

Upcoming Events

Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols

8th December 4 – 9pm
Brisbane Riverstage
59 Gardens Point Rd

QAGOMA Christmas Design Markets

15th December from 4pm

Brisbane International

30th December – 6th January
Qld Tennis Centre Yeronga

Start of Term 1 2019

Brigidine returns 30 Jan
State School returns 29 Jan
BCE Schools return 30 Jan

Reunion Updates

Reunions due in 2019

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| Classes of | 1939 |
| | 1949 |
| | 1959 |
| | 1969 |
| | 1979 |
| | 1989 |
| | 1999 |
| | 2009 |

The College will run Saturday tours for Reunions in October & November each year.

Please email

alumni@brigidine.qld.edu.au to book in. Light refreshments are provided by the College.



Her Story

Hanh Lu

School Captain – *Class of 1994*

Walking through the hallways of Brigidine College for the last time felt like a lifetime ago, however the memory is still as clear to me as that day in the summer of 1994 (cue Brian Adam's cult classic albeit a different year). What an honour it is to be asked to be a contributor for the third instalment of the Brigidine Link, following from the remarkable articles by Lyma Nguyen (Class of 1999) and Dr Devini Ameratunga (Class of 1997).

Accepting a request to write the article seemed easy enough, until the deadline drew closer. And by then it was all frantic stations! I had vivid flashbacks of cramming for exams and my sweaty palms and fast heartbeat could be felt from afar. So much so that my two young sons were wondering what had happened to their usually happy-go-lucky Mummy. I ferociously started my research by reading the two beautifully written pieces by Lyma and Devini, of which, stressed me even more as I knew I had to live up to the reputation to put something forth that was both memorable and inspiring.

Where to start? Well, in the words of Julie Andrews in the Sound of Music, let's start at the very beginning. My journey with Brigidine College began in Year 10, having previously done Years 8 and 9 at a local state high school near where I lived. Starting at Brigidine midway through the high school years seemed daunting but truthfully, I shouldn't have had any reservations. The girls and the teaching staff (including the leadership team) made me feel welcomed and comfortable from the outset.

What I gauged early on and what I still feel strongly to this day is the sense of belonging at Brigidine. Our identity is clear, represented by the founders of this esteemed establishment. Though I was not the brightest or the sportiest, or even the most artsy, it did NOT matter. I always felt that if I was striving at my best, then Brigidine would be happy with my efforts. This rang particularly true when (surprisingly) I was voted in as College Captain. It gave me the confidence that if I could be College Captain, then any girl could too. Besides feeling honoured, I grew a whole lot as a person during my senior year. As a student leader, I threw myself into anything and everything. From sports (I have limited skills), social justice groups to debating and everything in between. To this day, I'm not sure whether my power walking skills have come in handy (perhaps chasing my two boys) or if ice skating was to be a long-fulfilled dream of mine. Nevertheless, I gave it a go, and along the way I learnt many a skill and made many lasting memories and friendships. More importantly, what I learnt during that year is still ingrained in me today. And in the words of John F Kennedy, "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other".

As I stood on stage of the MPC delivering my final speech as College Captain to the whole school community, I felt a great sense of sadness. It was like leaving a family that I had become so close to over the three short years that I was there. So much had been achieved yet there was a part of me that was lost.

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theo & artie

handmade jewellery

Fun, colourful, sparkly and quirky handmade laser cut acrylic earrings. These earrings are also super lightweight so you would hardly know you're wearing them! All posts & hooks are stainless steel (nickel free) so great for sensitive lobes.



