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Parent Communiqué



SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate with Women's College in 2023

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Family Day

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

THURSDAY 09 MARCH

Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

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

FRIDAY 12 MAY

Mother & Daughter Dinner

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

SATURDAY 08 JULY

Back to Women's

This event incorporates the Standing Committee Luncheon—an annual fundraising event, named in honour of the Standing Committee, who established and fundraised for The Women's College from the early 1900s—and the Alumnae Reunion Celebrations for Woozas from Fresher Years 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013.

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Father & Daughter Drinks

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

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Community Formal Dinner

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

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Cultural Formal Dinner

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

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

Sports Formal Dinner

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

THURSDAY 19 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



The Women's College Virtual Museum

The Women's College Virtual Museum was launched in 2022 at the College's 108th Birthday.

The artefacts, items of interest and speeches collected over almost 110 years reflect the College's rich history. This collection of memorabilia spanning more than a century may not have seemed extraordinary at the time, but today they hold a special place in our hearts because they remind us of the friendships and traditions that have enriched The Women's College community of students and alumnae for so long.



[Click here to visit the Virtual Museum](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/virtual-museum)

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Cover image: 2023 Senior Resident Assistant Lili Anderson, 2022 Valedictory Dinner Keynote Speaker The Honourable Anna Bligh AC (alumna 1978), and 2023 Student Club President Phoebe Lingard. *Photo by Rhubarb Photography.*

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



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Left to right: 2023 Student Club President Phoebe Lingard, Vice President Ellen Moroney, Deputy Senior Resident Assistant Grete Gawthorn and Senior Resident Assistant Lili Anderson with Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney (centre).

From the Head of College

Florence Kearney, Head of College & CEO

Welcome to our final Parent Communiqué for 2022.

As the academic year comes to a close, 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 2023, with the College at full capacity to commence next year, testament to the vibrant and supportive culture at Women's. There is something unique about the Wooza sisterhood ... women supporting women – empowering, embracing, respecting and encouraging one another while working together to achieve goals and ensuring they *never leave a Wooza behind*.

It was a delight to meet many parents and families on 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 a number of scheduled parent events this year, culminating in the celebratory Valedictory Dinner with the parents of our Graduands and Third-Year Valedicts on 20 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 student life revolves around university studies, there are many opportunities for personal growth and connection with others, and for developing friendships and networks for the future. Our Ready to Lead forums, student functions, Women of the World Q&A Series, Formal Dinners with amazing and

inspirational guest speakers, Women's industry Night (WIN) and mentoring sessions have featured throughout the year.

Students wholeheartedly enjoyed the very busy and very successful ICC program. Congratulations to our Women's teams on a most outstanding first place in ICC sport (tied with King's College), an impressive third place in ICC cultural, and exceptional engagement in both ICC and College community programs (students giving back of themselves and raising record amounts for charities with a particular focus on women's issues). The numerous ICC social events have filled the calendar with occasions to interact with other Colleges.

Heartiest congratulations to our Graduands and their families! It is an extraordinary moment to witness our daughters complete their degrees and step into their futures as university graduates. We trust that our graduating students will cherish their College experience and reap the benefits of the friendships they have made and the connections they have developed during their time at Women's.

I sincerely thank and congratulate the outgoing student leaders—led impressively by Lilli Anderson (Student Club President) and Lauren Ward (Senior Resident Assistant), and supported by Isabelle Coleman (Student Club Vice President) and Laura Carniel (Deputy Senior Resident Assistant)—for their excellent leadership of the College this year. Congratulations also to the incoming Student Leadership Team (SLT) for 2023, to be led by Phoebe Lingard (Student Club President) and Lili



Anderson (Senior Resident Assistant), and supported by Ellen Moroney (Student Club Vice President) and Grete Gawthorn, (Deputy Senior Resident Assistant). 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 our new residents and associates in February 2023.

