tam and pillow parties. I will miss you all so much."



Clare Conn

"Mentor 12.2 and Year 12 Formal. Meeting and making friends with the most amazing people! Maths with Mrs May, English with Miss Abercrombie and Chem with Mrs Rad. Thank you."



Bianca Cornale



Millicent Davies

"First and foremost my friends, DRAMA, funniest times especially IP and GP HSC day, carnivals."



Catherine Dell

"Year 7, Year 12 and all the highs and lows in between. Particularly parties for Mr Esterman, Mrs King's German accent, dancing and singing in the corridors and Mrs Radcliff's cakes."



Tara Dingle

"Mrs Radcliff's cakes, street retreat, communal singing of Disney in the corridors, 10S-Club and chicken sandwiches."



Stephanie Domazet

"Being selected as the Netball Vice Captain with one of my closest friends."



Monique Du Preez

"Founders Day, street retreat, Café Cana, Textiles with Mrs Whiddon."



Chantel Du Preez

"Café Cana, Tennis, Peer Support, Founders Day."



Manisha Ediriwira

"Year 10 camp, Founders Day, Mentor through the years and the lunchtimes spent laughing with friends."



Sydney Eismen

"Year 12, Pilgrimage of Hope, free periods with Casey and making amazing friends."



Saskia Ek

"Firstly all of Year 12, especially my friends in 'Supergroup'. House events, carnivals and dressing-up. Kanga and Rapture with George and Is."



Nicole Favaloro

"Afternoon bus trips with the 272 crew, Italian classes with Signora. Getting lost in the wilderness on Year 10 camp, Mr Esterman's emails, street retreat, communal singing of Disney, 10S-Club and chicken sandwiches."



Claire Feather

"Random outbursts of laughter at lunchtimes, Founders Day, Year 11 and 12 retreats, giving Anneke spicy food, sacrifice to Ammut in Ancient History, fun times in Mentor."



Laura Flannery

"Face-painting on Year 12 Founders Day - the eyes, Maths class with Mrs May and Mrs Lindsay, Graduation PowerPoint, Mrs King's Froggy Friday, Trivia with Mr Meyers in Mentor."



Laura Flynn

"Everyday with my beautiful friends, stressing less with Mrs Coburn, eating in Italian until we explode, launching rockets in Maths with Mrs May, singing in Chemistry, Year 12!"



Tertia Garay

"Mrs King's froggy Fridays, camps and retreats, Founders Day, Year 11 Christmas party, coming last in trivia with Juliette every week in Year 9 without fail, PDHPE with Ms Kuper."



Grace Geier

"Year 11 Spirituality retreat, Mrs King's Froggy Friday, Mr Meyers' Trivia Mentor, face painting for 2011 Founders Day, Gaining wonderful friendships and all new experiences!"



Alana Gibson

"Face painting for Founders Day, study sessions in the sun, Year 11 Spirituality retreat, Froggy Friday in Mentor, Mentor group always singing at our lockers."



Chloe Gillespie

"Year 7 words: 'download', intense handball, Year 11 JLC study family, Mrs May's Maths, all Drama performances and COUNTERFEIT!"



Kate Gould



Juliette Hall

"Coming last in trivia with Tertia every week in Year 9, Fatima Smurfs, the Year 12 Rock Dance, Mrs Sharma's fruit cake and Mrs Whiddon's Textile class (Monique and the Teflon shirt)."



Alexandra Hall



Georgia Hamilton

"Mrs Summerhayes' Year 12 Religion class 'discussions', Mrs Coburn's vocabulary, my beautiful friends."



Lauren Harcombe



Rachael Harris

"On Year 11 retreat, we were talking to truck drivers on the walkie talkies."



Tiarne Heath

"I will never forget Year 10 and 11 camp! They were amazing experiences. I will always remember the friendships which I have made and the laughter which I have shared with friends."



Georgia Heraghty

"I loved the school camps and retreats with everyone in the year group, especially all the final events in Year 12. Our year was always entertaining and so much fun to be a part of."



Chelsea Herbert

"Year 7 water fights, Year 8 science with Mrs Chaplin, Year 11 retreat, and all of Year 12."



Tarryn Hill

"The friends I have made and the times we have shared are priceless."



Madeleine Howald

"The friends I wouldn't have met elsewhere, lunchtimes, Biology with Mrs Coburn and all the superb teachers."



Alexandra Howe

"My greatest memories of Brigidine are all the friendships I have made over the years and all the valuable experiences I have been privileged to have."



