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SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate with The Women's College in 2023

SATURDAY 8 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.

SUNDAY 30 JULY

QUT Open Day

The Women's College will be at QUT's Open Day. Future students are invited to talk to us about how Women's can provide a next-level uni experience for future QUT students.

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

The Women's College & UQ Open Day

This is a chance for future students and their families to discover the next-level uni experience at The Women's College. All students who are considering being a Resident or Associate Member at The Women's College in 2024 and 2025 are welcome to attend this special day with their family.

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.

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Sports Formal Dinner

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

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

Cultural Formal Dinner

An invitation-only event for parents of cultural 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

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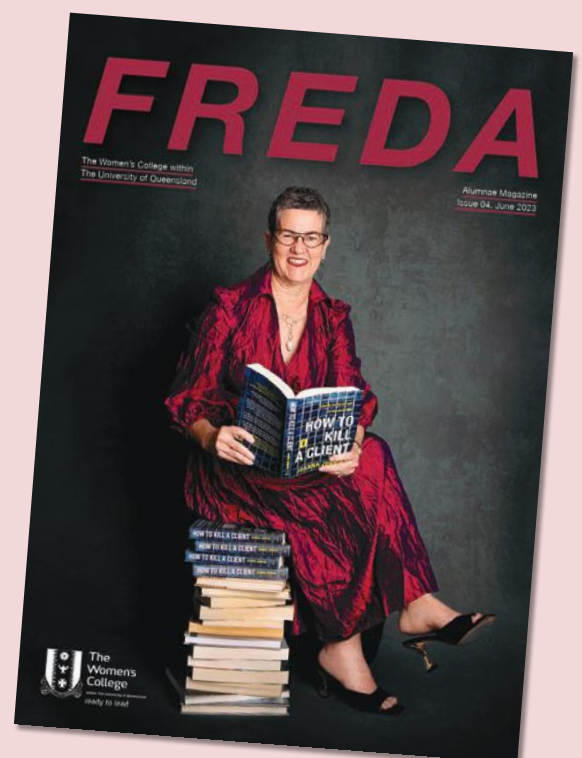
Our annual alumnae magazine, *FREDA*, focuses on Women's College alumnae, providing an exciting opportunity for alumnae to reconnect with the Women's community.

This award-winning digital magazine is named in honour of our founding Principal, Anna Frederika (Freda) Bage. At the International Educate Plus Conference in May 2022, *FREDA* was the Educate Plus Award for Excellence – Alumni Publication winner!

Our 2023 issue is now available!

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Cover image: Our 2023 Freshers on Family Day (Sunday 12 February 2023). Photo by Rhubarb Photography.

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From the Head of College

Florence Kearney, Head of College & CEO

Welcome to our first issue of *Connect* for 2023, in which we take the opportunity to provide parents with an update on the happenings and events around the College in Semester 1.

We commenced the year at full capacity, with 255 residents and over 50 associates in this living and learning community. Women's College is thriving, and our students continue to achieve excellence in their university studies and enjoy every aspect of College life.

Academic results for Semester 2 last year were once again outstanding, testimony to the focus on scholarship and the strength of the academic support program in place, along with wellbeing assistance when needed. The culture in the College – underpinned by the Wooza sisterhood – is a strong point of difference for us and central to our vision of empowering women to lead lives of meaning and purpose.

The College is in its third year of the *Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025*, with strategic goals to move Women's forward across five key and interrelated areas:

1. Student Experience;
2. Investment in Infrastructure;
3. Connected Wider Community;
4. Financial Sustainability; and
5. Brand Awareness.

The Strategic Plan can be found on our website at www.womens.uq.edu.au/strategic-plan/.

The College finalised its new Master Plan at the end of last year through a broad consultation process, including input from students, staff and alumnae. Implementation of Stage 1 of the Plan has begun, with the completion of minor projects to enhance the College campus and planning underway for a major project to commence next year.

We have enjoyed many special functions and celebrations during the semester, along with a full program of ICC cultural, sports and community events. In addition, a comprehensive range of Ready to Lead workshops has been provided for our students' personal growth and development.

O Week proved to be a highlight for First Year Residents and Associates as they settled into College life. In early March, we acknowledged the exceptional academic achievements of our 2022 students at the 2023 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards. Retiring member of Council Emeritus Professor Fred D'Agostino was awarded a College Fellowship at the dinner

and was our guest speaker. Council President Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM presented the annual Alumnae Awards.

