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Parent Communiqué



SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate with The Women's College in 2024

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Family Day

A day of welcome events for parents and first year students to mark the commencement of Orientation Week.

THURSDAY 07 MARCH

Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

An invitation-only event for parents to celebrate the achievements of their daughters who receive academic prizes.

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

Back to Women's: Celebrating 110 Years

The Women's College community is invited to this milestone celebration for our 110th Anniversary. We will honour the past and inspire the future with activities to celebrate our legacy.

FRIDAY 10 MAY

Mother & Daughter Dinner

A special event for current students and their mothers with an opportunity to acknowledge our multi-generational families.

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

110th Anniversary Ball

The 110th Anniversary Ball promises to be an event with a difference. This elegant black-tie occasion will be an unforgettable experience at Queens Wharf Brisbane, where you can get together with families and friends of The Women's College community.

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

Father & Daughter Drinks

An opportunity for fathers to join their daughters and discover what's been happening at College.

DATE TBC

Community Formal Dinner

An invitation-only event for parents of service award recipients.

DATE TBC

Cultural Formal Dinner

An invitation-only event for parents of cultural award winners.

DATE TBC

Sports Formal Dinner

An invitation-only event for parents of sporting award winners.

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER

Valedictory Dinner

A spectacular evening dedicated to recognising our valedicts and graduands. This is an invitation-only dinner for parents of Graduands and Third Year Valedicts.

Note:

The date of these events are subject to change. Invitations are emailed to parents in the lead-up to each event and details are promoted on the College website at www.womens.uq.edu.au/events

110

YEARS OF



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IN 2024

Celebrating a Legacy:

Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future

Since its founding in 1914, The Women's College has provided a supportive living and learning community for countless students, shaping their lives and nurturing their intellects.

Our 110th Anniversary celebrations will take place throughout 2024 and will be a remarkable opportunity for our community to reconnect, reminisce, and rekindle old friendships.

This momentous year will be marked by events and activities to honour our rich history, celebrate our collective achievements, and set the stage for an inspiring future.

[Click here](#) for more details about our 110th Anniversary celebrations.

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Cover image: Our 2023 UQ Giving Day Ambassadors planned and organised the inaugural Giving Games, where students and staff came together and raised more than \$2,500 in two hours in support of The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship. Overall, the Women's community generously donated \$16,258.50 during this year's UQ Giving Day campaign.

Stay connected and join our Women's College community for all the latest information and events for parents.

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From the Head of College

Florence Kearney, Head of College & CEO

Welcome to our final Parent Communiqué for 2023.

As the academic year closes, I acknowledge and thank all members of The Women's College community for another successful year in this special living and learning community.

Enrolments continue to be in high demand for 2024, with the College again at full capacity with both residents and associates to commence next year, which is testament to the vibrant and supportive culture at Women's.

It has been heartwarming to hear our student leaders express their gratitude to their fellow students and the staff across the end-of-year events as they prepare to leave the College after their exams.

We were delighted to meet parents and families at our Family Day back in February as our Freshers arrived at Women's, anticipating new beginnings with university studies and College life. We have also enjoyed hosting several scheduled parent events this year, culminating in the celebratory Valedictory Dinner with parents of our Third Year Valedicts and Graduands on Thursday 19 October. Our families are very important to us, and we are pleased to be able to share these events and stay in touch regularly through our Parent Communiqués and social media.

While university studies are the foundation of the student experience, College life provides many opportunities for personal growth and connection with others, facilitating the development of friendships and networks that last a lifetime. Ready to Lead forums, student functions, Women of the World Q&A events, Formal Dinners with a wide variety of inspirational guest speakers, Women's Industry Night, and mentoring sessions have featured throughout the year. Our students wholeheartedly enjoyed the very busy and successful ICC program. Congratulations to our Women's teams in the sport competition, with 3rd place overall: 1st in Volleyball and Netball (with both teams undefeated all season); 2nd in AFL and Touch Football; and 3rd in Hockey, Soccer, Rowing and Rugby 7s). Congratulations also on 6th place overall in the ICC cultural competition, with 1st in both Oratory and Art Show, 2nd in Choralfest and 3rd in One Act Play. I also acknowledge the exceptional engagement in both ICC and College community programs in which students have not only given back with their time but also raised significant amounts for charities with a



particular focus on women's issues. In addition, the numerous ICC social events have filled the calendar with regular occasions to interact with other Colleges.

Heartiest congratulations to our Graduands and their families! It is a thrilling moment to witness your daughters complete their degrees and step into their futures as university graduates. We know that our graduating students will cherish their College experience and reap the benefits of their time at Women's.

I sincerely thank and congratulate the outgoing Student Leadership Team (SLT) for their excellent leadership of the College this year, led most impressively by Phoebe Lingard (Student Club President), Lili Anderson (Senior Resident Assistant [SRA]), Ellen Moroney (Vice President) and Grete Gawthorn (Deputy SRA). Congratulations also to the incoming SLT for 2024, to be led by Zimena Furey (Student Club President), Isabel (Izzy) Nolke (SRA), Elizabeth (Dixie) McNaught (Vice President) and Jillian Campbell (Deputy SRA). Our incoming SLT will spend four days at the end of this semester

Semester 2 Snapshot



Women's College
College at full capacity with 254 residents and over 50 associates.



Academics
Outstanding academic results achieved last semester.



ICC
3rd place overall in ICC, with 1st in Netball, Art Show and Oratory (Sem 2) and active community members, paying it forward and giving back.