Created by Kelly Grace Waters (Brigidine 1996)
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Upon leaving school, I too did not know what I wanted to do. University was expected however I was undecided whether to go along the Science/Maths route or follow in the humanities vein. I had hedged my bets by undertaking subjects which covered both paths. Law was an area which interested me and so I enrolled into a double degree of Bachelor Business (Commerce)/Law at QUT. After one year, there was a niggling pressure from family for me to switch over to a health-based domain, citing job prospects as the key motivator. I succumbed, and the next three years saw me attend University of Queensland doing a Bachelor of Pharmacy. Though not convinced when I enrolled that pharmacy was 'my thing', it did however, grow on me. I was still able to help people but from a different angle. It was also here, at pharmacy school where I met my husband and our entrepreneurial journey started. After our intern year and unlike a lot of our friends who travelled abroad to work and explore the world, we stayed in Brisbane and decided to buy our first pharmacy. One store became two and as the story goes, the rest is history. We started the Good Price Pharmacy Warehouse brand 17 years ago and currently we are sitting at 50 stores nationally with staff numbers close to 900. This is a mixture of corporate owned and franchises stores. What we didn't learn at university we learnt on the job. It has been nothing short of a crazy rollercoaster ride, filled with late nights and a steep learning curve, but one which I wouldn't swap for the world. During this time, we got engaged, married and had two children too. Our upcoming Christmas party this year celebrates 22 staff entering the 10-year milestone with us. This is a great achievement for us, and one that I'm most proud at.

I can honestly say, hand on my heart that those years spent at Brigidine are ones that I have never, ever forgotten. Even now, when asked in my professional career as a business owner and Pharmacist where I went to school, my response each and every time is how proud I was and am to be a Brigidine girl. As I fondly look back on my time here, it is apparent that a lot has changed. Notwithstanding the obvious ones, namely the makeover of buildings and creation of green spaces and not forgetting the amazing structure that is the Brigid Centre. Then there's the introduction of Year 7, and what about the exciting new building project we're about to embark on as a community next year! Besides all the physical changes, there's the technological ones too. Teaching has taken on a whole new realm, with pen and paper being replaced with laptops and virtual classrooms. New and exciting times ahead, albeit different challenges that come with change.

But, through all this, what has remained static is the essence of what it is to be Brigidine. With 'Fortiter et Suaviter, strength and gentleness in everything we do. A sense of community, humility, the feeling of accomplishment for just trying. The pride in wearing our uniforms and doing so proudly and with grace. When strolling around the grounds of the school, it is evident all of it remains. My only regret, if I had one, is that I wish I had realised its full potential while I was here. I think I took it for granted and can only hope that for the existing and future students to take advantage of everything this school has to offer.