Monisha Jackson

"Every day there was a teacher to help me and a friend to laugh with (Alice) which made me look forward to going to school every day. I will miss that."



Gemma Jones

"I love the strength of the community at Brigidine. Year time, especially in the senior years was always something to look forward to and camps were a great experience."



Alice Keighery

"I will deeply miss all the lunch time and hallway discussions, as well as the irreplaceable friends I've made over the years."



Latrishia Kenny

"The friendships I made, Year 7 Friday afternoon Drama lessons, Year 10 camp, Tennis Club and Textiles class with Mrs Whiddon."



Rojan Khastoui



Emily Knight

"Free periods with Chantel, Maddy and Elena, Year 11 & 12 retreats, Dance Spectacular, Drama lessons, Year 7-10 Camps, Year 12 Founders Day, Mentor 12.5."



Ellena Kovacs-Hegedus

"Year 9 and 10 Science class, Year 10 Camp, Chuck 'n' Duck, Mr Esterman's jokes, Flamingo."



Natasha Lahood

"Year 8 History playing Chuck and Duck. Year 11 and 12 retreats. Duke of Ed hikes and Dance Spectaculars. PE classes with Ms Kuper."



Alison Langer

"1. Year 10 S, also known as S Club, particularly Science and Religion. 2. Year 11 and 12 retreats. 3. Free periods with the girls, being awesome."



Isobel Leonard

"Getting lost on the Year 10 camp hike, when Bronagh was Jesus at Assembly, Year 11 Play, Year 8 Honours excursions and the time Cathy laughed so hard she cried in Modern History."



Isobel Littler

"Year 10 Camp and the endless memories, "silence in the courtroom" and the lunchtimes spent "discussing life" along with whole year spontaneous singing sessions."



Fiona Livisianos

"10V, Commerce OH&S video, Year 11 and 12 retreat, lunchtimes."



Katie Lynch

"Year 10 Science classes with Mrs Summerhayes, Year 10 camp getting lost in the bush with our instructor, Year 11 retreat."



Gabrielle MacDonald

"10U Science class and Commerce OH&S video with Fiona, Year 11 (Ghosts), Food Tech at McDonalds and the vending machines."



Jessica Mahon

"My favourite memories are Year 10 camp, Year 11 and 12 retreat and Duke of Ed Bronze hikes dealing with spiders."



Bronagh Marley

"Braving the elements at Year 10 camp, sporadic musical outbursts in the corridors between class, Year 11 play, Founders Day... and most importantly the year of ROCK!"



Taylor Masone

"Year 10 camp getting lost in the middle of the bush for 4 hours with an instructor who had no idea, followed by camping in a paddock and waking up to cows right outside our tent."



Jacquelyn Maurer



Hayley McAlister

"Year 11 and 12 retreats, Maths class with the Backseat Bandits, Art Camp, Founders Day, Year 11 Play, Drama showcase."



Sophie McMichael

"Having the best time with all my friends over the years including Year 10 formal, volleyball, Year 11 street retreat, Year 11 and 12 Textiles and Rocking on in 2011."



Natalie Mendes

"Going to Melbourne for Future Problem Solving in Year 9."



Julia Merrick

"Spending time with all my lovely girls. Mentor 12.6's amazing haunted house would be a highlight. Rock on!"



Clare Miller-Bliss

"Lunchtimes, Year 10 camp, Founders Day, haunted house, Year 12 rock dance, Biology with Mrs Coburn, rock lobster, losing foil fight, equestrian."



Danielle Moore

"Year 10 camp, Sandy, Sandcootz, constantly being a cripple, Founders Day Haunted House, winning the foil fight, Mrs Mahon's Hokey Pokey."



Rosalie Moore

"It would probably have to be going into my HSC Music exam and seeing that my marker had toilet paper hanging out of her skirt! A very awkward moment..."



Isabelle Morris

"I remember the first day of Year 7 meeting my best friend Courtney in Religion, memories and laughs with my group and mucking around and having fun at recess and lunch times. Singing Legally Blonde in the corridors, Year 12 retreat and mentor times."



Samantha Murphy

"Meeting life long friends. Year 10 and 11 camp."



Clara Nalbandian

"Chemistry, Year 11 retreat, Founders Day."



Katherine Nuttall

"Having an amazing time with the many people I have met, the many camps and retreats, Founders Days and the Year 12 year of ROCK!"



Casey O'Brien

"Having trees with Sydney...and the malfesers. Mentor parties and having the best mentor ever and 'Tips for Life'. Emily O'Donovan... she's funny. I will miss my beautiful friends."



