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SUNDAY 4 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 2025 and 2026 are welcome to attend this special day with their family.

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

110th Anniversary Ball

The 110th Anniversary Ball promises to be an event with a difference. This elegant occasion will be an unforgettable experience where you can get together with families and friends of The Women's College community.

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

Family Night

Current Woozas and their families are invited to the 2024 Family Night. Further details are coming soon.

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Community Formal Dinner

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

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

Sports Formal Dinner

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

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER

Cultural Formal Dinner

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

TUESDAY 22 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.

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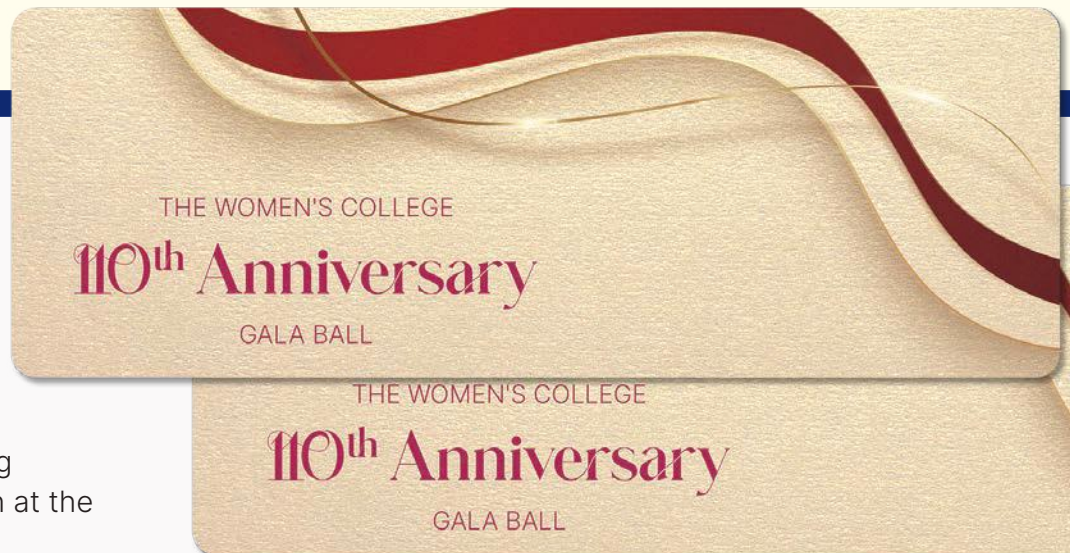
The date of these events are subject to change. Invitations are emailed to parents in the lead-up to each event and details are promoted on the College website at womens.uq.edu.au/events

Tickets on sale now

Please join us for an evening of elegance and celebration at the 110th Anniversary Gala Ball.

Tickets include a two-course sit-down dinner, drinks and entertainment. Save the date for this spectacular event on Saturday 17 August at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, as we transform the night into an unforgettable experience of shared stories.

Don't miss out on this spectacular formal occasion, where we will honour the past and inspire the future. Visit womens.uq.edu.au/event/110-anniversary-ball/ for more details and to purchase your tickets today!



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



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Semester 1 Snapshot

College at full capacity with 254 residents and 50 associates.



Excellent academic results for Semester 2, 2023.



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



Sell-out Mother & Daughter Dinner on Friday 10 May.



Very successful Women's Industry Night on 21 May.



Stage 1 of the Master Plan underway with the completion of minor projects and the commencement of a Capital Campaign to develop a Wellbeing Precinct for students.



This page (top to bottom): The College is at full capacity; students use a range of facilities, including our outdoor learning areas, for individual and group study; the Volleyball team celebrates a victory; the Choir performance at the Mother & Daughter Dinner; Women's Industry Night; the Wellbeing Precinct site; and First-Year students pictured on Family Day.



From the Head of College

Florence Kearney, Head of College & CEO

Welcome to our first issue of *Connect* for 2024, in which we take the opportunity to provide an update on the happenings and events around the College in Semester 1. Our 110th Anniversary celebrations have been a highlight as we honour the College's foundation in 1914 and its evolutionary journey until now.

