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Parent Communiqué



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## Celebrate with The Women's College in 2025

### SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

#### Family Day

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

### THURSDAY 13 MARCH

#### Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

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

### SATURDAY 15 MARCH

#### Back to Women's: Celebrating our 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Alumnae from the 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2015 Fresher Year Groups will celebrate their decade reunions at this event, as we come together and contribute to a meaningful cause that supports the Standing Committee Bursary and Academic Prizes.

### FRIDAY 9 MAY

#### Mother & Daughter Dinner

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

### FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

#### Family Night

This special evening promises to be a wonderful opportunity for families to reconnect with their daughters and experience the vibrant community here at the College.

### THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

#### Community Formal Dinner

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

### THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

#### Sports Formal Dinner

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

### THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

#### Cultural Formal Dinner

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

### THURSDAY 30 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 is subject to change. Invitations are emailed to parents in the lead-up to each event and details are promoted on the College website at [womens.uq.edu.au/events](https://womens.uq.edu.au/events)

Find Your Place  
in the  
Wellbeing Precinct



Leave a lasting legacy for your daughter by purchasing a named brick in the Wellbeing Precinct. This engraved brick will be a permanent testament to your family's connection with The Women's College.

At The Women's College, our commitment goes beyond academic excellence – it's about fostering the holistic development of our students. This commitment is continued through the establishment of the Wellbeing Precinct, a space designed to enrich the lives of our students, offering them an environment that promotes both wellbeing and connection.

The Wellbeing Precinct is more than just an outdoor recreation and study area; it's a symbol of our dedication to creating a supportive and vibrant community. Featuring a large, covered barbecue pavilion, a renovated tennis and multi-purpose court, and an aesthetically enhanced perimeter, the Wellbeing Precinct will meet the diverse needs of today's students.

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Front cover image: The 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball was a spectacular evening with just under 800 attendees.

Back cover image: Some of our 2024 UQ Giving Day Ambassadors, who were instrumental in helping to raise \$17,000 for The Women's College & Student Club Priority Fund.

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# From the Head of College

Florence Kearney, Head of College & CEO

Welcome to our final *Parent Communiqué* for 2024.

As the academic year closes, I acknowledge and thank everyone for another successful year as we celebrated 110 years of The Women's College.

Enrolments for both Residents and Associates are at capacity again for 2025, which is a testament to the strong, vibrant culture at Women's. It has been heartwarming to hear the student leaders express their gratitude to their fellow students and the staff across the end-of-year events as they prepare to farewell the College and move into their next chapters.

We were delighted to meet parents and families at 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 and guardians of our Third Year students on Tuesday 22 October. We enjoy sharing events with families and value staying in touch through our regular *Parent Communiqué* magazines and social media.

Our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year has shone with the unwavering spirit of Women's College that has endured since it opened in 1914. This year's cohort of students hold a special place in our history as we honoured this milestone and celebrated the College's impact on the lives of the more than 7,000 women who have walked its halls. The year has been filled with unforgettable moments, special occasions, inspirational stories from alumnae across the generations, the unveiling of a new Touchwall chronicling the College's journey, and a memorable Gala Ball under a magnificent jacaranda tree at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre to top it all off ... memories to last a lifetime.

The students wholeheartedly enjoyed the remarkably busy and successful ICC program. Congratulations to our Women's teams on 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in sport and 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in the cultural program, with many wins

and top three finishes across the various competitions. 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, particularly focusing on women's issues. In addition, the abundant ICC social events have filled the calendar with regular occasions to engage with students from other Colleges.

Our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year has shone with the unwavering spirit of Women's College that has endured since it opened in 1914. This year's cohort of students hold a special place in our history ...

Heartiest congratulations to our graduands and their families! It is a thrilling moment to witness our 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 outstanding leadership of the College this year, led most impressively by Zimena Furey, Student Club President, Isabel Nolke, Senior Resident Assistant (SRA), Dixie McNaught, Vice President, and Jillian Campbell, Deputy SRA. We heartily congratulate the incoming SLT for 2025, to be led by Caitlin Brittain, Chloe Evans, Tara Lavery and Ella Reddaway. Our incoming SLT will spend four days at the end of this semester planning for their leadership of the College next year, including the development of the O Week program to welcome new Residents and Associates in February 2025.



## Semester 2 Snapshot



### Women's College

At full capacity with 254 residents and 50 associates



### Academics

Outstanding academic results achieved last semester.



### ICC

Podium finishes, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in sport and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Cultural ICC Cup.



### Community

Over \$26,000 raised in student community initiatives.



Above: 2025 Student Club Vice President Tara Lavery, President Caitlin Brittain, Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney, Senior Resident Assistant Chloe Evans and Deputy Senior Resident Assistant Ella Reddaway.

The College acknowledges the generosity of the Student Club of 2024 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 Wellbeing Precinct will provide an attractive outdoor recreational, social and study space for generations to come. The continuing partnership with the College for The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship for leadership will again support a member of the SLT in 2025. Congratulations and thank you to the College community for raising a record \$17,000 for this scholarship fund during UQ Giving Day on 16 October, with Mary Wooza's Giving Games being a highlight.