Emily O'Donovan



Heather Oesterheld

"Dramatic lockdown, playing Veronica Vale, breaking into song and dance and crying with laughter daily."



Cristina Olizon

"Founders Day photo booth stall, Mentor mornings with Mrs Hall's 'Tips for Life' and lunch times laughing."



Kathleen O'Neill

"Being dramatic with Miss Mac, Bronte's Boot Camp Year 9, Tomato Education (10U is the best!), 'Tips for Life' with Mrs Hall."



Alissa Osada-Phornsiri

"Year 11 retreat, Music camps, Founders Day, the bus crew, lunch time nachos."



Kiah Ostowari

"Year 7 and 9 class, Year 9 camp and Brendan Nelson, Year 11 retreat 'calls'. Chemistry lessons with the heater."



Angela Oswald

"Mentor time with Mrs Hall's Tips for Life, Founders Day, and lunch times with my lovely friends."



Isabel Owen

"Singing Legally Blonde in the corridors, lunch in the sun, Year 12 retreat and Mentor times."



Chloe Papandrea

"Spending lunch time with the girls and spending my study periods in Mrs Mitchell's office eating Baci and drinking coffee."



Madeleine Paul

"Year 10 camp, Mrs Hall's Wednesday morning 'Tips for Life' and sharing my days with the most wonderful girls in the world."



Brianna Peters

"The amazing times we had in Year 12, the Founders Day performance, the relaxing Year 12 verandah, the Mentor parties, Year 11 Art Camp, and the funny class moments."



Bronte Phillips

"The 'enlightening' Year 11 and 12 class discussions with Mrs Summerhayes; Art camp, street retreat, school camps and our overall tight knit grade."



Danielle Rice

"Italian lessons with Mrs Mitchell have been some of the greatest memories I have had during school. We laughed so much!"



Georgia Roach

"Impromptu Year 7 parties, life lessons from Mrs Lindsay, Mentor with Mr Palme, Antipodeans Vietnam trip."



Jessica Roberts



Saskia Roberts

"Creative writing lessons, getting concussion in Drama, changing the 'Hokey Pokey' to the 'Mrs Mahon', the 10Q Forward Defence debate, being a bride in the 10U RE Jewish wedding."



Maddison Ryan

"Italian lunches with Mrs Mitchell, school camps, International Food Fair, Biology lessons with Mrs Coburn, lunchtime with friends."



Katrina Scotter

"Hiding in the lockers in Year 7, International Food Fair days, our Year 11 talent quest dance, school camps and retreats, Mentor in Year 11 with funny Mr Palme and spending everyday with friends."



Ashleigh Scrivener

International Food Fair was always awesome! Retreats in the senior years were the best fun. Joking with Mr Carters in the library and the zoo excursion in Year 8! Mr Palme was the best mentor.



Rachael Sechi

"International Food Fair, Year 10 in general was just super fun and Mentor in Year 11 with Mr Palme and Year 12 with Mrs Thompson."



Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick

"Year 9, 10, 11 camps, Cabaret Night, Year 12 Maths and English classes, Year 11 Mentor with energetic Mr Palme and finally Antipodeans Vietnam Trip - the highlight of my life so far!"



Madeleine Sweeney

"My fondest memories include Mr Bebb's Year 9 DT class with Rachael Sechi and Mentor with Mr Palme in Year 11."



Rachel Tanner

"Dressing up for the carnivals and getting into the school spirit. Mr Esterman's dad jokes in emails and the trip to Melbourne with Mrs George and the History girls."



Madison Thompson

"Year 10 camp - the biggest challenge of our lives, study periods in Year 12, the beloved Year 12 verandah, 'Year 9 to the chapel', and every single girl in the class of 2011."



Paige Thompson

"Sharing every day with the most wonderful girls in the world! And finding my first friend in Year 10 - Danielle Rice."



Ashleigh Trupiano

"Lunch times with everyone, Year 11 and 12 retreat, Brisbane Indooroopilly trip, Melbourne trip for Ancient History and getting lost in the middle of the bush on Year 10 camp."



Kelly-Ann Turner

"Handball with friends, ART CAMP, funking it up about nothing in Drama, being in Year 12 with the most incredible grade, I have loved every moment with this group!"



Lindi Van Rhijn

"Three Musketeers. Canteen trips. Study Periods. Toffee Apple Fights. Laughing Fits. Memones never lost."