Fortnightly Formal Dinners have featured an outstanding array of guest speakers, including a few alumnae of the College who have shared their career journeys, insights and advice for students. These amazing women included Lady Mayoress of Brisbane Nina Schrinner; Rachel Mackenzie (alumna 1991 – 1993), Executive Director of Berries Australia; our Women's Health Q&A panellists; and Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO (alumna 1960) and Cheryl Buchanan, Co-Chairs of the Queensland Treaty Committee, who were our guest speakers for our National Reconciliation Week Formal Dinner. In addition, the first of the Women of the World series for 2023 – this time a Women in STEM breakfast – was held in April in conjunction with the Ready to Lead program.

The College enjoyed a sell-out Mother & Daughter Dinner in early May, also celebrating the multi-generational families at Women's this year. We have included a photograph featuring the families of sisters at the College in 2023 on the back cover of this issue of *Connect*.

During May, the College held its second Women's Industry Night – a networking and career-building experience to connect students to industry groups and employers, with an increased number of exhibitors from last year. We can already see our students reaping the benefits of this initiative with the establishment of new contacts through the *Career opportunities available to Woozas* webpage on the Student Portal.

At the College's 109th birthday celebration in March, we were excited to launch our 110th Anniversary plans for 2024. As part of the launch, we were privileged to welcome the Vice-Chancellors of Queensland's three largest universities for our Q&A panel, which was hosted by College Council President Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM. Professor Carolyn Evans, Vice-Chancellor and President of Griffith University; Professor Margaret Sheil AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of QUT; and Professor Deborah Terry AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of UQ celebrated with us and reflected on various aspects of tertiary education.

2024 will be a very exciting year for the College, and we look forward to students, parents and families sharing in the celebrations.

Semester 1 Snapshot



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



Academics
Outstanding academic results announced at 2023 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards in March.



ICC
Top 3 finishes in a range of ICC Cultural and Sports competitions, and extensive community engagement.



Above: Mother & Daughter Dinner guest panellists with Head of College & CEO Flo Kearney, who facilitated the Q&A panel discussion.

Below: Our Women's Industry Night showcased a diverse range of companies and organisations who offered valuable advice to help students kickstart their careers, learn about career pathways and gain a deeper understanding of industries.



UQ Great Court Race
First place in the annual UQ Great Court Race.



Events
Sell-out Mother & Daughter Dinner and very successful Women's Industry Night in May.



Master Plan
Finalisation of the College's Master Plan for the next 10 years and commencement of Stage 1.



Celebrations
Launched our 110th Anniversary celebration plans for 2024.





Family Day

We were delighted to welcome our First Year Residents & Associates and their families to Family Day on Sunday 12 February 2023 for the start of O Week. Students checked into their new home-away-from-home and everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch. Then, while students spent time getting to know their Resident Assistants and new College friends, parents attended an information session.

Our Welcome Cocktail Party (pictured) was a great way to end this special day. It provided an opportunity for all students, families, staff and College Council Members to meet one another before heartfelt farewells as parents left for the day.



Student Life

Gayle Harris, Deputy Head of College

Student leadership

Our Student Club Executive and Resident Assistants have worked tirelessly throughout this semester to provide a memorable start to the university academic year for our 134 Fresher Residents and 38 Fresher Associates.

O Week provided Freshers with opportunities to engage with their senior leaders and to develop a connection with fellow Freshers while learning to navigate the transition from home to college life and the transition from school to university studies.

Student activities

The Inter-College Competition (ICC) has seen many successes across sporting and cultural competitions. ICC Sport saw enthusiastic participation by participants and supporters. Women's started the semester with fourth place in Swimming, third place in ICC Hockey, Soccer and Rowing, second in AFL, fourth in Badminton, and an undefeated first place in Volleyball throughout the season. Overall, Women's is ranked second on ICC Sports ladder for Semester 1.

Women's is sixth overall in the ICC Cultural points table. Our College Idol and Choralfest students came in second place in their competitions, with Bandfest in seventh, Debating in tenth, and Chess in ninth.

In addition, Women's College took out first place in the annual UQ Great Court Race in May.

