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Parent Communiqué



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Celebrate with The Women's College in 2026



SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Family Day

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

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

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

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

Back to Women's: Celebrating our 112th Birthday

Alumnae from the 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 and 2016 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 8 MAY

Mother & Daughter Dinner

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

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Family Night

Current families are invited to reconnect with their daughters and experience College life firsthand. Hear musical

performances by our Woozas, catch-up with other College families, and enjoy a vibrant community atmosphere.

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Community Formal Dinner

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

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Sports Formal Dinner

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

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Cultural Formal Dinner

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

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

Valedictory Dinner

A spectacular evening dedicated to recognising students who are leaving The Women's College. This is an invitation-only dinner for parents of Graduands and Third Year Valedicts.

Note:

The date for each event 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. Images are from past events.

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Front cover image: Some of our 2025 Graduands and Third-Year Valedicts.

**Stay connected and join our online community
for all the latest information and events for parents.**



From the Head of College

Florence Kearney, Head of College & CEO

Welcome to our final Parent Communiqué for 2025

As we close another incredible year at The Women's College, I extend a heartfelt thank you to our students, families, and staff for making 2025 such a success. University studies, College programs, dinners and events, unforgettable moments, fun, and friendships have continued to shape the vibrant, supportive culture that makes Women's so special.

Enrolments 2026

We are thrilled to share that enrolments for both residents and associates are again at full capacity for 2026! This achievement speaks volumes about the strength of our community and the student experience we offer. Over recent weeks, it has been inspiring to hear our student leaders express gratitude to their peers and staff as they prepare to embark on exciting new chapters beyond College life.

Reflections 2025

Looking back, the year began with the joy of Family Day in February, where we welcomed freshers and their families as they stepped into university and College life. Throughout the year, we have valued connecting with parents at special events, culminating in the memorable Valedictory Dinner with parents of our Third-Year students on Thursday 30 October. These moments of celebration and connection remind us how much we value our partnership with families – whether in person or through our communiqués and social media during the year.

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Our students have embraced every opportunity to enrich their College experience. From academic pursuits to the dynamic ICC program, they have shown unwavering spirit and teamwork. Congratulations to our Women's teams on third place overall in sport and strong performances in cultural competitions. Beyond the games, students have demonstrated generosity and leadership, raising significant funds for charities focused on women's issues and engaging wholeheartedly in community programs. And of course, the lively ICC social calendar has provided countless chances to build friendships across the Colleges.



Left to right: 2026 Student Club Vice President Sophie Sutton, President Aurelia Furey, Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney, Senior Resident Assistant Katelyn McManus and Deputy Senior Resident Assistant Emily Brown.

To our graduands and their families – heartiest congratulations! Watching our students complete their degrees and step confidently into their futures is a proud and thrilling moment. We know they will carry the benefits of their College experience with them for the rest of their lives.

Acknowledgements

I extend a special thank you to our outgoing Student Leadership Team for their exceptional service this year, led by Caitlin Brittain (President), Chloe Evans (Senior Resident Assistant), Tara Lavery (Vice President), and Ella Reddaway (Deputy Senior Resident Assistant). We also warmly welcome our incoming leaders for 2026: Aurelia Furey (President), Katelyn McManus (SRA), Sophie Sutton (Vice President), and Emily Brown (Deputy SRA) and their Student Executive and RA teams. They will soon begin planning an exciting O-Week program to welcome our new residents and associates in February next year.

I acknowledge the generosity of the Student Club in leaving lasting legacies for future students – the 2025 gift to the College comprising a \$5,000 contribution to our new Wellbeing Precinct and \$5,000 to establish our fourth flagpole, as well as the ongoing partnership with the College for The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship for leadership. Their commitment to The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship continues to inspire, and we celebrate the record \$17,300 raised during this year's Giving Games and on UQ Giving Day.

Season's Greetings

As the festive season approaches, we extend our very best wishes to you and your families. Thank you for being part of our journey this year. We look forward to an exciting, prosperous year ahead in 2026!

Semester Highlights

Women's College Community

255 residents and 47 associates contributed to a vibrant and connected College community.

Academic Excellence

Students achieved outstanding academic results last semester, strengthened by purposeful study habits, personalised support from Academic Mentors, and the College's enriching learning environment.

Awards & Recognition

A total of 120 residents received community, cultural and sporting awards, with four students honoured with special College awards at Valedictory Dinner.

Formal Dinners

Students participated in 10 Formal Dinners, three special Formal Dinners, and two major College dinners in 2025, each offering opportunities for connection, learning and celebration with 25 guest speakers.

ICC

The College placed 3rd overall in sport and delivered strong, spirited performances across cultural competitions.

Community Impact

Students raised an impressive \$43,000 for charity initiatives – reflecting leadership, compassion and a commitment to service.

Social Highlights

The 111th College Ball was a standout celebration, bringing the community together for one of the most anticipated events of the year.

Philanthropic Outcomes

In 2025, 51 Bursaries, 23 Scholarships and 28 Prizes supported residents.

