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STATE HIGH
CONNECT



Celebrating 100 years in 2021



State High Connect (SHC) is an online forum to connect with our communities. **SHC** was established in 2016 as a joint **State High Foundation/Past Students' Association** initiative to enable electronic communication with our alumni and the broader community. **SHC** enables ticketing for events, including reunions, **PSA** membership application and the payment of **PSA** subscriptions. **SHC** is funded by the **State High Foundation** and its database was initially based on and is coordinated with the **PSA** database.

Utilising the administrative resources and the online potential of **State High Connect** to connect with as many past students as possible, to reduce the workload of the **PSA** Registrar and to provide a sustainable mode for the distribution of **AMICUS**, the following change will be implemented.

Future distribution of AMICUS will be processed via www.statehighconnect.com.au

Note: The cost of printing and posting **AMICUS** to those past students who request a hard copy will be funded from their membership subscription.

Direct communication with the **PSA** will continue to be via email bshspsa@gmail.com

It should be noted that the three largest annual items of **PSA** expenditures are:

1. The printing and posting of **AMICUS**
2. The maintenance of the School Museum
3. The annual **PSA** Project for the benefit of the school and its students

1. The distribution of **AMICUS** via **SHC** will minimise the cost of printing and postage.
2. The cost to maintain the **School Museum** will be included in the school budget.
3. The cost of the annual **PSA** Project for the benefit of the school and its students will be funded from **PSA** membership subscriptions in accordance with the **PSA** constitution.

ALL past students are encouraged to register on **State High Connect**

ALL past students are encouraged to become financial members of the **PSA** via **SHC**.

ALL past students are encouraged to receive **AMICUS** electronically via **SHC**.

ALL past students are encouraged to donate to the **PSA** to fund the annual **PSA** project for the benefit of the school and its students via **SHC**.

AMICUS will be distributed to as many past students as possible.

AMICUS is also available on the **State High** website and **State High Connect**.

PSA membership subscriptions and donations can be processed via **State High Connect** as well as via bank transfer or payment by cheque as noted on page 8 of this issue.

Barry Irwin BSHS **PSA** Registrar and **AMICUS** Editor



From humble beginnings in 1921 to today, Brisbane State High School's story is one of shared values, strong traditions, opportunity, the countless achievements of our past students and embracing and leading societal change over the decades.

Whilst the school has changed remarkably, Brisbane State High School has continued to symbolise and exemplify excellence in public school education.

The school campus has also grown dramatically since the school opened in 1921 in the Normal School on the corner of Adelaide and Edward Streets and moved to the Musgrave Park site in 1925. The efficient use of the available area, purchase of adjacent properties and judicious development of facilities on the site have resulted in a well-appointed school, which today, caters for over 3,300 students on two major sites on Vulture and Merivale Streets.

Although not all inclusive, a collection of Historical Milestones, including some significant events and other interesting facts that have shaped our school over the last 100 years, has been collated.

HISTORICAL MILESTONES

The 1920s

Brisbane State High School was created on 1 July 1921 and tuition commenced on 4 July 1921 in the Normal School with 490 students.

- 1920** – Mr Isaac Waddle appointed as Principal.
- 1921** – The school motto, ***Scientia est postestas*** (Knowledge is power) was adopted and the first annual swimming carnival was held in the Spring Hill Baths.
- 1922** – The girl's hockey team won the school's first sporting premiership.
- 1922** – The first Speech Day Celebration was held in Albert Hall.
- 1923** – The foundation stone was laid for the “Red Brick Building” on Vulture Street.
- 1924** – The first weekly sports afternoon was introduced and the girls won the Wainwright Shield for lifesaving for the second time.
- 1925** – The school moved to its new home in the “Red Brick Building” in South Brisbane, which officially opened on 27 January 1925.
- 1925** – The school won its first All Schools' Rowing 'Head of the River'. The school also achieved victory in 1927, 1928, 1932 and 1948.
- 1926** – The first annual school concert was held.
- 1928** – Tennis courts were constructed in the Lower Quad and the school exchanged land with the Brisbane City Council to construct the school oval.

