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Celebrating 100 years in 2021



CENTENARY UPDATE

To say the least, 2020 and 2021 have been challenging years on many fronts. The impact that the restrictions, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, have had on our daily lives is ongoing. The challenges that **State High's** academic and extra curricular activities have faced have been well documented.

From a **BSHS PSA** perspective, the initial impacts were evident when the 2020 reunions for the Classes of 1953, 1970 and 1980 were cancelled and rescheduled for 2021. Hopefully these will proceed in September, and October this year. The 2021 reunion for the Class of 1951 preceded the recent lockdown and hopefully the reunions for the Classes of 1961, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1991 and 2001 will proceed. The 1961 reunion has already been re-scheduled twice as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

Planning for the major events to celebrate our centenary in 2021 proceeded with a recognition that flexibility was the key and that changes would be inevitable and attendances may be restricted.

The 100th year celebrations of **State High** were officially launched on Friday 29 January as scheduled. Distinguished guests, past students, staff and 2021 student leaders attended a morning tea on the Kurilpa Roof Terrace.

The "**Seniors – Return to State High**" scheduled for 31 March 2021 was cancelled and re-scheduled for 3 June 2021. The **State High Foundation** hosted this event that re-engaged over 150 past students with their alma mater.

Brisbane State High School hosted past and present serving Defence Force personnel, special guests and alumni at the school's

"**ANZAC Day Commemorative Ceremony**" and pre-ceremony lunch on Friday 23 April as scheduled.

The "**Tour of State High**" sponsored by the **BSHS PSA**, scheduled for 4 July 2021 was cancelled and will be re-scheduled for July 2022 to coincide with the founding dates of **State High** in July 1921.

The "**Foundation Day Assembly**" proceeded as scheduled on 19 July at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, albeit with a reduced audience. Nineteen additional **Legends of State High** were inducted. A reception at Government House added to the significance of the occasion. Refer to page 3.

After many months of planning for a diverse range of activities and events for "**State High Day**" on 31 July, this major event was "shut down" shortly after the day's activities commenced. "**State High Day**" will return bigger and better in 2022.

"**Timeless – A Brisbane State High School Centenary Celebration**" was scheduled for 17, 18 and 19 September at QPAC. This showcase event was designed to celebrate 100 years of education, opportunity, leadership and creativity at Queensland's largest public high school. This signature performance is the latest casualty of COVID-19 and has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled in 2022.

The **State High Foundation** annual "**State High Masters**" will tee off at St Lucia Golf Links on 15 October.

Just as the 2020 Olympics Games were held in 2021, the **State High** centenary will continue to be celebrated in 2022 and as the school song says: "...bravely meeting loss without despair..."

STATE HIGH AT THE TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES

Congratulations to the following past students on their performance at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics Games.

Charlotte Caslick, Class of 2012, is an integral part of the Australian Rugby Sevens team. After an amazing start by the Australians, the team were unfortunately knocked out of medal contention after being defeated by Fiji in the preliminary finals.

Hsuan Yu (Wendy) Chen, Class of 2010, competed in Badminton for Australia. After achieving six Oceanic Championships, Wendy placed 15th in these Olympics.

Cedric Dubler, Class of 2012, participated in the Decathlon. Cedric went into these Olympics with a hamstring injury, however this did not stop him from performing at his best and embodying the Aussie spirit when he became one of the heroes of the Tokyo Olympics. In the final event of the Decathlon, Cedric's support of his training partner, Ash Molony, who went on to achieve Bronze, was a true display of **State High Spirit**.

Chris Goulding, Class of 2005, is an Australian Boomers Basketball team "sharpshooter". The Boomers made history at the Tokyo Olympic Games, receiving the bronze medal after defeating Slovenia. This success follows his gold medal in the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games tournament.

Samu Kerevi, Class of 2011, competed in the Australian Rugby Sevens. After booking a spot in the quarter finals, the team unfortunately lost to Fiji, thereby bowing out of medal contention.

Charlotte, Wendy, Cedric and Chris are dual Olympians, all having competed in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games where Charlotte won a gold medal and Chris came agonizingly close to a bronze medal.