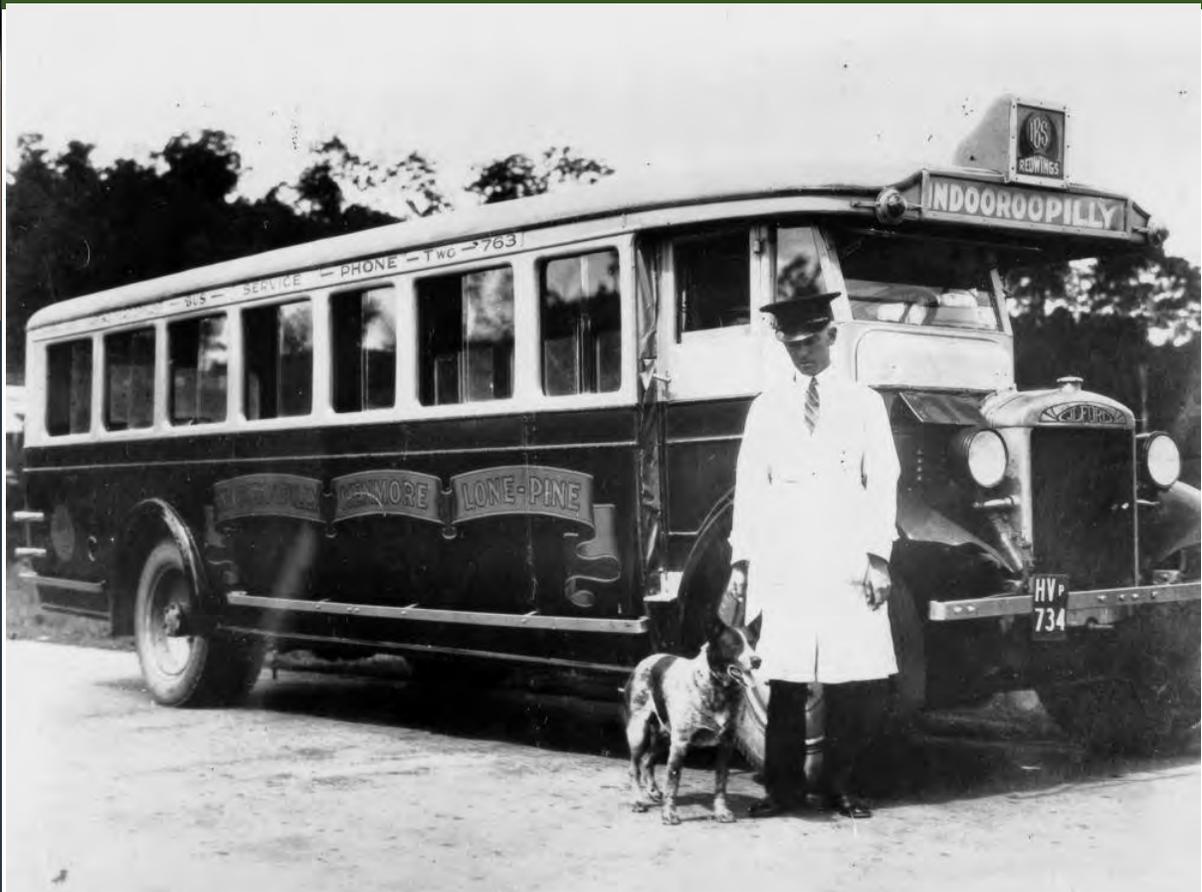
I'm coming into my eighth year as a Brigidine board member, and this privilege and responsibility has not been overlooked by me. I feel that this journey has come full circle. I see it as a real chance to give back to the school which gave me so much – a balanced education, social conscience to do better and help those less fortunate. Friendships forged during my years at Brigidine, are still paramount in my life today. Amongst my best girlfriends are four that I met on my first day at Brigidine. Our friendship bond is strong, and it is so because of the similar values we shared going through school. We regularly catch up and reminisce about the good old days. There is much to be thankful for. And though there are many things that define me – mother, wife, Pharmacist, Director and Business owner (to name a few), what I feel is most true is that each of those roles has somehow come from my experience here at Brigidine College.



Captain's Speech 1994



Out of the Archives



This beautiful Gilford bus did the Indooroopilly-Kenmore-Lone Pine run ca. 1933. It had a max capacity of 30 passengers. Photo sourced from the State Library Photo Archives.

The College has sent out almost 500 keyrings this year. Update your contact details to receive yours.

We'll keep you informed of events and details of the 90th Anniversary celebrations and other Alumni events throughout the year.

Click on the below link to update your details;

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Get involved

- Would you like to be a guest speaker sharing your life, career or industry knowledge?
- Be a mentor to Year 12 students?
- Assist with promotion & events for Alumni?
- Does your business run workshops or training suitable for students or staff?
- Submit articles for our future newsletters.
- Be a supplier or entertainer for College events
- Would you like to advertise for free in our next newsletter?

Email alumni@brigidine.qld.edu.au

2018 Reunions



Class of 1988



Class of 1998



Class of 2008

Holiday Entertainment

Enchanted Garden

Roma Street Parklands is once again delivering one of the greatest light shows in Brisbane. Enjoy an extraordinary garden filled with twinkling lights and illuminated plant life with the wonderful Roma Street Christmas Lights, or otherwise known as the enchanted garden. The event organisers have listened to feedback from 2017 and there is no queuing for entry. Just simply turn up and enjoy the night garden. The kids will leave enchanted. The Enchanted Garden is operating from 7 to 19 December and entry is free for everyone (pets aren't invited). It's open from 6.30pm to 10pm nightly, with last entry at 9.45pm.



Google Santa Tracker

Google has created a Santa Tracker with interactive games and coding activities. The kids won't even realise they are learning while playing. There are over 20 different games, all catered for children of all age groups. Kids start by creating their own Elf character to navigate through the Santa's village.