The 1930s

1932 saw the birth of the school song, *Song of the High School*, written by Mr Jenks and set to the music of *Goodbye from The White Horse Inn*.

- 1934** – The Dramatic Society was formed for theatrical events and performances.
- 1935** – The first official Dux of the School was acknowledged, **Garnet Greenbury**.
- 1936** – The school's Australian Military Cadet Corps was formed.
- 1937** – The first State High Rowing Shed was constructed on the riverbank at Davies Park..

The 1940s

From 1940 to 1945, the school's War Work and Social Services Group provided items including medical equipment, clothing, books and funds to various organisations to support the war effort.

- 1940 – The introduction of the first official boy school captain - **Graham Barr**.
- 1940 – Allenby, Birdwood and Monash Houses were established for boys and, in 1941, Kendall, Lawson and Paterson Houses were established for girls.
- 1942 – The school's Army Cadet Corps was established (ceased in 1983).
- 1945 – Mr Isaac Waddle retired and Mr James Barnes commenced as Principal.
- 1946 – The school won its first GPS Athletics premiership.
- 1947 – Mr Herbert Watkin replaced Mr James Barnes as Principal.
- 1947 – The school won its first GPS Rugby premiership.
- 1948 – The introduction of the first official girl school captain - **Grace Garlick**.
- 1948 – The first Isaac Waddle Cup was presented for loyalty and leadership.
- 1948 – The school's Air Training Corps cadets started (ceased in 1983).
- 1949 – The school won its first GPS Cricket premiership.

The 1950s

In 1954, the Isaac Waddle memorial clock was unveiled by Eleanor Bourne (Waddle), Class of 1928. The clock is still displayed in the Red Brick Building.

- 1950 – The school musical was Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*. Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas including *Ruddigore*, *Patience*, *Princess Ida*, *HMS Pinafore*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Mikado* and *The Gondaliers* continued to 1965.
- 1951 – Sporting activities were restricted as a result of a ban imposed on sport by the Poliomyelitis Advisory Council due to the polio epidemic.
- 1952 – Mr Arthur Copeman replaced Mr Herbert Watkin as Principal.
- 1952 – A two-storey classroom block, known as the 'M' Rooms, subsequently named 'D' Block, opened on the Vulture Campus until it was demolished in 2000.
- 1953 – The first H. G. Watkin Cup was presented for scholastic and sporting ability.
- 1954 – The Royal Visit – Army, Air Force cadets and female students lined the streets to welcome Queen Elizabeth II.
- 1954 – Ten senior students were awarded open scholarships to The University of Queensland. Eight senior students were also awarded in 1953 and 1955.
- 1958 – Mr Fredrick Cafferky replaced Mr Arthur Copeman as Principal.
- 1958 – The introduction of the school's first Cross Country event – a 2.4 mile circuit around Musgrave Park.

The 1960s

In 1963 and 1964, the first major development of the school's facilities took place, included the Assembly Hall and classroom block on the former Lower Quad tennis courts.

- 1961 – Mr George Lockie replaced Mr Fredrick Cafferky as Principal.
- 1960's – The separate girls and boys access to the 'Red Brick Building' by senior students only ceased.
- 1962 – The school's Parents and Citizens Association was founded and the Ladies Auxiliary operated a temporary tuck shop.
- 1963 – Houses for boys and girls were combined into Allenby, Birdwood, Glasgow and Monash.
- 1963 – The first State High tuck shop opened in the Upper Quad - relocated to 'E' Block in 2006.
- 1964 – Year 8 was introduced into secondary schools and 'The Farm' (Merivale Campus) was incorporated into the State High site.