Student academics

Academic Mentors have supported our Freshers throughout this semester. In the beginning weeks of the semester, the mentors continually worked with our Freshers, ensuring that every question about university life could be answered.

The Tutorial Program provided over 20 tutorial sessions taking place each week to support Freshers in subject areas known to prove challenging to students in their first year of university. The subjects targeted for tutorial sessions were based on a student survey that was conducted during the early part of the semester, with our Dean of Students, Emma Campbell, managing the timetabling process.

Key Dates for Semester 2, 2023

The Women's College

Date	Event
Sunday 23 July	Move-in day for Semester 2

2023 Academic Calendar – Brisbane Universities

Date	University
Monday 17 July	Griffith University's second trimester begins
Monday 24 July	Semester 2 at UQ and QUT begins
Monday 31 July	Semester 2 at ACU begins

Ready to Lead

A cross-section of Residents and Associates have elected to participate in this program, which focuses on self-development and personal skills that will contribute to our students leading in the world of work. Many of the sessions are presented by alumnae of the College. Some of the most popular topics included how to create a professional LinkedIn page, resume writing, and our Women of the World Q&A networking breakfast.

The Student Ambassador Info Session provided training and information to students interested in being ambassadors for the College. Some of these students have already presented at school expos, providing information about residential colleges at universities.

Fresher check-ins

Fresher check-ins towards the end of semester have now taken place. The Deputy Head of College and Dean of Students met with every First Year Resident to discuss academic progress, transition to college life and future goals. These provide a valuable two-way conversation where we learn so much from each other, which assists us with moving into Semester 2.

Semester 2

We circle around and begin our next semester with our student leaders back into a day of training, preparing themselves for the new semester. Our student leaders will reflect on their goals that they set at the start of the year and plan for another fulfilling semester for our Residents.

Semester 2 will commence with many ICC sporting and cultural events. Wellness Week is a highlight of the semester, as well as the Women's College Ball in Week 3.

Photos on the opposite page

Top: Our 2023 Student Leadership Team (SLT) comprising our Student Club Executive and Resident Assistants.

Second row: Our Semester 1 Commencement Dinner was held on Thursday 23 February. Nina Schrinner, Lady Mayoress of Brisbane, was our guest speaker.

Third row: Some of our Student Ambassadors, who showcase Women's to future students (left). Photos from our International Women's Day lunch (middle) and National Reconciliation Week Formal Dinner (right).

Fourth row: Women of the World Q&A – Women in STEM; and our wonderful Wozzas Hattie Lloyd-Jones, Bella Webb, Hayley Wright and Ella Scutt, who as a team came first in the College relay event at the UQ Great Court Race in May.



2023 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

Our 2023 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards was an evening where we honoured the exceptional scholarship of our students and acknowledged the finalists and winners of the Alumnae Awards. This event is a highlight on the College calendar, and was held on Thursday 9 March in the Harriet Marks Dining Hall.

To recognise our students' achievements, 19 prizes were awarded for academic, leadership and other significant achievements to a diverse range of well-deserving students. Following the announcement of the prizes, we acknowledged the Academic Excellence Achievements of our residents and associates who earned a GPA of 6.0 or above during the 2022 academic year. Fifteen students then received Scholarships for demonstrated excellence in academia, sport and cultural pursuits as well as leadership.

The Women's College congratulates all students recognised at the 2023 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards for their achievements.



Academic Excellence and Other Prize recipients

Back row: Jemima Robertson, Annaleese Kastrissios-Stewart, Grete Gawthorn, Ellen Moroney, Laura Charles, Olivia Smith, Hayley Wright, Eleanor Swan, Adelina Nelson

Front row: Chelsea Moor, Kate Moulds, Sophia Ross, Phoebe Lingard, Matilda Taylor, Natasha Grundy, Tara Bretherton

Absent: Grace Finlay, Kathleen Humphreys, Sally Wong



Scholarship recipients

Back row: Prisha Gupte, Tara Bretherton, Sophia Ross, Ella Williamson, Sarah Pearce, Chelsea Moor

Front row: Sanya Arora, Ella Hockam, Ellen Moroney, Claudia Nina, Elissa Skinner, Millicent Power