Finally, I extend our very best wishes to our students and their families for the festive season and look forward to another prosperous year in 2025.



### Social

110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball a highlight of the year



### Philanthropic Outcomes

58 bursaries and scholarships awarded to residents in 2024.



### Parent Engagement

Well-attended inaugural Family Night.



### Master Plan

Construction of Wellbeing Precinct to commence, with opening in early 2025.

# Student Life

Janet Stewart, Deputy Head of College

Stepping into the role of Deputy Head of College in July was a wonderful experience! After a rejuvenating mid-semester break, students returned with an electrifying energy and a renewed focus on their academic pursuits, and I was instantly captivated by the vibrant sense of connection and community that defines The Women's College. It was clear that all Woozas were ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the new semester with enthusiasm and determination.

## Student academics

Early in the semester, Freshers and Second Years had the opportunity to meet with Emma Campbell (Dean of Students), Gayle Harris (Dean of Student Life), or myself to reflect on their first-semester results and set ambitious goals for the upcoming term. These invaluable conversations allowed me to connect with many Residents and Associates, understand their academic aspirations, and learn more about their experiences and thoughts on College life. As a result, students eagerly reconnected with their Academic Mentors and committed to engaging with the exceptional academic tutorial program at Women's. This proactive planning set the stage for establishing strong study routines and habits to ensure long-term successful outcomes.

## Student leadership

Our dynamic Student Leadership Team (SLT) – comprising 12 elected Student Club Executive members and 16 selected Resident Assistants – returned to College before the official start of Semester 2 to continue their leadership training. Emma Campbell and I led several leadership focus groups to build on their previous training and strengthen team connections. Guided by the semester calendar, the SLT enthusiastically planned and organised a series

of spectacular welcome-back events and fun College activities for all Woozas.

The first week back was a whirlwind of excitement, starting with a fabulous BBQ and drinks on the Deck, followed by a series of Re-O Week activities designed to reunite friendships and ignite enthusiasm for being back 'home'. The highlight of Week 1 was a magnificent Semester 2 Commencement Formal Dinner, where students gathered to celebrate and reconnect.

A new project led by the SLT, *Let's Go Week*, was a resounding success! From Let's Go Learn and Let's Go Save Lives (with a blood donation drive) to Let's Go Make a Friend, each day was packed with wellbeing and community events that embodied our College motto, *Capimus ut dividamus* – we take that we may share.

## Ready to Lead

The Ready to Lead program also enthused girls to attend a variety of terrific sessions, ranging from insights into team building and leadership, how to craft a fabulous cover letter and CV, and mastering interview techniques. Also offered was a session for all those students who aspired to leadership at Women's in 2025. At this evening presentation, our current student leaders reflected on their positions and gave the aspiring leaders insight into College leadership.

The enthusiasm for leadership positions in 2025 was palpable, with 59 expressions of interest for Resident Assistant positions and 45 students interviewed over two weeks.

The Annual General Meeting of the Student Club on Sunday 6 October saw the election of the new Student Club Executive, showcasing the exceptional quality of our current leadership team. They have been outstanding role models for the incoming 2025 SLT, who will engage in a comprehensive handover and initial leadership training before the semester ends.



Above: Janet Stewart with 2025 Student Leaders Chloe Evans, Libby Donnan and Claire Thompson.



Right: The outgoing (standing) and incoming (seated) Student Club Executive (above) and Resident Assistant (below) teams at the 2024 Student Club Annual General Meeting in October.

## Student life

Undoubtedly the highlight of the social calendar was the memorable 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball in August. The Gala Ball Committee planned an outstanding evening of fun and entertainment that brought together current Woozas, parents and alumnae of the College to highlight what is great about this community.

Our Woozas also threw themselves wholeheartedly into a host of co-curricular activities through ICC Sport, Cultural and Community events, and it was impressive to witness how students skilfully managed and balanced their social and academic commitments. Much of the success of our students is dependent on their connection with their peers and the ability to not only socialise, but to also 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 concluded just after mid-semester break and with an enduring competitive spirit, Women's again achieved some outstanding performances. In the sports competition, Women's athletes placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Swimming and Touch Football, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tennis, Soccer and Netball, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Athletics. In the cultural competition, the talents of Women's creatives saw them place 2<sup>nd</sup> in One Act Play and Choral fest, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Debating.

It was also great to witness the success of a new venture from Sports Convenor Georgia McMullen – the inaugural College of Origin netball competition between Women's and Duchesne College – with Women's triumphantly winning the trophy.

Formal Dinners have continued to be exceptionally popular. A consistent theme during Fresher and Second Year academic and wellbeing check-in interviews was the enjoyment of the guest speakers at Formal Dinner. These dinners continue to provide opportunities for students to connect and network with a wealth of guest speakers from whom they have much to learn.