- 1964** – **Andrew Elek** won the Lilley Medal in the Senior examination. The Lilley Medal was also won by **Martin Green** in 1965 and **Gayle Adams** in 1969.
- 1965** – Enrolments exceeded 2,000 students.
- 1968** – The first Forgan-Smith Memorial Trophy was presented for citizenship.
- 1969** – The 'E' Block Science building was built. It was named the 'Lockie Block' after former Principal, Mr George Lockie.

The 1970s

The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, paid a royal visit to Brisbane State High School to endorse the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in 1973.

- 1970** – The 'F' Block Commonwealth Library building was opened, converted to Home Economics in 1995, demolished in 2005 to enable the construction of the 'F' Block Sports Complex.
- 1971** – The school won the first of nineteen consecutive QGSSSA Athletics premiership (1971 - 1989).
- 1972** – Past student, **Mr Raymond Fitzgerald** replaced Mr George Lockie as Principal.
- 1972** – The first George Lockie Memorial Trophy was presented to the Dux of the School.
- 1973** – The Tertiary Entrance (TE) replaced the Senior Examination.
- 1973** – The school won the first of four consecutive GPS First XV premiership (1973 – 1976).
- 1975** – The school won the first of nine consecutive GPS Athletics premiership (1975 – 1983).
- 1975** – The school celebrated its Jubilee anniversary—50 years—on the Musgrave Park site.
- 1976** – The school's Astronomy Society was established.
- 1978** – Brisbane State High School was the first Queensland state school to be provided with a computer.
- 1978** – The 'G' Block Year 8 and Music Centre opened is known as the 'White House'.

The 1980s

This decade saw the expansion of satellite sites for school sporting activities including the playing fields at the Fursden Road Sports Complex and the rowing shed located on Riverside Drive.

- 1980** – State High was the first Australian school to have a seismological station.
- 1980** – The second Rowing Shed was opened on Riverside Drive West End.
- 1981** – Mr Colin Mason replaced Mr Raymond Fitzgerald as Principal.
- 1986** – The development of the Fursden Road Sports Complex commenced.
- 1985** – Vulture Productions commenced, involving a group of students to provide technical light and sound support for school productions.
- 1987** – The first annual school fashion parade was held. The parades continued until 1993.
- 1988** – An overpass was built over Cordelia Street before EXPO 88 to provide safe pedestrian access for students and the general public.
- 1988** – State High won the Rock and Roll Eisteddfod held in conjunction with EXPO 88.
- 1989** – Upper Quad re-development, utilising funds raised by the P&C from EXPO 88 car parking.

The 1990s

In 1996, the school celebrated its 75th anniversary and the School Museum opened in 'A' Block. This decade saw the expansion and consolidation of the South Brisbane sites.

- 1990** – 'H' Block, dating back to 1864, was restored and opened together with 'I' Block as the Junior School campus, by past student and Governor General The Hon. **Bill Hayden AC**.
- 1992** – Overall Position (OP) replaced Tertiary Entrance (TE) scores and 'J' Block was opened as the Year 9 Centre with the first Merivale Campus canteen.
- 1994** – 'H' Block, the former South Brisbane Intermediate School, was added to the Queensland Heritage Building Register.

- 1995** – The ‘K’ Block Performing Arts and Music Centre was opened in acquired premises.
- 1997** – The ‘P’ Block Student Centre Gymnasium was opened on the ‘The Farm’ site.
- 1998** – Mr David Sutton replaced Mr Colin Mason as Principal and the school held its first formal graduation ceremony in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.
- 1998** – The first Colin Mason Trophy was presented for citizenship.
- 1999** – The ‘L’ Block Visual Arts Centre was opened in acquired premises.
- 1999** – The State High Foundation was initiated.

The 2000s

The inaugural Donnelly Dash in 2000, a 1500m course around the school block.