Capital Campaign Milestone

The new Wellbeing Precinct officially opened in September, providing an enhanced space for recreation, study and community connection.

Parent & Family Engagement

Semester 2 featured meaningful opportunities to connect, including Family Night, special Formal Dinners, and Valedictory Dinner, celebrating the achievements of our students.



Student Life

Janet Stewart, Deputy Head of College

Semester 2 at The Women's College

The second semester at Women's College has been marked by growth, resilience, and achievement. Students have continued to embrace new challenges, build stronger connections, and demonstrate remarkable determination in both academic and extra-curricular pursuits. From vibrant on-campus activities to focused study, this semester reflects the students' ongoing commitment to excellence and community spirit.

Student Academics

At the start of the semester, students participated in early planning and goal-setting sessions with Emma Campbell (Dean of Students) and Gayle Harris (Dean of Student Life). These sessions helped residents build on the study habits developed earlier in the year. Many reconnected with Academic Mentors, while others took full advantage of the tutorial program to deepen their understanding and confidence. This proactive approach set students up for success and continues to strengthen a culture of academic excellence at the College.

Student Leadership

Our incredible Student Leadership Team – 14 elected Student Club Executive members and 16 appointed Residential Assistants – returned ahead of Semester 2 to continue their leadership development. Focus groups, facilitated by the Student Services team, were designed to build collaboration and refine leadership skills. With a renewed sense of purpose, the team planned a vibrant lineup of welcome-back events and creative activities, ensuring every Wooza felt connected and excited for the term ahead.

The first week back for QUT students saw the launch of Early Bird Week, designed to re-engage students through social activities before UQ residents returned. Once the College was full again, Re-O Week brought everyone together through a series of fun, community-building events, highlighted by the Semester 2 Commencement Formal Dinner.

Ready to Lead

The Ready to Lead program continued to empower students with a series of practical workshops, including sessions on team building, leadership, crafting standout resumes, and mastering interviews. A highlight was the presentation evening for students aspiring to 2026 leadership positions, where current leaders shared insights from their experience.

More than 50 students applied for leadership positions in 2026 – an outstanding show of enthusiasm. Following a two-week interview process, the Student Club AGM on Sunday 12 October saw the election of the new Executive, showcasing the professionalism and efficiency of our current leaders. United in their vision, the 2025 SLT have been exceptional role models for the incoming 2026 team, who will soon engage in comprehensive handover and training before the semester ends.

Left: The Associate & Residents wellness dog walk in November saw students and some four-legged friends enjoy a morning together.



Deputy Senior RA Ella Reddaway, Director of Advancement Susan McGinley & Deputy Head of College Janet Stewart at the Associate Breakfast.



At the Fireside Chat with alumna and Council Member Sally McPherson (standing right).



Alumna Dr Sally McCosker (seated left) hosted a Round Table Discussion about careers in international law and international relations.



Student Life

Semester 2 featured new and exciting community events that brought connection to College life. Students kicked off the term with a Christmas in July celebration – an evening of great food, music, and camaraderie – attended by more than 150 residents. The social highlight of the semester was undoubtedly the spectacular College Ball, held at the historic Archerfield Airfield in August. The Organising Committee delivered an unforgettable evening that celebrated everything unique about Women's College, bringing together current students and young alumnae in true Wooza style.

Woozas also threw themselves wholeheartedly into the full range of community initiatives, contributing to record-breaking fundraising efforts and showing their compassion through service. This year, the Student Club Executive Auction raised over \$11,000 for The Lodge Youth Support Service, while helping to organise Mary Wooza's Giving Games for The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship. Altogether, students raised more than \$43,000 for various causes, reflecting the College's enduring motto: *We take that we may share*.

A Year to Remember

The Student Services team feels incredibly proud of the 2025 Student Leadership Team and the entire College community. Their energy, creativity, and spirit have shaped a semester full of achievement, connection, and growth.

As we reflect on the year, Estée Lauder's words come to mind: "I never dreamed about success. I worked for it." Every Wooza has embodied this sentiment – working with determination, collaborating with kindness, and striving for excellence. With this same spirit, we look forward to another inspiring year ahead in 2026.



Our incoming 2026 Student Leadership Team shared a morning tea with staff in October.



The College Ball Committee – (left to right) Social Convenor Emma Byrne, President Caitlin Brittain, Treasurer Natalie Mabiza and Vice-President Tara Lavery – with Deputy Head of College Janet Stewart (middle).



Dean of Students Emma Campbell (centre) with Deputy Head of College Janet Stewart (second from right) and some of our incoming 2026 SLT.



Above (left to right): Sean Evans, SRA Chloe Evans, President Caitlin Brittain, and Paul Brittain were panellists for the Fathers Q&A Formal Dinner in September.

Left: Executive Chef Tom Ruys and Social Convenor Emma Byrne endured mystery dunking ingredients to raise funds at the Giving Games.