The College acknowledges the generosity of the Student Club of 2022 in leaving lasting legacies for future students. The Student Club's gift to the College, in the form of the refurbishment of the common areas in the Sallyanne Atkinson Building and New Wing, including the establishment of another study hub, will be in place before the students depart in November. The partnership with the College to establish the new Women's College & Student Club Scholarship for leadership, to be awarded for the first time in 2023, has added an opportunity for a member of the SLT in future years. Congratulations to the College community for passing our target of \$10,000 to establish this scholarship fund during the UQ Giving Day on Wednesday 19 October.

I extend best wishes to our students and their families for the festive season and look forward to another prosperous year for everyone in 2023.

Semester 2 Snapshot



Academics

Eleven Graduands completed their university degrees.



Sports

First Place in the overall 2022 Women's ICC Sports Cup, with Swimming, Rugby 7s and Netball teams placing first in Semester 2 competitions.



Cultural

Awarded Third Place in the 2022 Sir Zelman Cowen ICC Cultural Competition, placing first for One Act Play.



College Awards

- Community Awards: 5 winners
- Cultural Awards: 11 Half Blue awards, 7 Full Blue awards and 2 overall cultural winners
- Sports Awards: 6 Half Blue awards, 9 Full Blue awards and 4 overall sports award winners



Philanthropy Initiatives

- Women's College & Student Club Scholarship
 - Deborah Davis Scholarship
 - The Women's College Sports Prize
- All to be awarded in 2023



Lasting legacy from 2022 Student Club

Their gift to the College is the refurbishment of common areas in the Sallyanne Atkinson Building and New Wing, plus another study hub.



Student community engagement supporting women's issues

- Pink Ladies Day: \$2,000 raised for National Breast Cancer Foundation
- Do It In A Dress: almost \$13,000 raised to support girls' equal access to education
- Yalari: raised \$5,280 for rural, regional and remote First Nations youth to attend boarding schools

Student Life

Gayle Harris, Deputy Head of College

Semester 2 began with the early return of our aspirational leaders for a workshop co-ordinated by our Dean of Students, Emma Campbell. This is the second year that the Aspirational Leaders Retreat has been run. The retreat was held in the College on the weekend before the official start of Semester 2. Students were invited to sign-up for the workshop and students who are current Student Ambassadors were also encouraged to join the program.

This was a very successful event in which representatives (both whom are alumna) 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 the Student Club Executive. The group voted on the presentations and the winning pitch was then presented to the Student Leaders the following day.

The Student Leadership Team (SLT) also participated in a one-day retreat on the Sunday that included leadership training, bonding, and planning prior to the start of Semester 2.

Both of these leadership training days were very well received and provided a platform for motivating and inspiring our current leaders to remain committed to their goals for the remainder of the year and for our aspiring leaders to consider applying for 2023 leadership roles.

The remainder of our Woozas arrived back from their five-week break, ready to take on all that Semester 2 had to offer.

The first week of Semester 2 was full of a variety of welcome back activities, including drinks on the Deck. We were thrilled to welcome six new residents in Semester 2; the Commencement Formal Dinner provided an opportunity for them to sign the College Register in front of their peers. With a full College, the atmosphere was one of positivity and excitement. Many students formed strong friendships and others have fulfilled their goal of stepping outside their comfort zone to meet new people and experience new opportunities. Much of this was facilitated through activities organised within the College such as Ready to Lead events, small and large social events, sport, co-curricular and community events. There was always something to get involved in during the semester.

At the commencement of the semester, all students were given the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the either the Head of College, Deputy Head of College or the Dean of Students to discuss their university results for Semester 1 2022 and their aspirations for Semester 2 and beyond. These meetings provided both College staff and the students an opportunity to acknowledge their academic achievements and to discuss their involvement in College life.

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 108th Women's College Ball in early August, followed by outstanding sporting and cultural performances, there was much to entertain everyone while they continued to pursue academic success. Much of the success of our students is dependent on their connection to 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, cultural and community events wrapped up just after mid-semester break and Women's had some outstanding performances. Of note was that we tied with King's College for first place in the overall women's ICC Sport Cup and third place in the Sir Zelman Cowen Cultural Competition.