We commenced the year at full capacity, with 254 residents and 50 associates in our 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 impressive, testament 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.

We commenced the year at full capacity, with 254 residents and 50 associates in our 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.

The College is in its fourth 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.

[Click here](#) to view the Strategic Plan on our website.

The College has embarked upon Stage 1 of a new Master Plan, with the completion of minor projects to enhance the College campus and a major project about to commence.

We have enjoyed many special functions and special 110th Anniversary celebrations during the semester, along with a full program of ICC cultural, sport and community events. In addition, a comprehensive range of Ready to Lead workshops has been provided for 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 2023 students and outstanding alumnae at the 2024 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards.

Fortnightly Formal Dinners have featured an outstanding array of guest speakers, including many

alumnae of the College who have shared their career journeys, insights and advice for students. We heard from a panel including Ash Webb from QENDO and Dr Sally Mortlock from The Institute for Molecular Bioscience at the Women's Health Q&A Formal Dinner, as well as Lyndon Murphy from the UQ School of Political Science & International Studies and Angela Barney-Leitch, QUT Deputy Vice-Chancellor

(Indigenous Studies) for the National Reconciliation Week Q&A. In addition, the Women of the World Q&A Networking Dinner – Women in Leadership was held in April in conjunction with the Ready to Lead program.

The College also enjoyed a sell-out Mother & Daughter Dinner in early May, celebrating the multi-generational families at Women's.

May saw our annual Women's Industry Night. This was a networking and career-building experience to connect students to industry groups and employers while they are studying at university. Our students also reap the benefits of these industry connections through the *Career Opportunities Available to Woozas* webpage on the Student Portal.

To celebrate 110 years, students and staff received a 110th Anniversary Pin to commemorate this special year. Our community has been captivated by the showcase of the College's history presented within the interactive Touchwall mounted in the foyer. At the time of writing, five out of the ten episodes in the *110 Alumnae Stories* video series have been released, featuring alumnae from across the generations. A Philanthropy Trail was established to acknowledge the generosity of donors who invested in the development of the College and the education of women across the years. Continuing our culture of giving, a capital campaign with naming opportunities to mark the 110th Anniversary was recently launched to support the development of a new Wellbeing Precinct, a multi-purpose social, study and recreational space for students. For further details, see page 23 of this magazine or visit the [Find Your Place in the Wellbeing Precinct campaign webpage](#).

We are now looking forward to our 110th Anniversary Gala Ball on Saturday 17 August at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, and are expecting up to 800 people from all generations for this final spectacular celebration to mark this historic year. We hope you can join us.



Above: Flo welcomes resident Lucy Bowen at the First Year Induction Ceremony.





Family Day

Family Day on Sunday 11 February was a great start to O Week, where our First Years and their families were welcomed into the Women's community by our wonderful Student Leadership Team and staff.

After checking in, families were treated to the 'Women's experience' with a delicious seafood buffet lunch, before an Information Session for parents was held with our Head of College & CEO while the Freshers caught up with the Resident Assistants in their Wings. The afternoon concluded with our annual Welcome Cocktail Party where families had the opportunity to meet members of the College Council and staff.



Student Life

Gayle Harris, Deputy Head of College

Student academics

Our returning residents and associates were duly recognised for their dedication to their studies during 2023 at our Academic Dinner in February this year. Such public recognition of their achievements buoys our Freshers into setting their own academic goals for their first semester of university study.

At the time of writing, our Freshers have almost completed their first semester of university examinations, and the support through the College-provided tutorial programs, Academic Mentors and our Academic Residential Assistant was appreciated by residents.

Academic Mentors have supported our Freshers throughout this semester. In the beginning weeks of the 2024 academic year, 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 results from a student survey conducted during the early part of the semester, with our Dean of Students managing the timetabling process.

Student leadership

Our Student Club Executive and Resident Assistants began the year with a week of leadership training workshops. As a team, they provided a memorable start to the university academic year for our 113 Fresher Residents and 30 Fresher Associates during O-Week.

This year, new leadership opportunities were afforded to returning residents who formed our inaugural O-Week Committee. These students supported our Senior Leadership Team in managing the O-Week program.