- 2001** – The computer network was rolled out to all buildings.
- 2002** – The first Music and International Food Festival (MIFF) took place.
- 2002** – The new ‘D’ Block Information Technology Centre was opened by then Minister for Education, The Hon. Anna Bligh.
- 2002** – The third Rowing Shed opened in conjunction with Rowing Queensland, All Hallows School and the Commercial Rowing Club.
- 2003** – The Friends of State High Foundation launched.
- 2007** – The new ‘F’ Block Indoor Sports Complex was opened by the Premier, The Hon. Anna Bligh
- 2007** – The school held its first induction of 21 “Legends of State High”.
- 2008** – The Assembly Hall underwent a major renovation to become the new Library.
- 2008** – The tennis courts were relocated to The Mound from 'The Farm' to facilitate the construction of the ‘P’ Block, Performing Arts Centre which incorporated the former Gymnasium.
- 2009** – A covered walkway was constructed over Cordelia Street to finally link the Vulture Campus and the Merivale Campus.
- 2009** – Mr Richard Morrison replaced Mr David Sutton as Principal.
- 2009** – The school mascot, the Griffin, launched.

The 2010s

This decade saw enrolments exceed 3000, the catchment area modified and further major facilities constructed.

- 2010** – The ‘P’ Block Performing Arts Centre incorporating the former Student Centre / Gymnasium, was opened by the Premier, The Hon. Anna Bligh.
- 2011** – The school celebrated its 90th anniversary.
- 2011** – *The Ink Drop* was published. It was the second student newspaper since *State EYE* was first published in 1973.
- 2011** – Mr Wade Haynes replaced Mr Richard Morrison as Principal.
- 2012** – Implementation of the national curriculum began at the school.
- 2013** – Brisbane State High School became an Independent Public School.
- 2014** – The second induction of nine “Legends of State High” at the Foundation Day Assembly.
- 2015** – The introduction of Year 7 into secondary schooling. Year 7 students were accommodated in temporary facilities on the Edmondstone Annexe.
- 2016** – ‘I’ Block, a six-storey classroom block incorporating a canteen, the Uniform Shop and parking was officially opened by the Minister for Education, The Hon. Kate Jones MP. The former ‘I’ Block, constructed as part of the 1990 Junior School Complex, the ‘K’ Block Performing Arts, the ‘L’ Block Visual Arts and the ‘M’ Block Resource Centre were demolished to enable the construction of the 2016 ‘I’ Block.
- 2016** – A covered walkway on the western side of the Oval was connected to the Cordelia Street overpass to improve connectivity between the Vulture Campus and the Merivale Campus.
- 2016** – The first annual CREATE Festival of Learning in The Arts was held.
- 2018** – ‘A’ Block, the Red Brick Building was added to the Queensland Heritage Building Register.
- 2019** – The Innovation Studio opened in ‘I’ Block funded by the Past Students’ Association, the State High Foundation, the school and the Department of Education.

The 2020s

In the lead-up to State High's centenary year, COVID-19 presented unprecedented challenges. With little notice, we moved from face-to-face learning, to online learning, to a hybrid model and then back to face-to-face learning within the space of 10 weeks.

2020 – The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) replaced OP - the biggest change in Senior Schooling for 30 years in this State.

2020 – State High was awarded the Jack E Ross Memorial Trophy for the first time as premiers of the 50th annual GPS Cross Country Championships.



Celebrating 100 Years in 2021

Due to the impact of COVID 19, planning for State High's centenary celebrations in 2021 has been curtailed this year. As restrictions ease, the program of events is being finalised. Academic, cultural, sporting, and social aspects of the school's activities will be celebrated. All ceremonies normally on the school's event calendar and major sporting fixtures will have a centenary flavour.

Monitor www.statehigh.com.au www.statehighconnect.com.au Facebook @BrisStateHighAlumni and www.bsbs100.com.au for information as it becomes available.

BRISBANE PORTRAIT PRIZE 2020

In an unusual coincidence the subject of both the Packing Room Prize and the winning portrait in the Brisbane Portrait Prize are **Brisbane State High School** past students. Another unusual element is that the winning entry is a dual portrait of Urban Art Projects (UAP) founders **Daniel** and **Matthew Tobin**, Class of 1986. The Packing Room Prize is a study of **Sir Leo Hielscher** AC, Jnr Class of 1941 and **Brisbane State High School Legend**.