Our Swimming, Rugby 7s and Netball teams placed first and we placed first in One Act Play. In community engagement in the inter-college fundraiser *Do it in a Dress*, they raised almost \$13,000 for this cause. Meanwhile, the annual Great Court Race saw the Women's team take out third place.

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; and 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 as they have dealt with changes to the commencement of the academic year due to floods and the impact of COVID-19 on students and their O Week plans. Our student leaders dealt with many challenges throughout the year but still maintained their focus of empowering each individual to feel valued, connected and respected through all the many pastoral care, leadership, sporting, social and cultural activities.

The 2022 SLT provided unwavering support for myself and Emma Campbell (Dean of Students) as we navigated our new roles and we are so grateful to them for their strong leadership, endless passion and dedication to The Women's College.

Key Dates for Semester 1, 2023

The Women's College

Date	Event
Tuesday 7 February	P-Week for Student Leaders begins
Sunday 12 February	Family Day, and First week for First Year Residents and Associates commences
Sunday 19 February	First week for all returning residents (including a Welcome BBQ and Drinks hosted by the Head of College)

2023 Academic Calendar – Brisbane Universities

Date	University
Monday 6 February	Griffith University's trimester begins
Monday 20 February	Semester 1 at UQ begins
Monday 27 February	Semester 1 at QUT and ACU begins



First row (L – R): Dean of Students Emma Campbell with Lily French (left) and Catriona Brown (middle) at the Semester 2 Commencement Dinner. On 26 July, our Student Club Executive held the annual ‘Exec Auction’ (photo on right) where funds were raised for Yalari, an organisation that raises funds for rural, regional and remote First Nations youth to go to some of the top boarding schools around Australia. \$5,280 was raised on the night of the auction.

Second row: The Women’s College Aspirational Leaders Retreat was held on Saturday with a full day of workshops for our students interested in becoming leaders in 2023. One of the highlights was a presentation with alumna Laine Kapetanacos (2017), who is currently a Communications Consultant at Deloitte and a UQ Young Alumni Advisory Board Member.

Third row: The 2022 Young Professionals Networking Q&A & Drinks, held on 30 August, included a Q&A session that was followed by a networking opportunity for current students to engage with some of Women’s Young Alumnae who have excelled in their chosen fields since leaving College. Our panellists included Georgia Hayward (2019 Senior Resident Assistant), Laura Milton (associate 2017 – 2019) and Risa Utama (2018 – 2020).



2022 Valedictory Dinner

A highlight on the College calendar, the annual Valedictory Dinner is a celebration for our Graduands and Valedicts. This event is an opportunity for the Women's community to come together to reflect on the year and acknowledge the contributions our residents and associates have made to the College.

Our keynote speaker was The Honourable Anna Bligh AC (alumna 1978; pictured on the cover), who reflected on how her time at Women's shaped the person she is today and encouraged her along her career pathway.

The ceremony featured acknowledgement of our 2022 Student Leadership Team, other Student Leaders, Graduands and Valedicts. The recipients of the following special awards were also announced:

- Outstanding Commitment to the Ready to Lead Program – Chelsea Moor;
- Associate Award – India Cochrane; and
- The Women's Wooza – Georgia McMullen.

During the ceremony, First-Year Residents Charlotte Meade and Sacha Zarew delivered a heart-felt performance of *You've Got a Friend* by Carole King.

The event concluded with an introduction to the 2023 Student Leadership Team, who then formed a Guard of Honour for the Graduands and Third-Year Valedicts.

The Women's College congratulates all Graduands, Valedicts and award recipients.

Top: The 2023 Student Leadership Team formed a Guard of Honour for the 2022 Graduands and Third-Year Valedicts.