Key dates for Semester 1, 2026

Sunday 15 February
Family Day & Freshers move in

Monday 16 February
UQ & QUT O Week begins

Sunday 22 February
Returners move in & Welcome BBQ

Monday 23 February
Semester 1 commences for UQ & QUT

2025 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.

Join us as we relive highlights from this event over the next few pages.

Guest speakers and performers shine at Valedictory Dinner

Our guest speaker for the evening was 2025 Inspirational Alumna Award Winner Georgie Dent (2000). Speaking about her wellbeing journey, Georgie inspired students and Valedictory Dinner guests to prioritise both mental and physical health.

Senior Resident Assistant Chloe Evans and Student Club President Caitlin Brittain both delivered heartfelt and impassioned Valedictory Addresses, conveying how the College and community has been a significant part of their lives.

Third-Year Valedict Alice Westlake-Toms and Graduand Milla Uechtritz then performed a delightful rendition of *Stay* by Rihanna.



First row: Third-Year Valedict Natalie Mabiza with her parents, who flew in from Zimbabwe to attend the 2025 Valedictory Dinner.

Second row: 2025 Inspirational Alumna Award Winner Georgie Dent (2000), Senior Resident Assistant Chloe Evans and Student Club President Caitlin Brittain.

Third row: Graduand Milla Uechtritz and Third-Year Valedict Alice Westlake-Toms.

Meet our 2025 Graduands

We are very proud of our residents and associates who are now eligible to graduate as the next generation of leaders. The Women's College thanks the following University representatives, who presented certificates to our Graduands:

- Professor Kris Ryan – Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), The University of Queensland
- Professor Robina Xavier – Provost, Queensland University of Technology.



Akaysia Boyle

B. Nursing, UQ



Lily Taylor

B. Nursing, UQ



Georgia Curran

B. Business Management, UQ



Milla Uechtritz

B. Science, UQ

*Brisbane Women's Club Young Achiever Prize
Dr Maureen Aitken Undergraduate Scholarship*



Tara Lavery

B. Environmental Science, UQ

*Anna Bligh Leadership Prize
Committee for Brisbane Prize
Wilhelmina Gladstone Jameson Scholarship Prize*



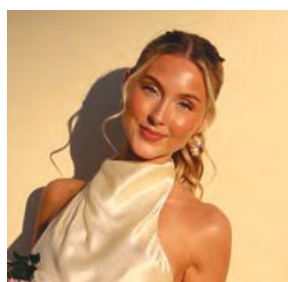
Sarah Horrocks

B. Paramedic Science, QUT



Natalie Mabiza

B. Commerce, UQ



Sophie Potter

B. Business, QUT



Grace Sweeney

B. Science, UQ



Harmony Linthorne

B. Visual Arts,
Griffith University

Congratulations to our 2025 Valedicts

Third-Year Residents

Sophia Algie
 Claire Asquith
 Madi Barker
 Catie Brittain
 Amelya Brooks
 Emma Byrne
 Jemma Cameron
 Mia Coren
 Annabel Danvers
 Allegra Daveson
 Libby Donnan
 Ruby Dowling
 Chloe Duguid
 Chloe Evans
 Ainhoa Fernandez Santalla
 Summer Fisher
 Jasmine Harris
 Sienna Harris
 Grace Hinneberg
 Eden Humphrey
 Victoria Jones
 Vanessa Karabetsos
 Hattie Lloyd-Jones
 Juliette Mahy
 Yazmin Morwood
 Elyse Packwood
 Ella Peacock
 Sarah Pearce
 Sophie Posselt
 Ella Reddaway
 Ella Scutt
 Jax Sleaford
 Nikola Sorensen
 Ally Thompson
 Claire Thompson
 Giaan Walker
 Ella Waye
 Alice Westlake-Toms
 Ella Williamson

Third-Year Associates

Holly Baker
 Alice Dixon
 Bridget Haynes

Second-Year Residents

Sophia Antonio
 Zoe Billings
 Mea Bock
 Sarah Carn
 Sienna Cavallaro



Caitlyn Coleman
 Frankie Cornish
 Rosie Duggan
 Hannah Edwards
 Gabbie Elbourne
 Teegan Gaul
 Grace Gillies
 Sarah Gordon
 Emily Groves
 Emerson Hamblin
 Tabitha Hamilton
 Asia Heaps
 Milla Hinton
 Katie Jantke
 Mikayla Jebreen
 Jordan Klos
 Alyssa MacLachlan
 Zara Maddern
 Olivia McDouall

Keely McKenzie
 Henrietta McKeown
 Nuala Mearns
 Rosie Peacock
 Zara Pearson
 Annie Petrie
 Marisa Ricketts
 Phoebe Ross
 Eve Ryan
 Amelia Schulz
 Madi Slack
 Sophie Thompson
 Eden Williams
 Zara Wolden

Second-Year Associates

Sophie Coleman
 May Li
 Emily Lohmann



Amy McLeod
 Millie Mitchell
 Riley Peters
 Beth Slatter
 Indiana Tichon
 Phoebe Zavros