The College value of *community* was passionately embraced this semester. The dedication of Community Convenor Laura Charles, supported by a host of committed Woozas, have seen the College raise over \$26,000 this year. In Semester 2, the Student Club Executive charity auction night raised funds for Small Steps for Hannah, and the Pink Ladies Day event raised monies for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Through such acts of community service, our Woozas have highlighted both the importance of raising awareness and monies for those less fortunate.

## A successful end to the year

I feel very blessed to have shared a truly remarkable semester for all Woozas, particularly for our student leaders who have excelled in their roles. Their tireless efforts ensured that every individual felt valued, connected and respected through a variety of wellbeing, leadership, sporting, social and cultural activities. The 2024 SLT has been a pillar of support for the College's Senior Leadership Team, and we deeply appreciate their unwavering commitment, boundless enthusiasm, and dedication to The Women's College.

This year, many students have forged strong friendships, while others have bravely stepped out of their comfort zones to meet new people and embrace new opportunities. Importantly, most Freshers have successfully transitioned into their university studies. This success is largely due to the academic and wellbeing support provided through various College activities, such as the tutorial and mentoring program, Ready to Lead events, social gatherings, and co-curricular and community events. This active participation has led to many of our Freshers choosing to return for another exciting year in 2025, alongside our highest number of Second Years embracing a third year at Women's.

The promise of 2025 awaits!



Above: The 2024 Dancefest team.

Left: The Women's netball team with the trophy for the inaugural College of Origin competition against Duchesne College.



## 2024 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.

The evening began with an Official Welcome from our Head of College & CEO, Flo Kearney. College Council President Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM then introduced the keynote speaker for the evening, Lord Mayor of Brisbane Adrian Schrinner. We were privileged to hear Councillor Schrinner speak about the parallels between the progression of each student's life and career and the trajectory of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Community Convenor Laura Charles and Social Convenor Hayley Wright then brought the house down with their uplifting performance of *People Help the People* by Birdy.

Senior Resident Assistant Isabel Nolke and Student Club President Zimena Furey then delivered their passionate and heartfelt Valedictory Addresses.

We then celebrated and congratulated our Graduands alongside our 2024 Valedicts, student leaders, committees and convenors.

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

- Sienna Harris – Outstanding Commitment: Ready to Lead Program
- Indiana Tichon – Associate Award
- Alyssa MacLachlan – The Women's Wooza

Our 2025 Student Leadership Team was then formally introduced to the College community (see who is on the Student Club Executive and Resident Assistant teams on page 17).

The Women's College congratulates all 2024 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.



# Meet our 2024 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 AC – Vice-Chancellor and President, The University of Queensland
- Professor Margaret Sheil AO – Vice-Chancellor and President, Queensland University of Technology.

## The University of Queensland



**Stephanie Jersmann**

Bachelor of  
Biotechnology



**Indigo Makim**

Bachelor of Nursing

*Indigo was unable to attend Valedictory Dinner, needing instead to attend a placement for her degree.*



**Georgia McMullen**

Bachelor of Exercise and  
Nutrition Sciences



**Olivia Taylor**

Bachelor of  
Biomedical Science

## Queensland University of Technology



**Kira Craig**

Bachelor of Design



**Georgia Moor**

Bachelor of Behavioural  
Science (Psychology)

# *Congratulations to our Valedicts*

## Third Year Residents

Blanca Barbero  
Jillian Campbell  
Laura Charles  
Lily Dewhurst  
Tess Feller  
Zimena Furey  
Georgia Gargan  
Lauren Gilmore  
Maia Griffin  
Ella Hockam  
Sinead Jensen  
Matilda Lowrie  
Dixie McNaught  
Hannah Meyer  
Isabel Nolke  
Charlotte Nott  
Sydney Peff  
Madylynn Robert  
Gemma Ryan  
Olivia Smith  
Charlotte Sutton  
Clementine Sweetland  
Lauren Thomas  
Ebony Turner  
Hayley Wright  
Marni Zammataro



Some of the 2024 Third-Year Valedicts.

## Third Year Associate

Jemima Robertson

## Second Year Residents

Sanya Arora  
Lara Asomah  
Megan Bailey  
Talia Bauman  
Emily Berthelsen  
Olivia Boughton  
Ava Brew  
Rachael Brown  
Megan Callaghan  
Daisy Calvert-Brown  
Georgia Campbell  
Lyla Crouch  
Sydney-Jane Cruickshank  
Charli Cumming  
Hena Dass  
Giulia de Capoa  
Ryleigh Dettoni  
Marcella Donger  
Ella Dresselhaus

Tahlia Dwan  
Zara Earp  
Mary Esplin  
Isabella Fusco  
Tamsin Goodman  
Emily Graham  
Chloe Greenhill  
Sophia Greenwood  
Prisha Gupte  
Isabella Hickey  
Grace Howard  
Katie Jamieson  
Krysta Jamieson  
Emily Johnson  
Sarah-Jane Kiernan  
Lizel Kruger  
Rebecca Lander  
Parker Linfoth  
Fiona Logan