Right: Our 2022 Special Award recipients Chelsea Moor (top, pictured with Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney), India Cochrane (middle, pictured with 2022 Associate Officer Resident Assistant Anna Kneipp) and Georgia McMullen (bottom, pictured with 2022 Student Club President Lilli Anderson).



Meet our 2022 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.

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

- Jennifer Karlson – Pro-Vice Chancellor (Advancement & Community Engagement), The University of Queensland
- Professor Peta Wyeth – Deputy Dean, Faculty of Science, Queensland University of Technology
- Professor Carolyn Evans – Vice Chancellor and President, Griffith University
- Professor Suzanne Kuys, Campus Dean, Brisbane, Australian Catholic University



Graduands are pictured left to right, top to bottom.

UQ Graduands

Finn Eason
Bachelor of Science

Sarah-Jane Foxton
Bachelor of Architectural Design

Grace Risby-Jones
Bachelor of Science

Sarah Risby-Jones
Bachelor of Science

Mia Sandell
Bachelor of Nursing

Lucy Stefanovic
Bachelor of Architectural Design

QUT Graduands

Chloe Scott
Bachelor of Nursing

Louella Trotz
Bachelor of Creative Industries

Madeline Whish-Wilson
Bachelor of Design (Architecture)

Griffith University Graduand

Meredith Ross
Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice

ACU Graduand

Lily Black
Bachelor of Nursing

Congratulations to our Valedicts

Third-Year Residents (pictured)

Lilli Anderson

Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)/ Bachelor of Laws (Hons), QUT

Lara-Jane Biggin

Bachelor of Speech Pathology, UQ

Immigen Borland

Bachelor of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, UQ

Kirsten Brown

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education, UQ

Laura Carniel

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Hons), UQ

Isabelle Coleman

Bachelor of Midwifery/ Bachelor of Nursing, UQ

Valentina Colombini

Bachelor of Nursing, QUT

Ella Darlington

Bachelor of Education (Secondary), QUT

Christine Fairweather

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, UQ

Imarnie Fatnowna

Bachelor of Science, UQ

Erin Gilmore

Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics (Hons), UQ

Teagan Harker

Bachelor of Education (Primary), UQ

Phoebe Heslop

Bachelor of Social Work, QUT

Alicia Kotzee

Bachelor of Business/ Bachelor of Laws, QUT

Aryana Krpan

Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Hons), UQ

Emily McFarland

Bachelor of Psychology (Hons), Griffith University

Bridget Meyers

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

Millie Murray

Bachelor of Design (Visual Communications), QUT

Billie O'Neill

Bachelor of Business Management/Bachelor of Communications, UQ

Sophie Radunz

Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery, UQ

Kate Schluter

Bachelor of Nursing, Griffith University

Millie Seeto

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Commerce, UQ

Chloe Shoyer

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

Isabelle Steinhardt

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Drama)/Bachelor of Business (Marketing), QUT

Monica Stephan

Bachelor of Midwifery/ Bachelor of Nursing, UQ

Lauren Ward

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

Lucy Zarew

Bachelor of Mathematics/ Bachelor of Science, UQ



Second-Year Residents

Alyssa Baker

Georgia Barnes

Imogen Berridge

Mikaela Bettridge

Matisse Black

Ruby Blake

Paige Carpenter

Nicole Connacher

Lily Conole

Eliza Cowan

Charlotte Crothers

Gabrielle Dempsey

Aurelia Donger

Torwen Eerkens

Alexandra Egan

Anna Elshazely

Lauren Evans

Maggie Forster

Lakshmi Gandu

Holly Hall

Sabrina Harlen

Darcie Harris

Isabelle Harris

Abigail Hills

Louella Hindmarsh

Joanna Ho

Anna Kneipp

Amelia Lees

Sasha Li

Sara Loughnan

Audrey Marsh

Matilda Marxsen

Madeleine McCloskey

Grace Miller

Jasmine Mills

Mikaela Mulveney

Bella Munro



Macy Nixon
 Shania Oreb
 Amelie Osborne
 Hannah Pearson
 Zara Pidgeon
 Emily Poon
 Rachel Prescott
 Dawn Raden
 Isabella Rehbein
 Hannah Retief
 Airlie Robinson
 Jessica Rolle
 Charlotte Ryan
 Isabella Sandell
 Carla Sanfrancesco
 Kimberley Schoers
 Emily Skilton
 Georgia Sloss
 Isabelle Stanley