First-Year Residents

Aoife Bedggood
 Niamh Bedggood
 Caitlin Calder
 Scarlet Carroll
 Izzy Flynn
 Sophia Hewitt
 Charlotte Jackson
 Ella Jeffree
 Agnethe Kjaer
 Amelia McCarthy
 Fidel Mearns

Prim Slack-Smith
 Ilisa Spierling
 Ava Tate
 Georgie Walker
 Jordy Wright

First-Year Associates

Rose Anastas
 Alima Bilal
 Harriett Bridge
 Bailey Cooke
 Hannah Dollar
 Josie Elliott
 Brooke Fewster
 Caitlin Fitzgerald
 Bridget Fryer
 Elisif Gordon
 Tiah Kalaja
 Isabella Lehane

Molly Litfin
 Emily Maiden
 Emily Marshall
 Ellouise O'Toole
 Erin Row
 Emma Slatter
 Lucy Smith
 Samantha Snowden
 Bella Stonell
 Mackenzie Thompson
 Aphrodite Vourdousis
 Taylor Watson

Pictured: Some of our 2025 Graduands and Valedicts with Women's College staff.

Celebrate our Special Award Winners

Three special awards were presented at the event, and we congratulate the students who won the following awards.

Outstanding Commitment: Ready to Lead Program Award

For the first time in its history, this award was presented to two winners, **Ekheera Birk and Ariella Paliza**. The Ready to Lead Program provides students with the opportunity to engage in workshops and seminars that will prepare them for work and life beyond College. This award acknowledges a student who has been fully involved in the program and who has attended the majority of the workshops throughout the academic year. This award was introduced in 2022.



Associate Award

Presented to **Kirby Auchter**, this award recognises the contribution of a committed First-Year Associate who has been an outstanding member of the Women's College community. The Associate Award was presented for the first time in 2022 and was an initiative of Zoe Garraway (2021 Associate Officer Resident Assistant) and Anna Kneipp (2022 Associate Officer Resident Assistant). The Resident Assistants Team is responsible for nominations for this award.



Women's Wooza Award

The 2025 Women's Wooza Award was presented to **Orla Crowley**. 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 student 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 five students. The entire student body then votes from this shortlist to determine the recipient of the Women's Wooza Award.



First row: Outstanding Commitment: Ready to Lead Program Award recipients Ekheera Birk and Ariella Paliza with Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney.

Second row: Associate Award recipient Kirby Auchter (middle) with Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney and Deputy Senior Resident Assistant Ella Reddaway.

Third row: 2025 Women's Wooza Award recipient Orla Crowley (middle) with Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney and Student Club President Caitlin Brittain.

Recognising our Committees

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

Grace Armitage
Zoe Billings
Caitlyn Coleman
Maddy Cook
Allegra Daveson
Zoe Devin
Sienna Fitzgerald
Jessica Gavin
Jasmine Harris
Hattie Lloyd-Jones
Bethany Kelly
Kiandra Loch
Maya Lynch
Alyssa MacLachlan
Annie Petrie
Zelie Purcell
Ella Reddaway
Jax Sleaford
Nikola Sorensen
Emily Thompson
Giaan Walker
Annie White
Ella Williamson
Zara Wolden

Ball Committee

Caitlin Brittain
Emma Byrne
Natalie Mabiza
Tara Lavery

Community Committee

Claire Asquith
(Community Convenor)
Moyo Adesina
Bethany Kelly

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Sienna Fitzgerald
(Equity Resident Assistant)
Reese Dart
Ava-Lin Jackson
Eliza Posselt

Georgia Quinn
Paige Williamson

O Week Organising Committee

Ella Reddaway
(Deputy Senior Resident Assistant)
Tara Lavery
(Vice President)
Grace Armitage
Phoebe Ross
Lily Taylor
Ella Williamson

Rush Week Convenor

Juliette Mahy

Shoppe Committee

Frankie Cornish
Grace Gillies
Mikayla Jebreen
Charlotte Low
Rosie Peacock

Social Committee

Emma Byrne
(Social Convenor)
Grace Armitage
Willa MacLennan
Sophie Potter

Student Ambassadors

Grace Armitage
Maisie Atwell
Dakota Barnett
Sienna Batzloff
Zoe Billings
Ekheera Birk
Akaysia Boyle
Asha Cahill Baird
Poppy Craddock
Orla Crowley
Annabel Danvers
Reese Dart
Allegra Daveson

Elkie Dent
Amie D'Espagnac
Hannah Evans
Sienna Falconer
Harriet Farrell
Primrose Gall
Sienna Harris
Eve Hawes
Sarah Horrocks
Tilleah Hudson
Eden Humphrey
Ava-Lin Jackson
Victoria Jones
Alice Kajewski
Maya Kazal
Bethany Kelly
Marnie Lambert
Maggie Lattimore
Hannah Law
Isabella Lewis
Kiandra Loch
Willa MacLennan
Talia Marshall
Kaitlin Mungall
Fran Murphy
Nafisa N.
Abbie Nield
Ariella Paliza
Kate Plowman
Eliza Posselt
Gabrielle Proudfoot
Zelie Purcell
Sasha Quinlan
Georgia Quinn
Paige Reimers
Kayla Robson
Phoebe Ross
Gabby Siebenhausen
Jax Sleaford
Caroline Sparks
Ilsa Spierling
Sarah Stephenson
Isabella Stower
Grace Sweeney
Soph Taylor
Lily Thomas