Absent: Lila Chappell, Georgina McMullen, Jemma Green

Academic Excellence and Other Prize recipients

Barbara Page-Hanify Prize
Awarded to Tara Bretherton

Chislehurst Prize
Awarded to Matilda Taylor

Ethel Raybould Prize
Awarded to Annaleese Kastrissios-Stewart

Hazel Francis Prize
Awarded to Sally Wong

Henderson Foundation Prize
Awarded to Natasha Grundy

IMB Science Excellence Award
Awarded to Grete Gawthorn

Joan Robinson Prize
Awarded to Ellen Moroney

Lisbeth Hopkins Prize
Awarded to Jemima Robertson

Margaret Piddington Prize
Awarded to Kathleen Humphreys

May McLean Hancock Prize
Awarded to Grace Finlay

Molly Budtz-Olsen Prize
Awarded to Kate Moulds

Principal's Prize
Awarded to Eleanor Swan

QUT Academic Prize
Awarded to Adelina Nelson

Sallyanne Atkinson Leadership Prize
Awarded to Phoebe Lingard

Suellen Topfer Prize
Awarded to Olivia Smith

The Women's College Sports Prize
Awarded to Hayley Wright

The Women's College
Standing Committee Prize
Awarded to Chelsea Moor

Vera Jones Prize
Awarded to Laura Charles

Wilhelmina Gladstone Jameson
Scholarship Prize
Awarded to Sophia Ross

2022 Residents achieving GPA 6.0 or above in Semester 1, 2022

Alyssa Baker	Grace Finlay	Georgia McMullen	Romy Salmond
Georgia Barnes	Grete Gawthorn	Hannah Meyer	Isabella Sandell
Imogen Berridge	Erin Gilmore	Chelsea Moor	Mia Sandell
Millie Biggs	Edith Grayson	Kate Moulds	Carla Sanfrancesco
Matisse Black	Natasha Grundy	Mikaela Mulveney	Chloe Shoyer
Ruby Blake	Priscilla Gyasi-Agyei	Emmeline Murray	Elissa Skinner
Tara Bretherton	Aisling Hennessy	Adelina Nelson	Sophie Sloss
Catriona Brown	Abigail Hills	Louise Ng	Isabelle Stanley
Kirsten Brown	Joanna Ho	Claudia Nina	Isabelle Steinhardt
Hannah Campbell	Elke Howes	Hannah Pearson	Monica Stephan
India Cochrane	Kathleen Humphreys	Sydney Peff	Charlotte Sutton
Nicole Connacher	Scarlett Jackson	Zara Pidgeon	Aysha Swanson
Lily Conole	Annaleese Kastrissios-Stewart	Emily Poon	Erin Thompson
Eliza Cowan	Anna Kneipp	Rachel Prescott	Senalee Udawela
Charlotte Crothers	Aryana Krpan	Grace Risby-Jones	Lauren Ward
Torwen Eerkens	Sasha Li	Madylynn Robert	Madeleine Warner
Alexandra Egan	Sara Loughnan	Jemima Robertson	Lucy Zarew
Emma Eustance	Audrey Marsh	Ali Rollason	

2022 Residents achieving GPA 6.0 or above in Semester 2, 2022

Alyssa Baker	Maia Griffin	Louise Ng	Monica Stephan
Imogen Berridge	Aisling Hennessy	Hannah Pearson	Eleanor Swan
Matisse Black	Joanna Ho	Emily Poon	Aysha Swanson
Ruby Blake	Ella Hockam	Rachel Prescott	Georgia Switala
Tara Bretherton	Elke Howes	Grace Risby-Jones	Lucy Taylor
Kirsten Brown	Kathleen Humphreys	Sarah Risby-Jones	Matilda Taylor
Claudia Browning	Anastasia Jackson	Madylynn Robert	Erin Thompson
Lily Dubois	Scarlett Jackson	Jemima Robertson	Lauren Ward
Alexandra Egan	Sinead Jensen	Mia Sandell	Amy Wright
Emma Eustance	Madison Kane	Chloe Shoyer	Senalee Yapa Udawela
Grace Finlay	Annaleese Kastrissios-Stewart	Emily Skilton	Lucy Zarew
Grete Gawthorn	Sasha Li	Elissa Skinner	
Erin Gilmore	Kate Moulds	Sophie Sloss	
Edith Grayson	Adelina Nelson	Olivia Smith	