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. O-Week activities evoked an incredibly positive culture that has continued throughout this semester.

Student activities

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; they also 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.

The Inter College Competition (ICC) has seen many successes across sporting and cultural areas. ICC Sport

saw enthusiastic participation and support. Women's started the semester by taking out 1st place in Swimming, 2nd place in Tennis, 10th place in Chess, 7th place in Hockey, and 5th place in Rowing and Volleyball. Women's is 6th overall in the ICC Cultural points table, with 2nd place in Choralfest, 10th place in Bandfest, 7th place in College Idol, and 3rd place in Debating.

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 in Semester 1 included how to create a professional LinkedIn page, resume writing, and our Women of the World Q&A Leadership Networking Dinner. The finale for the semester was our Women's Industry Night (WIN), which was a mini careers expo that provided students the opportunity to interact with industry leaders related to their fields of study.

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 and conducted tours during the semester and at our early Open Day in April. These student leaders give prospective students and their parents an excellent insight into what life is like at Women's.

Wellbeing and fresher check-ins

Our Resident Assistants met with each resident in their wing early during the semester to identify any areas in which students may have needed assistance. This was then followed by the Dean of Students and Deputy Head of College meeting one-on-one with First-Year Residents to discuss academic progress, transition to College life and future goals.

These check-ins provide a valuable two-way conversation where we learn so much from each other; all this assists us with moving into Semester 2.

Further wellbeing support was offered this year with students making their own appointments for brief sessions with our visiting counsellor.

Semester 2

We circle around and begin our next semester with our student leaders participating in a workshop at the end of the vacation. Our student leaders will reflect on the goals they set at the start of the year, and will plan another fulfilling semester for our students.

Semester 2 will commence with many ICC sporting and cultural events, with one of the highlights for the semester being the 110th Anniversary Gala Ball in Week 4.

Key dates for Semester 2, 2024

- Sunday 21 July: Official move-in day for Semester 2, 2024 academic calendar
- Monday 15 July: Griffith University's second trimester begins
- Monday 22 July: Semester 2 at UQ and QUT begin
- Monday 29 July: Semester 2 at ACU begins

First row (L – R): Family Day, First Year Induction Ceremony, and student studying in the Freda Bage Common Room.

Second row (L – R): The Student Leadership Team at the Women's At Home event; Communications Representative Tess Feller facilitated the panel discussion at the Women's Health Q&A Formal Dinner.

Third row: Students and exhibitors at the Women's Industry Night.



2024 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

The 2024 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 7 March in the Harriet Marks Dining Hall.

The evening began with an address by Guest Speaker Amanda Johnston-Pell (Alumna 1989 – 1991). Following Amanda's address, First-Year Resident Keely McKenzie performed *Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again* by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

A total of 23 residents from a diverse range of backgrounds and study areas received prizes for academic, leadership and other significant achievements. 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 2023 academic year. Seventeen residents then received Scholarships for demonstrated excellence in academia, sport and cultural pursuits as well as leadership.

The Women's College congratulates all students and alumnae recognised at the 2024 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards for their achievements.

See photos from the event on pages 12 – 13 or [click here](#) to visit our online gallery.

Academic Excellence and Other Prize recipients

Barbara Page-Hanify Prize

Holly Baker

Brisbane Women's Club

Young Achiever Prize

Claire Thompson

Chislehurst Prize

Olivia Taylor

Ethel Raybould Prize

Allegra Daveson

Hazel Francis Prize

Madison McLeod

Henderson Foundation Prize

Kate McIntosh

IMB Science Excellence Award

Prisha Gupte

Ella Hockam

Grete Gawthorn

Jeff Sipek Service Prize

Sarah-Jane Kiernan

Joan Robinson Prize

Madylynn Robert

Margaret Piddington Prize

Charlotte Sutton

May McLean Hancock Prize

Maya Remedios

Molly Budtz-Olsen Prize

Mackenzie Shepley

Principal's Prize

Tara Lavery

QUT Academic Prize

Caitlin Brittain

Sallyanne Atkinson Leadership Prize

Zimena Furey

Isabel Nolke

Suellen Topfer Prize

Laura Charles

The Women's College Sports Prize

Hayley Wright

The Women's College Standing Committee Prize

Stephanie Jersmann

Vera Jones Prize

Rebecca Lander

Wilhelmina Gladstone Jameson Scholarship Prize

Maia Griffin



Academic Excellence and Other Prize recipients

Back row (L – R): Madison McLeod, Olivia Taylor, Claire Thompson, Hayley Wright, Isabel Nolke, Laura Charles, Charlotte Sutton, Allegra Daveson, Maia Griffin