The **Tobin Twins** by Keith Burt



Sir Leo Hielscher by Tom MacBeth

Conditions of entry require that both the artist and the sitter have a connection with Brisbane. These conditions of entry have been admirably met by the two acclaimed works.

UAP collaborates with emerging and established artists, architects, developers & designers to deliver creative outcomes for the public realm. Brisbane's Gateway bridges were named in Sir Leo's honour after a career guiding Queensland's finances.

A MUSICAL CAREER

Dr Karen Lonsdale, Class of 1984, obtained her Bachelor of Music (1988) and Graduate Diploma of Music (1989) from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. She continued her flute studies in Germany, graduating with a Meisterklassendiplom from the Hochschule für Musik in Munich in 1992. She was awarded a Doctor of Musical Arts from Griffith University in 2011. In 2020, she was awarded a Graduate Certificate in Education (Leadership and Management) from the Queensland University of Technology.

She has performed as a flautist with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Queensland Philharmonic Orchestra, Sydney Symphony, Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra, Tasmanian Symphony, Munich Symphony, Queensland Pops Orchestra, Camerata, and X-Collective Cabaret Ensemble. As a solo and chamber musician, she has performed in Australia, Germany, Malaysia and the USA.

THE REDS TEAM

The Queensland REDS benefit from the rugby acumen of the following past students:

Tom Barker	Class of 1974	REDS Team Manager
Paul Carozza	Class of 1983	REDS Academy Head of Talent Management
Rod Seib	Class of 1992	REDS Academy Head Coach

REUNIONS

It is anticipated that the 2020 reunions cancelled as a result of COVID 19 restrictions will be re-scheduled in 2021. Contact the following for additional information.

Class of 1953 **Alan Skyring** alanskyring@gmail.com

Class of 1970 **Cecily Blake (Welsh)** bshs1970reunion@yahoo.com.au

Class of 1980 **Rona Zoretto (Yaxley)** mezoretto@bigpond.com

The Classes of **1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001** and **2011** are requested to contact the **PSA** Registrar via bshspsa@gmail.com with information regarding your 2021 reunion.

The **PSA** has prepared a checklist that is useful in planning your reunion and arranging publicity. The checklist is readily available from the **PSA** Registrar via bshspsa@gmail.com

CRICKET AUSTRALIA BOARD

Ian Healy, Class of 1981 and **State High Legend**, is considering, in conjunction with fellow Queensland Cricket directors, his elevation to Cricket Australia's board. Ian, who played 119 Tests and formerly served as president of the Australian Cricketers' Association, would replace former CA director **Michael Kasprovicz**, Class of 1989, who resigned in July, creating a vacancy that Queensland Cricket is required to nominate a replacement.

DONATION

The **PSA** acknowledges the generous donation from **Jean Trickett**, Class of 1958. After a lifetime as a primary school teacher, Jean has finally retired to Proserpine.