Aysha Swanson
 Georgia Switala
 Erin Thompson
 Danica Titze
 Lily Tuituri
 Hollie Twidale
 Sarah Underwood
 Ingrid Wolden
 Isabella Wythes
 Senalee Yapa Udawela
 Abby Zappa

First-Year Residents

Darcy Bichel
 Samantha Blakeney
 Jessica Burke
 Amy Cameron
 Hannah Campbell
 Kate Cowan

Lilli Crumblin
 Laura de Jong
 Lily Dubois
 Ellie Geoghegan
 Anastasia Jackson
 Pia Malouf
 Sofia Michael
 Roisin O'Connor
 Isabella Pippia
 Charlotte Rae
 Madeleine Roche
 Claire Ryan
 Kennedy Schroeder
 Tenaysha Thomasson

Third-Year Associate

Madelyn Sparrow

Second-Year Associates

Isabella Henry
 Ashleigh Hobson
 Elke Howes
 Sophie Leggett
 Sarah McLeod
 Jemima Powell
 Sophie Watson

First-Year Associates

Sarah Arnold
 Bridie Benecke
 India Cochrane
 Amelia Jackson
 Rosie King
 Cali Westmoreland



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



The image shows the cover of the 2022 Valedictory Dinner program. The cover is white with a red and gold design on the left side. The text on the cover includes "2022 Valedictory Dinner" and "Friday 20 October 2022".



Celebrate our 2022 Award Recipients

We congratulate the 2022 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 15 September 2022.
- The cultural awards were announced at the Cultural Formal Dinner on Thursday 6 October 2022.
- The sports awards were announced at the Sports Formal Dinner on Wednesday 12 October 2022.

Community Awards

First Year Award

Madeleine Warner

Second Year Award

Millicent Power

Initiative Award

Jillian Campbell

Environmental Award

Lily Dubois

Chelsea Moor

Cultural Awards

Convenors

Art Show: Phoebe Heslop

Bandfest: Airlie Robinson & Aysha Swanson

Chess: Isabella Rehbein

Choralfest: Sophia Ross

Choralfest: Louella Trotz

Dancefest: Sasha Li, Ella McFie, Chelsea Moor & Jessica Pini

Debating: Christine Fairweather

One Act Play: Sophia Ross & Aysha Swanson

Oratory: Lauren Ward

Women's Idol & College Idol: Phoebe Heslop

Half Blue Cultural Award

Lily Conole

Finn Easson

Lakshmi Gandu

Lucy Holland

Kathleen Humphreys

Sasha Li

Charlotte Meade

Airlie Robinson

Louella Trotz

Lauren Ward

Sacha Zarew

Full Blue Cultural Award

Christine Fairweather

Darcie Harris

Chelsea Moor

Isabella Rehbein

Sophia Ross

Eleanor Swan

Aysha Swanson

Cultural Woman of the Year Runner-Up

Aysha Swanson

Cultural Woman of the Year

Christine Fairweather

Sports Awards

Convenors

AFL: Paige Carpenter

Athletics: Alyssa Baker & Georgia Sloss

Basketball: Amelie Osborne

Hockey: Jemima MacLennan

Netball: Stella Horton & Mikaela Mulveney

Rowing: Gabrielle Geldard & Jemima Powell

Rugby 7s: Abigail Hills & Hollie Twidale

Soccer: Isabelle Harris & Ingrid Wolden

Swimming: Aurelia Donger & Jasmine Mills

Table Tennis: Georgia Barnes

Tennis: Sophie Arnell

Touch Football: Ella Darlington

Most Valuable Player (MVP)