Front row (L – R): Stephanie Jersmann, Ella Hockam, Grete Gawthorn, Maya Remedios, Rebecca Lander, Holly Baker, Kate McIntosh, Tara Lavery, Sarah-Jane Kiernan, Zimena Furey

Absent: Caitlin Brittain, Prisha Gupte, Madylynn Robert, Mackenzie Shepley, Claire Thompson



Scholarship recipients

Back row (L – R): Ella Hockam, Emily Thompson, Asia Heaps, Matilda Lowrie, Hannah Edwards, Charlotte Sutton, Milla Hinton, Harriet Lloyd-Jones, Maia Griffin

Front row (L – R): Alice Hughes, Jillian Campbell, Tara Lavery, Kiandra Loch, Stephanie Jersmann, May Li, Zimena Furey

Absent: Prisha Gupte, Emily Lohmann

Scholarship recipients

Academic Scholarship

Prisha Gupte
Alice Hughes

Alumnae Awards Scholarship

Jillian Campbell

Ann Warrell Robilliard Scholarship

Matilda Lowrie

Cultural Scholarship

Emily Thompson

Deborah Davis Academic Scholarship

Asia Heaps

Harriet Marks Scholarship

Stephanie Jersmann

Judith McCulloch Academic Scholarship

Tara Lavery

Mary Wooza Scholarship

Emily Lohmann

Sports Scholarship

Harriet Lloyd-Jones

The Stan and Maureen Duke Foundation Scholarship

Milla Hinton
May Li
Kiandra Loch

The Women's College Scholarship

Maia Griffin
Ella Hockam
Charlotte Sutton

The Women's College & Student Club Scholarship

Zimena Furey

2023 Residents achieving GPA 6.0 or above in Semesters 1 & 2, 2023

Caitlin Brittain
Allegra Daveson
Elizabeth Donnan
Grete Gawthorn
Maia Griffin
Prisha Gupte
Bridget Haynes
Aisling Hennessy
Ella Hockam
Jessie Holmes

Scarlett Jackson
Katie Jamieson
Annaleese Kastrissios-
Stewart
Tara Lavery
Indi McKeown
Alyssa Mjaskalo
Kate Moulds
Rosie Nehill
Adelina Nelson

Louise Ng
Emily Nilsen
Claudia Nina
Emma Paull
Faith Phillips
Maya Remedios
Madylynn Robert
Sophia Ross
Elissa Skinner
Sophie Sorensen

Eleanor Swan
Lucy Taylor
Matilda Taylor
Olivia Taylor
Jade Toomey
Anna Tully
Sophia Zhuang

2023 Residents achieving GPA 6.0 or above in Semester 1, 2023

Sienna Adams
Sanya Arora
Holly Baker
Persia Black
Megan Callaghan
Lila Chappell
Nicola Doyle
Ashlee Ferguson
Matilda Lowrie
Sunday McCullough
Hannah Meyer
Emma Neenan
Sydney Peff
Jemima Robertson
Mackenzie Rohde
Mackenzie Shepley
Olivia Smith
Ruby Smith
Georgia Souyave-Murphy

2023 Residents achieving GPA 6.0 or above in Semester 2, 2023

Claire Asquith
Tara Bretherton
Catriona Brown
Isabelle Burke
Jillian Campbell
Isabelle Chapman
Cecilia Choi
Georgia Curran
Camille Derrick
Chloe Evans
Fiona Flanagan
Isabella Fusco
Chloe Greenhill
Saige Gregory
Natasha Grundy
Lucy Holland
Jessica Hulme
Kathleen Humphreys

