



BRISBANE GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

150  
1875 – 2025  
*Years*

# FOUNDATION CELEBRATION

Saturday 15 March 2025  
4 pm – 6.30 pm



## Principal's message

Today, we honour Brisbane Girls Grammar School's long and distinguished tradition of educating girls and young women and the foundation of this School on 15 March 1875. For 150 years a broad, liberal education has laid a foundation for the future. This is an occasion that deserves special acknowledgement. It marks a time for us to pause and reflect on the vibrant history of the School—to consider all those who have contributed so significantly to the shaping of Girls Grammar as it is today, and the bravery of those who fought so tenaciously for girls' education long before it was accepted practice.

We welcome you to the School's main campus to enjoy the festivities and to share in our reflections on a robust and pioneering history. To celebrate 150 years, we are presenting objects and stories of the past around our Spring Hill campus, exhibiting artworks, hosting panel discussions, and celebrating with friends and fireworks on the Pool Lawn.

We encourage you to contribute your own stories and to reflect on the Grammar sisterhood and the bonds that endure beyond the white picket fence.

Thank you for being a part of this historic occasion.

**Ms Jacinda Euler Welsh**



## Food and Beverage Offerings

4 pm to 6.30 pm	<b>OGA Sesqui Sunset Bar</b> <i>Pool Deck</i> Enjoy exquisite wines from Parkside Winery with Jenny Ward (Claringbould, 1981), and premium gin from Hartshorn Distillery with Nicole Gilliver (1993). A perfect way to celebrate the Sesquicentenary in style.
4 pm to 6.30 pm	<b>Hot Potato Stall</b> <i>Tucker Down, Level 2, CLC</i> Supported by the Fathers Group
4 pm to 6.30 pm	<b>Cold Beverage &amp; Slushie Stall</b> <i>Level 1, CLC</i> Supported by the P&F
4 pm to 6.30 pm	<b>Antipasto and Cheese Boxes</b> <i>Pool Deck</i> Supported by the Music Support Group
4 pm to 6.30 pm	<b>'Oar'some Sweet Treats</b> <i>Level 1, CLC</i> Supported by the Rowing Support Group

Tables and chairs are located on Level 3 of the CLC for additional seating. The Foundation Celebration is a cashless event, with EFTPOS the only available payment method for purchases.

## Places of Interest

### Cherrell Hirst Creative Learning Centre

- This innovative building was named the best public building at the 2008 Queensland Architecture awards.
- Named in honour of Dr Cherrell Hirst AO (1963), former Chair of the Board of Trustees.

### McCrae Grassie Sports Centre

- Built in 1995 and named after the Chairman of Trustees, Dr McCrae Grassie.
- Includes two classrooms, change rooms, three volleyball courts, six badminton courts, one basketball court, one netball court, a rock climbing wall.
- Mezzanine floor which accommodates seating, aerobics and dance classes.

### Gehrmann Theatre

The theatre seats 260 people and is used for Year level assemblies, guest speakers, plays and performances.

Named after Augustus Gehrmann, former Chair of the Board of Trustees.

### Science Learning Centre (SLC)

- The seven-story building features a multi-functional space for full cohort examinations, 16 science laboratories, 3 science preparation labs, 5 general learning areas, outdoor breakout zones and an outdoor covered recreation space for Sport and HPE.
- The central void echoes Einstein's diagram of the space-time continuum.

### Main Building

#### Museum:

- Examples of historical items held by Girls Grammar.

#### Annie Mackay Room:

- Named in honour of past Principal, Miss Annie Mackay (1916-1924).
- It was used as the Assembly Hall until 1963 and subsequently used by boarders as a dining room until the closure of boarding house in 2002.