Melissa Walsh

"Spending time with friends at lunch time and on the many retreats and Reflection Days over the years. Looking back so many good memories come to mind!"



Sophie Walsh

"Study periods in Year 12, sitting on the verandah, camps and retreats; all the lunchtimes spent with my friends, all the sports and co-curricular activities, Year 12 Dance."



Lauren Ward

"Meeting new friends, Dance, Year 10 Camp, Year 11 street retreat, Year 12 Founders Day, Year 12 Maths class, Mrs Mahon's Hokey Pokey, Formal."



Courtney Welsh

"Great friends! Smiles and laughs. Tennis and water fights! Memories, camps and retreats. To my wonderful and amazing friends, see you out in the big world."



Abby West



Montana York

"Year 12 Founders Day Dance, Drama I.P. and G.P. nights and riding scooters around the college on the last day of school!"





In preparing to leave I've been sorting, shifting and organising notes and I'm not quite sure how, but I just stumbled upon an old diary entry written in 1974 by a young, nervous 12 year old girl. She describes the way she felt on her first day at Brigidine College St Ives. She was excited, but anxious, full of energy but uncertain. She goes on to describe her years at Brigidine, full of carnivals, musicals, netball games, and teachers who had made such an impression on her education. And it got me thinking about my years at Brigidine College and what has made it so special for me.

I can confidently say that my teachers have been a huge part of this and I fear that you are unaware of the influence you have in shaping young girls into women. So to all of our teachers - I thank you. When I look at my gorgeous year group I see such amazing and diverse talent. This talent has been nurtured so beautifully over the past six years. We have celebrated each other's success and supported each other's setbacks. And typical to our year group, we celebrate loudly, confidently and lovingly. It is an admirable quality to be consistently passionate and enthusiastic. To those of us who don't seek the limelight or look for recognition, I acknowledge you as a unique and extraordinary kind of student. The quiet achiever, you are always there to encourage your friends and classmates. You have made this school a better place for all the tireless work you have put in behind the scenes.

It is now our time to leave the school. We were handed a life-changing legacy six years ago. We have tried to expand and strengthen this legacy, particularly in our efforts to R.O.C.K. with Respect, Opportunity, Connection and Knowledge. We have broadened this legacy through dedication to our Year 12 charity Bear Cottage, and have committed ourselves to improving the lives of children who seem to shine despite the challenges they face everyday of their lives. We can only hope that elements of our legacy live on, and I have no doubt that they will because inevitably, we have embodied the Brigidine legacy.

Over years, students have come and gone. Teachers have imparted their knowledge and then left the College. Buildings have undergone continual renovations but there is one thing that will always stay constant. And that is our connection with the school. We will always be Brigidine girls. And it saddens me to think that we will be those occasional strangers who must wear the "visitors" badge to reenter the premises, but we leave with our bags on our backs, our kilts down to our knees and Brigidine forever in our hearts. We are prepared, we are confident, and we are proud that we have grown up here.

Just as that young, 12 year old girl in 1974 grew up and moved into adulthood, we will too. The legacy she imparted onto me is stronger than the words she wrote in her diary 38 years ago - she taught me of the undying

bond she had with Brigidine College, through her words and her actions. That young girl is now my mother. She has, and now I will continue to pass on the legacy of strength and gentleness.

Thank you, Brigidine College, but thank you can never be enough.

Georgia Boyle

College Captain 2011

- ◆ SPIRITUALITY
- ◆ ACADEMIC
- ◆ STAFF
- ◆ STUDENTS
- ◆ COMMUNITY
- ◆ CREATIVITY
- ◆ HOUSES
- ◆ COCURRICULAR
- ◆ CLASS OF 2011

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DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

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 Cocurricular or Centre for Excellence activities, involvement in charity or outreach programmes, support of the religious programme 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 9 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 cocurricular 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 2011 ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award

Awarded to a Year 10 and Year 11 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

Year 7 Application to Studies

Abby Ballesty	Application to Studies
Tess Clarke	Application to Studies
Rebecca Cunningham	Application to Studies
Jasmine Follett	Application to Studies
Imogen Hoile	Application to Studies
Katherine Kopec	Application to Studies
Megan Loone	Application to Studies
Ella McCrindle	Application to Studies
Eloise Ott	Application to Studies
Francesca Rowlinson	Application to Studies
Jasmine Sinclair	Application to Studies
Sophia Tonoli	Application to Studies
Lisa Vaccarella	Application to Studies
Emma Vinci	Application to Studies
Bianca Yeung	Application to Studies