Stephanie Jersmann
Madison Kane
Rebecca Lander
Hannah Lau
Natalie Mabiza
Eva Marshall
Kate McDonnell
Kate McIntosh
Madison McLeod
Chelsea Moor
Lucinda Myers
Sophie Sloss
Nikola Sorensen
Lily Taylor
Milla Uechtritz
Giaan Walker
Madeleine Warner
Amy Wright



Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

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





WEEK



Student Leadership Team Report

Zimena Furey, 2024 Student Club President & Isabel Nolke, 2024 Senior Resident Assistant

What a semester it has been for our Girls in Maroon! With the first four months of College life under the Freshers' belts, we could not be prouder of everyone for stepping out of their comfort zones and getting involved in everything Women's has to offer.

P-Week and O-Week

In a busy P-Week, in early February, our Student Club Executive, Resident Assistant team, and O-Week Committee came together to prepare and plan for one of the biggest weeks of the year: O-Week! After Family Day – our very first day meeting our beautiful First-Year Residents and Associates – we could tell we were in for a good one. The halls were filled with nervous parents, excited smiles, and so much anticipation for the week ahead. After dancing, bouncing, war-crying, and interdigitating our way through O-Week, it was time for our beautiful returning students to make their way home to College.

There is nothing better than a full College, and as our Second and Third Years made their way through the glass doors, the hallways filling with laughter, hugs and music again, we let out a big sigh of relief and counted our many, many blessings. Before we knew it, it was time to jump into the ICC competitions with our game faces on.

Sports

We could not have had a better start to our sporting campaign – led by Sport Convenor Georgia McMullen – with our swimmers coming away with 1st place overall. Woozas lined the pool, dressed head-to-toe in maroon, with handmade crowns on heads, cheering our girls through to victory. Hockey, Volleyball, Table Tennis, and Tennis shortly followed, where our teams eagerly took to the fields and courts, making our mark on the ICC comp. A special shout out must go to the Tennis team, and convenor Charlotte Sutton, who finished in an incredible 2nd place! The Rowing Regattas, particularly the Head of River, saw an incredible show of athleticism, sportsmanship, and Wooza spirit. As our crews rolled down the river, the hill was covered in a sea of maroon, screaming "RA-DA-DI-YA-DA!" We should note the amazing effort by our Social Crew, who finished 1st, and our First VIII who came an incredible 2nd. At the time of writing, the ICC AFL competition is ongoing after a delayed start due to some pesky fire ants. The team is putting on a great show, with an enthusiasm and determination that cannot be rivalled.

Cultural

Our ICC cultural campaign has been one for the history books this semester, led by Cultural Convenor Georgia Moor. We kicked off with College Idol, where the incredibly talented Keeley McKenzie stunned the audience with her rendition of *Slipping Through My Fingers*. There was not a dry eye in sight. Following this was Choralfest, Bandfest, Debating and Chess. A huge congratulations to

the Choralfest choir, including convenors Madi McLeod and Elyse Packwood, who placed an amazing 2nd, and the Debating team – and convenor Giaan Walker – who dominated the competition, entering the semi-finals undefeated and narrowly missing out on the Grand Final, ultimately finishing in an amazing 3rd place. Go Women's!

Community

Our efforts to support and give back to the community, led by Community Convenor Laura Charles, are particularly notable this semester. We have Cleaned Up Australia, Shared the Dignity with Duchesne College, and Shaved for a Cure, where we raised over \$11,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation alongside St John's College. A new event was added to the ICC Community calendar this year, in the form of Actively Pink! An initiative led by Tess Feller, Laura Charles, and Steph Jersmann, this event saw Women's invite the ICC and their Mums to join us on a 7km loop to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA). With 124 attendees, we managed to raise over \$1,500 for BCNA. Our May-50-K, where Woozas teamed up to each run/walk or otherwise make their way through 50km in the month of May, saw the Girls in Maroon raise over \$3,000, which is such an incredible effort from the Women's community.