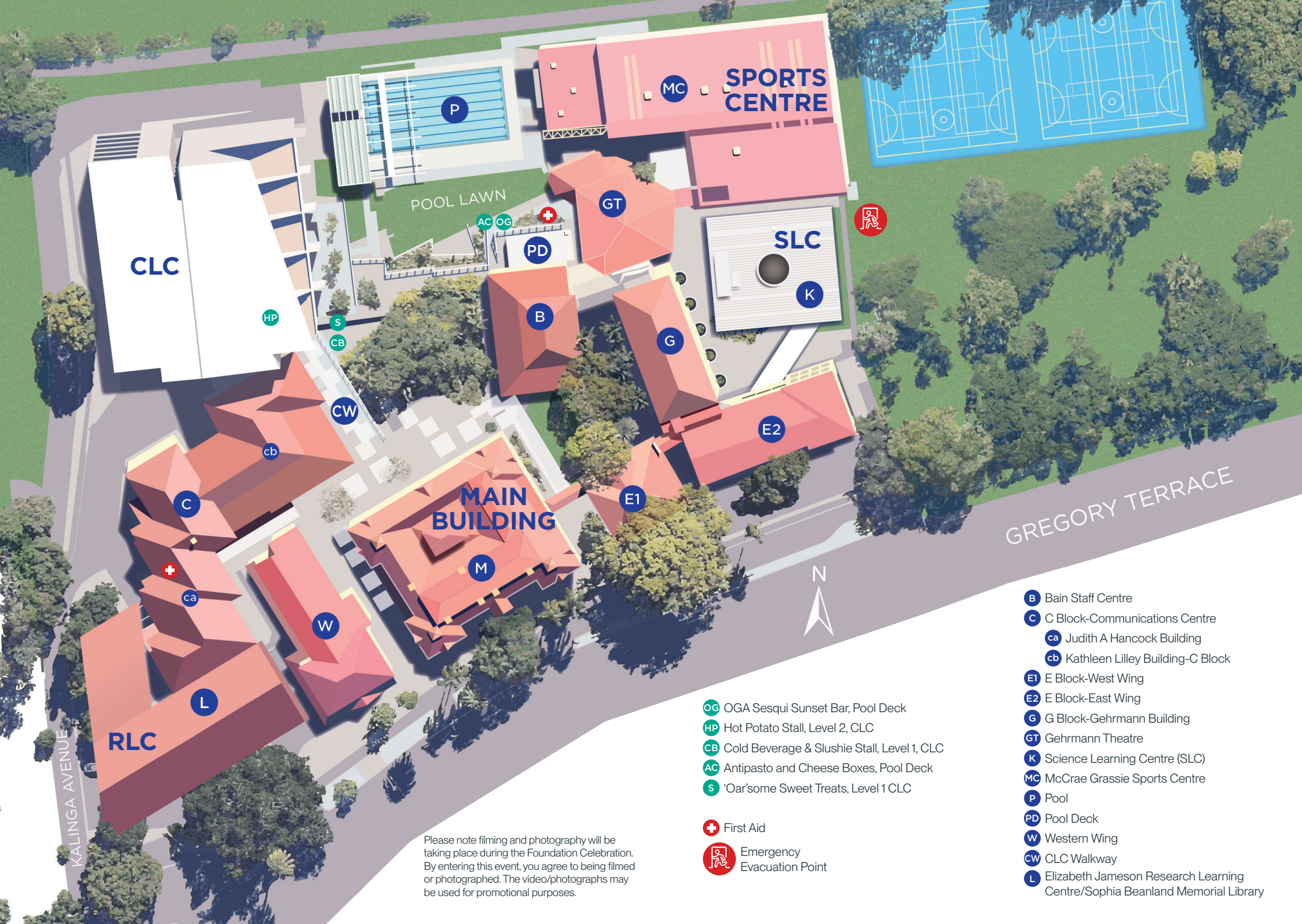
### Elizabeth Jameson Research Learning Centre (EJRLC)

- The five-story building has ten general learning areas with a variety of library and study spaces as its backbone. Girls Grammar has had a School library collection since 1882.
- The building won the educational Architecture Award, the Interior Architecture Award and the highest accolade—the John Dalton Award for Brisbane Building of the Year—at the 2017 Australian Institute of Architects (Queensland Chapter) Awards.