Year 7 Academic Achievement

Mahek Bansal	Australasian Schools Science Competition – Distinction
Yu-Jin Lee	Australasian Schools Science Competition – Distinction
Laura Murphy	Australasian Schools Science Competition – Distinction
Abby Ballesty	3rd Visual Arts
Monique Miller	3rd History
Natalie Herrera	3rd Religion
Laura Slocombe	3rd English
Claudia Bailey	2nd History
Rose Spurr	2nd French
Madison Traynor	2nd Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Amelia Breen	1st Geography
Georgia Clarke	1st Geography
Tia De Berardinis	1st Italian
Barbara Honeysett	1st French
Monique Lewis	1st Music
Olivia Mueller	1st Music
Georgia O'Sullivan	1st Technology
Lucy Pirrie	1st Visual Arts
Maddison Ronksley	1st Visual Arts
Adele Samus	1st Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Tracey Korte	Australasian Schools Science Competition – Distinction 3rd Visual Arts
Jasmine Sinclair	Australasian Schools Science Competition – Distinction 3rd Science
Emily New	3rd Italian 3rd Mathematics
Zoe Morgan	3rd Geography 2nd Italian

Year 7 Academic Achievement (cont'd)

Katherine Kopec	3rd French 1st Mathematics
Emma Vinci	2nd Technology 1st History
Lisa Vaccarella	Australasian Schools Science Competition – Distinction 3rd Technology 3rd Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 2nd Science
Francesca Rowlinson	2nd Mathematics 1st English 1st Religion Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education 1st Visual Arts
Bianca Yeung	Australasian Schools Science Competition – Distinction 4th Geography 4th Italian 2nd English 2nd Mathematics 1st Music 1st Religion Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education 1st Science
Bianca Yeung	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Samantha Wilcox	Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year Award
Kristi Wilkinson	Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year Award Brigidine Year Award for Year 7

YEAR 8**Year 8 Application to Studies**

Isabel Bunting	Application to Studies
Tara Chandra	Application to Studies
Simone Dennis	Application to Studies
Mia Holman	Application to Studies
Talia Joubert	Application to Studies
Fiona Lewis	Application to Studies
Amanda Liem	Application to Studies
Maddison McCauley	Application to Studies
Kashia Merlo	Application to Studies
Sophia Polito	Application to Studies
Emma Steele	Application to Studies
Jessica Tierney	Application to Studies
Jessica Tripp	Application to Studies
Kelly Wilcox	Application to Studies
Alexandra Woolley	Application to Studies

Year 8 Academic Achievement

Elizah Chown	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction
Sophie Clark	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction
Joanna Dowsett	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction

Year 8 Academic Achievement (cont'd)

Daisy Goddard	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction
Isabella Ryan	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction
Simone Dennis	3rd Technology
Mia Holman	3rd Personal Development, Health, Physical Education
Emma Warburton	3rd Visual Arts
Jessica Cunningham	2nd Music
Olivia De Gruchy	2nd Geography
Talia Joubert	2nd Personal Development, Health, Physical Education
Rachel Seeto	2nd Technology
Georgina Beauchamp	3rd Religion 2nd English
Danielle Maher	3rd French 2nd Religion
Jessica Lynch	2nd Science 2nd Visual Arts
Seraphina Buay	3rd Italian 1st Geography
Yerin Ha	2nd French 1st Music
Madeline Lai	1st Visual Arts
Molly Moloney	1st English
Hannah Ribbons	1st Technology
Kelly Wilcox	1st History
Kirilee Wagner	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction 3rd Science 3rd Visual Arts
Amanda Liem	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction 2nd Italian 2nd Music
Rebecca Bau-Gaspar	2nd English 1st Religion Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education
Isabel Bunting	2nd Mathematics 1st French 1st Italian
Emma Steele	3rd Mathematics 3rd History 2nd Geography 1st Personal Development, Health, Physical Education
Sophia Polito	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction 5th Italian 5th Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 4th English 4th Geography 2nd History 1st Mathematics 1st Science
Sophia Polito	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Kelly Wilcox	Year 8 Sportswoman of the Year Award Brigidine Year Award for Year 8

YEAR 9

Year 9 Application to Studies

Maddison Breen	Application to Studies
Isabella Christenson	Application to Studies
Jordyn Chue	Application to Studies
Rhea Karunakar	Application to Studies
Alexandra Pinn	Application to Studies
Madison Spencer	Application to Studies
Lucy Stafford	Application to Studies
Jodi Williamson	Application to Studies