Scholarship recipients

Academic Scholarship

Awarded to Tara Bretherton & Elissa Skinner

Mary Wooza Scholarship

Awarded to Ella Williamson

Alumnae Awards Scholarship

Awarded to Ellen Moroney

Sports Scholarship

Awarded to Georgia McMullen

Cultural Scholarship

Awarded to Sophia Ross

The Stan and Maureen Duke Foundation Scholarship

Awarded to Sarah Pearce

Deborah Davis Academic Scholarship

Awarded to Prisha Gupte

The Women's College Scholarship

Awarded to Sanya Arora, Jemma Green & Chelsea Moor

Harriet Marks Scholarship

Awarded to Ella Hockam

The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship

Awarded to Millicent Power

Judith McCulloch Academic Scholarship

Awarded to Lila Chappell & Claudia Nina



Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

We were delighted to have our parents of prize winners and scholarship awardees join us for the annual Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards.





Student Leadership Team Report

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

Wow! What an incredible start to the year we have had so far! We could not be prouder of the Girls in Maroon for starting the year off so strong. Our Student Leadership Team (SLT) jumped straight into the game, coming back early for P-Week, where we organised the biggest week of the year, O-Week, to welcome our Freshers into their new home. Our Returners settled right back in, shortly after. We have had a wide range of ICC Sporting, Cultural, Community and Social events to keep us very busy so far this semester.

Kicking off the year with our annual Swimming Carnival, we were able to have a full College of spectators attending for the first time since COVID-19! This was followed closely by the Hockey, Badminton, Soccer and AFL competitions, as well as Volleyball where our team brought home the cup undefeated! Finishing off the semester with the ICC Regatta, the Women's VIII placed a very close second, seeing Women's in third place overall. As team announcements for Touch Football, Netball, Basketball and Rugby 7s are well underway, we are eager to see our girls continue to climb the ICC Sporting ladder next semester!

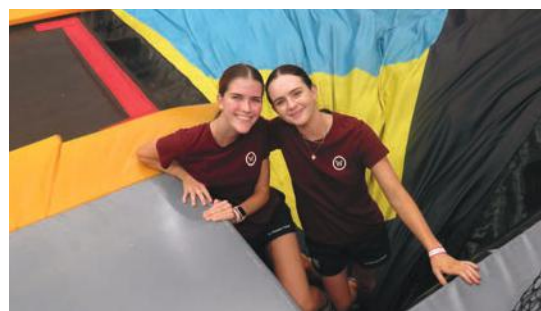
Our Cultural Woozas have been putting in an incredible amount of work, doing us proud as always. They performed well in Chess, Debating and Bandfest, notably taking home second place in both Choralfest and College Idol! There are still endless opportunities to participate, with Dancefest and One Act Play yet to come in Semester 2.

Among all things Cultural and Sport, we have also remained worldly Woozas by participating in many Community events. Our siblings over at St John's College welcomed us for our annual Shave for a Cure fundraising event, where we saw many students being brave and either waxing, cutting or shaving off their hair. We also held a beautiful ANZAC Day service on Circular Drive, and had our second annual Teddy Bear High Tea, where we donated period products for period poverty in Australia. We are now looking forward to our annual Do It In A Dress fundraiser, next semester.

Our incredible Social Convenor, Jemma Green, carefully organised Women's @ Home, decorating for a beautiful night away in a European Summer dream, right here in our very own home. All our guests spent the night dancing away under the fairy lights to music by the ever-talented John's Jazz Band. We are all now waiting in anticipation for the 109th Women's Ball and Rush Week Exchange in Semester 2.

With a focus on sustainability and reducing our environmental impact as a whole College, the Student Club Executive have been working tirelessly to come up with initiatives to achieve this goal. We are so excited to announce our partnership with the College to provide every Resident with their very own Frank Green Keep Cup! From Semester 2 onwards, Women's will be operating entirely with reusable cups in our Dining Hall!

It has been a memorable start to the year, with many more exciting things to come. We are sure to be bringing the ICC Cup home once again, singing *Man, I feel like a Wooza!*





Opposite page: O Week.

This page (L – R, top to bottom):
Swimming, Hockey, Badminton,
Soccer, AFL, Volleyball, Rowing, Chess,
Debating, Bandfest, Choralfest, College
Idol, Shave for a Cure, ANZAC Day,
Teddy Bear High Tea, Women's @
Home and our new keep cup.