AFL: Imarnie Fatnowna

Athletics: Alyssa Baker

Basketball: Michaela Karakyriakos

Hockey: Lauren Gilmore

Netball: Matilda Lowrie

Rowing: Claire Ryan

Rugby 7s: Paige Carpenter

Soccer: Isabelle Harris

Swimming: Madylynn Robert

Table Tennis: Olivia Smith

Tennis: Torwen Eerkens

Touch Football: Phoebe Lingard

ICC Team

AFL: Paige Carpenter & Georgia McMullen

Athletics: Georgia Sloss

Basketball: Laura Carniel

Hockey: Phoebe Lingard & Isabel Nolke

Netball: Dixie McNaught

Rugby 7s: Lily Black & Hollie Twidale

Soccer: Kate Cowan & Isabelle Harris

Swimming: Madylynn Robert

Touch Football: Abigail Hills

Most Improved

AFL: Matisse Black

Athletics: Georgia Sloss

Basketball: Georgia Gargan

Hockey: Erin Gilmore

Netball: Stella Horton

Rowing: Pia Malouf

Rugby 7s: Imarnie Fatnowna

Soccer: Bridget Meyers

Swimming: Hayley Wright

Table Tennis: Nicole Connacher & Lucy Zarew

Tennis: Clementine Morphett

Touch Football: Jemima Robertson

Half Blue Sports Award

Darcy Bichel

Torwen Eerkens

Georgia McMullen

Bridget Meyers

Isabel Nolke

Georgia Staines

Full Blue Sports Award

Lily Black

Laura Carniel

Paige Carpenter

Imarnie Fatnowna

Jemma Green

Phoebe Lingard

Amelie Osborne

Georgia Sloss

Hayley Wright

Spirit of ICC Award Nominee

Imarnie Fatnowna

Mary Wooza Sport Award

Hayley Wright

Frances Wright Sport Award

Laura Carniel

Sportswoman of the Year

Paige Carpenter

Student Leadership Team Report

Lilli Anderson, 2022 Student Club President & Lauren Ward, 2022 Senior Resident Assistant

They say time flies when you are having fun! This semester, we finished the year strongly across the board in our cultural, sporting and community endeavours with two podium finishes in the ICC competition. Placing first in sport for the year and in third for cultural was exhilarating and a true testament of the dedication, diligence and teamwork of our girls. These achievements would not have been possible without the tremendous support and organisation from our Sport Convenor Lily Black and Cultural Convenor Phoebe Heslop. A few notable achievements from this semester have been winning the premiership in ICC Netball, Rugby 7s and the Swimming Carnival, along with placing first in One Act Play.

Numerous girls proudly wore school dresses in September to raise funds for *Do it in a Dress*, a One Girl fundraiser that raises vital funds for girls' education in Sierra Leone (Africa). This is a community event we all hold close to our hearts, and we are so

proud of everyone who has participated this year. We also held our annual Pink Ladies Day, during which we raised funds for the Pink Ribbon Foundation. This event is particularly special as we were joined by our Young Alumnae.

The 108th Women's College Ball was a huge success thanks to extensive planning by Social Convenor Millie Murray and the Ball Committee. Photo booths, ginger beers, 'Who is John' and the picturesque venue of Hillstone (St Lucia) all made for a very memorable evening.

To the Woozas returning in 2023, we undoubtedly know you will have yet another exceptional year, and will welcome our new cohort of First Years with open arms. It has been a great honour and privilege to be your SLT for 2022, and we cannot wait to see the Wooza spirit continue for years to come.

Yours in never leaving a Wooza behind,
Lilli & Lauren



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

2023 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the Student Club Executive and Resident Assistants who have been appointed to lead the College in 2023.