Nicola Johnson (Smith), Class of 1988, is currently the National Performance Pathways Manager for Water Polo Australia as well as the Assistant Coach for the Women's Water Polo at the Queensland Academy of Sport. Nicola was appointed by the **International Swimming Federation** (FINA, Fédération Internationale de Natation) to officiate as a water

polo referee at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Dean Boxall, Class of 1994, was awarded back-to-back Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association (ASCTA) Awards after being named the 2020 Australian Age and Youth Coach of the Year. Under his guidance, Dean's squad won three gold medals at the Tokyo Olympic Games. Following Ariarne Titmus' victory in the 400-metre freestyle, Dean's enthusiastic celebrations for his star pupil's success attracted worldwide attention. His own prowess in the pool for **State High** included numerous GPS titles and Dean was the Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16 and Open school swimming champion in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 respectively.

A "**Dubler**" or a "**Boxall**" may become as common as a "**Bradbury**", which became part of the urban dictionary following Steven Bradbury's "come from behind" victory to claim the gold medal in the short track 1000-metre at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games. Motivation and celebration are personified by the actions of Cedric and Dean. In Cedric's case, "Mateship is not just a word, it's an action". Dean's celebration is an indication of the energy and dedication that is required for success.

Dr Patrik Noack, Class of 1992, is the Chief Medical Officer for the Swiss Olympic Team. Patrik has attended the 2012, 2016 and 2020 summer Olympic Games and the 2014 and 2018 winter Olympic Games in his medical role. In his time at **State High** as an international exchange student, Patrik was awarded the Cross-Country Trophy for outstanding performance and was a valuable member of the athletics team.

TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES

Stuart Randall Jones, Class of 1986, is the first **State High** past student to compete in a Paralympic Games. After a gold medal at the 2017, 2018 and 2019 National Championships in the T1 Time Trial and a silver medal at the 2019 World Championships in the T2 Time Trial, Stuart gained selection in the Australian Para-cycling team for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. Stuart was placed third at the halfway mark and finished a creditable fifth in the 16km T1-2 Time Trial and eight in treacherous weather conditions in the 26.4 km T1-2 Road Race.

RECEPTION for the CENTENARY of BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

An extract from an address delivered by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC
CVO

at Government House Brisbane on Monday 19 July.

“The centenary of this remarkable Queensland institution is a major event in the social and educational life of our State.

As an exemplar of our State’s public school system, **State High** not only represents excellence in formal education, but is also renowned for reaching the highest pinnacles in all areas of learning, including the arts, technology and sport – producing an impressive crop of Olympians!

I know you are all immensely proud of what this school stands for and the rich history that underpins its success.

One hundred years is a significant milestone. And on this historical occasion, I recall the words of my predecessor, Sir Matthew Nathan, when in 1922 he addressed **State High’s** inaugural speech day: “it is the threads of human nature...that tie us to the past...”

Indeed, **State High** is a school built on the accumulated strengths and efforts of the many thousands of people who have entered its doors over the years—the principals, teachers, staff, students and parents—who have had the collective vision to constantly strive for excellence.

Every step of **State High’s** development across the century, and each accomplishment across the widest spectrum of endeavours, has relied on this spirit of shared determination.

Now, in 2021, despite being a school almost seven times larger than that of its first year and now covering two campuses, **State High** continues to encourage every individual student, from all backgrounds, to become the best they can be.

It is a school that values an extensive array of extra-curricular activities, to enrich the learning experience, and to help forge life-long friendships.

In fact, the late Prince Philip himself visited the school in October 1973 to present recipients their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and endorse the school’s commitment to personal development.

The distinctive **State High** approach has produced generations of outstanding alumni who have spread the School’s positive influence further and wider, across multiple disciplines and pathways.

The most stellar of these past students have been recognised as “**Legends of State High**”. I am pleased some of you could join us today. Your outstanding contributions motivate future graduates to follow their dreams, and I commend you all for your tremendous achievements.

I also warmly thank the **Brisbane State High School Foundation**, chaired by Mr Ross Perrett, for the wonderful philanthropic support provided to the **State High** community, so it can continually be enhanced for the benefit of all.