Social

Now, to what some might say is the highlight of College life, the social scene! Our resident life of the party, Social Convenor Hayley Wright, has made this semester one to remember. We kicked things off in P-Week, where our Student Leadership Team (SLT) met and formed friendships with the SLTs from all UQ colleges. These relationships have stood the test of time and saw tickets to our annual Women's At Home event sell-out a week in advance! The Quad was covered in pink, orange and yellow for the After Sunset theme, which was the perfect start to our social landscape for Semester 1. With the intention to continue fostering friendships across year levels throughout the College, Hayley and her Social Committee have been working hard to organise many internal Women's events to bring us closer together and create a real sisterhood. Talk over the 110th Anniversary Gala Ball is now filling the halls, as the Woozas secure their tickets and start dress-hunting. Saturday 17 August is sure to be a night to remember!

All in all, life at Women's has never been so good. As the girls lock in for their final assignments and exams, we want to give them all a massive shout-out for their hard work this semester. Their ability to dominate the sporting and cultural competitions, give generously to our community, hit the dancefloor and make the most of our social calendar, all while remaining on top of their studies, continues to amaze us. Women's is the place to be in 2024, and we cannot wait to see what Semester 2 has in store for us all!

Semester





Advancement Update

Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement

Celebrating 110 years

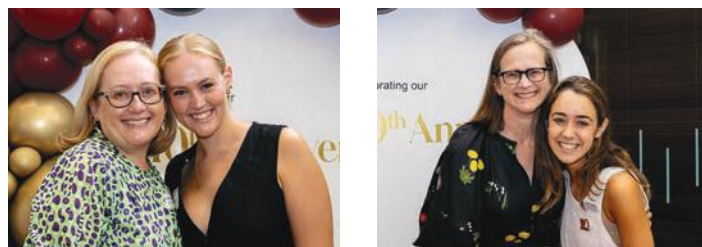
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our parent community for supporting our 110th Anniversary celebrations in March. The Back to Women's Champagne High Tea was a wonderful event, with many mothers and daughters enjoying the festivities and exploring our new interactive Touchwall, which showcases our rich history and achievements in a dynamic digital format.

To commemorate this significant milestone, consider purchasing a limited-edition gift for your daughter. A range of unique items – including a limited edition clutch purse, 110th Anniversary-branded Frank Green ceramic cups, and Mary Wooza mascot dolls – are available from our online store at womens.uq.edu.au/shop/

Supporting residents: new opportunities ahead

Our College remains steadfast in its commitment to creating opportunities for residents through the establishment of new bursaries, scholarships and prizes.

This year, a significant partnership with QUT has enabled the creation of eight new bursaries for QUT students facing financial challenges. Additionally, one of our notable alumna has pledged to establish a leadership prize that will be awarded for the first time in 2025. More details will be shared next semester.



Above: Mothers and current students at Back to Women's.

Achieving together: a semester of generosity and impact

Philanthropy continues to profoundly impact the lives of our Women's College residents. This semester, thanks to the unwavering generosity of our families, we have accomplished remarkable milestones together. Your continued support truly makes a difference.

Mother & Daughter Major Raffle

A heartfelt thank you to our prize sponsors for their generous support of the Mother & Daughter raffle, which raised over \$5,600. These funds will go towards the Alumnae Awards and Mary Wooza scholarship funds, providing vital support to both current and future residents.

Wellbeing Precinct naming opportunities

Leave a lasting legacy by securing your daughter's name or your family's name in the Wellbeing Precinct with a tax-deductible donation.

A number of naming opportunities are available, including the option of an engraved brick. The pictured example is from the named bricks in the Maureen Aitken Garden.

For more details, see page 23 or visit womens.uq.edu.au/110-anniversary/find-your-place



Above: Some of the winners of prizes from the Mother & Daughter Dinner. The Women's College thanks everyone who contributed to and participated in this major raffle.

Women's College & Student Club Scholarship

Please save the date for UQ Giving Day on Wednesday 16 October. At Women's, this initiative, in collaboration with the Student Club, aims to raise funds for a current third-year resident who has shown exemplary leadership. Your support will help us recognise and reward their contributions to our community.