Jaime Titmus
Jessica Tuttle
Lilly Uhr
Giaan Walker
Alicia Westland
Annie White
Georgia White
Paige Williamson
Alice Yan

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Sasha Quinlan
Annie White

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Ainhua Fernandez Santalla
Aurelia Furey
Jasmine Harris
Vanessa Karabetsos
Tara Lavery
Hattie Lloyd-Jones
Natalie Mabiza
Katelyn McManus
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Celebrating our award recipients

We congratulate the 2025 Community, Cultural and Sports Award recipients. These awards were presented at the Community, Cultural and Sports Formal Dinners in September and October.

Community Awards

First Year Award

Jessica Tuttle

Second Year Award

Bethany Kelly

Initiative Award

Emily Brown

Environmental Award

Artemisia Brooke

Greater Cause Award

Fran Murphy



Above: Bethany Kelly, Jessica Tuttle, Claire Asquith (Community Convenor), Fran Murphy, Emily Brown and Artemisia Brooke.

Cultural Awards

Formal Dinner Performers

Reese Dart
Libby Donnan
Ainhua Fernandez Santalla
Emily Hellen
Alice Kajewski
Millie Toy
Jessica Tuttle
Paris Tzaneros
Milla Uechtritz
Alice Westlake-Toms

Convenors

Mea Bock (Dancefest)
Lucy Bowen (Bandfest)
Annaliese Byrne (Dancefest)
Ainhua Fernandez Santalla
(Art Show, Women's Idol and
College Idol)
Emily Hellen (Bandfest)
Eden Humphrey
(One Act Play and Oratory)
Kiandra Loch
(Choralfest, Dancefest and
One Act Play)
Zelie Purcell (Chess)
Charlotte Smith (Dancefest)
Claire Thompson (Choralfest)
Giaan Walker (Debating)

Half Blue Cultural Awards

Maddy Cook
Libby Donnan
Alice Kajewski
Bethany Kelly
Kayla Robson
Caroline Sparks
Paris Tzaneros
Alice Westlake-Toms
Alicia Westland

Full Blue Cultural Awards

Caitlin Brittain
Ainhua Fernandez Santalla
Emily Hellen
Eden Humphrey
Kiandra Loch
Zelie Purcell
Claire Thompson
Millie Toy
Jessica Tuttle
Giaan Walker

Most Valuable Awards

Millie Toy (Bandfest)
Giaan Walker (Chess)
Annabel Danvers (Choralfest)
Asha Cahill Baird (Dancefest)
Caitlin Brittain (Debating)
Maddy Cook (One Act Play)

Most Improved Awards

Kate McPherson (Bandfest)
Adara Curry (Chess)
Anne Lacey (Choralfest)
Ella Peacock (Dancefest)
Lilly Uhr (Debating)
Caroline Sparks
(One Act Play)

Cultural Fresher of the Year

Paris Tzaneros

Cultural Spirit of the Year

Emily Hellen

Cultural Woman of the Year Runners-Up

Millie Toy
Kiandra Loch

Cultural Woman of the Year

Ainhua Fernandez Santalla

Sports Awards

Convenors

Liani Anderson (Touch Football)
 Zoe Billings (Athletics)
 Sienna Cavallaro
 (Badminton and Tennis)
 Caitlyn Coleman (Rowing)
 Summer Fisher (Basketball)
 Sasha Flegler (Netball)
 Emerson Hamblin (Touch Football)
 Asia Heaps (Rowing)
 Alice Hughes (Rugby 7s)
 Victoria Jones (Basketball)
 Jordan Klos (Swimming)
 Kate Lavers (Hockey)
 Ava Lowrie (Netball)
 Marisa Ricketts
 (Athletics and Great Court Race)
 Phoebe Ross (Soccer)
 Sophie Thompson
 (AFL and Rugby 7s)
 Ella Waye (Volleyball)
 Zara Wolden (Soccer)

Half Blue Sports Award

Ekheera Birk
 Amelya Brooks
 Georgia Curran
 Jordan Klos
 Ava Lowrie
 Kate Plowman
 Ella Scutt
 Daphne Tindall
 Milla Uechtritz

Full Blue Sports Award

Zoe Billings
 Caitlin Brittain

Orla Crowley
 Amie D'Espagnac
 Sasha Flegler
 Chelsea Gladwin
 Alice Hughes
 Ella Peacock
 Sophie Posselt
 Sahara Powell
 Ella Reddaway
 Marisa Ricketts
 Sophie Sutton
 Soph Taylor
 Lily Thomas
 Sophie Thompson
 Ella Waye