Jillian Campbell (2024 Deputy Senior Resident Assistant), Izzy Nolke (2024 Senior Resident Assistant), Flo Kearney (Head of College & CEO), Dixie McNaught (2024 Student Club Vice President) and Zimena Furey (2024 Student Club President).

planning for their leadership of the College next year, including the development of the O Week program to welcome our new residents and associates in February 2024.

The College acknowledges the generosity of the 2023 Student Club in leaving lasting legacies for future students. The Student Club's gift to the College of a \$10,000 donation towards the development of the new Wellness Precinct – which is part of Stage 1 of the Master Plan – will provide an attractive multi-purpose study and social space for generations to come. The continuing partnership with the College for the Women's College and Student Club Scholarship for leadership will again support a member of the SLT next year. Congratulations and thank you to the College community for raising more than \$16,000 for this scholarship fund during the UQ Giving Day on

Wednesday 18 October, with the SLT's initiative of the Mary Wooza's Giving Games being a highlight.

At the end of this year, we say farewell to Jeff Sipek who will retire as Director of Operations after almost 35 years as a member of staff. Jeff's long and distinguished service has made an incredibly significant and lasting impact on College life and the memories of generations of young women who have called the College home. The College honoured Jeff with a Fellowship for his exceptional service at the Valedictory Dinner in October. We congratulate and thank Jeff for all he has given to Women's College, and wish him well for his retirement.

I extend our very best wishes to our students and their families for the festive season and look forward to celebrating the College's 110th Anniversary with everyone in 2024.



Philanthropy Outcomes

63 bursaries, scholarships and academic prizes awarded to residents.



Events

Well-attended Father & Daughter Drinks with fathers travelling from far and wide.



Master Plan

Finalisation of the College's Master Plan for the next 10 years and commencement of Stage 1 – Wellbeing Precinct – in 2024.



Celebrations

Exciting planned events underway for 110th Anniversary celebrations in 2024.

Student Life

Gayle Harris, Deputy Head of College

After the five-week mid-year break, our students returned with revived enthusiasm for their academic studies. To assist them with setting their goals for Semester 2, our Freshers either met with Dean of Students Emma Campbell, or me to discuss their university results for Semester 1 2023 and their aspirations for Semester 2 and beyond. This academic and wellbeing support provided by the College to our First-Year residents is a valuable contributor to a successful transition to university studies and to communal living as a young adult.

The Academic Mentorship program continued, and the Semester 2 Tutorial Program was organised, with many residents taking advantage of these support programs.

Our Student Leadership Team – which is made up of 14 elected Student Club Executive members and 14 selected Residential Assistants – returned early, before the official start of Semester 2 to continue their leadership training. They earnestly prepared activities for the first week back and looked ahead to plan for the various events that would take place during the remainder of the year.

The first week of Semester 2 was filled with an array of welcome back activities, ranging from the College-hosted Welcome Back drinks on The Deck to our Semester 2 Commencement Formal Dinner. With a full College of 255 residents and with many Associates also joining us for the dinner, the atmosphere was one of excitement, belonging and positivity.

The 2024 Aspirational Leaders Retreat – a full-day workshop coordinated by Dean of Students Emma Campbell – was held early in the semester, providing interested residents with opportunities to learn about leadership. This was a very successful event at which representatives from NAAUC – the National Association of Australian University Colleges – ran programs on leadership styles and the role of a student leader within the College context. In the afternoon, students were given the opportunity to work in groups on pitching an idea to improve the College experience in 2024. The leadership retreat was capped off with a networking event where the tips of networking learnt as part of the workshop could be used to mingle with current and past members of the College.

Those who were keen to seek leadership positions in the College in 2024 also attended a Ready to Lead session later in the semester. At this session, our current Student Leaders reflected on their positions and gave the aspiring leaders insight into College leadership.

The final stretch of student activities for the semester reflected how much energy remained following a very full and ever-changing co-curricular calendar. With the success of the 109th Women's College Ball in early August, followed by outstanding sporting and cultural performances, our Woozas continued to balance their social and academic lives to gain the most from College life. Much of the success of our students is dependent on their connection with their peers and the ability to not only socialise, but to engage in a multitude of activities that improve personal and community wellbeing, a sense of belonging and a determined optimism for the remainder of the semester.

ICC Sport wrapped up just after mid-semester break and Women's placed 3rd overall. Results of note for 2023 included our 1st place in Volleyball and Netball; 2nd place in AFL and Touch Football; 3rd place in Hockey, Rowing, Soccer and Rugby 7s; and 4th in Athletics and Swimming.

The creative talents of our Woozas have contributed to a vibrant cultural atmosphere in the College. In the ICC Cultural competition, Oratory and Art Show saw Women's take 1st place, Choralfest saw our team take 2nd place and, commendably, our performance for the One Act Play gained us 3rd place.

The annual Great Court Race saw the Women's team take out 1st place.

This year, residents have organised charity events and participated in various fundraising activities, demonstrating their commitment to giving back. Students participated in activities such as Shave for a Cure, Clean up Australia Day, Pink Ladies Day, Do it in a Dress, and Share the Dignity.

Formal Dinners continued with a strong representation of the College community throughout the semester. Students have enjoyed the connections and friendships as well as the insight from guest speakers at these events. These dinners are vital to continuing the tradition of community, excellence and education within a residential college; they provide a place for us all to share a meal together and take time out of busy schedules to build on experiences with each other.

It has been an enormous year not only for every Wooza, but especially for the student leaders in their roles, empowering each individual to feel valued, connected and respected through the many wellbeing, leadership, sporting, social and cultural activities. The 2023 Student Leadership Team provided unwavering support to those of us who manage the College and we are grateful for their strong leadership, and endless passion and dedication to The Women's College.

