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Above - Sports Hall Block "F" - opened in 2007
Left - Classroom Block "I" - opened in 2016

HISTORY and TRADITION

In my Senior year in 1961, I was unaware of most of the history of **State High**. Perhaps I do not accurately recall my school days, however I am sure that our cohort was not as well informed of the history of our alma mater as graduates in "recent" years have been.

A quotation from T S Eliot: *Tradition cannot be inherited, and if you want it, you must attain it by great labour*, identifies that traditions need to be worked at. They must not be allowed to drift and disappear.

Unfortunately in 1961, there was no recognition or celebrations to acknowledge the 40 years since the school was established in 1921. Since I first joined the **PSA** in 1964, and in particular since I became actively involved in the **PSA** over 25 years ago, I have endeavored to acquaint myself with the history and development of our alma mater and disseminate this information for the benefit of all.

The first significant celebration of our history was in 1975. The milestone of 50 years on the Musgrave Park site was celebrated as the Jubilee Year, 1925-1975.

In 1991, **State High** celebrated the Seventieth Anniversary of its foundation and the 1991 school magazine noted, *"the present students know little of their school, its history and traditions."*

In 1996, an inclusive series of major functions celebrated the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of the school and recognised the role that all those associated with the school over the previous 75 years played, including past and present principals, staff, students and parents as well as sponsors and government. The school museum was opened on "Return to State High" day to ensure that the history and traditions of our school are maintained.

In 2001, an all school assembly, which was attended by founding and transition students from the 1920's, was held in the Southbank Piazza to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the school.

In 2011, a "Back to State High Day" and a 90th anniversary dinner were held, as well as 1951, 1961, 1981, 1991 and 2001 class reunions.

Momentum is building towards our centenary in 2021 and current students are well aware of the past 100 years and the significance of the history and traditions of **State High**.

Barry Irwin, Class of 1961,
BSHS PSA Registrar and **AMICUS** Editor

Celebrating 100 years in 2021

Next year promises to be exciting with 2021 marking a major milestone for Brisbane State High School—our 100th anniversary.

As we pay tribute to our past and look forward to the future, there will be many opportunities for our State High community to be part of the celebrations. We look forward to sharing our program of events with you, so stay tuned for more information.

For the latest updates on our 100th anniversary celebrations, find us on Facebook @BrisStateHighAlumni and join our State High Connect online community by visiting statehighconnect.com.au.



Memorabilia Donations

The school museum is home to a collection of memorabilia and historical records.

In the lead up to our 100th anniversary, please consider donating your treasured memorabilia to the school, where it will be preserved and displayed in the museum for all to enjoy.

To find out more about donating, email our Museum Curator at bshspsa@gmail.com.



Share your photos & videos

Do you have historical photos and video footage from your time at State High?

We are seeking to build our collection of photos and video footage of State High from 1921 to 1980. Specifically, we require content which represent important milestones in the school's history or prominently feature our school facilities and buildings in that era.

If you have photos and video footage which meets these requirements and would be happy for us to take a copy, please contact our Museum Curator at bshspsa@gmail.com.

2020 ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

The **State High Foundation** would like to sincerely thank those who have donated to the Annual Giving Appeal for 2020. We are getting close to reaching our target of \$40,000 to support the purchase of an LED video screen for the indoor sports complex, that is also used for assemblies and major functions. This installation will empower the potential in our students and enhance presentations. The donation portal is accessed via:

www.StateHighConnect.com.au/AnnualGiving2020



2020 Annual Giving Appeal

STATE HIGH FOUNDATION
empowering potential

Help us raise funds for an LED video screen for our 1,500-seat Indoor Complex

IMPORTANT NOTICE

How you can help the **BSHS Past Students' Association** support your school.

The printing and posting of **AMICUS** to past students is the **PSA's** major annual expense. These funds would be better utilised for projects for the benefit of the school and students.

In order to reduce this significant cost, all past students who receive **AMICUS** via post are requested to advise their email address to: bshspsa@gmail.com for the receipt of **AMICUS**.

THE SCHOOL BADGE



Badge 1921 – 1959



Badge - After 1960

The Latin aphorism **Scientia est Potestas** meaning **Knowledge is Power** is attributed to English philosopher, statesman, scientist, jurist, orator, essayist, and author, Francis Bacon, 1st Viscount St Alban, QC. **State High's** founding Principal Isaac Waddle adopted **Scientia est Potestas** as the motto for the school in 1921.

In heraldry, the band on the school badge/shield is called a “bend”. From 1921 to 1959, the school badge had a “sinister bend”. In 1960, the bend on the school badge was changed to an honourable “dexter bend”.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CREST AND LOGO



1996 Crest



1996 Logo

The 1996 75th Anniversary Crest and Logo were designed by **Michael Bryce** AM AE KStJ, Class of 1955 and **State High Legend**. The art work was the anniversary gift to the school on behalf of Michael's senior art class of 1955.

THE CENTENARY LOGO

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of **Brisbane State High School**, a graphic symbol has been developed. The Centenary Logo will be used in the lead up to and throughout 2021 to recognise and highlight the anniversary of **State High** amongst our extensive school community but also to our local and wider Brisbane communities.



The Centenary Logo

The Centenary Logo was designed by four Year 11 and Year 12 students with the support of Mr Mace McGregor (Teacher Aide) and Miss Dilshad Saththa (Graphic Designer). Australian architect and graphic designer **Michael Bryce** provided invaluable guidance, support and encouragement to the team during the logo's design process.

The school's colours, cerise and blue, have been used within the logo to show that **State High** always stays true to its values and philosophy. The different shades represent the changes **State High** has undergone throughout its 100 year history. In the overall shape of the logo, **State High's** school crest is represented by the cerise band.



MUSIC MAN

Queensland Conservatorium and **State High** alumnus **Joff (Jonathan) Bush**, Class of 2002, is the man behind the music on some of Australia's best-loved TV shows, creating the soundtracks for series including *Bluey* and *The Family Law*. His infectious theme song for *Bluey* has been viewed more than 100 million times. Joff graduated from the Queensland Conservatorium with a Bachelor of Music in piano and composition.



"NATURE OF ORCHESTRAL NOISE"

Ian O'Brien, Class of 1987, is a musician, researcher, audiologist and a former sound engineer. Ian's academic and performance careers are impressive. Ian has received a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Hearing conservation for orchestral musicians from Sydney University, a Masters of Audiology Studies, a Masters of Philosophy Music and a Bachelor of Music Performance from the University of Queensland and a Diploma of Audio Engineering. He is currently a permanent member of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, playing the French Horn, and a clinical audiologist dedicated to protecting the hearing of musicians. Ian regularly provides training and advice to musicians, music teachers, professional orchestras, music institutions and schools to develop more effective hearing conservation strategies.

THE STAIRWELL PROJECT – MUSIC IN HOSPITALS

Peter Breen, Class of 1968, Curator of the Stairwell Project, is driven by the notion and well researched evidence that live music and art is an essential element in the healing process and general wellbeing of patients, staff and public in hospitals and medical centres. Beginning in mid-2015, despite financial challenges, this little project has flourished and made significant ground in its vision to gently but joyfully affect clinical spaces with calmness and beauty.

PERFORMING ARTS

The first school concert was in 1926 and these productions continued to 1941. The annual concerts were held at the Theatre Royal, the Cremorne Theatre, His Majesty's Theatre and the Princess Theatre and included drama, gymnastics, dance, choral and orchestral items. The Dramatic Society that was established in 1936 continued performances throughout the war and post war years.

Gilbert and Sullivan operas were a much anticipated annual event from 1950 to 1965 and school musicals have been a permanent event on the school calendar since. In 1950, the Dramatic Society produced the first Gilbert and Sullivan opera, *Iolanthe*. *Iolanthe* was also the last Gilbert and Sullivan opera performed in 1965. *Ruddigore*, *HMS Pinafore*, *The Mikado*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Gondoliers*, *Patience* and *Princess Ida* dominated the **State High** stage during this era.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

The Honourable Justice Peter Applegarth AM, Class of 1973, has been appointed as chairperson of the Queensland Law Reform Commission, (QLRC) for a three year term. The QLRC reviews the law with a view to its systematic development and reform and generally the simplification and modernisation of the law.

MEDICAL INTERVENTION



Dr Andreas Fouras, Class of 1990, is a scientist, inventor and entrepreneur working at the intersection of engineering and healthcare. Following a Bachelor of Engineering from UQ and a Master of Engineering Science and a PhD in Particle Image Velocimetry from Monash University, Andreas' start-up company *4DMedical* recently raised \$56m in the Initial Public Offering on the ASX and the market capitalisation exceeded \$430m. Investors see potential for *4DMedical*, which converts X-ray images of lungs into four-dimensional data for better diagnosis and treatment of respiratory diseases.



MEDICAL APPOINTMENT

The Oceania University of Medicine (OUM), has appointed **Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) Fredrick Anthony "Hugh" Bartholomeusz** OAM, RFD, MBBS, FRACS, Class of 1970, as Professor and Dean for Australia. Hugh has an impressive background in both military and academic medicine, with experience in regional and international aspects of medical education and patient care. As the OUM Professor and Dean for Australia, Hugh will focus on strengthening relationships with hospitals in the region as well as educating future generations of physicians.

How things change!

The Speech Day Report in the July 1923 school magazine expressed the opinion that:

"The primary object of the secondary school is not to act as a feeder to the University; possibly not more than one or two per cent of those who enter the secondary school ever reach the University."

AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW

The **1967** school magazine Editorial noted that a science and classroom block was planned to be constructed on land recently excised from adjacent park land. The Editorial also stated:

*"And this looks like **the final building program for the school**"*

Eventually, Block "E", the Lockie Science building and Block "F", the Commonwealth Library were officially opened in **1970**. An extract from a promotional booklet produced for the official opening stated:

*"This booklet has been prepared by the Parents and Citizens' Association to mark what should be **the last major building activity at the Brisbane State High School.**"*

Although "**the final building program**" and "**the last major building activity**" had been forecast, major capital works programs have continued over the last 30 years to provide new and upgraded facilities for **State High**.

QGSSSA

In the lead-up to the resumption of Queensland Girls' Secondary Schools Sports Association (QGSSSA) sport in July 2020, *The Courier Mail* published their list of the association's top 40 sportswomen.

The list excluded **State High** Olympians, **Evelina Afoa**, Class of 2015, **Rina Bradshaw**, Class of 1983, **Rosemary Brown**, Class of 1978, **Sue Funch**, Class of 1971, **Karen Van de Graaf**, Class of 1980, **Marion Hoffman**, Class of 1967, **Deanna Lockett**, Year 10, 2011, and **Alison Smith**, Class of 1977. In numerical order as nominated by *The Courier Mail* the list is:



5 **Hayley Lewis** Class of 1991



6 **Charlotte Caslick**, Class of 2012



7. **Norma Croker** Class of 1952



12 **Kate Gynther**, Class of 1999



17 **Amy Hetzel**, Class of 2000



18 **Jodie Clatworthy**, Class of 1987



19 **Lyndsie Fogarty**, Class of 2002



22 **Marissa Carpadios**, Class of 1995



24 **Danielle Stewart**, Class of 1998



29 **Lise Mackie**, Class of 1993



39 **Wendy Chen**, Class of 2010



40 **Susie Baumer**, Class of 1981

CONSECUTIVE SUCCESS

State High recorded nine consecutive GPS Athletics championships from 1975 to 1983 and nine consecutive GPS Swimming championships from 1978 to 1986. After being runner up in 1970, 1971 and 1972, **State High** won four consecutive GPS 1st XV Rugby premiership from 1973 to 1976.

To eclipse those exceptional results, **State High** recorded nineteen consecutive QGSSSA Athletics championships from 1971 to 1989.

On an individual level, **Fred Whyatt** rowed in three victorious Head of the River crews in 1925, 1927 and 1928 and was a Wallaby tourist to New Zealand in 1931.

LIBRARY FACILITIES

From **1921** to **1924** a small library in the Normal School, **State High's** first home on the corner of Adelaide and Edward Streets, had an operating budget of 10 pounds (\$20) per annum with subscribers paying 6 pence (5 cents) to become borrowers.

From **1925** to **1963**, a 25 square metre library facility operated on the first floor in the centre 'wing' of the Red Brick Building. This area was also the first location of the school museum which opened in 1996.

In **1964**, a library facility in the lower level of "B" Block, the first Assembly Hall constructed in a state secondary school, expanded the access to library resource.

In **1970**, the "F" Block Commonwealth Library opened in conjunction with "E" Block, the Lockie Science Hall.

In **1989**, the library was relocated to the upper level of "G" Block, the White House.

The Commonwealth Library was subsequently converted for Home Economics and demolished to enable the construction of the Sports Hall Complex that was opened in **2007**.

In **2006**, the library returned to the upper level of "B" Block and the upper level of G Block was converted to classrooms.

LINKING THE SITES

The Editorial in the **1964** school magazine penned by Guest Editor Sir Herbert Watkin, Director General of Education and **BSHS** Principal 1947-1952, included:

"...A welcome addition to the school has been the recent incorporation of the old Intermediate School grounds into the High School area."

The additional site and facilities became necessary as Year 8 was introduced into the secondary school system in **1964**. The Merivale Campus became known as "*The Farm*".

The Principal's report in the **1965** school magazine stated:

"We hope that an overhead thoroughfare across Cordelia Street will be included as the crossing of this busy street has been a constant source of worry to us."

The first public walkway over Cordelia Street was provided by the Brisbane City Council prior to EXPO **1988**.

A "land bridge" over Cordelia Street to replace the existing public walkway was proposed in a Public Private Partnership (PPP), in conjunction with Southbank TAFE in the early **2000's**. The PPP did not proceed and development at both institutions proceeded independently.

A dedicated walkway for the school over Cordelia Street, linking the Vulture Campus and the Merivale Campus, was constructed in the **2008** \$20M capital works program.

In **2016**, an additional covered walkway was provided on the western side of the oval to connect with the Cordelia Street walkway.