Click on the below link to get started;

<https://santatracker.google.com/village.html>



David Jones Christmas Parade

Arrive early and get a good spot for the Christmas Parade. It is on every night from the 14th December through to the 23rd December. The parade commences at 7pm and starts from the top of the Queen Street Mall finishing at King George Square.

Why not take the kids to see the Myer Christmas windows while you're in the city. Or venture across Victoria Bridge to Southbank for the Christmas Markets, on every night from the 14th – 23rd December, 4.30 – 8.30pm.



QAGOMA Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art

As part of 'The 9th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art' (APT9), APT9 Kids features 8 interactive artworks, hands-on and multimedia activities created by exhibiting artists, especially for children and families. Offering a rich participatory experience and curated to reflect key themes of the exhibition. APT9 Kids provides meaningful insights into the contemporary art of Australia, Asia and the Pacific.

The APT Kids projects are displayed in spaces across both the Qld Art Gallery (QAG) and Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) buildings, including the Children's Art Centre at GOMA

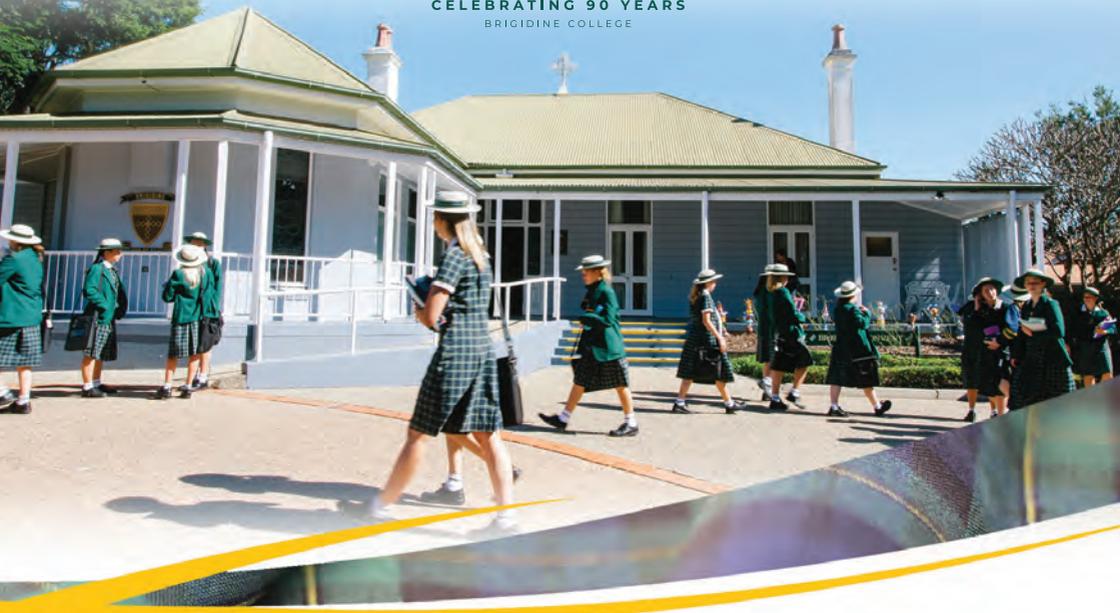
Further info at www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/kids/apt9-kids





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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS
BRIGIDINE COLLEGE



2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

OPENING MASS

ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL
8 FEBRUARY 2019 - 10:00AM

**BRIGIDINE COLLEGE CELEBRATES
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**
THURSDAY MARCH 7

**BRIGIDINE COLLEGE PRESENTS
*A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS***
SATURDAY AUGUST 10

TWILIGHT OPEN DAYS
TUESDAY MAY 14
TUESDAY OCTOBER 15

**BRIGIDINE COLLEGE P&F
*GALA BALL***
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

BRIGIDINE DAY
FRIDAY AUGUST 2

BRIGIDINE COLLEGE ALUMNI
SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS