

HERITAGE LISTING

Brisbane State High School is a place that satisfies numerous criteria of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992. With its core built in 1864 and opened in 1865 as the South Brisbane Primary School, Block "H" was the South Brisbane Intermediate School from 1929 to 1953. Block "H" was transferred to **Brisbane State High School** in 1964 and was added to the Queensland Heritage Register in 1994.

In November 2018 the Red Brick Building, Block "A" and three significant fig trees on the Merivale Campus alias *The Farm* were added to the Heritage Register.

The *Statement of Significance* states:

"Block "A", (1925) the first purpose-built state high school built in Brisbane, is one of the earliest schools in Queensland not attached to a technical college. It illustrates the Queensland Government's commitment to state-provided secondary education.

Block "A" is an excellent, intact example of an Urban Brick School Building designed by the Department of Public Works (DPW). It is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of this type, which include: a handsome edifice standing in a prominent location; symmetrical two-storey form of classrooms and teachers rooms above an understorey of open play spaces; a linear layout of the main floors with rooms accessed by corridors; loadbearing masonry construction; prominent projecting central entrance bay; and a high standard of design to provide superior educational environments that focus on abundant natural light and ventilation. It demonstrates the use of stylistic features of its era, through its roof form, joinery and decorative treatment.

Highly intact, Block "A" has aesthetic significance due to its formal composition, decorative elements, substantial size and materials through which the DPW sought to convey the concepts of progress and permanence. Standing in a prominent intersection, it is a landmark building in the South Brisbane landscape.

The fig trees on the Merivale Street campus have aesthetic significance for their streetscape contribution, substantial size and natural beauty within the context of an urban school campus.

***Brisbane State High School** has a strong and ongoing association with the South Brisbane and Brisbane community. Generations of children have been taught at the school since state education commenced on the site in 1865. The place is important for its contribution to the educational development of Brisbane as a prominent community focal point and gathering place for social and commemorative events with widespread community support."*

THE NEW SECONDARY COLLEGE

The concept master plan and designs for the first new Brisbane inner-city high school in nearly 60 years have been released. State-of-the-art learning and innovative teaching hubs will form key elements of the Inner City South State Secondary College, (**ICSSSC**) at Dutton Park. The approximately 1.9 hectare site is bounded by Gladstone Road, Maldon Street, Annerley Road and Grantham Street. Denbigh Street will be closed to consolidate the site and Maldon Street which runs behind Gair Park will be opened for one-way traffic from Annerley Road to Gladstone Road.

THE NEW SECONDARY COLLEGE (Cont.)

The concept master plan and final catchment area for the new **ICSSSC** are available at: www.advancingeducation.qld.gov.au/building-future-schools

Currently, the catchment area for **Brisbane State High School**, in part, overlaps the ICSSSC catchment area. There will be transitional arrangements that will eventually define separate catchment area for the two schools which will result in a subsequent reduction of the current **State High** catchment area. This final arrangement mirrors the **BSHS PSA** recommendations.

The **BSHS PSA** has previously identified that the **State High** Enrolment Management Policy and Catchment Area are critical for the maintenance of the integrity and reputation of **State High**. The **PSA** has recommended that automatic or local area enrolment at **State High** be granted only for those students who legitimately reside in the reduced **State High** catchment area and who have attended West End or Dutton Park State School. All other applicants would be eligible for merit entry. As with the government's catchment area policy, transitional arrangements would apply to the **BSHS PSA** recommendation for a revised Enrolment Management Policy that reinforces the concept of a feeder primary school and a local area high school.

STATE HIGH SPONSORSHIP

One of the great strengths of our school community is the partnerships we develop with our wider community. These partnerships allow us to build on our long traditions to enable our students to achieve their potential. To meet the needs of our unique school, **Brisbane State High School** relies heavily on the support of the community.

There are many sponsorship opportunities available to promote your business to our school community. These opportunities include sponsorship of our school, major events and ceremonies, sporting and extra-curricular activities, as well as festivals and parent functions.

School Sponsorship

To meet the needs of a developing and progressive school, **State High** relies heavily on the support of the wider community. **State High** has introduced School Sponsors in order to complement the funds raised by the State High Foundation to provide facilities and equipment, which enhances the delivery of education and assists students to reach their potential.

Four sponsorship levels are available with a variety of opportunities ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

For further information on becoming a School Sponsor, please contact our Foundation Development Manager on (07) 3291 4111 or via email at sponsorship@brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au

Major Event Sponsorship

Opportunities are available to sponsor **State High's** major events including the Awards Ceremony and Graduation Ceremony, which are both held annually at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. These major events provide sponsors with the opportunity to support the school and promote their business to a very supportive and receptive school community with more than 4,500 attendees.

View our Major Event Sponsorship Proposals on: www.statehigh.com.au via Our Community and Sponsorship

Date: Friday 25 October 2019 - **Awards Ceremony**
 Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm
 Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane

Date: Friday 15 November 2019 - **Graduation Ceremony**
 Time: 12:00pm – 2:30pm
 Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane

For information on becoming an **Awards Ceremony** or **Graduation Ceremony** sponsor contact our Marketing Manager on (07) 3291 4111 or via email at eventsponsorship@brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au

2019 REUNIONS

The Classes of 1979, 1989 and 2009 are requested to contact the **BSHS PSA** Registrar **Barry Irwin** via bshspsa@gmail.com with information about your 2019 reunion.

Class of 1953 - 66 Year Reunion

Date: Friday 6 September 2019
Time: 11.00am to 12.00pm
Format: Pre Lunch Drinks
Venue: Cuvee Lounge – Lobby Level - Sofitel Brisbane Central

Date: Friday 6 September 2019
Time: 12.00pm
Format: Interactive Lunch Buffet
Venue: Thyme 2 Restaurant - Lobby Level - Sofitel Brisbane Central
Contact: **Alan Skyring** **Email:** alan.g.s@bigpond.com

Class of 1959 - 60 Year Reunion

Date: 11.30 for 12.00 Tuesday 9th July
Format: Welcome drink and Luncheon
Venue: United Service Club, Wickham Terrace
Cost: \$80 per person
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/BBVDM
Contact: **Bruce Copley** Mob 0412 757 063 **Email:** bcopley69@gmail.com

Class of 1969 - 50 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 16th November
Venue: Kurilpa Building Rooftop, State High
Format: Reunion Dinner
Contact: **Bruce Bevan** **Email:** lbevan@aapt.net.au

Date: Saturday 16th November
Venue: Upper Quad, State High, Vulture Street
Format: School Tour in conjunction with Class 12.12
Contact: **Chris Andrews** **Email:** chris.a@pobox.com

1969 Class 12.12 – 50 Year Reunion

Date: Friday 15th November
Venue: 100 Acre Bar St Lucia Golf Course
Format: Reunion Dinner
Contact: **Chris Andrews** **Email:** chris.a@pobox.com

Date: Saturday 16th November
Venue: Upper Quad, State High, Vulture Street
Format: School Tour in conjunction with the Class of 1969
Contact: **Chris Andrews** **Email:** chris.a@pobox.com

Date: Sunday 17th November
Venue: TBA
Format: BBQ Lunch
Contact: **Chris Andrews** **Email:** chris.a@pobox.com

Class of 1999 - 20 Year Reunion

Facebook: "BSHS Class of 1999 20 Year Reunion"

THE GOLDEN ERA

The late 1940's have been called the golden era in **State High** sport. **State High** won the GPS Athletics premiership in 1946, the GPS Rugby premiership in 1947, the GPS Head of the River in 1948 and the GPS Cricket premiership in 1949. The 1946, 1947 and 1949 premierships were the first premierships for Athletics, Rugby and Cricket won by **State High**. Unfortunately, the 1948 Head of the River victory was the fifth and last victory by **State High**.

THE CRICKET STORY

From cellar dwellers to premiers! What a difference a year makes – that year was 1949. **BSHS** had never won the A Grade Cricket Premiership. After years in the cricket wilderness, how did a premiership winning team come together?

Almost all the players had the benefit of a year in D1 (Under 15) Grade coached by Mr Vic Honour. In 1946 **BSHS** won the D1 Grade Premiership. Players from that team who became “Forty-niners” were **Gordon Jones, John Macklin, Brian O’Sullivan, Ron Hansen** and myself, **Bob Miles**.

Over the next two years we were in A Grade sides which had little success – only one win in 1948 and that be a margin of one run. An infusion of new talent was needed.

In 1948, **BSHS** was runner-up in Grade D1. Bad fielding in the final game cost them the premiership. Top performers in that team were **David Applegarth, Dick Searle, Roy Reynolds, Alan Beattie** and **Brendan McLeod**. They were the new talent. They blended perfectly with the older five, providing an ideal mix of batting and bowling skills and with another player, **Gordon Kingston**, (ex IGS), a well-balanced team with great team spirit was formed. **Gordon Kingston**, (batsman/wicket keeper) was captain. He was also the school captain. Mr George Lockie was the coach.

A few words about our coaches!. Both had represented Queensland and Vic was a State selector at the time. They knew the game from top to bottom and were all-round good blokes.

Another all-round good bloke who must be mentioned was our number one team supporter and scorer, **Ron Beech**. Ron excelled at rugby and athletics and he was also hooked on cricket and was a handy player. The 1947 school magazine review of the C2 Grade noted – “Beech was a very consistent batsman and his bowling often saved the day.” He set aside his playing role to become an integral part of the 1949 team effort. Those were the personalities involved.

How did the competition unfold?

In the final analysis, all games were of equal importance; a loss in any one of them would have cost us the premiership. However, there were three which had added pleasure at the time. The opponents were;

Church of England Grammar School – played in the first part of the season, on their home ground. They had a powerful team which included Peter Burge and Ron Archer who were soon to be playing for Queensland and Australia.

Ipswich Grammar School – the penultimate game played on their home ground, Here we needed an outright win to stay in contention and;

Gregory Terrace – the final game, played on their home ground. At this stage, we were in a three-way tie at the top of the table. We had to win and have other results favour us.

Well, we did what we had to do and the other results did fall our way.

BSHS had won its first GPS A Grade Cricket Premiership.

Memories are great. Those fresh young faced in the team photograph remain that way and they bring back good thoughts.

The epic tale continues.....*Bob Miles*, Class of 1949

David Applegarth whose enthusiasm for his alma mater never diminishes was the guest speaker at the recent annual **State High** cricket dinner. David in conjunction with fellow 1949'ers **Robert Miles, John Macklin** and **Ron Beech** will be special guests at the **State High** Foundation Day Assembly on 29 July.

BSHS PSA MEETINGS

General Meetings will be held at 9.00am on Saturday **3 August** and Saturday **2 November 2019**. The meetings will be in the school museum in the Assembly / Sports Hall, Block "F", on the Vulture Campus.

All past students are invited to attend these important meetings to provide input to their association.

VALE

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

Bruce Alcorn	Class of 1959
Veronica Burke (Stallan),	Class of 1953
Ruth Ekis,	Class of 1962
Ian Elkington,	Class of 1967
Michael Joel Solomon	Class of 1955

Rae Reese came to **Brisbane State High School** in 1948 on a Junior Teachers' Scholarship. At Wynnum Intermediate School, she had been the champion athlete and she was the senior champion athlete for the two years she was at **State High**. She taught at Beaudesert where she met **John Mavor**, Class of 1951. Rae spent three years teaching aboriginal children on Goulburn Island in the Northern Territory. In 1958 she married John Mavor who had become a Methodist Minister. They served in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. Rae supported John when he became Moderator of the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church and in 1997 – 2000 when he was the National President. She had a blood condition for many years and died in her home on the Gold Coast of leukaemia on 3rd December 2018.

Rev John E Mavor AM

Robert Eric White, 1962-64

Legendary Brisbane jewellery designer **Robert White** was a fixture in the Brisbane Arcade since 1974. He designed extensively for Queensland's A-listers but is most famous for the pearl and diamond earrings worn by Renate Blauel at her wedding to pop king Elton John in 1984.

Tributes flowed in for Mr White, who opened his eponymous business in the heart of the city 44 years ago. His secretary Cathy Harry described him as "a true gentleman", while Tracey Mathers, of the Mathers shoe family, said he was "a city icon" who had "left behind a legacy of people wearing magnificent jewellery".

Mr White completed an apprenticeship with Hardy Brothers and was passionate about crafting classic handmade pieces.



1949 Premiership winning 1st XI



Robert White

AN OUTSTANDING CAREER

I attended **BSHS** in 1980 and 1981 for years 11 and 12. I am forever grateful for the patience, dedication and commitment of the teaching faculty. I could not imagine a more inspiring group of students and educators. I was the female dux in 1981, achieved the equivalent of an OP1 and attended the University of Qld Medical School where I achieved first class honours and a University Medal in 1987. I was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for "Australia at Large" 1988, which enabled me to undertake research in Oxford under the supervision of Professor Turner and I completed my DPhil in the field of the genetics of type 2 diabetes in 1992. Following my return to Brisbane in 1993 I undertook clinical training in endocrinology and am currently Associate Professor in the School of Clinical Medicine (Prince Charles Hospital Northside Clinical Unit) at the University of Queensland. I am actively involved in research in collaboration with QIMR regarding the genetic basis of type 2 diabetes, and have a busy private practice. None of the above would have been possible without the benefit of my years at **BSHS**. In my professional career every day I work alongside colleagues who attended **BSHS** with me who have made remarkable contributions to patient care and clinical research. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to attend this wonderful school.

Joanne Shaw (Cook) MBBS (Hons), FRACP, DPhil (Oxon)

FEEDBACK

A selection of responses to recent issues of **AMICUS**. Many thanks - **Barry Irwin PSA AMICUS** Editor

Thanks for a very interesting read... I have enjoyed a wonderful career in media, having worked as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Sydney Morning Herald, before travelling to work for The New York Times in Paris, France for 4 years (including 6 months on exchange at NYT headquarters in NYC), then transferring to Boston, USA, to work for an international start-up called GlobalPost for 3 years.

I returned to Australia in 2011 and began work at the ABC Online, where I have held the roles of Supervising Producer in Online, coordinator of Australia Votes (the ABC's 2016 Federal election website), and more recently as Analysis/Opinion commissioning editor.

Freya Petersen, Class of 1988

Wonderful rendition of all who have made their mark in The Arts since **State High**. I was a bit surprised that **Penny Downie**, Class of 1970 was left off the list - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penny_Downie She was a great inspiration to me when we did the Brigadoon Operetta together in 1970 before her going to NIDA to start building her film and theatre career that led her to England.

Otto Lechner School Captain 1970

Very many thanks for the generous mention in the latest **AMICUS**. This will be my 28th year narrating the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and when I have done that we will bring the show, not the same one but one which will be equally as good, to Homebush in Sydney in October. I will try to fly up to Brisbane for a day before I vanish back to the chill of a British autumn. I also have five books, two for adults, three for children, under my belt now with another one for young kids due out in the British summer this year. I must have learned well at **State High**. Interestingly at the school I opted for the drama class instead of the cadets even though back in Scotland I finished up a member of the UK Parachute Regiment. Funny the twists and turns life takes.

Alasdair Hutton, Class of 1955

I enjoyed reading in **AMICUS** of fellow **BSHS** alumni who have excelled in The Arts. I also enjoyed subjects including Art and Dance in my senior years at **State High**. After graduating in 1998 I made the move to Melbourne to study a Bachelor of Dance at the Victorian College of the Arts affiliated with The University of Melbourne. Whilst I since went on to further studies and now work in marketing and communications, I certainly credit my years at **State High** and the opportunities I was given in Years 11 and 12 to allowing me to study dance full time in Melbourne.

Pru Reed (Harris), Class of 1998

I graduated from **BSHS** in 1986. Despite being told that I would never become a commercial artist, I went on to become a Lead 3D supervisor in the film industry. I have worked for ILM, Disney, Lucas, Marvel etc. I have worked on films such as Skyfall, Maleficent, Muppets Most Wanted, Harry Potter, Narnia, Die Hard 5, Red 2, Exodus, Dark Sea Guardians of the Galaxy etc. I'd like to inspire students of **BSHS**.

Jet (John) Cooper, Class of 1986

ANOTHER DREAM TEAM

Quest Newspaper sports reporter Andrew Dawson has selected his all-time Great Public Schools Association of Queensland (GPS) cricket dream team that is so strong that current Test squad members Joe Burns and **Marnus Labuschagne** would miss the XI. There is also no room for **Brisbane State High School** alumni **John Maclean** and **Peter Allen** but **State High** trio **Stuart Law**, **Ian Healy** and **Michael Kasprowicz** are included, alongside Churchie greats Ron Archer and Peter Burge who played against the **State High** 1949 premiership winning 1st XI.

