



The Women's College

within The University of Queensland

ready to lead

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2024 student leaders (L – R) Jillian Campbell (Deputy Senior Resident Assistant), Isabel Nolke (Senior Resident Assistant), Dixie McNaught (Student Club Vice President) and Zimena Furey (Student Club President) with Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney (centre).



Welcome

The Women's College within The University of Queensland provides a supportive living and learning community for young women, primarily from regional and rural areas, who relocate to Brisbane to pursue tertiary education.

Women's is more than just a place to stay. The College focuses on the academic, mentoring and career development needs of each student, along with providing support for wellbeing and access to a diverse range of leadership, sporting, cultural, community and social activities. Centred on equity, Women's is a place where women support women. The diversity, talents and personalities of more than 250 residents and 50 non-resident associates who call the College 'home' are celebrated and appreciated. Women's is a place where students are empowered to embrace the many opportunities on offer to enhance their personal growth and wellbeing.

It is an honour to serve as Head of College & CEO of The Women's College. The Senior Leadership Team and staff work together to ensure that living at Women's is a special experience as you journey through your university studies. You will establish many connections, friendships and networks, and create wonderful memories that will last you a lifetime.

As you transition from school to university and into your chosen career, you will benefit from invaluable encouragement and inspiration from staff, fellow Woozas, alumnae and an extraordinary array of strong, successful women who readily offer their time and share their experiences with our students.

Fostering future leaders has not only been a crucial part of our development since 1914, but also remains a key focus of the Women's College experience today. Our Student Leadership Team is an outstanding group of young women who work closely with staff and engender a culture of inclusivity, equity, encouragement and support, encapsulated by the adage to *Never leave a Wooza behind*. Our leaders maintain a balance between College traditions and student interests and pursuits in a modern living and learning community.

The Women's College is a truly special community, and it is a privilege to support our young women as they journey through their university studies and transition to adulthood.

Florence Kearney
Head of College & CEO

A next-level uni experience

At Women's College, we offer a dynamic living and learning community where you can embrace opportunities, and discover your potential with the support of a welcoming, vibrant community of university students. It is a place to form connections with like-minded women, creating a strong foundation for career and personal life.

Whether studying together for exams or enjoying downtime, Women's students are united by a shared curiosity about the world and a commitment to making their mark. With more than 250 residents and 50 non-resident associates from across Australia and overseas, you will become part of a diverse fun-filled student-led community.

We encourage students to pursue their interests outside of their studies and become immersed in a rich calendar of activities and events. These include career and leadership programs, community and cultural activities, and a variety of sports. There is something for everyone at The Women's College.

Life at Women's is an exceptional experience that enriches your university journey.

Our vision: Empowering women to lead lives of meaning and purpose.

Our purpose: To create an inclusive and supportive community that enables our students to discover their potential, build confidence and leadership skills, and form connections for life.

Our motto: *Capimus ut dividamus* – We take that we may share.

Our values:

- » Community
- » Diversity
- » Empowerment
- » Excellence
- » Integrity
- » Respect





Community with a history

The Women's College within The University of Queensland was the third university college for women to be established in Australia. It was founded in 1914 to provide residence within an academic community, tutorial assistance, and supervision of women undergraduates compelled to live away from home to attend university in Brisbane. First situated at Kangaroo Point, the College moved to its current location on The University of Queensland campus at St Lucia in 1958.

The College is so much more than a place to live. It is a setting with a rich history that allows you to focus on your study, be supported and stay healthy and fit.

From purpose-built residential wings to modern leisure spaces, our campus has everything you need to make the most of your university experience.

Harriet Marks Dining Hall

The heart of the College is our Dining Hall – a space for enjoying 5-star meals, making connections and attending social events. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper are available daily from the servery, which caters for all dietary requirements.

The tradition of Formal Dinner brings together the College community to share a meal, listen to inspiring guest speakers and Q&A panels, and recognise student achievements. Students wear an undergraduate academic gown to these special occasions, which are held every fortnight during the semester.

Study spaces

A range of conference and meeting rooms are on offer throughout the College for students to use for collaborative group work and independent study.