Gabrielle Lyons  
Eva Marshall  
Kate McIntosh  
Hope McKellar  
Madison McLeod  
Emma Meyers  
Emily Millar  
Bella Mojica  
Bella Mullan  
Emma Neenan  
Eliza Olley  
Maya Remedios  
Mackenzie Shepley  
Jasmin Titze  
Anna Tully  
Kate Ward  
Isabella Webb  
Jasmine Williams  
Evelyn Wright



### Second Year Associates

Georgia Butt  
 Geenee Cox  
 Sydney Crawford  
 Nicola Doyle  
 Imogen Elliott  
 Emily Gordon  
 Bridget Haynes  
 Greta Howes  
 Isabella Jorgensen  
 Sunday McCullough  
 Kate McDonnell  
 Rosie Nehill  
 Georgia Souyave-Murphy  
 Josephine Spooner

### First Year Residents

Lucinda Bourke  
 Tori Bowden  
 Rosemary Boyce  
 Amelia Cook  
 Jemma Ferris  
 Amity Geoghegan  
 Bronte Gillett  
 Tyler Gleye  
 Taylah Gordon  
 Bronte Harris  
 Elena Henry  
 Yuki Hirayama  
 Kiara Horsnell  
 Olivia Houldcroft  
 Emma Kerr  
 Abigail Roche  
 Abigail Strang  
 Lucy Taylor  
 Eva Todd  
 Lydia Williams

### First Year Associates

Annabelle Arnold  
 Kiarna Braddick  
 Brooke Crawford  
 Emily Ferrando  
 Anais Fox  
 Harper Hammer  
 Kate Ireland  
 Charlotte King  
 Zaya Lee  
 Abigail Lunson  
 Chloe Mackenzie  
 Robyn Matthews  
 Emily McConnell  
 Bianca Nicol  
 Alyse Stewart  
 Rebecca Swaine  
 Eve Thomas  
 Ella Valery  
 Zoe Watson  
 Yvette Willemsen

# Special Award Winners

## Outstanding Commitment: Ready to Lead Program | Awarded to Sienna Harris

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.

Top image: Head of College and CEO Flo Kearney and Sienna Harris.



## Associate Award | Awarded to Indiana Tichon

This award recognises the contribution of a committed First-Year Associate as being an outstanding member of the Women's College community. The Student Leadership Team is responsible for nominations for this award.

Middle image: Deputy Senior Resident Assistant Jillian Campbell and Indiana Tichon.



## The Women's Wooza | Awarded to Alyssa MacLachlan

The 2020 Student Club Executive created The Women's Wooza Award to acknowledge a student 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. The Women's Wooza is the consummate all-rounder.

To determine The Women's Wooza Award recipient, the 28 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.

Bottom image: Student Club President Zimena Furey and Alyssa MacLachlan.



# 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.

## 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball Committee

Zimena Furey  
Lauren Gilmore  
Dixie McNaught  
Hayley Wright

## Academic Mentors

Emma Byrne  
Jillian Campbell  
Allegra Daveson  
Chloe Evans  
Tess Feller  
Sienna Harris  
Sinead Jensen  
Sarah-Jane Kiernan  
Harmony Linthorne  
Fiona Logan  
Matilda Lowrie  
Indigo Makim  
Eva Marshall  
Georgia McMullen  
Elyse Packwood  
Sarah Pearce  
Madylynn Robert  
Jacqueline Sleaford  
Olivia Smith  
Charlotte Sutton  
Grace Sweeney  
Olivia Taylor  
Claire Thompson

## Environmental Committee

Lyla Crouch  
Prisha Gupte  
Katie Jamieson  
Anna Tully

## Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Claire Asquith  
Sienna Fitzgerald  
Sarah-Jane Kiernan  
Emily Lohmann  
Sarah Stephenson

## O Week Organising Committee

Matilda Lowrie  
Emily Millar  
Madylynn Robert  
Olivia Smith

## Rush Week Convenor

Marni Zammataro

## Shoppe Committee

Daisy Calvert-Brown  
Giulia de Capoa  
Sarah-Jane Kiernan  
Madison McLeod

## Social Committee

Chloe Evans  
Maya Remedios  
Lily Taylor  
Ella Williamson

## Student Ambassadors

Lara Asomah  
Claire Asquith  
Talia Bauman  
Lucy Bowen  
Akaysia Boyle  
Caitlin Brittain  
Emily Brown  
Daisy Calvert-Brown  
Georgia Campbell  
Jillian Campbell  
Laura Charles  
Kira Craig  
Annabel Danvers  
Allegra Daveson  
Giulia de Capoa  
Lily Dewhurst  
Elizabeth Donnan  
Chloe Evans  
Tess Feller  
Ainhoa Fernandez  
Santalla  
Sienna Fitzgerald  
Zimena Furey  
Georgia Gargan

Lauren Gilmore  
Sienna Harris  
Ella Hockam  
Sarah Horrocks  
Grace Howard  
Eden Humphrey  
Stephanie Jersmann  
Victoria Jones  
Bethany Kelly  
Sarah-Jane Kiernan  
Tara Lavery  
May Li  
Kiandra Loch  
Maya Lynch  
Natalie Mabiza  
Madison McLeod  
Katelyn McManus  
Georgia McMullen  
Dixie McNaught  
Hannah Meyer  
Emily Millar  
Georgia Moor  
Isabel Nolke  
Sydney Peff  
Sophie Posselt  
Georgia Quinn  
Ella Reddaway  
Page Reimers  
Kayla Robson  
Phoebe Ross  
Mackenzie Shepley  
Jacqueline Sleaford