Most Valuable Player Awards

Sasha Flegler (AFL)
 Annaliese Byrne (Athletics)
 Sophie Posselt (Badminton)
 Orla Crowley (Basketball)
 Tilleah Hudson (Hockey)
 Lauren Packer (Netball)
 Caroline Sparks (Rowing)
 Emerson Hamblin (Rugby 7s)
 Alice Hughes (Soccer)
 Sienna Batzloff (Swimming)
 Kate Plowman (Tennis)
 Ella Scutt (Touch Football)
 Ekheera Birk (Volleyball)

ICC Team

Orla Crowley (AFL)
 Chelsea Gladwin (Athletics)
 Sophie Hateley (Badminton)
 Ekheera Birk (Basketball)
 Laura Camilleri (Hockey)

Sasha Flegler (Netball)
 Asia Heaps (Rowing)
 Amie D'Espagnac (Rugby 7s)
 Sophie Posselt (Soccer)
 Niamh Bedggood (Swimming)
 Sasha Flegler (Tennis)
 Caitlin Brittain (Touch Football)
 Jaime Titmus (Volleyball)

Most Improved

Amie D'Espagnac (AFL)
 Sahara Powell (Athletics)
 Eliza Posselt (Badminton)
 Ivy Mills (Basketball)
 Sarah Stephenson (Hockey)
 M'Lea Michael (Netball)
 Orla Crowley (Rowing)
 Lily Thomas (Rugby 7s)
 Matilda Mackay (Soccer)
 Aoife Bedggood (Swimming)
 Sienna Harris (Tennis)
 Jordy Wright (Touch Football)
 Talia Marshall (Volleyball)

Spirit of ICC Award Nominee

Grace Armitage

Mary Wooza Sports Award

Orla Crowley

Frances Wright Sports Award

Sophie Thompson

Sportswoman of the Year

Alice Hughes



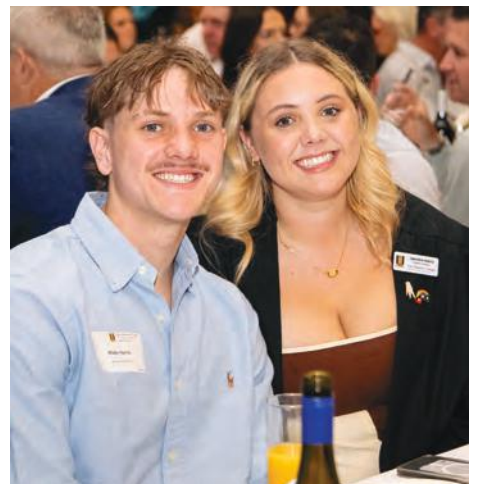
Left: Emily Hellen, Millie Toy, Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney, Ainhoa Fernandez Santalla (Cultural Convenor), Kiandra Loch and Paris Tzaneros.

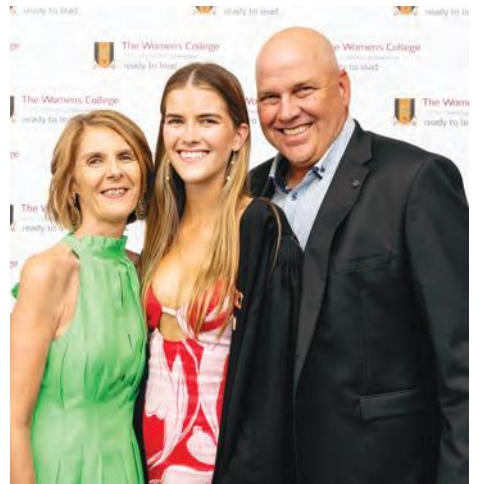


Right: Grace Armitage, Alice Hughes, Ella Peacock (Sports Convenor), Sophie Thompson and Orla Crowley.



2025 Valedictory Dinner Gallery









Student Leadership Team Report

Caitlin Brittain, 2025 Student Club President &
Chloe Evans, 2025 Senior Resident Assistant

Our girls in maroon have had a jam-packed Semester 2 at The Women's College, filled with energy, laughter, and community spirit.

Student Leadership and Welcome Events

The semester began with the Student Leadership Team (SLT) returning early for the annual retreat – an important day of reflection, planning, and goal setting. Re-O Week followed soon after, reuniting returning residents and welcoming new faces into the Women's family. The energy and excitement set the tone for an unforgettable semester.

Sport

Woozas gave their all across the Inter-College Council (ICC) competitions, showcasing teamwork and resilience throughout the year. Women's placed 3rd overall in ICC Sport – an outstanding result and a testament to collective effort.

Highlights included:

- 1st in Swimming
- 2nd in Rowing and Netball
- 3rd in Tennis, Touch Football, Athletics and Rugby 7s
- 4th in Soccer, AFL and Volleyball

The sporting season concluded with the annual Sport Formal Dinner, recognising exceptional dedication and achievement. Major awards included:

- Spirit of the ICC Award Nominee – Grace Armitage
- Mary Wooza Sports Award – Orla Crowley
- Frances Wright Sports Award – Sophie Thompson
- Sportswoman of the Year – Alice Hughes

Cultural Life

The cultural program thrived this semester, celebrating creativity and collaboration. The Women's Art Show opened the season, followed by an impressive One Act Play hosted in the College Playhouse and the rescheduled College Idol featuring Ainhua Fernandez Santella and Paris

Tzaneros. The semester culminated in ICC Dancefest, where Women's placed 4th in an inspiring group performance.