Finally, my congratulations go to Executive Principal Mr Wade Haynes, the dedicated staff, parents and friends’ association, student leaders, and indeed all past and present students, for honouring the legacy established over the past one hundred years.

As **State High** heads into its second century, your marvellous celebration of tradition and innovation will see the school continue to thrive.”



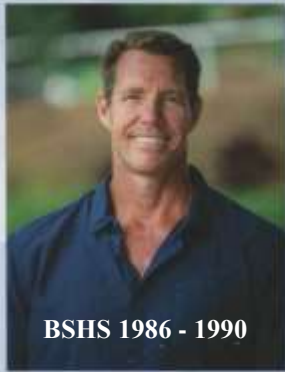
LEGENDS OF STATE HIGH

The **Legends of State High** are representative of eminent past students and they are intended to provide role models for current and future students who could realise that they could also aspire to excellence and make a significant difference to their community. The first twenty one **Legends of State High** were inducted in 2007 and nine were inducted in 2014.

In our centenary year, the Legends Committee recommended the induction of an additional 19 **Legends of State High**, who were inducted at the Centenary Foundation Day Assembly held in the Brisbane Entertainment and Convention Centre on Monday 19 July.

The Assembly celebrated the school's 100-year milestone as the oldest public high school in Brisbane and a school that has continued to symbolise and exemplify excellence in public school edu-





BSHS 1986 - 1990

Mr Bo Hanson
Four Time Olympian and Elite
Coach



BSHS 1946—1947

**Dr Mary Hughes (née
Armbruster) OAM**
Radiologist and Hockey Life
Member



BSHS 1954 - 1955

**Mr Alasdair Hutton MEP OBE
MBE**
Member of Parliament, Author,
Narrator



BSHS 1976 - 1980

Dr A James P Morton AM
Haematology-Oncology specialist



BSHS 1971—1975

Dr Judith Murray (née Bruun)
Psychologist and Academic



BSHS 1969 - 1973

Ms Katie Page
Businesswoman and Entrepreneur



BSHS 1947 - 1948

Ms Lillian Roxon
Journalist and Author



BSHS 1964—1969

**Air Marshal (Ret'd) Geoffrey
Shepherd AO**
Chief of Air Force



BSHS 1957—1960

Mr William 'Bill' Stoddart
Businessman and Manufacturer



BSHS 1929 - 1934

**Major General Douglas 'Tim'
Vincent CB AM OBE**
Senior Officer in the Australian
Army



BSHS 1961 - 1964

Dr Graeme Wood AM
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist



Professor Paul Glasziou AO, Class of 1971, for distinguished service to medical education and standards, and to evidence-based medical research.

Alison Sherry OAM, Class of 1978, for service to the community through a range of organisations.

George Amarandos OAM, Class of 1974, for service to the Greek community of Queensland.

Colonel Susan Winter (Sherwood) CSC OAM, Class of 1991, for meritorious service as a specialist anaesthetist and intensivist on multiple overseas deployments and specialist medical advisor to the 2nd General Health Battalion, 3rd Health Support Battalion and Army Health Services.

ANOTHER ERA

Class of 1969 old boy, **Don McNaughton**, has recently published a biographical history book about his father, which in the final chapters describes the migrant experience and school life in the 1960s. **Brisbane State High** of course gets a strong mention and students of that era should find the final chapters stirring up memories. The majority of the book follows the Lucky Pommie, Don's father Roy, and explores the lives of his fellow crew members and the fates of fellow aircrew during the night bombing campaign in World War II Europe.

Hopefully, Don's English teacher, Mr Diamond, reads the book and gives it a mark somewhat higher than those allocated to Don for his school essays! Mr Diamond and the earlier English teachers can take some credit for the English expression, whilst Don takes all responsibility for any grammatical errors.

The book is available in paperback and electronic format through Amazon and most reputable book sellers. See www.luckypommie.com for more details.

ANOTHER ACCOLADE

"Behind the Stripes" is the St Joseph's Nudgee College magazine. The 2021 Semester 1 edition announced that **Richard Barker (BSHS 1973-75)** and NC (1976-77) had received an annual *Signum Sidei* Award for his leadership in business, sport and the community.