Olivia Smith  
Sarah Stephenson  
Charlotte Sutton  
Grace Sweeney  
Clementine Sweetland  
Olivia Taylor  
Claire Thompson  
Ebony Turner  
Giaan Walker  
Annie White  
Zara Wolden  
Hayley Wright

## Student Photography Team

Tess Feller  
Ainhoa Fernandez  
Santalla  
Grace Howard  
Sarah Pearce  
Mackenzie Shepley  
Grace Sweeney

## UQ Giving Day Ambassadors

Claire Asquith  
Caitlin Brittain  
Laura Charles  
Chloe Evans  
Zimena Furey

Sarah-Jane Kiernan  
Tara Lavery  
Natalie Mabiza  
Dixie McNaught  
Isabel Nolke  
Sophie Posselt  
Ebony Turner

## Yearbook Committee

Tess Feller  
Elizabeth Hughes  
Maggie Lattimore  
Sarah Pearce  
Ella Reddaway  
Madylynn Robert

## Voices of Influence podcast coordinators

Tess Feller  
(producer)  
Olivia Smith (editor)

# Celebrating our Award Recipients

We congratulate the 2024 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 Tuesday 17 September.
- The sports awards were announced at the Sports Formal Dinner on Thursday 3 October.
- The cultural awards were announced at the Cultural Formal Dinner on Thursday 17 October.

## Community Awards

### First Year Award

Isla Faulds

### Second Year Award

Sarah-Jane Kiernan

### Initiative Award

Alice Westlake-Toms

### Environmental Award

Tara Lavery & Amy McLeod

## Sports Awards

### Convenors

AFL Ella Reddaway  
Athletics Harriet Lloyd-Jones  
Basketball Victoria Jones  
Hockey Sophia Greenwood  
Netball Mathilda Lowrie  
Netball Emily Millar  
Rowing Olivia Boughton  
Rowing Lily Dewhurst  
Rugby 7s Chloe Evans  
Soccer Ainhoa Fernandez Santalla  
Soccer Sophie Posselt  
Swimming Georgia Curran  
Table Tennis Sophia Greenwood  
Table Tennis Jacqueline Sleaford  
Tennis Charlotte Sutton  
Touch Football Ella Peacock  
Touch Football Ella Scutt  
Volleyball Milla Uechtritz  
Volleyball Ella Waye

Tennis Maya Remedios  
Touch Football Emerson Hamblin  
Volleyball Milla Uechtritz

### ICC Team

AFL Georgia McMullen  
Basketball Charlotte Sutton  
Hockey Kate Lavers  
Netball Hayley Wright  
Rowing Amelya Brooks  
Rugby 7s Ella Peacock  
Soccer Ella Lavers  
Swimming Zoe Billings  
Table Tennis Stephanie Jersmann  
Tennis Sienna Cavallaro  
Touch Football Caitlin Brittain  
Volleyball Maya Remedios

### Most Improved

AFL Olivia Smith  
Basketball Ava Lowrie  
Hockey Sienna Cavallaro  
Netball Kate Ward  
Rowing Sarah Stephenson  
Rugby 7s Sophia Thompson  
Soccer Milla Uechtritz  
Swimming Olivia Baker  
Table Tennis Claire Asquith  
Tennis Grace Gillies  
Touch Football Alice Hughes  
Volleyball Ava Lowrie

### Half Blue Sports Award

Caitlin Brittain  
Amelya Brooks  
Sienna Cavallaro  
Georgia Curran  
Summer Fisher  
Grace Gillies  
Emerson Hamblin  
Stephanie Jersmann  
Rebecca Lander  
Kate Lavers  
Ava Lowrie  
Matilda Lowrie  
Georgia McMullen  
Dixie McNaught  
Emma Neenan  
Ella Reddaway  
Maya Remedios  
Ella Scutt  
Milla Uechtritz

### Spirit of ICC Award Nominee

Caitlin Brittain

### Mary Wooza Sport Award

Sophia Thompson

### Frances Wright Sport Award

Isabel Nolke

### Sportswoman of the Year

Ella Peacock

### Most Valuable Player (MVP)

AFL Frances Murphy  
Basketball Dixie McNaught  
Hockey Isabel Nolke  
Netball Matilda Lowrie  
Rowing Jillian Campbell  
Rugby 7s Alice Hughes  
Soccer Olivia Smith  
Swimming Madylynn Robert  
Table Tennis Georgia Curran