Year 9 Academic Achievement

Caitlin Bariol	1st Italian
Zoe Belbin	1st Mathematics 5.2
Madison Breen	Graduation with Honours
Rachel Carroll	1st Mathematics 5.1
Isabella Christenson	1st English
Emma Douglass	1st Physical Activities and Sports Studies
Amy-Elizabeth Dugan	Graduation with Honours
Francesca Farrell	Graduation with Honours
Chloe Hyde	1st French
Rebecca Johnson	1st Music
Brooke Menzies	Graduation with Honours
Brianna Shlager	1st Design and Technology
Emma Squires	1st Drama
Bronte Wiles	Graduation with Honours
Jodi Williamson	1st Australian Geography
Lucy Stafford	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction Graduation with Honours
Louisa Bartels	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction 1st Visual Design
Charlotte Ronksley	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction 1st Textiles Technology
Abbi Wilkinson	1st Personal Development, Health, Physical Education Graduation with Honours
Brianna Gorman	1st Religious Education Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education
Demi Aung	1st Visual Arts 1st Mathematics 5.3
Elizabeth Diggins	1st Australian History 1st Science Graduation with Honours
Madison Spencer	1st Commerce 1st Food Technology Graduation with Honours
Alexandra Pinn	1st Commerce 1st History Elective 1st Visual Arts
Stephanie Long	3rd Italian 2nd English 2nd Australian History 1st Geography Elective 1st Australian Geography Graduation with Honours
Stephanie Long	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Kate Jones	Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year Award
Kate Jones	College Sportswoman of the Year Award Brigidine Year Award for Year 9



YEAR 10

Year 10 Application to Studies

Yasmina Azzouni	Application to Studies
Danielle Cattelan	Application to Studies
Eloise Cunningham	Application to Studies
Annabel Higgs	Application to Studies
Catherine Lanz	Application to Studies
Isabella Ludwig	Application to Studies
Caitlin Marton	Application to Studies
Georgia Newell	Application to Studies
Monique O'Sullivan	Application to Studies
Jessica Paterson	Application to Studies
Madelin Strupitis-Haddrick	Application to Studies
Elizabeth Trevallion	Application to Studies
Yerin Yoo	Application to Studies

Year 10 Academic Achievement

Rachel Hellyer	NSW Geography Competition High Distinction
Tayla Badings	ADF Long Tan Award
Jemima Bissett	NSW History Teachers Competition High Distinction Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction
Meg Flannery	NSW History Teachers Competition High Distinction Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction
Elizabeth Trevallion	NSW History Teachers Competition High Distinction NSW Geography Competition High Distinction Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction
Cayla Attwater	1st Physical Activities & Sports Studies
Georgia Bain	1st Mathematics 5.2
Natalie Chandra	1st Geography Elective Sydney Morning Herald 'Young Writer of the Year' Finalist
Eloise Cunningham	1st History Elective
Jessica Paterson	1st Food Technology
Katharyn Russell	1st Mathematics 5.1
Maeve Wadsworth	1st Drama
Yerin Yoo	1st Italian
Danielle Bennett	Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction 1st English
Isabelle Kersten	NSW Geography Competition High Distinction 1st Music
Lauren Cambitzi	NSW History Teachers Competition High Distinction Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction 1st Commerce

Year 10 Academic Achievement (Cont'd)

Sarah Korte	NSW History Teachers Competition High Distinction Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction 1st Australian History
Danielle Cattelan	1st Religious Education Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education 1st Visual Design
Annalise Neal	NSW History Teachers Competition High Distinction Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction 1st Textiles Technology 1st Mathematics 5.2
Susan Keighery	NSW History Teachers Competition High Distinction NSW Geography Competition High Distinction Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction 3rd Mathematics 5.3 2nd Australian Geography 2nd Drama 2nd English 1st Design & Technology 1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education 1st Visual Arts
Madelin Strupitis-Haddrick	Australasian Schools Science Competition - Distinction NSW History Teachers Competition High Distinction NSW Geography Competition High Distinction Australian Mathematics Competition High Distinction 1st Australian Geography 1st French 1st Mathematics 5.3 1st Science 1st Australian History
Madelin Strupitis-Haddrick	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Catherine Lanz	Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year Award Brigidine Year Award for Year 10