Many students have formed strong friendships and others have fulfilled their goal of stepping outside their comfort zone to meet new people and experience new opportunities. Importantly, most Freshers have transitioned successfully into their university studies. Much of this can be attributed to the academic and wellbeing support provided through activities organised within the College such as the tutorial and mentoring program, Ready to Lead events, small and large social events, and sport, co-curricular and community events. There was always something to be involved with during the semester and it is this involvement that has seen the majority of our Freshers nominating to return for another engaging year in 2024.



Opposite page: Our Women of the World Q&A Series: Women in Healthcare saw many students and young alumnae attend this Ready to Lead event.

This page: Another Ready to Lead event – Young Professionals Networking Q&A and Drinks – featured young alumnae Laine Kapetankanos (2017), Sage Ranasinghe (2018 – 2020) and Charlotte Laughlin (2016 – 2018) share networking tips and tricks with our Woozas (first row).



Cultural and Art Show Convenor Sophia Ross and Oratory Convenor Chelsea Moor were just two of the many Woozas who celebrated brilliant achievements – with 1st place in Art Show and Oratory – in the ICC Cultural Competition across the year (second row).



Third row: Ellen Moroney and Izzy Nolke at our Mary Wooza Giving Games Bake Stall (left). Our Netball team came in 1st place undefeated during this year's ICC Sports Competition (middle). Pink Ladies Day, an annual event organised by the Student Club to raise funds for lifesaving breast cancer research, treatment and prevention (right).

Fourth row: Second Year Resident Sara Metcalf performed at our Semester 2 Commencement Dinner. A variety of guest speakers from a range of industries – including a radio host (alumna), Paralympian, bioscientist, and novelist (alumna) – shared their insights with our Woozas at our Formal Dinners across the year.





2023 Valedictory Dinner

Our annual Valedictory Dinner is an opportunity for the Women's community to come together to reflect on the year and acknowledge the contributions our Graduands and Valedicts have made to the College.

On Thursday 19 October, we congratulated our 2023 Graduands and Valedicts during a wonderful ceremony that is a highlight on our College calendar. The evening began with an Official Welcome from our Head of College & CEO, Flo Kearney.

College Council President Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM then conducted a very special Fellowship Ceremony for not one but two College community members. The first was for Kim Lyons, who is an alumna of Women's (2001 – 2005) and was our 2005 Senior Resident Assistant. Kim has served on the College Council for several years and was the Deputy President from 2012 to 2023. The second Fellowship was presented to Jeff Sipek, who has been the College's Director of Operations since 1989. For the past 35 years, Jeff has made immeasurable contributions to the College.

We were then privileged to hear from our guest speaker, The Honourable Justice Catherine Muir, who is a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. Her Honour spoke about her career pathway from university to working in law, and how making mistakes shaped her and built resilience.

Second Year Resident Sara Metcalf and Cultural Convenor Sophia Ross then performed their gorgeous rendition of Journey's *Don't Stop Believin'*, which was a beautiful way to honour our 2023 Residents and Associates.

Student Club President Phoebe Lingard and Senior Resident Assistant Lili Anderson presented their heartfelt Valedictory Addresses before the College then acknowledged our 2023 Student Leadership Team and other student leaders.

Three special awards were also presented at the event, and we congratulate the Woozas who won the following awards (read more about these awards on page 12):

- Outstanding Commitment: Ready to Lead Program – Kira Craig
- Associate Award – Imogen Elliott
- The Women's Wooza – Mary Esplin

Our 2024 Student Leadership Team was then formally introduced to the College community. These students then formed a Guard of Honour for our 2023 Graduands and Third-Year Valedicts as they departed the ceremony.

The Women's College congratulates all our 2023 Graduands, Valedicts and award recipients. We thank everyone in the College community who helped to make this event the incredibly special occasion that it was.

This page: Student Club Vice President Ellen Moroney and President Phoebe Lingard walk through the Guard of Honour that was formed by the 2024 Student Leadership Team.

Meet our 2023 Graduands

We are very proud of our residents and associates who are now eligible to graduate and join society as the next generation of leaders.

The Women's College thanks the following University representatives, who presented certificates to our Graduands.

- Professor Deborah Terry AO – Vice-Chancellor & President, The University of Queensland
- Professor Robina Xavier – Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic), Queensland University of Technology
- Brother Benildus Larkin, Lecturer (Nursing), Faculty of Health Sciences, Australian Catholic University

UQ Graduands

Grete Gawthorn
Bachelor of Science

Chelsea Moor
Bachelor of Health Sciences

Louise Ng
Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Claudia Nina
Bachelor of Midwifery

Ha Sen (Sally) Wong
Master of Music

Amy Wright
Bachelor of Science



QUT Graduands

Hannah-Jane Jensen
Bachelor of Design (Architecture)

Sophie McDonagh
Bachelor of Property Economics



ACU Graduand

Lili Anderson
Bachelor of Nursing



Graduands are pictured left to right, top to bottom.