## Cultural Awards

### Convenors

Art Show Harmony Linthorne  
Bandfest Katie Jamieson  
Bandfest Anna Tully  
Chess Giulia de Capoa  
Choralfest Madison McLeod  
Choralfest Elyse Packwood  
Dancefest Talia Bauman  
Dancefest Natalie Mabiza  
Dancefest Yazmin Morwood  
Dancefest Sophie Potter  
Debating Giaan Walker  
One Act Play Eden Humphrey  
One Act Play Madison McLeod  
Oratory Giaan Walker  
Women's Idol & College Idol Georgia Moor

### Most Valuable

Bandfest Lucy Bowen  
Chess Zelig Purcell  
Choralfest Grace Howard  
Dancefest Charlotte Smith  
Debating Caitlin Brittain  
One Act Play Emily Hellen

### Most Improved

Bandfest Isla Faulds  
Chess Claire Asquith  
Choralfest Emily Millar  
Dancefest Kiandra Loch  
Debating Alyssa MacLachlan  
One Act Play Nuala Mearns

### Half Blue Cultural Award

Talia Bauman  
Caitlin Brittain  
Daisy Calvert-Brown  
Giulia de Capoa  
Natalie Mabiza  
Zelig Purcell  
Anna Tully

### Full Blue Cultural Award

Ainhoa Fernandez  
Santalla  
Emily Hellen  
Eden Humphrey  
Katie Jamieson  
Kiandra Loch

Madison McLeod  
Georgia Moor  
Giaan Walker

### Cultural Spirit of the Year

Ainhoa Fernandez  
Santalla

### Cultural Woman of the Year

Runners-Up  
Eden Humphrey &  
Giaan Walker

### Cultural Woman of the Year

Madison McLeod



# 2024 Valedictory Dinner

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





# Student Leadership Team Report

Zimena Furey, 2024 Student Club President & Isabel Nolke, 2024 Senior Resident Assistant

It's true what they say: time flies when you're having fun! Semester 2 at The Women's College has truly been a whirlwind, and we can now say with certainty that it has been a monumental semester for our girls in maroon.

The Student Leadership Team (SLT) settled back into our home-away-from-home – some of us for the last time – one day early at the beginning of the semester for the annual SLT Retreat. This time provided a chance to refocus on goals set at the beginning of the year, and ensure we were a cohesive team moving into the final 17 weeks of College life.

There is no better sound in the world than Women's on Move-in Day, and as excited greetings and music filled the halls, we took a deep breath and got ready to face the massive calendar that Semester 2 brought with it.

We kicked off sport with the highly anticipated Netball competition, where our talented team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. There was truly nothing in it, with the girls missing out on the top spot by one point in the deciding game against King's College. An exciting addition to the sporting calendar was the inaugural College of Origin netball match against Duchesne College, which the Women's team took out 30–24. Other highlights of Semester 2 sport included another 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in Soccer, 4<sup>th</sup> in Rugby 7s, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Basketball and Athletics. We celebrated these achievements and more at the annual Sports Formal Dinner, where Sports Convenor Georgia McMullen officially announced our podium finish in the ICC Competition – 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Women's. We also acknowledged the outstanding contributions of all Woozas in the ICC sporting world, with Full Blue, Half Blue, Most Valuable Player (MVP), ICC Team, Most Improved, and Convenor awards presented, as well as the major sports prizes:

- Spirit of ICC Award Nominee – Caitlin Brittain
- Mary Wooza Sports Award – Sophie Thompson
- Frances Wright Sports Award – Isabel Nolke
- Sportswoman of the Year – Ella Peacock

The fun didn't stop there, though, with a flurry of cultural events around the corner! The Women's Art Show was another highlight of the semester, shortly followed by the ICC Art Show where we showcased our Wooza talent to the inter-college community. One Act Play was another huge success, held in our very own College Playhouse. The home-ground advantage proved true for Women's, with our troupe taking out 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition! The last, biggest and best cultural event of the year was ICC Dancefest. This event is a consistent highlight in the calendar, and this year was no exception. It was incredible to showcase the amount of talent we have in our beautiful home. We celebrated the incredible year at our annual Cultural Formal Dinner, with an opportunity to reflect upon Cultural Convenor Georgia Moor, and her incredible leadership in our community. Full Blue, Half Blue, Most Valuable, Most Improved, and Convenor awards were presented again, as well as major prizes:

- Cultural Spirit of the Year – Ainhoa Fernandez Santalla
- Cultural Woman of the Year Runners-Up – Eden Humphrey and Giaan Walker

- Cultural Woman of the Year – Madison McLeod

As always, the community program was ongoing and successful this semester. The annual TWCSA's Exec Auction was record-breaking, raising an incredible \$8,095 for Small Steps 4 Hannah. We all donned our pretty pink outfits and accessories for Pink Ladies Day again this year, which saw \$1,384 raised for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The grand total raised by the Student Club-run community events this year was \$26,008 – an incredible and record-breaking effort. We thank all Woozas for their support, but particularly commend Community Convenor Laura Charles for her leadership this year. We were able to recognise Laura at the annual Community Formal Dinner, which also included the presentation of a number of awards:

- First Year Award – Isla Faulds
- Second Year Award – Sarah-Jane Kiernan
- Initiative Award – Alice Westlake-Toms
- Environmental Award – Amy McLeod and Tara Lavery