Student Club Executive



Phoebe Lingard
President



Ellen Moroney
Vice President



Natasha Grundy
Treasurer



Phoebe Fitzgerald
Secretary



Kyla Ewart
ICC Representative
(Secretary)



Jemma Green
Social Convenor



Daisy Fahey
Communications
Representative



Stella Horton
Sport Convenor



Sophia Ross
Cultural Convenor



Millicent Power
Sponsorship &
Fundraising Convenor



Dixie McNaught
Second-Year
Representative



Zimena Furey
Second-Year
Representative

Resident Assistants



Lili Anderson
Senior
Resident Assistant



Grete Gawthorn
Deputy Senior
Resident Assistant



Hannah-Jane Jensen
Equity Officer
Resident Assistant



Jocelyn Lindsay
Academic Officer
Resident Assistant



Astrid Walters
Associate Officer
Resident Assistant



Ella Bradshaw
Resident Assistant



Tess Feller
Resident Assistant



Lucy Holland
Resident Assistant



Jemima MacLennan
Resident Assistant



Ella McFie
Resident Assistant



Chelsea Moor
Resident Assistant



Claudia Nina
Resident Assistant



Isabel Nolke
Resident Assistant



Jess Pini
Resident Assistant

Advancement Update

Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement

Impact of Philanthropy

Thank you to our parents and students who have contributed to the College in 2022. In particular, we extend our sincere appreciation to the many families who made a voluntary contribution to our bursary program to assist students in financial need. Throughout the year, parents and students have supported our major online raffles and the recent UQ Giving Day, raising funds for the Alumnae Awards Scholarship and the new Women's College & Student Club Scholarship.

The College was also pleased to offer a naming opportunity to honour families whose philanthropic support made possible the refurbishment of The College Playhouse this year.

The fundraising efforts from our families contribute towards students being awarded bursaries, scholarships and academic prizes.

New Scholarships and Prizes on Offer

We are excited to announce that two new scholarships will be offered for the first time to students in 2023. These include The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship for a third-year resident and the Deborah Davis Scholarship for a first-year resident. The College has also reintroduced Cultural and Sports Scholarships to be awarded in 2023.

Applications for 2022 Scholarships close on Friday 16 December. Further details are available on our [website](#).

Two new prizes will be awarded in 2023 and presented at the annual Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards next March. Established by alumna Anna McDougall (2011 – 2013), the new Women's College Sports Prize will be awarded to a resident who has made a positive difference to the culture of the College through their high engagement of participation in or support of the ICC sporting program. Also, the new QUT Academic Prize will be awarded to one of our QUT students who has achieved outstanding academic results.

Father & Daughter Drinks

Fathers of current Woozas were invited to join their daughters for the annual Father & Daughter Drinks on Friday 2 September. Our guests and students enjoyed a BBQ buffet dinner and discovered what's been happening at The Women's College. The evening also included a live performance of the award-winning ICC Bandfest competition members from Women's.

This popular event was a great success, with many fathers travelling far and wide to attend this special occasion with their daughters.

Farewell and Welcome

We extend a farewell to our valedicts, graduands and their families, however the College experience does not end here. As a former resident or associate, your daughter will be part of a global Women's College alumnae community and have access to a range of ongoing activities, including our career mentoring program and young alumnae events like the new Women's Industry Night (WIN) and Women of the World Q&A Series.

It is a great way to stay in touch as a young alumna and continue to remain engaged in the life of the College.



Above: Airlie Robinson and Laura Charles are just a few of the students who have supported the refurbishment of The College Playhouse in 2022.

Below: Student volunteers, pictured with Administration Officer Rosalia De Marco, sold cupcakes and Wooza scrunchies to raise funds at our UQ Giving Day stall during lunchtime.



Next page: Photos from the Father & Daughter Drinks, which was held in September (top half of the page) and the Women of the World Q&A Series, which was held in October and focused on women in education (bottom half of the page).



Finance Matters

Fiona Bryant, Director of Finance

After a delayed start to the 2022 academic year, this year has thankfully seen life return to a semblance of normality once again.