Congratulations to our Valedicts

Third Year Residents

Sophie Arnell

Bachelor of Education
(Primary), QUT

Madeline Black

Bachelor of Business
Management / Bachelor of
Science, UQ

Ella Bradshaw

Bachelor of Midwifery, UQ

Cecilia Choi

Bachelor of Psychological
Science (Hons), UQ

Kyla Ewart

Bachelor of Nursing,
Griffith University

Daisy Fahey

Bachelor of
Communication, QUT

Phoebe Fitzgerald

Bachelor of Health
Sciences, UQ

Jemma Green

Bachelor of Business
Management / Bachelor of
Communication, UQ

Natasha Grundy

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor
of Education (Secondary),
UQ

Holly Hall

Bachelor of Physiotherapy,
ACU

Stella Horton

Bachelor of
Communication, QUT

Kathleen Humphreys

Bachelor of Communication
/ Bachelor of Arts, UQ

Jocelyn Lindsay

Bachelor of Advanced
Science (Hons), UQ

Phoebe Lingard

Bachelor of Humanities /
Bachelor of Laws (Hons),
UQ

Jemima MacLennan

Bachelor of Education
(Primary), UQ

Ella McFie

Bachelor of Nursing /
Bachelor of Behavioural
Science (Psychology),
QUT

Ellen Moroney

Bachelor of Communication
/ Bachelor of Laws (Hons),
QUT

Jessica Pini

Bachelor of Nursing /
Bachelor of Midwifery,
UQ

Millicent Power

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor
of Laws (Hons), UQ

Kyla Ricketts

Bachelor of Occupational
Therapy (Hons),
Griffith University

Savannah Robe

Bachelor of Laws (Hons),
UQ

Sophia Ross

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor
of Education (Secondary),
UQ

Maddison Trost

Bachelor of Nursing, QUT

Astrid Walters

Bachelor of Nursing /
Bachelor of Midwifery, UQ

This page: Our 2023
Graduands and Third
Year Valedicts with Gayle
Harris, Flo Kearney,
(soon-to-be-retired) Jeff
Sipek, Susan McGinley
and Emma Campbell.



Second Year Residents

Selenna Barlay

Millie Biggs

Persia Black

Jenley

Breden Kamp

Tara Bretherton

Catriona Brown

Isabelle Burke

Charlotte Crook

Grace Finlay

Fiona Flanagan

Maddison Gillam

Alex Hawkeswood

Lucy Holland

Jessie Holmes

Olivia Howard

Emily Hubbard

Jessica Hulme

Scarlett Jackson

Madison Kane

Michaela

Karakyriakos

Annaleese

Kastrissios-

Stewart

Lily Lau

Jayne Lavers

Madeleine Martin

Katie McKay

Charlotte Meade

Sara Metcalf

Clementine

Morphett

Kate Moulds

Adelina Nelson

Lucy Nicholls

Eloise Oxenford

Caitlyn Phillips

Maya Rhodes

Samantha Rix

Mackenzie Rohde

Annie Roughan

Eryn Skerman

Elissa Skinner

Sophie Sloss

Chloe Storck

Claudia Sutherland

Eleanor Swan

Lucy Taylor

Matilda Taylor

Anna Tucker

Madeleine Warner

Ally Weston

Sacha Zarew



First Year Residents

Sienna Adams
 Courtney Bryant
 Georgia Butland
 Alexandra Cattanach
 Lila Chappell
 Molly Corrigan
 Georgia Deeth
 Annabelle Durling
 Ashlee Ferguson
 Rebecca Flinn
 Sienna Griffiths
 Bridget Haynes
 Kate Henning
 Emily Huggett
 Meera Keswani
 Mia Laflamme
 Hannah Lau

Alyssa Mjaskalo
 Halle Nielsen
 Ruby Smith
 Bella Waters
 Hannah Winks

Third Year Associate

Isabelle Chapman
 Bachelor of Economics,
 UQ

Second Year Associates

Claudia Browning
 Alyssa Carney
 Alexandria Coorey

Lola Dennis
 Finlay Fawcett
 Lucca Fawcett
 Mia Giufre
 Aisling Hennessy
 Sarah Jones
 Georgia Staines
 Ella Torrens
 Annabelle Wilshire

First Year Associates

Jessica Barnes
 Emerson Brady
 Camille Derrick
 Saige Gregory
 Kim Hong
 Mia Hughes

Anna Hulme
 Jaziba Iftikhar
 Talia McKean
 Indi McKeown
 Lucinda Myers
 Emily Nilsen
 Elizabeth Nolan
 Millie Nucifora
 Sasha Parer
 Emma Paull
 Faith Phillips
 Claire Pitt
 Charlotte Power
 Grace Ringuet
 Maddison
 Scott-Fitzgerald
 Sophie Sorensen
 Jade Toomey
 Sophia Zhuang

Special Award Winners

Outstanding Commitment: Ready to Lead Program | Awarded to Kira Craig

This award acknowledges a student who has been fully involved in the Ready to Lead program and who has attended the majority of the workshops throughout the year.
Image: Head of College and CEO Flo Kearney and Kira Craig.



Associate Award | Awarded to Imogen Elliott

This award recognises the contribution of a committed First-Year Associate as being an outstanding member of the Women's College community. The Student Club Leadership Team is responsible for nominations for this award.
Image: Associate Officer Resident Assistant Astrid Walters and Imogen Elliott.



The Women's Wooza | Awarded to Mary Esplin

The 2020 Student Club Executive created The Women's Wooza Award to acknowledge a Wooza who embodies the College's core values of Community, Diversity, Empowerment, Excellence, Integrity and Respect. Each year, this award is presented to a Wooza who is a generous contributor to College life. Through their contribution, the recipient symbolises that at Women's, there are no stereotypes about what women should do, but there are unlimited expectations about what women can do. The Women's Wooza is the consummate all-rounder.

To determine The Women's Wooza Award recipient, the 24 members of the Student Leadership Team each nominate a person who they deem deserving of this prestigious award. From this list, the nominees with the most number of votes are shortlisted to four students. The entire student body then votes from this shortlist to determine The Women's Wooza Award recipient.