And amongst all this, we managed to squeeze in some time for a bit of socialising! We jumped straight into it with RE-O Week, which had us dancing and interdigitating the nights away while still making it to (some of) our first 8am lectures of the semester. The 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball rolled around in no time at all and it was truly a night to remember. We commend the Student Ball Committee – Hayley Wright (Social Convenor), Lauren Gilmore (Treasurer), Zimena Furey (President) and Dixie McNaught (Vice-President) – for their hard work in organising this event alongside staff. The fun didn't stop there, with Women's Succession the next day; we danced the day away at The Brightside, and we again commend the Ball Committee for their work in making the weekend one to remember. Ball season was in full swing, and the Woozas were out in force at John's, King's and the ICC Ball in the following weeks too.

Finally, it all started to feel a little too real at the Student Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 6 October, where the 2025 Student Club Executive were elected and the 2025 Resident Assistant team announced. Special thanks must go to Secretary Sydney Peff, who meticulously planned the most efficient AGM we have seen in our time at Women's. We congratulate all members of the 2025 SLT on their election and appointment, and hope that you all look forward to hearing from Chloe Evans (2025 Senior Resident Assistant) and Caitlin Brittain (2025 President) in the next edition of *Connect*!

Thank you to the girls in maroon for another wonderful year, and thank you to you – their parents and caregivers – for giving us the chance to have spent it alongside one another. We cannot wait to hear what everyone gets up to in 2025.

Next page (L – R, top to bottom): Athletics, Sports Formal Dinner, academics, Rugby 7s, ICC Art Show, ICC End of Year Presentation, Wooza supporters, 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball, One Act Play, Soccer, Community Formal Dinner, Formal Dinner with Elia Hill, Hockey, and Basketball.



# Semester 2



# Meet the 2025 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed to the Student Club Executive and Resident Assistants teams and will lead the College in 2025.

## Student Club Executive



**Caitlin Brittain**  
President



**Tara Lavery**  
Vice President



**Natalie Mabiza**  
Treasurer



**Milla Uechtritz**  
Secretary



**Sophie Posselt**  
ICC Representative  
(President)



**Emma Byrne**  
Social Convenor



**Sarah Pearce**  
Communications  
Representative



**Ella Peacock**  
Sport Convenor



**Ainhoa  
Fernandez Santalla**  
Cultural Convenor



**Claire Asquith**  
Community Convenor



**Aurelia Furey**  
Second-Year  
Representative



**Sophie Sutton**  
Second-Year  
Representative

## Resident Assistants



**Chloe Evans**  
Senior  
Resident Assistant



**Ella Reddaway**  
Deputy Senior  
Resident Assistant



**Nikola Sorensen**  
Academic Officer  
Resident Assistant



**Sienna Fitzgerald**  
Equity Officer  
Resident Assistant



**Madison Barker**  
Resident Assistant



**Amelya Brooks**  
Resident Assistant



**Emily Brown**  
Resident Assistant



**Annaliese Byrne**  
Resident Assistant



**Libby Donnan**  
Resident Assistant



**Jasmine Harris**  
Resident Assistant



**Emily Hellen**  
Resident Assistant



**Vanessa Karabetsov**  
Resident Assistant



**Hattie Lloyd-Jones**  
Resident Assistant



**Katelyn McManus**  
Resident Assistant



**Ella Scutt**  
Resident Assistant



**Claire Thompson**  
Resident Assistant

# Advancement Update

Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement

## A year of inspiring support

This past year has been remarkable, thanks to the shared generosity and commitment of our College families. Your support has been the cornerstone of our community's success in our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, making a profound difference in 2024.

Your generous support – whether through voluntary contributions, donations for bursaries and scholarships, purchasing an engraved brick in the new Wellbeing Precinct, or participating in our online raffles – has empowered our students to thrive.

We are pleased to announce that together, we have surpassed our fundraising goal in raising an impressive \$17,000 for The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship – an achievement that reflects the strength of our community. Special congratulations goes to our 2024 UQ Giving Day Ambassadors for their passion and dedication in making Mary Wooza's Giving Games possible. Your generosity, regardless of the amount, is truly transformative.

## Introducing new Bursaries, Scholarships and Prizes for 2025

An exciting new lineup of bursaries, scholarships and prizes are available to our residents in 2025. These opportunities reflect our commitment to supporting students in their academic journey, leadership growth, and community impact. From the newly established Else Shepherd and Marion and Keith Jones Bursaries to the Robinson Family Scholarship, these awards are designed to help students in need. Applications for scholarships are open until Friday 13 December, while prize applications close on Thursday 28 November.

## Family Night: a new tradition begins

We were thrilled to host our inaugural Family Night – an initiative of the Student Club – welcoming families to experience the vibrancy of College life firsthand. Parents travelled from near and far to make this evening a memorable celebration for their daughters, filled with shared laughter, music and connection.

A highlight of the evening was a lively set by the Women's band, which performed a mix of crowd-favourite songs that brought everyone to their feet. We extend our gratitude to all who supported the Family Night Raffle in support of the Alumnae Awards Scholarship, and congratulate our lucky winners.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Family Night an unforgettable evening.