Advancement Update

Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement

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110th Anniversary: Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future

We invite our parent community to join us as we commemorate 110 years of cherished memories, academic excellence, and lifelong friendships.

Our anniversary celebrations will take place throughout 2024 and will be marked by a series of events and activities designed to honour our rich history, celebrate our collective achievements, and set the stage for an inspiring future.

The opposite column has a sneak peek into some of our planned 110th Anniversary activities.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this extraordinary milestone and help shape the future of our residential college. Kindly mark your calendars for the 110th Anniversary Ball and stay tuned for more details.



Anniversary Ball: The 110th Anniversary Ball promises to be an event with a difference. This elegant occasion will be an unforgettable experience, creating an enchanting atmosphere. Organise your table of 10 guests now. Ticket details will be published in early 2024.



Capital Campaign: Plans to refurbish the Tennis/Basketball Court Outdoor Area into a wellbeing precinct will be released later this year. Naming opportunities will be provided, with supporters recognised as 110th Anniversary Donors.



Historical Exhibit: Interact with a digital experience in the College Foyer. This touchscreen exhibit will showcase the College in an innovative and fun experience, and will be launched at the beginning of 2024.



Anniversary Gifts: Limited-edition gifts will be available to purchase from our online store.

We invite you to watch and share our 2023 Annual Giving Appeal video.

Click here to see how you can be part of our legacy and help us shape a brighter future.

Visit our website at
www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations



Supporting Students

The College continues to create opportunities for students through the establishment of new bursaries, scholarships and prizes. We are thrilled to announce that QUT (pictured on right) has partnered with The Women's College and will offer eight new bursaries, to be awarded for the first time in 2024, to our QUT students in financial need.

In May this year, the Brisbane Women's Club announced its commitment to establishing a Young Achiever Award that will be presented in 2024 to an outstanding young woman who has demonstrated exceptional achievements while at The Women's College.



Achieving Together

Philanthropy makes a vital difference to the lives of our Women's College students. Much has been achieved together over this semester through the generosity of our families. Your continued support makes a difference.

- **College Playhouse Naming Opportunity:** Only 8 seats remain (at the time of publication). Don't miss this opportunity to secure your daughter's name on a chair plaque (pictured on right) with a tax-deductible donation of \$200. Further details are on our website at www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations/naming-opportunities
- **110th Anniversary Bursary:** In commemoration of this milestone anniversary, the College is proud to announce the establishment of the 110th Anniversary Bursary Fund. This initiative was launched with our 2023 Annual Giving Appeal and aims to support a deserving student in their pursuit of a university college experience based on financial need. The Bursary will be awarded for the first-time in 2024. We invite you to contribute to this meaningful cause and empower future generations to follow in your footsteps. Visit our website at www.womens.uq.edu.au/2023-annual-giving-appeal for further details. Every contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference.
- **The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship:** Please mark your calendar for the UQ Giving Day on Wednesday 18 October for this Student Club initiative to raise funds for a scholarship that is awarded to a current student in their third year of residence who has made significant contributions in a leadership role.



Acknowledging Multi-Generational Families

Our Mother & Daughter Dinner was held on Friday 12 May and alumnae who are mothers of current daughters entertained our audience during a Q&A panel discussion, sharing their memories of life at College. Thank you to Kirstin Aralar, Fiona Dixon and Joanna Harris.

Following the panel discussion, we held our Multi-Generational Family badge presentation, which acknowledged the College's special generational connections.

The event also raised funds for the Alumnae Awards Scholarship and Student Club Vice President Ellen Moroney (pictured right) shared her heartfelt appreciation for being the recipient of the 2023 scholarship.

See our gallery of photos from the Mother & Daughter Dinner on pages 18 and 19.



Support our Fundraising Efforts

- **Silent Auction:** We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to win a private lunch or dinner with the Honourable Anna Bligh AC through a silent auction. Funds raised through this silent auction will support the Alumnae Awards Scholarship. See details and place your bid on our website at www.womens.uq.edu.au/win-a-private-lunch-or-dinner-with-the-honourable-anna-bligh-ac
- **Father & Daughter Drinks:** Fathers of current Woozas are invited to join their daughters for a casual buffet dinner and discover what's been happening at The Women's College on Friday 1 September. Some great raffle prizes will be on offer! Invitations will be sent soon.
- **Women's Garden Party:** Save the Date: Saturday 14 October! Gather a group of friends and enjoy a day in the Scenic Rim while supporting the Alumnae Awards Scholarship. Tickets will be available soon. (Pictured on right: the 2022 Women's Garden Party.)