Image: Student Club President Phoebe Lingard and Mary Esplin.



Recognising our Student Leaders

The following students supported the Student Club and The Women's College throughout the year, and were recognised at the Valedictory Dinner. We thank these students for their efforts and time.

Academic Mentors

Tara Bretherton
Charlotte Crook
Grete Gawthorn
Natasha Grundy
Scarlett Jackson
Madison Kane
Georgia Moor
Kate Moulds
Adelina Nelson
Isabel Nolke
Eloise Oxenford
Mady Robert
Elissa Skinner
Eleanor Swan
Maddi Trost
Madeleine Warner
Hayley Wright

O Week Organising Committee

Daisy Fahey
Phoebe Fitzgerald
Grete Gawthorn
Lucy Holland
Ellen Moroney
Claudia Nina

Recycling & Community Service Committee

Tara Bretherton
Katie Humphreys
Madison Kane
Chelsea Moor
Eryn Skerman
Lucy Taylor

Rush Week Convenor

Charlotte Nott

Shoppe Committee

Charlotte Crook
Lucy Holland
Katie Humphreys
Sarah-Jane Kiernan (Sem. 2)
Madison McLeod (Sem. 2)
Chelsea Moor (Sem. 1)
Georgia Moor
Eleanor Swan
Lucy Taylor (Sem. 2)

Student Ambassadors

Talia Bauman
Daisy Calvert-Brown
Laura Charles

Kira Craig
Charlotte Crook
Lyla Crouch
Annabel Danvers
Allegra Daveson
Giulia de Capoa
Chloe Evans
Ainhoa Fernandez Santalla
Isabella Fusco
Chloe Greenhill
Bridget Haynes
Grace Hinneberg
Grace Howard
Eden Humphrey
Sarah-Jane Kiernan
Tara Lavery
Harmony Linthorne
Madison McLeod
Georgia Moor
Sophie Posselt
Grace Sweeney
Lily Taylor
Claire Thompson
Ebony Turner
Giaan Walker
Hayley Wright

Student Photography Team

Laura Charles
Daisy Fahey
Georgia Gargan
Lauren Gilmore
Maddy Martin
Louise Ng

Social Committee

Kira Craig
Isabel Nolke
Lucy Taylor

UQ Giving Day Ambassadors

Phoebe Lingard
Ella McFie
Dixie McNaught
Ellen Moroney
Claudia Nina
Isabel Nolke
Millie Power
Astrid Walters

Yearbook Committee

Kira Craig
Daisy Fahey
Sarah-Jane Kiernan

Celebrating our Award Recipients

We congratulate the 2023 Community, Cultural and Sports Award recipients. These awards were presented at Formal Dinners in September and October.

- The community awards were announced at the Community Formal Dinner on Thursday 7 September 2023.
- The sports awards were announced at the Sports Formal Dinner on Tuesday 19 September 2023.
- The cultural awards were announced at the Cultural Formal Dinner on Thursday 5 October 2023.

Community Awards

First Year Award
Mackenzie Shepley

Second Year Award
Madeleine Warner

Initiative Award
Sarah-Jane Kiernan

Environmental Award
Katie Humphreys
Chelsea Moor

Sports Awards

Convenors

AFL Georgia McMullen
Athletics Stephanie Jersmann
Badminton Ebony Turner
Basketball Michaela Karakyriakos
Hockey Jessica Hulme
Hockey Isabel Nolke
Netball Matilda Lowrie
Rowing Annie Roughan
Rowing Clementine Sweetland
Rugby 7s Hayley Wright
Soccer Selenna Barlay
Soccer Anna Tucker
Swimming Mady Robert
Touch Football Jemima Robertson
Volleyball Astrid Walters

Most Valuable Player (MVP)

AFL Ella Reddaway
Athletics Isabella Webb
Badminton Dixie McNaught
Basketball Sydney Cruickshank
Hockey Lucy Taylor
Netball Ella Peacock
Rowing Kate Henning
Rugby 7s Ella Hockam
Soccer Maddy Gillam
Swimming Hayley Wright
Touch Football Ella Peacock
Volleyball Milla Uechtritz

ICC Team

AFL Maddy Gillam
Athletics Harriet Lloyd-Jones
Badminton Rebecca Flinn
Basketball Victoria Jones
Hockey Phoebe Lingard
Netball Matilda Lowrie
Rowing Amelya Brooks
Rugby 7s Ella Peacock
Soccer Maddy Kane
Swimming Georgia Curran
Touch Football Ella Scutt
Volleyball Rebecca Flinn

Most Improved

AFL Caitlin Brittain
Athletics Meg Bailey
Badminton Claudia Sutherland
Basketball Charlotte Sutton
Hockey Georgia Curran
Netball Stella Horton
Rowing Dixie McNaught
Rugby 7s Amelya Brooks
Soccer Hannah Meyer
Swimming Sinead Jensen
Touch Football Halle Nielsen
Volleyball Ella Waye

Half Blue Sports Award

Amelya Brooks
Georgia Curran

Phoebe Fitzgerald
Rebecca Flinn
Michaela Karakyriakos
Matilda Lowrie
Ella Peacock

Full Blue Sports Award

Jemma Green
Stella Horton
Jessica Hulme
Rebecca Lander
Phoebe Lingard
Georgia McMullen
Dixie McNaught
Isabel Nolke
Jemima Robertson
Hayley Wright