VALE

Colin John Brew, Class of 1953

Rosemary Elizabeth Brook (Price), Class of 1951

Arthur William Chaseling, Class of 1962

Phillip McDonald, Class of 1970

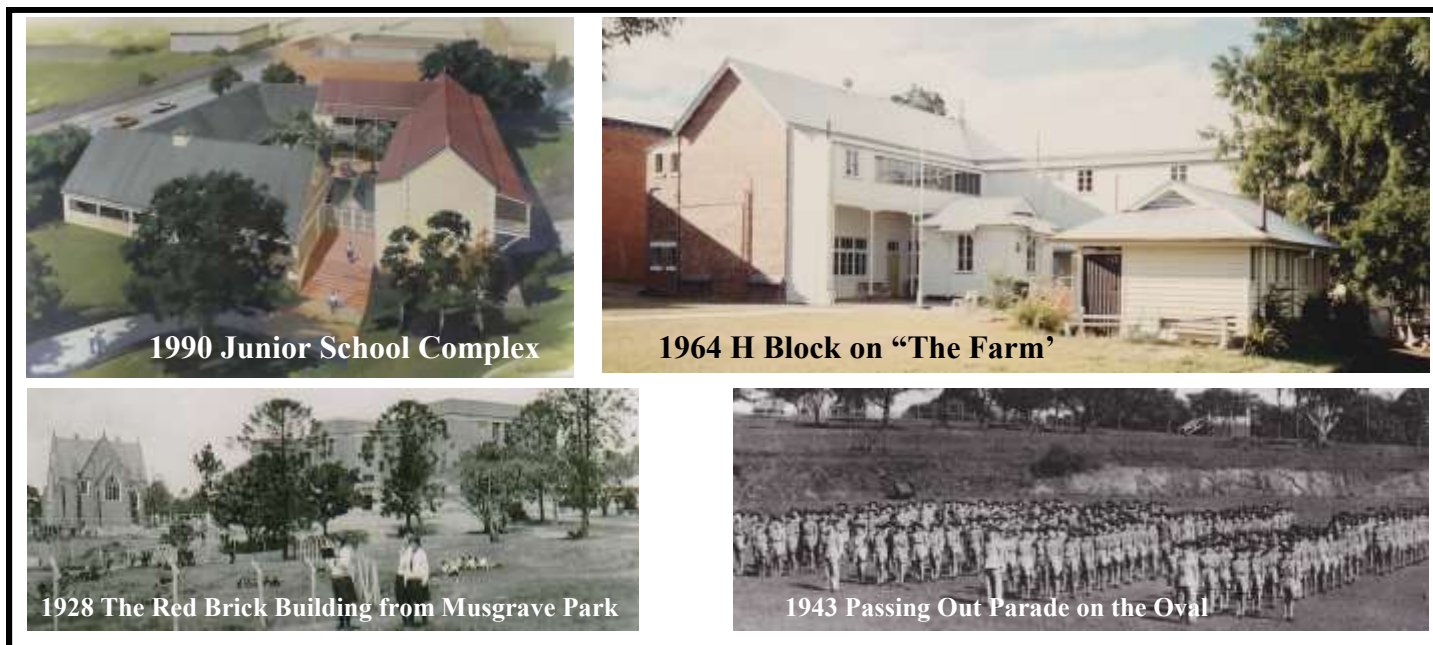
Jocelyn O'Neill (Joyce), Class of 1956

BSHS PSA AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 9.00 am on Saturday 6 February 2021 at the School Museum in the Assembly/Sports Hall on the Vulture Campus. All past students are invited to attend this important meeting to provide input to and support for their association.

“THANK YOU” - from the Editor

- Congratulations on a terrific publication-* **Helen Walker (Hanscombe)**, Class of 1951
- Thank you for sending me the September 2020 edition of AMICUS. Much good reading.* **Desmond Berghofer**, Class of 1955
- I just wanted to say how much I valued getting this very informative edition of AMICUS.* **Graham Duhs**, School Captain 1959
- Thank you for sending the AMICUS Journal to me. It was read with much interest as always.* **Leigh Scott**, Class of 1960
- Thank you for sending me AMICUS. Excited for the 100 year anniversary of the school.* **Natasha Playne**, Class of 1982



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1 YEAR - **\$15** 5 YEARS - **\$50** 10 YEARS - **\$90** Life membership - **\$250**

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Cnr Cordelia and Glenelg Streets
South Brisbane
QLD 4101

(2) Please pay via www.statehighconnect.com.au or by electronic transfer to the following account;

Brisbane State High School Past Students Association
National Australia Bank BSB - 084 004 Account Number - 47 870 7793

For identification purposes please ensure that your **FULL NAME** and final year at **State High** are included with the transfer.