## Farewell to our 2024 Valedicts

As your daughter's time at College reaches its final chapter, we celebrate her journey at Women's – a place that has been her home, her community, and the foundation of her university years.

The friendships and memories she has created at College form a lasting network of support and shared experiences. As she steps into new beginnings, these lifelong bonds will continue to link her to her College family as a proud past Wooza.

As she embarks on her next chapter, we send her forward with our heartfelt wishes for success and fulfillment, knowing that the lessons, values and friendships she embraced within the College corridors will guide and inspire her along the way.

### New bursaries for 2025

- Else Shepherd Bursary
- Lighthouse Foundation Bursary
- Marion and Keith Jones Bursary
- Mary Johnston Bursary

### New scholarships for 2025

- Robinson Family Scholarship

### New prizes for 2025

- Anna Bligh Leadership Prize
- Vonhoff Benson Toowoomba Region Prize
- Walter Taylor Ward Community Leadership Prize



Above: Director of Advancement Susan McGinley (centre) with mothers of current students Dr Emily Gordon (alumna 1991 – 1993) and Dr Nina Petroff (1992 – 1994) at Family Night.

Below: Dirt Bucket (The Women's College band) performed a 20-minute set at Family Night.



# Family Night

It was a delight to welcome students and their families to the College for this special evening. Families reconnected with their daughters and experienced the vibrant community here at the College in its 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

The evening included a 20-minute set from the Women's band, who performed a variety of songs before the winners for the Family Night Major Raffle were drawn and announced.

We thank everyone involved in making this event a wonderful evening.





# Finance Matters

Fiona Bryant, Director of Finance

What a fantastic year we have had as we celebrated the College's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! 2024 has been bursting with fun and excitement. I've had an amazing time working with and getting to know all our incredible students. A huge thank you to our residents for making this 110<sup>th</sup> year truly unforgettable!

For those students who are returning in 2025, don't forget that a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 was due by Friday 11 October 2024 to secure your spot for next year. Term 1 invoices will be sent out in the first week of December and need to be paid by Friday 3 January 2025. We offer flexible payment plans at no extra cost to help families manage their budgets. If you need more details about payment plans, please contact [f.bryant@womens.ug.edu.au](mailto:f.bryant@womens.ug.edu.au).

The College is currently at full capacity for next year, but if students want to be a resident in 2025, we urge them to apply for a spot on our waitlist. We offer a 7.5% discount for siblings at Women's, and thanks to our partnership with St Leo's College, a 3.75% discount is available for current residents with a sibling at St Leo's next year.

We can't wait to welcome many students and their families back to the College and community in 2025. To our valedictorians, we are so excited to hear about your future successes and hope to see you at our young alumnae events soon!



Above: Staff and the incoming Student Leadership Team shared a morning tea in October to acknowledge the 2025 student leaders. The event was a great way for the College to congratulate the students on their new roles. The College Council was represented at the event by Council President Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM.

# Scholarships

**Applications for 2025 scholarships close at 5:00pm on Friday 13 December 2024.**

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 two of our scholarships that are financial-need 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.

**I want to learn more about scholarships and the application process**



# Operations Update

Luiz Gomes, Director of Operations

2024 has been a year of excitement for the College, especially with our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. It has been incredibly rewarding to be part of this vibrant community, working together to create memories that students and parents will cherish for years to come.

Reflecting on my first year here, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our students for the warm welcome and ongoing support throughout this remarkable journey. Witnessing their growth and achievements has been truly inspiring and reinforces our commitment to providing the best possible environment for their success.

## Enhancing our College facilities

This year, we've made significant improvements to our facilities to ensure students have a comfortable and supportive environment. Key projects included:

- New air-conditioning in the Freda Bage Room, Council Room and Lurleen Perrett Wellness Centre.
- Stylish new outdoor furniture for the Dining Hall deck.
- Restoration of the Harriet Marks Dining Hall floor with re-sanding and staining.
- New fans with LED lights in Centenary Wing rooms for enhanced comfort.

- Implementation of a hospitality system to enhance processes.
- Updated roofing for the Freda Bage Room, Council Room, Administration Building, and Third Wing.

## Looking ahead to 2025

We are planning exciting developments for the coming year to continue enhancing the College experience:

- Updated furniture in common rooms, the Study Hub, and meeting spaces.
- A new door lock access system and a modern CCTV system for added security in rooms and common areas.
- Complete renovation of all 17 bathrooms in the Piddington building.
- Replacement of a wheelchair lift to improve accessibility.
- Installation of solar panels as part of our sustainability initiative.
- Construction of the Wellbeing Precinct.

We look forward to another year of growth, innovation, and community spirit.



Merry Christmas from all of us at The Women's College.

We hope you enjoy the festivities with family and friends at this special time of year.

All the best for a prosperous New Year in 2025.

Please note that the College will close for the holiday period at 4:00pm on Friday 20 December 2024 and will reopen at 8:30am on Monday 6 January 2025.



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