# Activities and Events

EVENT COMMENCES	
3.30 pm to 3.50 pm	<b>Lilley to Lilley walk</b> <i>Year 12s walk from the original campus location on Wickham Terrace to the current BGGGS campus.</i> We invite all students, past and current, to join with the Year 7s in welcoming the Year 12 cohort into the School. We encourage you to gather on the walkway of the CLC Building.
3.50 pm	<b>150 Year Anniversary flag raising</b> <i>Flag pole, front of Main Building</i>
3.55 pm	<b>School War Cry led by Year 12 Head Girls</b> <i>Rear of Main Building (opposite CLC walkway)</i>
4 pm – 5.30 pm	<b>Curated Campus Tours with current students</b> <i>Departing from the rear of the Main Building every 15 minutes</i> Our welcoming students will guide you on a tour of the campus, highlighting key historic items and notable buildings.
4 pm – 5.30 pm	<b>Generational Grammar Women photos—capture your connection!</b> <i>Level 3, Room 302, CLC</i> Celebrate your family's Grammar legacy. Gather your generations of Grammar Women for a special commemorative photo.
4 pm – 5.30 pm	<b>Alumnae musicians</b> <i>Pool Lawn</i> Enjoy reconnecting with friends on the pool lawn as you listen to our talented alumnae musicians.
4 pm – 5.30 pm	<b>Junior School display</b> <i>Annie Mackay Room, Main Building</i> Learn about our new Junior School opening in 2026, including philanthropic opportunities, an update on the construction progress, and meet the inaugural Head of Junior School, Ms Karen McArdle.
4 pm – 5.30 pm	<b>Mittelheuser Museum &amp; Past Boarders display</b> <i>Annie Mackay Room, Main Building</i> Enjoy at your leisure our newly curated display of illustrious Grammar Women in the Mittelheuser Museum and past boarder mementos.
4.15 pm to 4.45 pm Seated Activities	<b>Eras panel</b> <i>Gehrmann Theatre</i> Panel conversation with Grammar Women from different decades reflecting on school life and their paths since leaving school. Opportunity for guests to preorder the School's 150th Anniversary book.  <b>Afternoon tea and art exhibit</b> <i>Barbara Fielding Room, Level 4, CLC</i> Hear from Manager, Fine Arts Collections, Lorraine Thornquist as you enjoy a seated afternoon tea and take a look at the many ways our Main Building, the centre of our school and our history, has been depicted in the Fine Arts Collections across the years and celebrate key professional alumnae artists who have been generous donors to our Collections.  <b>Afternoon tea with musical performances</b> <i>Louise McDonald Room, Level 2, SLC</i> Performances from our BGGGS Big Band as you enjoy a seated afternoon tea.
4.15 pm to 5.30 pm Seated Activity	<b>1500 Flowers art installation project</b> <i>Level 6, Room 602, CLC</i> An imaginative art installation by Simone Eisler will be unveiled at our Open Day in August—an enchanting display of hundreds of handmade flowers inspired by the School's history. Hosted by Head of Department, Visual Art, Donald Pincott, you're invited to contribute your own handmade flower to this vibrant artwork.
4 pm to 5.30 pm	<b>Past Staff reception</b> <i>Bain Staff Centre</i> In recognition of their invaluable contributions, we invite past staff to join us for a special reception. You're welcome to drop in at any time and stay for as long as you like!
5 pm to 5.30 pm Seated Activities	<b>School history and culture talk</b> <i>Gehrmann Theatre</i> Hear from Manager, School History and Culture, Pauline Harvey-Short as she reflects on our 150 years of rich history and honours our enduring legacy of pioneering girls' education and empowering young women. Opportunity for guests to preorder the School's 150th Anniversary book.  <b>Afternoon tea and art exhibit</b> <i>Barbara Fielding Room, Level 4 CLC</i> Hear from Manager, Fine Arts Collections, Lorraine Thornquist as you enjoy a seated afternoon tea and take a look at the many ways our Main Building, the centre of our school and our history, has been depicted in the Fine Arts Collections across the years and celebrate key professional alumnae artists who have been generous donors to our Collections.  <b>Afternoon tea with musical performances</b> <i>Louise McDonald Room, Level 2 SLC</i> Performances from the BGGGS Percussion Ensemble and Songwriter Studio as you enjoy a seated afternoon tea.
5.30 pm to 5.45 pm	<b>Musical performances</b> <b>BGGGS Symphonic Winds and Chorale</b> <i>Pool Lawn</i>
5.45 pm to 6 pm	<b>Official welcome and 150 Year celebrations</b> <i>Pool Lawn</i> Chair, Ms Julie McKay (2000), and Principal, Ms Jacinda Euler Welsh, welcome guests and recognise the proud achievement of our 150 year anniversary, marking an illustrious journey since our founding in 1875.
6 pm to 6.15 pm	<b>Musical performances</b> <b>BGGGS Mendelssohn Strings and Chamber Strings</b> <i>Pool Lawn</i>
6.15 pm to 6.30 pm	<b>Musical performances</b> <b>BGGGS Symphony Orchestra and Chorale</b> <i>Pool Lawn</i>
6.30 pm	<b>Fireworks</b> <i>Pool Lawn</i>
EVENT CONCLUDES	



KALINGA AVENUE

GREGORY TERRACE



- OGA Sesqui Sunset Bar, Pool Deck
- HP Hot Potato Stall, Level 2, CLC
- CB Cold Beverage & Slushie Stall, Level 1, CLC
- AC Antipasto and Cheese Boxes, Pool Deck
- S \*Oar'some Sweet Treats, Level 1 CLC

- + First Aid
- Ⓜ Emergency Evacuation Point

- B Bain Staff Centre
- C C Block-Communications Centre
- ca Judith A Hancock Building
- cb Kathleen Lilley Building-C Block
- E1 E Block-West Wing
- E2 E Block-East Wing
- G G Block-Gehrmann Building
- GT Gehrmann Theatre
- K Science Learning Centre (SLC)
- MC McCrae Grassie Sports Centre
- P Pool
- PD Pool Deck
- W Western Wing
- CW CLC Walkway
- L Elizabeth Jameson Research Learning Centre/Sophia Beanland Memorial Library

Please note filming and photography will be taking place during the Foundation Celebration. By entering this event, you agree to being filmed or photographed. The video/photos may be used for promotional purposes.

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