The dream team is: Shane Watson (IGS), Jim Maher (Nudgee), Martin Love (TGS), Peter Burge (Churchie), **Stuart Law (BSHS)**, Chris Lynn (Nudgee College), **Ian Healy (BSHS)**, Ron Oxenham (St Joseph's Gregory Terrace), Ron Archer (Churchie), Craig McDermott (IGS), **Michael Kasprowicz (BSHS)**. David Ogilvie (BGS, 12th man). Coach: John Buchanan (TSS).

THE A-LEAGUE

Adelaide United's elimination final hero **Ben Halloran**, Class of 2009, said his teammates were focused on their quest for an A-League title. Ben stroked home a 119th-minute goal to sink Melbourne City in dramatic fashion and send the Hindmarsh Stadium crowd into raptures in the elimination final. The career path for the 2014 Socceroo has included Gold Coast United, Brisbane Roar, Fortuna Dusseldorf, FC Heidenheim, V-Varen Nagasaki and Adelaide United.

ROWING HISTORY

The King's Cup Supporters' Committee is planning a re-enactment of the 1939 King's Cup race on the original three mile Hamilton Reach course. The Queensland victory in the 1939 race is the last time that Queensland has won the premier interstate rowing event. Quadruple rowing Olympian and three time bronze medallist, **Bo Hanson**, Class of 1990, will coach one of the developmental crews to contest this event.

ATHLETIC ANANG

After competing for Australia at the 2017 World Championships in London and the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, **Naa Anang**, Class of 2012, has qualified for the 2019 World Championships in Doha. Naa is the current 100m and long jump Australian champion and is well on track to becoming **State High's** 37th Olympian at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

CAPTAIN KEREVI

The **State High** duo of **Samu Kerevi**, Class of 2011 and **Chris Feauia-Sautia**, Class of 2011, have provided the Queensland REDS with a formidable midfield in the 2019 Super Rugby competition. Samu's elevation to the captaincy has enhanced his standing in the game and both look forward to participating in the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan. **Adam Korczyk**, Class of 2012, is also in the 2019 REDS squad and Samu, Chris and Adam were all in the 2011 **State High** 1st XV captained by former REDS player **Curtis Browning**, School Captain 2011.

COACHING COMMITMENT

Many **State High** past students continue to contribute to the game of rugby that played a significant part in their time at **State High**. In 2019 these include the following:

Mark Bartholomeusz, Class of 1994, **State High** 1st XV assistant coach
Patrick Byron, Class of 1998, **State High** staff member and **State High** 1st XV coach
Paul Carozza, Class of 1983, REDS Academy, Head of Talent Management
Moses Rauluni, Class of 1992, Brisbane Easts 1st Grade coach
Andrew Scotney, Class of 1993, Nudgee College 1st XV coach
Rodney Seib, Class of 1992, Brisbane Brothers 1st Grade coach
Adrian Thompson, Class of 1982, Rugby Australia's head of national XV's high performance
Elia Tuquiri, Class of 1999, Brisbane Souths 1st Grade coach

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Fees are due in February of the expiry year.

1 YEAR - **\$15**

5 YEARS - **\$50**

Membership rates are:

10 YEARS - **\$90**

Life membership - **\$250**

(1) Please post your cheque for renewal to;

OR - (2) Pay via electronic transfer to the following account;


**Brisbane State High School Past Students Association
Cnr Cordelia and Glenelg Streets
South Brisbane
QLD 4101**

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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 cheque.


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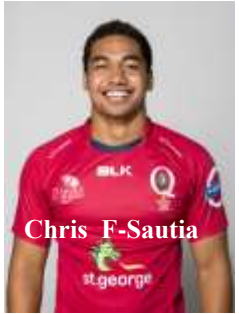
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Hugh Bartholomeusz




Naa Anang



Chris F-Sautia



Ben Halloran



Samu Kerevi

ANZAC DAY

The ANZAC Day commemorative address was delivered by an energetic and inspirational **Air Vice-Marshal Dr Hugh Bartholomeusz OAM RFD MBBS FRACS**, Class of 1970.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES and AMICUS

To consolidate our collection, the school museum would be pleased to receive the following copies of the annual school magazine. **July 1921, 1942, 1943, 1954, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1974, 1978 and 1994.**

Also **pre-1998** copies of **AMICUS**, the **BSHS PSA** newsletter would also be most welcome.

If you are able to donate any of these publications to the school museum please contact **Barry Irwin** via email bshspsa@gmail.com or post to the school.

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