Our purpose-built Study Hub includes three tutorial rooms, a meeting room, common room and kitchenette. The space is air-conditioned and is well-appointed for quiet study and tutorials. Outdoor spaces also ensure students have access to learning and leisure environments dedicated to personal and intellectual discovery.

Accommodation

Your room is a private sanctuary to make your own. Comfortable bedrooms each contain a bed, desk and study chair, bookshelves, a fan and heater, ample storage space, and windows. Students are encouraged to bring their own linen, cushions and other decorative and functional items to personalise their room.

Cleaned weekly, student rooms are arranged in corridor groups within five residential wings with shared bathrooms, large common lounge areas, and kitchen and laundry facilities. A select number of rooms have shared ensuite bathrooms between rooms.

Wellbeing support

Women's professional staff are on hand to support students in a variety of ways when extra care or encouragement is required.

The Deputy Head of College, Dean of Students and Dean of Student Life provide one-to-one and group support to assist with any personal issues. Working in a collaborative, sensitive and confidential environment with you, they can find the best way to overcome any challenges and move forward.

In-house counselling appointments are also available for all students.

Health and wellbeing

Self-care while studying is a top priority at Women's.

Our Wellness Centre provides a dedicated space for students to focus on their physical and mental health, offering equipment to support your overall wellbeing. In addition to the Wellness Centre, students have access to a full-sized tennis and basketball court, as well as attractive garden spaces that are perfect for relaxing, yoga or Pilates. Music practice spaces are available for relaxation, meditation and study. If you enjoy cycling, a secure storage facility is available for bikes.

Students are encouraged to participate in the UQ Inter-College Council (ICC) sporting competition, with sporting fields conveniently situated within walking distance. A UQ Sport membership is included with your College fees, ensuring you have access to a wide range of fitness and recreational facilities.

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A university experience like no other

Students at Women's College have access to endless opportunities to advance their studies and interests, which connect them for career and life. Students are also encouraged to make the most of being linked to an extraordinary alumnae community.

Academic Support

Women's offers invaluable academic support from experienced tutors for all students, including weekly tutorials in specific subjects such as accounting, allied health, architecture, biology, chemistry, economics, journalism, law, and nursing.

Academic Mentors

First-year students are paired with an Academic Mentor who provides tips and tricks about textbooks, university portals, libraries, referencing and more – all invaluable advice to make your university degree run smoothly.

Ready to Lead Program

Established in 2012, the Ready to Lead program provides students with value-add opportunities to assist them in their university studies and chosen career paths. A comprehensive program is offered throughout the academic year, comprising workshops and seminars on a range of topics. These include personal growth, creating a personal brand and establishing your presence on LinkedIn, developing a résumé, refining your interview skills and enhancing leadership abilities.

Women's Industry Night

An annual networking and career building experience, Women's Industry Night connects industry groups and employers with students for work experience and internship opportunities. The event is a mini-exhibition that provides students with an opportunity to engage interests and curiosities, test assumptions and learn about the world of work.

Career Mentoring Program

Women's partners with alumnae to mentor third-year residents on specific topics, including career advice, interview techniques and résumé feedback. This provides Women's students with a competitive edge when it comes to job applications. The Career Mentoring Program also assists students to develop meaningful connections in the workforce, and supports the transition from university studies to employment.

Guest Speaker Program

Women's offers a bespoke Guest Speaker Program where a diverse range of keynote speakers and panellists share the common goal of inspiring students with their presentations and thoughtful words of advice. Speakers are invited to attend the College's Formal Dinners, Women of the World Q&A Networking Dinners and In Conversations, and also engage in small group chats with students.



A student-led community

Student Club

This is where the fun begins! Being part of the College's active Student Club is a great way to develop leadership skills and community spirit, and it is one of the best ways to get the most out of your College experience.

As a resident or associate at Women's, you automatically become a member of the Student Club. It's here where you will truly discover what it means to be a Wooza and become part of the history and tradition of this remarkable College.

Led by the Student Club President, the 12 members of the Student Club Executive are elected by the student body. Under the governance of a student-drafted Constitution, the Student Club Executive organises a variety of social, community, cultural and sporting activities throughout the year, including the O Week program.