Spirit of ICC Award Nominee
Zimena Furey

Mary Wooza Sport Award
Ella Peacock

Frances Wright Sport Award
Georgia McMullen

Sportswoman of the Year
Hayley Wright

Cultural Awards

Convenors

Art Show Sophia Ross
Bandfest Charlotte Meade
Bandfest Sacha Zarew
Chess Jenley Bredenkamp
Choralfest Grace Finlay
Choralfest Eleanor Swan
Dancefest Fiona Flanagan
Dancefest Annaleese
Dancefest Kastrissios-Stewart
Dancefest Eryn Skerman
Dancefest Eleanor Swan
Debating Sacha Zarew
One Act Play Jenley Bredenkamp
One Act Play Katie Humphreys
Oratory Chelsea Moor
Women's Idol & College Idol Sophia Ross

Half Blue Cultural Award

Grace Finlay
Tamsin Goodman
Lucy Holland
Katie Jamieson
Charlotte Meade
Georgia Moor
Eryn Skerman
Lucy Taylor
Anna Tully

Full Blue Cultural Award

Jenley Bredenkamp
Natasha Grundy
Katie Humphreys
Sarah-Jane Kiernan
Madi McLeod
Chelsea Moor

Eleanor Swan
Sacha Zarew

Cultural Spirit of the Year
Georgia Moor

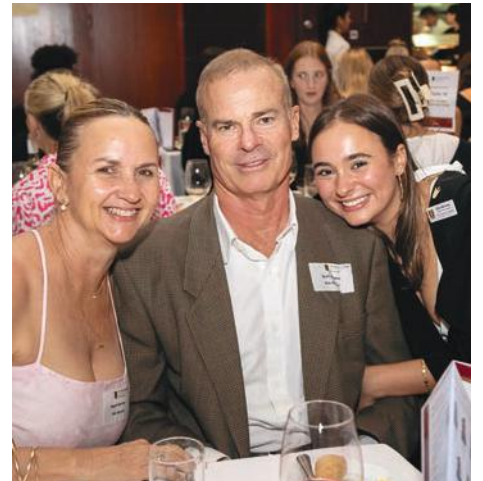
Cultural Woman of the Year Runner-Up
Jenley Bredenkamp
Sacha Zarew

Cultural Woman of the Year
Eleanor Swan



2023 Valedictory Dinner

[Click here](#) to see more photos from Valedictory Dinner on the Women's website.





Student Leadership Team Report

Phoebe Lingard, 2023 Student Club President & Lili Anderson, 2023 Senior Resident Assistant

In the 109th year of The Women's College, the girls in maroon have certainly achieved some pretty amazing things! We have finished the year off strongly, placing second in ICC Sport and sixth in ICC Cultural overall. These fantastic results are a true testament to the dedication, diligence and teamwork of our girls. This would not have been possible without the leadership and support of our Sport Convenor Stella Horton and our Cultural Convenor Sophia Ross. A few memorable achievements include taking out a podium finish in five cultural events, and a podium finish in eight ICC sports.

We have continued to be active members of our wider community, paying it forward and giving back. We have raised over \$10,000 for charity, shaved for a cure, done it in a dress, shared the dignity with our teddy bears, and run 50km during May to raise awareness and funds for multiple sclerosis. We held our annual Pink Ladies Day event where we raised funds for the McGrath Foundation. This was a very special day spent with our Young Alumnae.

The Women's College 109th Annual College Ball was an absolute success thanks to the hard work of our Social Convenor Jemma Green and the Ball Committee. It was a beautiful night, at Victoria Park Golf Course, spent dancing to John's Jazz Band, drinking mimosas and capturing some special moments on the 360° photo booth!

To the Woozas who are returning in 2024, we have no doubt that you will have the most incredible year, make the most of every opportunity and foster more beautiful friendships with the new cohort of First Years.

It has been an incredible year for the girls in maroon, and an absolute honour and privilege to serve as your Student Leadership Team for 2023.

Yours in never leaving a Wooza behind,
Phoebe & Lili



Above: Senior Resident Assistant Lili Anderson, Lauren Ward (2022 Senior Resident Assistant), Lilli Anderson (2022 Student Club President) and Student Club President Phoebe Lingard.



This page: Art Show (painting by First-Year Resident Georgia Deeth), Athletics, Basketball, Dancefest, Netball, One Act Play, Rugby and Touch Football.



[Click here](#) to see more photos from the semester on our Instagram page.

2024 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the Student Club Executive and Resident Assistants who have been appointed to lead the College in 2024.

Student Club Executive



Zimena Furey
President



Dixie McNaught
Vice President



Lauren Gilmore
Treasurer



Sydney Peff
Secretary



Hannah Meyer
ICC Representative
(Vice President)



Hayley Wright
Social Convenor



Tess Feller
Communications
Representative



Georgia McMullen
Sport Convenor



Georgia Moor
Cultural Convenor



Laura Charles
Sponsorship &
Fundraising Convenor



Caitlin Brittain
Second-Year
Representative



Tara Lavery
Second-Year
Representative

Resident Assistants



Izzy Nolke
Senior
Resident Assistant



Jillian Campbell
Deputy Senior
Resident Assistant



Claire Asquith
Equity Officer
Resident Assistant



Charlotte Sutton
Academic Officer
Resident Assistant



Kira Craig
Resident Assistant



Lily Dewhurst
Resident Assistant



Chloe Evans
Resident Assistant



Georgia Gargan
Resident Assistant



Ella Hockam
Resident Assistant



Stephanie Jersmann
Resident Assistant



Sarah-Jane Kiernan
Resident Assistant



Natalie Mabiza
Resident Assistant



Sophie Posselt
Resident Assistant



**Clementine
Sweetland**
Resident Assistant



Olivia Taylor
Resident Assistant



Ebony Turner
Resident Assistant

Advancement Update

Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement

Achieving together

Much has been achieved together over the past year through the generosity of our families. Your support is truly inspiring, and it has continued to make a tremendous impact in 2023.