At the Cultural Formal Dinner, we celebrated our artistic achievements and presented major prizes, including:

- Cultural Fresher of the Year – Paris Tzaneros
- Cultural Spirit of the Year – Emily Hellen
- Cultural Woman of the Year Runners-Up – Millie & Kiandra Loch
- Cultural Woman of the Year – Ainhua Fernandez Santella

Community Initiatives

The community program reached new heights under Community Convenor, Claire Asquith. From the record-breaking Executive Auction, which raised over \$11,000 for The Lodge Youth Services Inc., to initiatives like the Bridge to Brisbane and a movie night supporting UNICEF, students showed extraordinary generosity. Altogether, \$43,000 was raised in 2025 for various charities.

Social Events

Led by Social Convenor, Emma Byrne, the social calendar was lively and inclusive. Highlights included the Chinese Dinner, Re-O Week celebrations, and the spectacular 111th Women's College Ball – an event made possible by the hard work of the Ball Committee. The following day's Succession Day kept the energy alive with its 'Aussie Icons' theme at Ric's.

Looking Ahead

The Student Club's Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12 October marked a seamless transition to the 2026 leadership team, led by incoming President Aurelia Furey and Senior Resident Assistant Katelyn McManus.

Thank you to every 2025 resident and associate for making this such a memorable year – and to our parents and caregivers for their constant support. Together, we've made Semester 2 one to remember.

Semester 2





Meet the 2026 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 2026.

Student Club Executive



Aurelia Furey
President



Sophie Sutton
Vice President



Sienna Fitzgerald
Treasurer



Zelle Purcell
Secretary



Grace Armitage
Social Convenor



Annie White
Communications
Representative



Alice Hughes
Sports Convenor



Emily Hellen
Cultural Convenor



Maddy Cook
Community Convenor



Fran Murphy
ICC Representative
(Social)



Ava Guthrie
Second-Year
Representative



Sophie Hateley
Second-Year
Representative

Resident Assistants



Katelyn McManus
Senior
Resident Assistant



Emily Brown
Deputy Senior
Resident Assistant



Poppy Craddock
Academic Officer
Resident Assistant



Georgia Quinn
Equity Officer
Resident Assistant



Gabi Bonanno
Resident Assistant



Asha Cahill Baird
Resident Assistant



Hannah Evans
Resident Assistant



Maya Kazal
Resident Assistant



Charlotte Low
Resident Assistant



Maya Lynch
Resident Assistant



Talia Marshall
Resident Assistant



Kate Plowman
Resident Assistant



Sasha Quinlan
Resident Assistant



Paige Reimers
Resident Assistant



Sienna Small
Resident Assistant



Paris Tzaneros
Resident Assistant

Advancement Update

Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement

Creating Opportunities Through Giving

This year has been one of extraordinary generosity and community spirit. Together, our College families have made a powerful impact – championing the aspirations of our students and strengthening the legacy of The Women's College.

Through your contributions – whether donating to bursaries and scholarships, supporting our online raffles, or making voluntary gifts – you have helped create opportunities that empower our students to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

We are delighted to share that, together, we raised an outstanding \$17,300 for The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship. This achievement reflects the deep care and shared purpose that define our community.

A special thank you to our 2025 Giving Day Ambassadors, whose enthusiasm and leadership brought the Mary Wooza Giving Games to life. Every gift – no matter the size – has played a part in transforming student lives.



Congratulations to our 2025 UQ Giving Day Ambassadors – Aurelia Furey, Natalie Mabiza, Jasmine Harris, Katelyn McManus, Tara Lavery, Caitlin Brittain, Chloe Evans, Emily Brown, Ainhua Fernandez Santalla, Vanessa Karabetsos, Hattie Lloyd-Jones and (not pictured) Ella Reddaway – for organising a brilliant Giving Games for students and staff during which \$3,131 was raised in 1.5 hours.

Expanding Opportunities for 2026

Looking ahead to 2026, our commitment to supporting students continues to grow. The College is pleased to offer an expanded suite of bursaries, scholarships, as well as prizes that recognise academic excellence, leadership, and service within the College community.

This year, we are delighted to introduce the Suellen Topfer Bursary, the Nilnert Scholarship, and the Helen McBride Prize, each designed to provide meaningful encouragement and financial support to students as they pursue their goals.

While bursary applications have now closed, scholarship applications for 2026 remain open until Friday 12 December 2025, and prize applications close on Thursday 27 November 2025. Families are also reminded that Round 2 for UQ Residential Scholarships is now open. [Click here to discover more about scholarships](#) at Women's and UQ.