Mother & Daughter Dinner

Our Mother & Daughter Dinner was held on Friday 12 May 2023 and saw mothers of our current Woozas attend this special event with their daughters. The evening began with surprise performances by our 2023 Choralfest and Bandfest groups, who performed outside on our Circular Drive. Our guests then enjoyed dinner in the Harriet Marks Dining Hall, with a special Q&A panel discussion by current mothers and daughters (see pages 16 – 17 for details about the panellists). Following the panel discussion, we held our Multi-Generational Family badge presentation, which acknowledged the College's special generational connections.





The Honourable Anna Bligh AC (alumna 1978), pictured with 2023 Senior Resident Assistant Lili Anderson and 2023 Student Club President Phoebe Lingard at the 2022 Valedictory Dinner. Anna Bligh was the keynote speaker for this event.

Win a private Lunch or Dinner with The Honourable Anna Bligh AC

The Women's College is delighted to offer the opportunity to win a private lunch or dinner with the Honourable Anna Bligh AC through a silent auction. Funds raised through this silent auction will support the Alumnae Awards Scholarship. Ms Bligh is a Women's College Alumna (1978) and was the guest speaker at our 2022 Valedictory Dinner.

The highest bidder will enjoy a private lunch or dinner at a restaurant in Brisbane or Sydney.

In her current role as CEO of the Banking Association of Australia, Anna has refocused the banking industry on the needs of customers, particularly those who are experiencing vulnerability. Yet, what sets her apart is not just her remarkable career achievements but her belief in the transformative power of education and the importance of paying it forward.

Recognising the tremendous impact that education can have on individual lives, Anna has chosen to make a tangible difference. By graciously donating the opportunity to have lunch or dinner with her, she seeks to raise funds for the Alumnae Awards Scholarship, which will empower the next generation of students to build a future of their own.

By participating in the silent auction, you will not only gain the chance to connect with Anna, but also contribute to a cause that will shape the lives of countless deserving students.

Click here to place your bid & support Women's

Place your bid today at www.womens.uq.edu.au/win-a-private-lunch-or-dinner-with-the-honourable-anna-bligh-ac/

Bids for this silent auction must be received by 2:00pm on Saturday 8 July 2023. The winning bid will be announced on Saturday 8 July 2023 at Back to Women's.

Finance Matters

Fiona Bryant, Director of Finance

After a very busy and successful first semester here at Women's, we look forward with excitement to what Semester 2 will bring. The following are some important keys dates for your diary, which we hope will help families plan for the rest of the year.

- Term 4 invoices will be issued at the beginning of August and are payable by Friday 18 August 2023. The 2023 deposit payment will be deducted from the Term 4 invoice.
- Vacation fees: students who wish to stay at College during the mid-year break (Sunday 18 June – Saturday 22 July) are welcome to do so and will be charged a reduced rate of \$80 per day, including all meals. These charges will be added to their account. It is essential that students follow the communicated process to confirm availability before making plans to stay in College during the mid-year break.
- 2024 deposits: invoices will be issued at the start of October and are payable by Friday 13 October 2023 to confirm residency in 2024. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable, so it is important to consider plans for your daughter for next year.

Term 4	Vacation fees	2024 Deposit
Friday 18 August	Per day	Friday 13 October
\$4,617	\$80	\$1,500

The above table does not include the returning third-year (15%) and fifth-year (30%) discount.

Applications for 2024

Applications for 2024 are now open. Interviews are being conducted with future students and offers are being made to early applicants.

Bursaries and Scholarships

A range of bursaries for 2024 are available to Residents, and our annual application process will open in August 2023. Please visit our website for more information and make sure we receive your daughter's application before the closing date – Friday 29 September 2023.

Scholarships are open to both future and current students who have demonstrated excellence in academic, sport, community and cultural pursuits as well as outstanding leadership. Applications for scholarships open in August and will close on Friday 15 December 2023. All scholarship applications for 2024 can be submitted once your daughter's residency agreement is signed and deposit has been paid.

[Click here](#) (or visit www.womens.uq.edu.au/bursary-scholarship-application-process) to view more information on our Bursaries and Scholarships.