Thank you to the many families who have supported our fundraising efforts to enhance our bursaries, scholarships and prizes program this year. From making a voluntary contribution to assist students in financial need and supporting our UQ Giving Day to raise funds for a student leader scholarship to purchasing tickets in our online raffles, your philanthropy makes a vital difference to the lives of our students.

New Bursaries, Scholarships and Prizes on offer

We are excited to announce the following additional support for our residents in 2024:

Bursaries

- 110th Anniversary Bursary
- QUT Bursaries (x8 available)

Scholarships

- Ann Warrell Robilliard Scholarship
- Joan Metcalfe Scholarship (financial need)

Applications for all 2023 Scholarships close on Friday 15 December. Further details are available on our website at https://www.womens.uq.edu.au/bursaries_scholarships/

Prizes

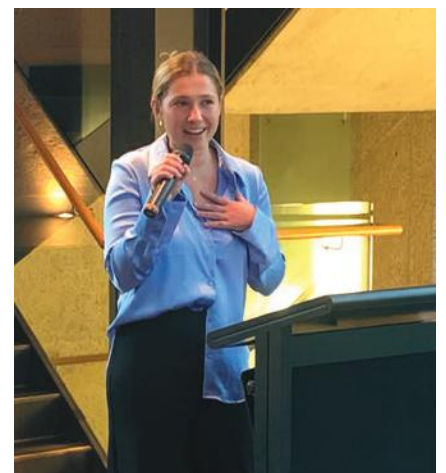
- Brisbane Women's Club Young Achiever Prize
- Jeff Sipek Service Prize

Applications for these new Prizes close on Thursday 30 November 2023. Residents may apply via the Student Portal.

This page (top to bottom): Brisbane Women's Club member Jacqui Schultz announces the Young Achiever Prize to be awarded in 2024.

The Jeff Sipek Service Prize will be awarded to a resident in recognition of their service to the community and to the College. This award is named after Director of Operations Jeff Sipek, who will retire at the end of 2023 after 34 years of service to The Women's College.

Phoebe Lingard, Student Club President, speaks about the impact of philanthropy on The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship at the Toast to UQ Giving Day.





Fathers support annual event

The College celebrated Father's Day at our annual Father & Daughter Drinks event in early September.

Thank you to the many fathers who travelled far and wide to make this evening a special night for their daughters.

We also thank our fathers who supported our Alumnae Awards Scholarship raffle and congratulate the winners.

Celebrating 110 years

Our 110th Anniversary celebrations will take place throughout 2024 and will be marked by a series of events and activities designed to honour our rich history.

We hope that many families will join us in celebrating this extraordinary milestone at the 110th Anniversary Ball on Saturday 17 August at the exciting Queen's Wharf Brisbane.

Au revoir to our Valedicts

As the sun sets on this chapter of your daughter's academic journey, it's time to bid farewell to the familiar College environment that has been a home for their transformative university years.

The network they have built at The Women's College is a treasure trove of shared experiences, friendships and support. So, here's to their future, to new beginnings, and to the enduring connections that will continue to shape their journey as a past Wooza.

Good luck and may the lessons they have learned within these College walls guide them to success and fulfillment.



This page: Some of the Father & Daughter Drinks raffle prize winners.

Right: Second Year Resident Tara Bretherton was the winner of The Calille Hotel raffle. Her ticket was purchased by her dad at the Father & Daughter Drinks!





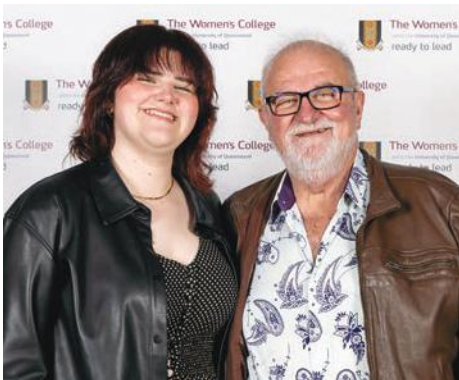
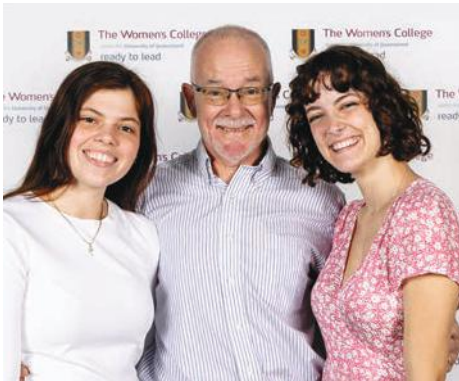


Father & Daughter Drinks

We had a great time celebrating Father's Day at our Father & Daughter Drinks on Friday 1 September 2023.

The evening began with live music performed by our 2023 Bandfest group. Our guests then enjoyed the opportunity to catch-up and network with each other in the Harriet Marks Dining Hall and outside on the deck.

Women's thanks everyone who made this evening a special night to remember. We also thank everyone who participated in our Alumnae Awards Scholarship raffle, and we congratulate the winners who were announced at the end of the event.



Finance Matters

Fiona Bryant, Director of Finance

What a year! 2023 has been another fun-filled and exciting year here at College. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and getting to know all of our wonderful students and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our residents for making this year truly remarkable.