VISUAL ARTS

After graduating from Queensland University, **Dennis Tupicoff**, Class of 1967, worked as an archivist and teacher before making his first film in 1976. He has made many award-winning films as a writer, director and animator. These have been fictional and documentary, animated and live-action, comedy and drama and often inventive combinations. Dennis has also been a full-time lecturer at the VCA School of Film and Television and has taught and conducted workshops in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia.

CLASS REUNIONS in 2021

Class of 1951 - 70 Year Reunion

*70 years on, growing older and older,
Shorter in wind as in memory long.*

This slight adaptation from the Harrow School song describes the 16 people who gathered happily, including a few family members, to celebrate the 70th Anniversary Lunch of the Class of 1951 at The Greek Club on 31st July. We are grateful to the Club for squeezing us in before the looming COVID lockdown at 4.00p.m. We remembered absent friends, lost in the last five years, and heard messages from some unable to attend. Let's end on the optimistic note struck by a grey nomad who sent an e-mail from North Queensland: "Maybe we can catch up for the 75th reunion"!

Anne Lanham

Class of 1953 – 67 Year Reunion - Rescheduled

Date: To be confirmed **Venue:** To be confirmed **Contact:** Alan Skyring **Email:** alanskyring@gmail.com

Class of 1961—60 Year Reunion - Rescheduled

Date: 17 September 2021 **Venue:** United Service Club **Contact:** Barry Irwin **Email:** statehigh1961@gmail.com

Class of 1970 – 50 Year Reunion - Rescheduled

Date: 22 Oct 2021 **Venue:** The Ship Inn **Contact:** Cecily Blake (Welsh) **Email:** bshs1970reunion@yahoo.com.au

Class of 1971 - 50 Year Reunion

Date: 2 October **Venue:** The Plough Inn **Contact:** Lynne Schouten (Fredricks) **Email:** gsch7757@bigpond.net.au

Register and pay via: www.statehighconnect.com.au/reunion50

Class of 1976 – 45 Year Reunion

Date: 20 November 2021 **Venue:** The Greek Club **Contact:** Bruce Ollason **Email:** bigollie@bigpond.net.au

Facebook: "BSHS Class of 1976"

Class of 1980 – 40 Year Reunion - Rescheduled

Date: 18 September 2021 **Venue:** Catchment Brewing Co West End **Contact:** Rona Zorzetto (Yaxley)

Email: mezorzetto@bigpond.com

Class of 1981 – 40 Year Reunion

Date: 16 October 2021 **School Tour:** 10.00 in the Upper Quad **Venue:** 12.00 at the Pig & Whistle, South Brisbane

Contact: Mandie Tindall (Bull) **Email:** paul.tindall3@bigpond.com **Facebook:** "1981 Seniors 40 year Reunion"

Class of 1991 – 30 Year Reunion

Date: 20 November 2021 **School Tour:** 1.00 in the Upper Quad **Venue:** 3.00 at "The Rooftop Bar" Boundary Hotel

Facebook: "Brisbane State High School Class of 1991"

Class of 2001 – 20 Year Reunion

Date: 20 November 2021 **School Tour:** Time TBC in the Upper Quad Vulture Street

Venue: Time TBC on the BSHS Kurilpa Terrace, Cnr Merivale and Glenelg Streets

Contact: Majon Kefu **Email:** mtkefu@gmail.com **Facebook:** "BSHS Class of 2001 - 20 Year Reunion"

BSHS PSA GENERAL MEETING

A **BSHS PSA** General Meeting, will be held at 9.00 am on Saturday **9th October** 2021 in the School Museum in the Assembly / Sports Hall on the Vulture Campus. All past students are invited to attend this important meetings to provide input to and support for their association.

VALE

The **BSHS PSA** records with regret the passing of the following past students and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Michael Samuel Arghyros	Class of 1961	Paul Robert Bavinton	Class of 1962
William Carsten Georgeson	Class of 2012	Keith John (Jack) McGhee	Class of 1951
Mervyn Lawrence Russell	Class of 1965	Robin Nelson Scorer	Class of 1972

Patrik Noack in the Olympic Stadium >



Stuart Randall Jones Dean Boxall >



**Samu Kerevi Chris Gouling Cedric Dubler
Wendy Chen Charlotte Caslick**

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