Operations Update

Jeff Sipek, Director of Operations

The start to 2023 saw lots of activity throughout the College as staff carried out various maintenance and spring-cleaning tasks that are undertaken every year prior to the return of students in February.

In 2022, the College developed a new 10-year Master Plan, with the previous Master Plan completed in 2013. The appointed architects, Macksey Rush, conducted various workshops with key stakeholders – students, staff, College Council Members and alumnae – to get feedback on trends around the campus, specific requirements that should be addressed by the College to cater for changes to student accommodation, and other specific projects.

Details from this Master Plan will be communicated to the College community once they have been finalised. With master plans generally focusing on the bigger ticket items, in preparing the 2023 budget the College ensured that we were able to action projects that would provide an immediate impact and improvement to our infrastructure for when students returned.

The completion of an upgrade to some of our wing bathrooms during the recent Christmas vacation period completed this large project that was started a few years ago. Other major capital expenditure (CAPEX) items highlighted in our Long-term Maintenance Plan include the replacement air conditioning units in the Dining Hall, College Playhouse, Freda Bage Room and Council Room. The College has prioritised the Dining Hall upgrade for completion in 2023.

Our major CAPEX projects for 2023 include:

- Bathroom upgrades for our Philp, Hartland and Cuppaidge Garden rooms.
- Replacement of mattresses in the Sallyanne Atkinson Wing.
- Replacement of our kitchen oven.
- Installation of air conditioning to 12 rooms in Philp and Hartland Garden.

Our recent facility improvements include:

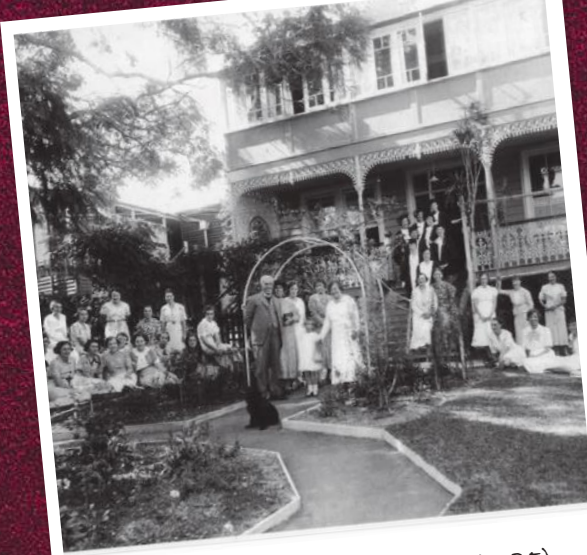
- The refurbishment of the Lurleen Perrett Seminar Room to a Wellbeing Centre.
- The installation of a concrete pathway from College Road to the corner of Philp Wing.
- Installation of four external security cameras.
- Purchase of outdoor tables, chairs and umbrellas.
- Outdoor tree lighting.
- The installation of air conditioning and repainting for Vic's Place, a student area for small social gatherings.
- Upgrades for the Lower Philp Common Room and New Wing Foyer as additional study areas.

During 2022, Women's appointed Programmed Property Services for an external painting program. From June to December 2022, all external services were painted, which has lifted and freshened the external appearance of the College. This will be maintained as we move forward with further upgrades and works.



Left: New furniture in the Sallyanne Atkinson (top and middle) and New Wing buildings. The furniture was donated by the 2022 Student Club.

Above: The new outdoor tables, chairs and umbrellas.



Chiselhurst, Kangaroo Point (1935)



New campus, St Lucia (1958)

For almost 110 years,
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fostered a community of learning and
encouraged students to embrace opportunities.



Freshers at O Week (2023)

We now invite you to support our
110th Anniversary Bursary Fund
through our 2023 Annual Giving Appeal
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2023 ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

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110th Anniversary

BALL

The 110th Anniversary Ball promises to be an event with a difference. This elegant occasion will be an unforgettable experience, creating an enchanting atmosphere where you can reconnect with fellow alumnae, share stories and create new memories.

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

Date: Saturday 17 August 2024

Venue: The Star Ballroom, Queen's Wharf Brisbane

Dress: Black tie

Tickets: Details will be available soon

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



Sisters residing at The Women's College in 2023 (pictured four of the seven families). Photo by Rhubarb Photography.



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