

# The Women's College Newsletter



The  
Women's  
College  
ready to lead

## Semester 1 in Review

What's been  
happening in the  
College this  
semester?

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Our youngest and Oldest Wooza cut the College Birthday Cake together



# A Message from Head of College - Dr Lyndall Bryant

Welcome to our Semester 1 update for parents. Your amazing daughters participate in so many cultural, sporting and social activities at College, it's very challenging to pick the highlights to include in this newsletter.

This year we have welcomed our new Deputy, Krishna Stanton. "Aunty Krish" as she's known around College, has made a big impact in her short time here, and has become an integral part of College life. We have also welcomed a new Marketing and Engagement Manager, Helen Spurgeon. Helen's skills are readily visible in all our new marketing material, our social media and our new web site which will go live soon!

Of course caring for your daughters is a team effort and the positive, nurturing culture we enjoy here at Women's is a testament to the full team: Jessie and her Ready to Lead program, the Administration and Finance teams, our cleaners, maintenance staff, night porters and last but not least, Jamie and his kitchen staff that keep us all so well fed.

**"I REALLY DO HAVE THE  
BEST JOB IN THE WORLD!  
EVERY DAY I AM  
SURROUNDED BY YOUTHFUL  
ENTHUSIASM AND  
EXCITEMENT FOR LIFE."**

Your daughters truly do inspire me every day. Thank you for entrusting them into our care.

Warmest regards  
Lyndall





## Student Support – Krishna Stanton (Deputy Head of College)

It is hard to believe we have nearly finished semester 1. The girls have all settled in (or settled back in) to life at Women's College. I'm hoping that's also the message you are getting too. I'm pleased to let you all know that everyone, especially the Freshers, are managing to cope with all the changes associated with leaving home. They've been very busy and are hopefully balancing their studies and social activities.

I am enjoying getting to know each of the girls and I am finishing my "Fresher catch-ups with Aunty Krish". These one-on-one's help make sure the girls know they always have a friendly ear and help for any issues no matter how small.

**"I AM HEARING SUCH  
HEART-WARMING  
FEEDBACK ON HOW HAPPY  
THEY ARE AND THAT THEY  
ALREADY LOVE BEING A  
PART OF WOMEN'S. "**

Given the transition from school to Uni and beyond, we all work hard to support your daughters to find their feet.

Please contact me with feedback or questions about your daughter's well-being.





# Academic Support

JESSIE DEMNAR (DEAN OF LEARNING)

The College Tutorial Program has tutorials available to the girls here at the college as well as at our neighboring Colleges; St John's, Leo's and Duchesne totaling over 100 tutorials on offer per week between us. These tutorials are a really valuable way to learn in much smaller class sizes than those offered at the University, meaning more time is focused on meeting each student's needs.

Ready to Lead Program – This program is such an important advantage to living at The Women's College. The program aims to provide our students with skills and knowledge to excel during and after College. So far, we have had a number of formal dinners with distinguished guest speakers discussing the topics of banking, start-ups, food science, creating art and starting your own business, running a health and fitness empire whilst being a mum to triplets, chasing your dream job and getting it, and ethical volunteering amongst many other topics. We have also been able to offer a number of internships to our residents who have been placed with various organisations. Finally, we have successfully run two Introductory Finance workshops, a Job Ready Seminar and a Public Speaking Skills Presentation all in-house this semester. If your daughters are looking for personal or professional development opportunities – please tell them to get in touch with me!



Women's is so much more than good food and a bed; the academic and pastoral care really help students transition from school to adult life. We want all the residents here to be involved in these support services so please encourage your daughters to do so!



# Student Leadership Team (SLT) Update - Philippa Vella (College President 2018)

The SLT manage a comprehensive range of activities for students living at College. It is a big job organising and keeping a handle on the social calendar and we try to ensure a balance across sporting, cultural and other activities so there is something for everyone. We never want a WOOZA left behind. Here is a summary of what has been happening this semester:  
P and O Week - P week focused on training and support for SLT and O week was about making the week a successful introduction to College life for freshers with good outcomes and new friendships started.

Women's Charity @Home - a cocktail party that raised money for The Black Dog Institute. We also participated in Shave for a cure and helped raise \$2,000.

Sport - Swimming, Football, Rowing, Tennis, Football and Rowing, Touch, Cross-Country, Waterpolo...