YEAR 11

Year 11 Application to Studies

Kasumi Champion	Application to Studies
Eloise Clark	Application to Studies
Laura Douglass	Application to Studies
Danielle Eather	Application to Studies
Bonnie Holman	Application to Studies
Ann Matthias	Application to Studies
Ashlee Page	Application to Studies
Bilynda Palmer	Application to Studies
Phoebe Partridge	Application to Studies
Sarah Penn	Application to Studies
Kelsey Singh	Application to Studies
Chloe Steele	Application to Studies
Maria Toma	Application to Studies
Samantha Tripp	Application to Studies
Katherine Vail	Application to Studies
Abbey Vawdrey	Application to Studies

Year 11 Academic Achievement

Madeleine Andrews	1st Food Technology
Kasumi Champion	1st Biology
Eloise Clark	1st Ancient History
Camilla Corbett	1st Music 2
Rosalinde Czysnok	1st Society & Culture
Laura Douglass	1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Isabella Hall	1st Studies of Religion II Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education (2U)
Bonnie Holman	1st Studies of Religion I
Alexandra Kopp	1st Italian Continuers
Marianna Learmonth	1st Visual Arts
Arielle Marshall	1st Mathematics Extension

Year 11 Academic Achievement (Cont'd)

Brigitte Maskine	1st Drama
Nicola O'Neil	1st Physics
Ashlee Page	1st English Standard
Danielle Phillips	1st Legal Studies
Kathryn Ross	ADF Long Tan Award
Jessica Shlager	1st Textiles & Design
Adeline Siva	1st English Extension
Jessica Squires	1st Music 2
Johanna Stokoe	1st Geography
Madeleine Walsh	1st Photography, Video & Digital Imaging
Isabella Wildsmith	1st Music
Caitlin Worsley	1st General Mathematics
Chloe Steele	1st Economics 1st Business Studies
Phillipa Reeves	3rd Mathematics Extension 1st Chemistry 1st English Advanced 1st French Continuers 1st Mathematics 1st Modern History
Phillipa Reeves	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Lauren Murphy	Year 11 Sportswoman of the Year Award
Olivia Flynn	Pierre de Coubertin Award Brigidine Year Award for Year 11

YEAR 12

Year 12 College 'Blue' Awards

Terri Adams	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Ashleigh Aivazian	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Madeleine Borrowman	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Georgia Boyle	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Aysha Brown	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Louise Butcher	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Sydney Eismen	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Saskia Ek	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Laura Flannery	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Grace Geier	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Madeleine Howald	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Natasha Lahood	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Alison Langer	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Fiona Livisianos	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Jessica Mahon	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Sophie McMichael	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Jessica Roberts	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Ashleigh Scrivener	College 'Blue' (DEAS Gold Award)
Rachael Sechi	College 'Blue' (Softball)
Ashleigh Trupiano	Year 12 Sportsperson of the Year
Tara Dingle	Sister Norma Clare McKay Perpetual Award



Year 12 Academic Awards

Georgia Boyle	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Catherine Dell	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Claire Feather	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Laura Flannery	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Laura Flynn	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Chloe Gillespie	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Chelsea Herbert	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Monisha Jackson	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Isobel Leonard	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Taylor Masone	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Natalie Mendes	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Clara Nalbandian	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Danielle Rice	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Saskia Roberts	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Lauren Ward	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Montana York	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Anne Louise Bennett	1st Food Technology
Georgia Boyle	1st Drama
Louise Butcher	1st Mathematics General
Bianca Cornale	1st English Extension 2
Monique Du Preez	1st Textile & Design [Equal]
Tertia Garay	1st Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Juliette Hall	1st Textiles & Design [Equal]
Tarryn Hill	1st Business Studies [Equal]
Alice Keighery	1st Economics
Isobel Leonard	Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment to Studies
Catherine Dell	Graduation with Honours
Tara Dingle	Graduation with Honours
Manisha Ediriwira	Graduation with Honours
Laura Flannery	Graduation with Honours
Danielle Moore	Graduation with Honours
Clara Nalbandian	1st Physics
Alissa Osada-Phornsiri	1st Music 2
Chloe Papandrea	1st Music 1 Music Performer of the Year
Brianna Peters	1st English Standard
Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick	1st Italian Extension
Lauren Ward	1st Mathematics
Lauren Ward	Graduation with Honours
Montana York	1st Studies of Religion II
Laura Flynn	1st Biology
Laura Flynn	1st Italian Continuers
Chloe Gillespie	1st Visual Arts
Chloe Gillespie	1st History Extension [Equal]

Year 12 Academic Awards (Cont'd)