The Student Club nominates students to compete for the ICC Sport Shield and ICC Cultural Trophy. Social events include Women's @ Home and Woozalypics in Semester 1 and the Women's Ball in Semester 2. There are also informal weekly events with other UQ residential colleges to enjoy.

The Student Club also coordinates community service and fundraising events for various charities in line with the College's motto – *Capimus ut dividamus* – We take that we may share.

Resident Assistants

Resident Assistants (RAs) are appointed by the College to provide guidance for the residents within their wing. By providing support, acting as a resource, coordinating wing events, and working together to ensure College policies and expectations are met, RAs are the first level of wellbeing support at Women's.

Similar to being a member of the Student Club Executive, becoming an RA is another great opportunity to develop leadership skills for students returning to College for their second or third year.

Sport, cultural and community service

At Women's, we know that some of life's best lessons are learned outside the uni lecture theatre. There are many different sporting and cultural activities on offer to complement your studies, with competitions and performances timed carefully to avoid interfering with academic commitments.

The heart and soul of co-curricular activities are the Inter-College Council (ICC) competitions. The strong history of ICC challenges brings a great spirit to all events. Students compete for various ICC titles, as much as for fun and bragging rights!

The Women's College also participates in the Great Court Race, one of UQ's treasured traditions. First held in 1985 to celebrate UQ's 75th anniversary, the event is based on Cambridge University's famed Great Court Run.



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The University of Queensland

Brisbane CBD and QUT campus

UQ Lakes bus station



An ideal location

Positioned within The University of Queensland's St Lucia campus, The Women's College overlooks the Brisbane River.

The UQ Lakes bus station, within a five-minute walk, provides residents with public transport access to a variety of locations, including the Brisbane CBD, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australian Catholic University (ACU) and Griffith University campuses.

Beyond the practicality of living in a convenient, secure and comfortable location so close to UQ, life at Women's offers a supportive and seamless transition into the very best university experience.

Public transport access to
ACU and Griffith University

To view a virtual 360° tour of The Women's College, please click the link below, scan the QR code or visit thewomenscollege.youtour.com.au



Making Women's a reality

Philanthropy makes an immediate impact on our residents in need while studying at University. Generosity from individual donors and foundations allows The Women's College to offer financial support to our talented students so they can continue to achieve their best. Currently, one in six students receives some form of financial assistance to make their College experience at Women's a reality.

The College offers a range of bursaries and scholarships up to \$20,000 for current and future residents, with the average bursary being \$4,700 and scholarship being \$4,000 per annum.

Bursaries aim to support the tertiary study aspirations of students with financial need, who might not otherwise have access to The Women's College experience. Scholarships are open to both future and current residents who have demonstrated excellence in academia, sport, community and cultural pursuits as well as outstanding leadership.

If your financial situation could be a barrier, contact the College to discuss how we can assist you to be part of the Women's community. You will be eligible to apply for bursaries and scholarships once your place is confirmed with your Residency Agreement completed and deposit paid.

"Receiving The Women's College Equity Future Fund Bursary has represented a turning point in the pursuit of my chosen career. This generous contribution to my education, offsetting my residency fees at The Women's College, has brought me one step closer to achieving my dream of working for NASA."

– Sarah Stephenson, 2024 First-Year Resident





Applying to Women's

The Women's College accepts applications from students who intend to enrol at The University of Queensland (UQ), Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Griffith University, Australian Catholic University (ACU) and other Brisbane universities.

We use a range of criteria to determine the order of offers for placement including:

- » Academic merit
- » Community engagement
- » Cultural achievements
- » Sporting achievements
- » Suitability to College life and potential to maximise the opportunity
- » Historical and family connection to The Women's College
- » Home location (priority is given to students from rural and regional areas)

Due to the high demand for places at the College, it is advisable to apply online as early as possible and not wait for your university offer. You need to allow sufficient time to organise supporting documentation and attend an interview.

How to apply

Step 1 Apply to The Women's College online at forms.linktivity.net/twc-application.

Step 2 Attend an interview, either in person at the College or online.

Step 3 Wait for your application outcome. Offers are made by email. Currently, there are four offer rounds.

Step 4 Complete your Residency Agreement and pay your deposit.

For further information

Email our Admissions Officer at admissions@womens.uq.edu.au



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