Since my appointment in July of this year, I have loved getting to know all of our students and staff, and have thoroughly enjoyed the Formal Dinners, speeches, events and activities that the College has delivered. Particular highlights for me were seeing all of our students dressed up in their finery and enjoying themselves at the 108th Women's College Ball in August, taking my own daughter to see our students compete at Dancefest, meeting many of our students' dads at the fun and relaxed Father & Daughter Drinks, and learning more about carrots and camels than I ever thought I would at the In Conversation with Margie Bale & Genevieve Windley Formal Dinner. I am looking forward to many more fun events in 2023!

For those students returning in 2023, please note that a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 was due on Friday 14 October 2022 to secure a place for next year. Term 1 invoices will be issued before Christmas and are payable by Tuesday 3 January 2023. On request, we also offer a payment plan option to assist families with planning and cashflow. If you would like more information regarding a payment plan, please send me an email at f.bryant@womens.uq.edu.au.

The College has almost reached full capacity for next year, and remaining places are filling up quickly. We would encourage anyone still wishing to be a resident in 2023 to please apply without delay. A 7.5% discount applies for siblings and is not exchangeable for cash. The College 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 2023; to our Graduands and Valedicts, we look forward to hearing about your future successes and hope to see you at one of our young alumnae events soon!

Women's Ball



Dancefest



Operations Update

Jeff Sipek, Director of Operations

2022 has been another exciting and satisfying year within the College community.

Thank you to Student Club President Lilli Anderson, Senior Resident Assistant Lauren Ward and the entire student leadership team for your support and co-operation throughout the year.

Last year, we shared news about various projects being undertaken as part of our Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025 with the key focus being our investment in infrastructure and priorities being given towards the upgrade and refurbishment of assets.

A number of these projects were undertaken in 2022, with some completed before students arrived and others completed during Semester 1.

While some works took longer than expected due to delays experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, we managed to complete all projects within budget. These projects included:

- an AV upgrade throughout the College;
- the replacement of the roof for New Wing;
- upgrades to bathrooms in Upper Cuppaidge, and Lower and Upper Bourne;
- the upgrade of fire doors in Piddington Wing; and
- an upgrade of carpet and seating in the College Playhouse.

Feedback received from students about the AV upgrade and College Playhouse refurbishment have been very positive.

With fewer disruptions to daily operations in 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, staff have been busy maintaining both internal and external facilities of the College and appreciated all the positive feedback received from our College community.

Two additional projects were completed this semester and involved the instalment of a:

- third flagpole to fly the Aboriginal Flag; and
- fully automated defibrillator, positioned at Reception and accessible 24/7.

2023 budget planning is well underway, with the following major projects planned:

- air conditioning to be replaced in the Dining Hall; and
- continued upgrades to bathrooms, these will be in Garden Philp, Hartland and Cuppaidge wings.

With our focus on investment in infrastructure and the need to continue the upgrade and improvement of our facilities, the College commissioned Macksey Rush Architects in May 2022 to provide a 10-Year Facilities Master Plan. The previous Master Plan by the College was done in 2013 that resulted in the development of Centenary Wing, which opened in 2015.

The purpose of the Master Plan is threefold:

1. Create a Master Plan that will guide The Women's College in the development of new and refurbished facilities;
2. Create a vision for any new projects that may excite and attract donor commitments; and
3. Establish a conceptual design for any new developments that meet the College brief of additional student areas for study, recreation, gymnasium and our income stream.

To those students returning in 2023, we look forward to working with you in continuing the strong bond that exists within our community.

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



The College's Master Planning workshop included current students, alumna, Council Members and staff. Left: Senior Resident Assistant Lauren Ward, Council Member Emeritus Professor Fred D'Agostino and Student Club Treasurer Erin Gilmore. Above: Resident Assistant Abby Zappa and Student Club President Lilli Anderson.



Student Club President Lilli Anderson and Senior Resident Assistant Lauren Ward at the 2022 International Women's Day celebration at Government House.



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