Family Night: A Celebration in the Wellbeing Precinct

For the second year, families joined together for Family Night – an initiative of the Student Club that continues to grow as one of the College's most loved community events. Held in the Wellbeing Precinct, the evening offered parents and families the chance to experience the warmth, vibrancy, and spirit of College life firsthand.

The night's highlight was a lively performance by Dirt Bucket (the Women's band), whose crowd-favourite songs had everyone singing along. Our thanks go to all who supported the Family Night Raffle and we congratulate our lucky winners. Funds raised from this raffle supported the Alumnae Awards Scholarship and the Mary Wooza Scholarship.

Family Night once again showcased what makes Women's College so special – a welcoming community where connection and celebration go hand in hand. We look forward to hosting families again next year for another unforgettable evening.

Celebrating our 2025 Valedicts

As our 2025 Valedicts prepare to leave Women's, we celebrate their achievements, friendships, and growth. College has been their home – a place where they have built confidence, purpose, and enduring friendships that will remain with them for life.

As they step forward into new beginnings, they carry with them the spirit of Women's – its values, lessons, and the lifelong network of alumnae who continue to inspire and support one another.

We send our heartfelt congratulations to each Valedict as she embarks on her next chapter. Once a Wooza, always a Wooza.

Family Night Gallery

Our much-loved Family Night returned for its second year. We welcomed over 200 families for an evening of connection, community, and live music from our very own Woozas. Families experienced the new Wellbeing Precinct and the vibrant community here at the College.

We raised over \$2,000 for the Alumnae Awards Fund through the 2025 Family Night Raffle – an amazing result.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this a wonderful evening.





Finance Matters

Fiona Bryant, Director of Finance

From celebrating our 111th College Ball at Archerfield Jet Base to opening the Joan & Denise Robinson Wellbeing Precinct, and achieving another record-breaking result at the Giving Games, this year has been nothing short of extraordinary. It's been such a joy working with – and getting to know – our amazing students. A heartfelt thank you to all our residents for making this year truly unforgettable!

For those returning in 2026, please remember:

- A non-refundable \$1,500 deposit was due on Friday 10 October 2025 to secure your spot.
- Term 1 invoices will be sent in early December and must be paid by the January 2026 due date.

We know budgeting matters, so we offer flexible payment plans at no extra cost. For details, please send me an email at f.bryant@womens.uq.edu.au.

We can't wait to welcome many of you back in 2026. To our Valedictorians – your next chapter awaits, and we look forward to celebrating your successes at our young alumnae events soon!



Director of Finance Fiona Bryant with 2026 Second-Year Representatives Ava Guthrie and Sophie Hateley, and 2026 Resident Assistant Talia Marshall.

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 2026.

Please note that the College will close for the holiday period at 4:00pm on Friday 19 December 2025 and will reopen at 8:00am on Monday 5 January 2026.



Operations Update

Luiz Gomes, Director of Operations

2025 has been a year of growth and progress across the College, with each operational team contributing to projects that have enhanced the student experience and strengthened our campus community. From facility upgrades to service improvements, these initiatives reflect our continued commitment to providing a safe, welcoming, and well-supported environment for everyone who lives, studies, and works at the College. As we look ahead to 2026, we're excited to continue this momentum with new projects that will further enrich daily life on campus.

A year of progress

This year, we focused on making our campus an even better place to live and learn. From refreshed spaces to practical upgrades, these improvements were designed to make daily life more comfortable and enjoyable for everyone. Key projects completed in 2025 included:

- An update to furniture in all common rooms.
- Installation of a new door lock access system and a modern CCTV network to enhance security in rooms and common areas.
- Renovation of all 17 bathrooms in Piddington Wing.
- Installation of solar panels as part of the College's sustainability initiatives.
- Construction of the new Wellbeing Precinct.
- An upgrade to the Reception/Foyer bathrooms.
- Enhancement of the the mains power connection.
- Replacement of the two projectors in the Chislehurst Room.
- Replacement of the Centenary building's hot water system.
- Installation of ducted air conditioning in all rooms and the common room on the top floor of Third Wing.

Looking ahead to 2026

Plans for 2026 include a range of upgrades and initiatives that will build on this year's progress and further improve the resident experience.

Planned improvements for 2026 include:

- Replacing both wheelchair lifts.
- Installing air conditioning in additional buildings.
- Upgrading the fire alarm speaker system.
- Refurbishing the bathrooms in Centenary Wing.
- Installing additional internal doors with electronic locks.
- Replacing key kitchen appliances.
- Transforming the Playhouse backstage area into a dedicated storage space for sporting equipment.



Director of Operations Luiz Gomes (middle) with Sean Evans (left) and Paul Brittain (right) at the Fathers Q&A Formal Dinner that was held in August. Sean and Paul were guest panellists with their daughters, Senior Resident Assistant Chloe Evans and Student Club President Caitlin Brittain.



The Joan & Denise Robinson Wellbeing Precinct has quickly become a space for students and the community to come together for wellbeing activities, social events, studying and more. Construction of this area took four months to complete.



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