DELICIOUS ESCAPE

Editor-in-chief of *Delicious*, **Kerrie McCallum (Alcorn)**, Class of 1991, has been promoted into a new role, overseeing the editorial direction and development of News Corp Australia's premium food and travel portfolio. In the role, Kerrie will also be the editor-in-chief of *Escape* and continue to oversee the production of *Delicious*.

Brisbane State High School Past Students' Association EXECUTIVE - 2020

President: **Brad Thomas**.....Class of 1967
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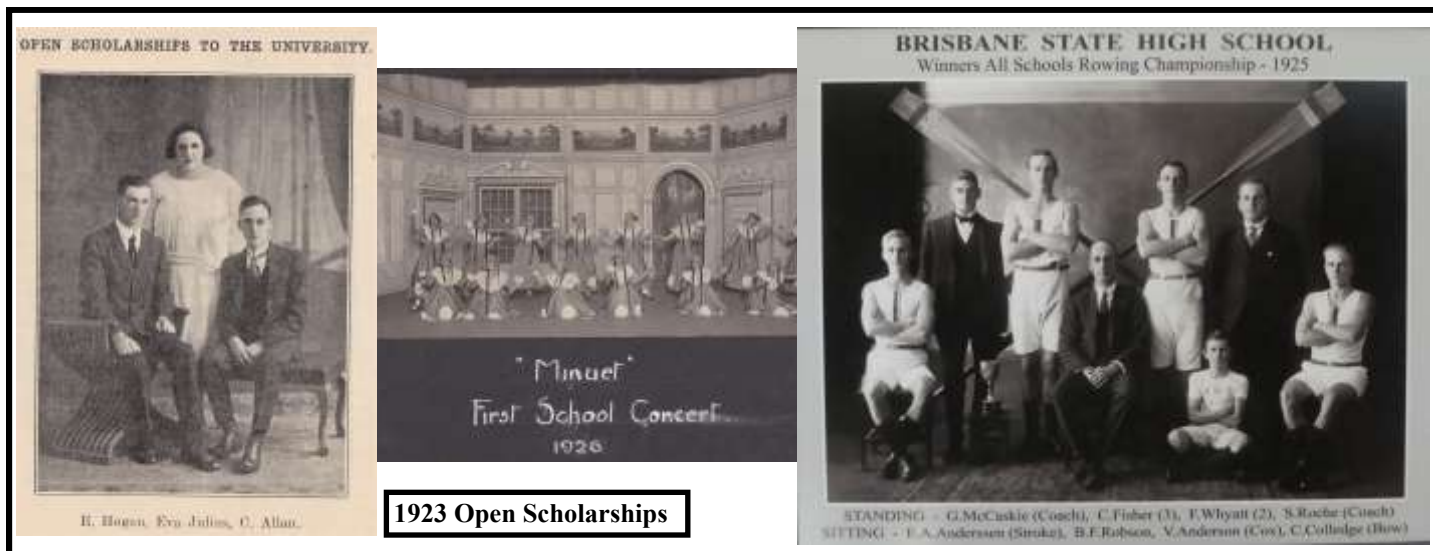
OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Open Scholarships to the University of Queensland were awarded to the top 25 students in the Senior examination, which was abolished in **1973**. The 1973 school magazine reported:

“There are very few years ... when this school was not represented in the list of Open Scholarship winners.”

This is an enviable academic record since three Open Scholarships were awarded in **1923** to **C J Allen, E W Hogan** and **Eva Julius**.

State High students received 137 Open Scholarships from **1923** to **1972**, including 10 Open Scholarships in **1954** and 8 Open Scholarships in **1953** and **1955**.



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VALE

The **Brisbane State High School Past Students' Association** records with regret the passing of the following past students and extends condolences to their family and friends.

Dr Stephen Hinchy OAM, ASM, Class of 1957. Steve rowed in the 4 seat in **State High's** first 1st VIII was a former Kings Cup oarsman and a Life member of Rowing Australia and Rowing Queensland. Australian Rowing Team doctor 1984 to 2001 and Team Manager 1988 Olympic Games.



Lynette Antrobus (Jordan)..... Class of 1971
Alan William Baskerville..... Class of 1975
Ian Stuart Charles Bryce.....Class of 1956
Pamela Joan Chowns (Braid)..... Class of 1950
Joan Margaret Hungerford (Hughes)...Class of 1951
Frances Estelle Packer (Sweeper).....Class of 1951
William (Bill) Edwin Tree..... Class of 1952
 Won GPS High Jump with an Olympic qualifying jump.

Bill Tree with Olympic decathlete **Cedric Dubler**, Class of 2012 and Commonwealth Games high jumper **Nik Bojic**, Class of 2009; at a GPS Athletics carnival.