For those students returning in 2024, please note that a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 was due on Friday 13 October 2023 to secure a place for next year. Term 1 invoices will be issued during the first week of December and are payable by Tuesday 2 January 2024. On request, we also offer flexible payment plan options – at no additional cost – to assist families with planning and cashflow. If you would like more information regarding a payment plan, please email f.bryant@womens.uq.edu.au.

The College has almost reached full capacity for next year, and remaining places are filling up quickly. A 7.5% discount applies for siblings. Women's has also partnered with St Leo's College and will offer a 3.75% discount to a current resident with a sibling at St Leo's next year.

We look forward to seeing many of the residents back at College in 2024, and for our 2023 Graduands and Valedictorians, we look forward to hearing about your future successes and hope to see you at one of our young alumnae events soon!

Scholarships

Applications for The Women's College scholarships close Friday 15 December 2023

The Women's College scholarships aim to support the tertiary study aspirations of residents, predominantly regardless of background or financial circumstances, to realise their full potential. (This excludes three of our scholarships, which are Financial needs-based.)

We offer a wide range of scholarships that are made possible through the generous support of our donors.

Scholarships are open to both future and current residents of the College, who have demonstrated excellence in academia, sport, community service and cultural pursuits as well as outstanding leadership. Scholarships vary from \$4,000 per annum and are offset in equal amounts against each term's fees.

Further details

Read our [Financial Assistance at The Women's College brochure](#) for an overview about our Bursaries and Scholarships.

Apply now

Applications for both Women's College General and Financial-Need Scholarships close on Friday 15 December 2023 – [click here](#) to see the list of available scholarships and their criteria.

Applications for UQ Residential Scholarships close Monday 29 January 2024

The UQ Residential Scholarships Scheme offers financial support to help cover accommodation costs at a UQ-approved provider. Click on the links to see further details about the following scholarships that are available to Women's residents:

- [33rd UQ Senate Create Change Residential Scholarship](#)
- [Dorothy Marsden Undergraduate Scholarship](#)
- [Dr Maureen Aitken Undergraduate Scholarship](#)
- [Flannery Foundation Residential Scholarship](#)
- [JD Adams Memorial Scholarship](#)
- [Jill Fittock Harrison Women's College Scholarship](#)
- [John Martin OAM Residential Scholarship](#)
- [R.D Arida Residential Scholarship](#)
- [\(UQYAP\) Women's College Accommodation Scholarship](#)

Residents who have experienced financial hardship are encouraged to apply for any of the scholarships in this scheme, and residents only need to submit one application to be considered for all scholarships in the UQ Residential Scholarships Scheme.

Operations Update

Jeff Sipek, Director of Operations

It seems like yesterday I was writing my report for 2022, and here we are again, preparing the 2023 report.

As communicated to the College community in July, this will be my last year at The Women's College as I've decided to retire at the end of 2023.

Working for 35 years for one organisation is a long time and I can honestly say I've enjoyed every working minute of my time here!

I've seen the College grow from 167 students in 1989 to more than 250 students in 2023.

We've been through lots, from floods, hail-storms, new builds, renovations of existing wings and the refurbishment of the main kitchen to hosting members of the Italian Olympic Team in 2000.

While a lot has happened during my time at Women's, I'm just as excited for what the future brings.

This year, the College is finalising details of its 10 Year Master Plan that will further enhance the College community starting with the 110th Anniversary celebrations in 2024.

This year, we continued with our program of investment in infrastructure and further enhancement of College facilities. Projects undertaken included:

- completion of bathroom upgrades to Garden Philp, Hartland and Cuppaidge wings;
 - new air-conditioning installed in the Harriet Marks Dining Hall;
 - new outdoor furniture and umbrellas;
 - conversion of the Lurleen Perrett Seminar room into a Wellbeing Centre; and
 - completion of painting to the exterior of the College.
- Planning is well underway for 2024, with a number of projects planned for the Christmas break, including:
- new air-conditioning for the Freda Bage, Council Room and Wellbeing Centre;
 - new outdoor furniture for the Dining Hall deck;
 - re-sanding and staining of the Harriet Marks Dining Hall floor;
 - new fans with LED lights for Centenary Wing rooms;
 - new roofing for the Freda Bage Room, Council Room, Administration and Third Wing; and
 - installation of solar panels.

Thank you to Student Club President Phoebe Lingard, Senior Resident Assistant Lili Anderson, and the entire student group for your support this year.

I will be forever indebted to the Women's College community for all the memories and everlasting friendships made.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Top: The Lurleen Perrett Seminar room was converted into a Wellbeing Centre.

Above: Our 2023 UQ Giving Day Ambassadors organised our inaugural Giving Games, where students and staff came together and raised \$2,500 in two hours. One fundraising initiative was a dunking area, where bids were placed to pour water on staff. Dunking Jeff was a very popular event and raised a bid of \$265. [Click here](#) to watch the video of Jeff getting dunked on our Instagram page (you do not need an Instagram account to view the link).

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110th Anniversary

BALL

The 110th Anniversary Ball promises to be an event with a difference. This elegant black-tie occasion will be an unforgettable night of nights.

The Women's College community is invited to celebrate our legacy by honouring the past and inspiring the future at the 110th Anniversary Ball.

Date: Saturday 17 August 2024

Venue: The Star Ballroom, Queen's Wharf Brisbane

Dress: Black tie

Tickets: Details will be available soon

Further enquiries: Phone (07) 3377 4500 or email events@womens.uq.edu.au