Melissa Walsh	1st Information Processes & Technology
Melissa Walsh	1st Business Studies [Equal]
Saskia Roberts	1st French Continuers
Saskia Roberts	1st French Extension
Saskia Roberts	1st History Extension [Equal]
Natalie Mendes	3rd English Extension 2
Natalie Mendes	2nd English Advanced
Natalie Mendes	2nd French Continuers
Natalie Mendes	1st English Extension 1
Natalie Mendes	1st History Extension [Equal]
Natalie Mendes	1st History – Modern The Gleeson Family Perpetual Prize for Year 12 Modern History
Natalie Mendes	1st Society & Culture
Claire Feather	1st Chemistry
Claire Feather	1st English Advanced
Claire Feather	1st History - Ancient
Claire Feather	1st Mathematics Extension 1
Claire Feather	1st Mathematics Extension 2 Josef Maurer Shield
Claire Feather	1st Studies of Religion I
Claire Feather	Graduation with Honours
Rojan Khastoui	Drama Department Performer of the Year Award

Year 12 Special Awards

Danica Carter	St Brigid Award for Courage and Commitment
Rebecca Back	Feain Perpetual Trophy for Leadership and Loyalty
Rosalie Moore	Silver Jubilee Trophy for Service and Loyalty
Madeleine Howald	Golden Jubilee Trophy for Outstanding House Leadership
Cristina Olizon	Jenny Laird Memorial Award for Contribution to College Life
Emily O'Donovan	The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
Catherine Dell	Brigidine Year Award for Year 12



YEAR 7 AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 8 AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 9 AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 10 AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 11 AWARD WINNERS



1. Kristi Wilkinson,
Samantha Wilcox
2. Kelly Wilcox
3. Susan Keighery,
Tayla Badings,
Danielle Cattelan
4. Phillipa Reeves,
Isabella Hall,
Kathryn Ross,
Maria Toma,
Olivia Flynn
5. Bianca Yeung,
Francesca Rowlinson
6. *Top row*
Francesca Farrell,
Maddison Breen,
Bronte Wiles,
Brooke Menzies,
Amy-Elizabeth Dugan,
Madison Spencer
Front row
Abbi Wilkinson,
Lucy Stafford,
Stephanie Long





SWIMMING

Age Champions

Age	2009	2010	2011
12	Louisa Bartels	Marion Ribuoit	Samantha Wilcox
13	Gemma Weller	Louisa Bartels	Marion Ribuoit
14	Johanna Stokoe	Gemma Weller	Louisa Bartels
15	Chelsea Woodward	Johanna Stokoe	Tierney Seeto
16	Ellen Spadon	Sarah Baker	Johanna Stokoe
17	Elise Gillard	Ellen Spadon	Chelsea Woodward
SWD	Lucy Reynhou & Tegan Grunwaldt	Rebecca Baczowski	Ellen Hester

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	Tierney Seeto	36.44	2011
16 Years Female 50m Breaststroke	Victoria Cook	34.58	2000
17+ Years Female 50m Breaststroke	Samantha Pearse	36.14	1994
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	Elise Gillard	28.81	2008
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	32.79	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	1:13.79	2011
Open Female 50m Invitational	Elise Gillard	28.66	2008
Junior 4x50m Freestyle relay	LOURDES	1:48.25	2008
Intermediate 4x50m Freestyle relay	PRAGUE	2:08.31	2008
Senior 4x50m Freestyle relay	PRAGUE	2:12.71	2010

ATHLETICS

Age Champions

Age	2009	2010	2011
12	Alex Fryer	Nina Osada-Phornsiri	Samantha Wilcox
13	Emma Douglass	Caitlin Bariol	Nina Osada-Phornsiri
14	Laura Douglass	Emma Douglass	Kelly Wilcox/ Stephanie Muir
15	Alex Marshall	Nicola Simmons	Emma Douglass
16	Olivia Caprarelli & Ashleigh Trupiano	Lauren Murphy	Olivia Flynn
17	Alex McGain	Ashleigh Trupiano	Ashleigh Trupiano
AWD	Tegan Grunwald	Corinne Turner	Ellen Hester

Athletic Records

Event	Record Holder	Time	Year
Open 1500m	Alexandra 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	D Fisher/R Cooper	26.45s	1999
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	Amy Bettiol	6.44.04s	2011
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	Corinne Turner	1.38.77s	2010
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
LONG JUMP			
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
HIGH JUMP			
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
SHOT PUT			
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
DISCUS			
12 years	Laura Douglass	28.32m	2007
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
JAVELIN			
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