**"OVERALL A VARIED RESULT WITH SOME FIRSTS AND SOME NOT QUITE SO FIRSTS...BUT IT IS THE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT THAT COUNTS!"**

From a Cultural standpoint we are doing really well with Ellie Ferguson winning College Idol! Our Debating team came second, we came 5th in Bandfest, and we won Choralfest - the video is up on Youtube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqkTIF2sVbA>





# Jamie's Input - Executive Chef

We are more than pleased that the students have responded so well to all of the new menus we have introduced. Feedback from the girls has been extremely positive with great suggestions coming through the suggestions box. We take pride in accommodating all special requests & dietary needs and encourage anyone with special requirements to let us know.

Some improvements we have made include:

- Iodised Salt; essential for women's health and one thing Australia lacks through normal consumption as our soils are so ancient and impacted by leaching.
- A new coffee machine; one with great taste and has meant a positive response - especially when students are into late working or study nights!

### Contribute a family recipe please!

I have suggested to the girls to bring in a recipe for something they miss from home for us to put up on the menu so if anyone has a family recipe they would like to share please do so, so we can give it a whirl.

Please email recipes to:

executivechef@womens.uq.edu.au and indicate if you are happy for the results to be shared on Facebook after!

**"WE BEGAN THE YEAR WITH A BANG AND HAVE NOT STOPPED, BOY CAN THESE GIRLS EAT!!!"**



# Rhonda's Report - Administration Officer

I am extremely lucky to say I see the wonderful residents at Women's daily - my most common interactions include:

- the 'Hello Rhonda' and their updates with what is going on at uni or events that they are attending and they do it all with such passion.
- the "Rhonda, this may be a strange question..."
- managing all their post which can take a bit of time especially at Ball season when there are parcels galore!

To see the students' transition from O Week, when everything is new, to now where their confidence has flourished is inspiring. Seeing their developing friendships and networks and to hear that they consider College to be home away from home is wonderful.

# Other College Happenings...

## The forecast for Semester 2

Semester 2 will be more of the same – a very busy 13 weeks of study followed by the study week + two weeks of exams. The girls will have even more sports to play, cultural activities to partake in as well as a bunch of social events as per usual.

The Formal Dinner schedule is below, we have moved to fortnightly dinners to give the girls a bit more free time in their otherwise very full schedules. We'd also like to invite as many parents to join us as possible, see the below dates for when your daughter can bring you to dinner – we'd love to see you there!

## New website

We are upgrading the College website. This will happen in 3 key stages. Stage 1 involves migrating existing content to a new mobile friendly and easier to use web interface. It should be live around July.

## Supporting students in need

A key goal for the College is to financially support students from a range of backgrounds including regional, remote and low socio-economic backgrounds so they can access high quality university education and benefit from the valuable College experience. In 2018 we gave over \$120,000 in scholarships and bursaries to students in need.

To provide more support for students, we need to raise more funds. We seek donations from Alumna, friends and families. In this vein, we have developed a prospectus, which was attached to the same email as this newsletter. We value any contributions people feel able to make. It's also available on our social media pages.

## Formal Dinners and Ready to Lead Activities For Semester 2

<b>July 24 (Tuesday)</b>	Welcome Back Formal Dinner w/ First Year Guest Invites (Surnames A – N)
<b>July 31 (Tuesday)</b>	Job Ready Seminar (Ready To Lead Activity) 6 - 8pm
<b>August 8 (Wednesday)</b>	Formal Dinner w/ New Wing & Old Wing Parents/Guardians
<b>August 16 (Thursday)</b>	Young Professionals Panel Breakfast Event (Ready to Lead Activity) 7 – 9am
<b>August 21 (Tuesday)</b>	Formal Dinner w/ Third Wing, Centenary & Piddington Parents/Guardians
<b>August 22 (Wednesday)</b>	LinkedIn Workshop #1 (Ready to Lead Activity) 6 – 8pm
<b>September 5 (Wednesday)</b>	Professional Networking Formal Dinner
<b>September 11 (Tuesday)</b>	LinkedIn Workshop #2 (Ready to Lead Activity) 6 – 8pm
<b>October 3 (Wednesday)</b>	Cultural Formal Dinner
<b>October 9 (Tuesday)</b>	Community Formal Dinner
<b>October 16 (Tuesday)</b>	Sports Formal Dinner
<b>October 25 (Thursday)</b>	Valedictory Formal Dinner

Please take note of the dates that parents, guardians, or relatives of residents in each wing are invited to Formal Dinner. We hope you can join us! RSVPs are very much appreciated so that we can gauge numbers for each dinner. Your daughter can RSVP for you at Reception.

If you are unable to attend on this date but will be in Brisbane on the date of another dinner please feel free to come along on that date instead.



A collection of snapshots from Semester 1 showing our wonderful residents making the most of College life!