Together, we are creating a brighter future for our students. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Congratulations to the following students who have volunteered to be our 2024 Giving Day Ambassadors.

- Claire Asquith (RA)
- Caitlin Brittain (Student Club Executive)
- Laura Charles (Student Club Executive)
- Chloe Evans (RA)
- Zimena Furey (Student Club Executive)
- Sarah-Jane Kiernan (RA)
- Tara Lavery (Student Club Executive)
- Natalie Mabiza (RA)
- Dixie McNaught (Student Club Executive)
- Isabel Nolke (RA)
- Sophie Posselt (RA)
- Ebony Turner (RA)

Acknowledging multi-generational families

In early May, the College hosted its annual Mother & Daughter Dinner, bringing together students and their mothers for an evening of celebration and connection.

The evening began with special performances by our talented 2024 Choir and Band during pre-dinner drinks on the Circular Drive.

A highlight of the night was the engaging panel discussion featuring three multi-generational families. Alumnae and current residents shared their cherished memories and experiences at The Women's College, highlighting the lasting impact of the College.

In a touching ceremony, we honoured our 15 multi-generational families, 11 of which are newly connected to The Women's College this year. This special presentation underscored the enduring bonds and traditions within our community.

Below: The multi-generational family presentation.



Above: A few of our 2023 UQ Giving Day Ambassadors.

Support our Family Night

We are thrilled to announce that our Family Night is just around the corner! This much-anticipated event is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and celebrate our Women's community, while also serving as a fundraiser for our Bursaries and Scholarships program.

To ensure the success of this event, we seek your generous support in the form of raffle prize donations. Contributions of hotel accommodation, gift cards (e.g. restaurants/stores), and experience vouchers (e.g. tickets to sports events, concerts, theatre performances, amusement parks) are greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled family night on Friday 30 August. There will be food, entertainment and, of course, our exciting raffle! It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy quality time with your daughters while supporting a great cause. Invitations will be sent soon.



Above: The 2023 Father & Daughter Drinks event.

Mother & Daughter Dinner

The Mother & Daughter Dinner on Friday 10 May was a delightful celebration. The evening began with special performances by our 2024 Choir and Band, which performed on the circular drive during pre-drinks. Guests then enjoyed a panel discussion between three multi-generational families, where alumnae and current students spoke about their memories and experiences of The Women's College.

The College then honoured our 15 multi-generational families, 11 of which are new to Women's this year, during a special presentation before we premiered the fifth episode of the 110 Alumnae Stories series.

The evening concluded with the highly anticipated draw of the Mother & Daughter Dinner major raffle, where funds raised supported the Alumnae Awards and Mary Wooza scholarship funds. Just over \$5,600 was raised with this major raffle, with winners including parents of current students and a first-year resident.

We thank the panellists and facilitator, guests and everyone involved in making the 2024 Mother & Daughter Dinner a fabulous evening.





Finance Matters

Fiona Bryant, Director of Finance

After a busy but very successful and rewarding first semester, we look forward with excitement to Semester 2.

Key dates

The following are some important keys dates, which we hope will help families plan for the rest of the year.

- Term 3 invoices have been issued and are payable by Friday 7 June 2024.
- Term 4 invoices will be issued at the beginning of August and are payable by Friday 16 August 2024. The 2024 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 16 June – Saturday 20 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.
- 2025 deposits: Invoices will be issued at the start of October and are payable by Friday 11 October 2024 to confirm residency in 2025. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable, so it is important to consider plans for your daughter for next year.

Term 3	Term 4	2025 Deposit	Vacation fees
Friday 7 June	Friday 16 August	Friday 11 October	Per day
\$6,606	\$5,106	\$1,500	\$80

Applications for 2025

Applications for 2025 are now open. Interviews are being conducted with future students and offers are being made in four rounds throughout 2024.

Bursaries and Scholarships

A range of bursaries for 2025 are available to residents, and our annual application process will open in August 2024. Please visit our website for more information and make sure we receive your daughter's application before the closing date, Friday 27 September 2024.

Scholarships are open to both future and current residents 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 13 December 2024. All scholarships applications for 2025 can be submitted once your daughter's residency agreement is signed and deposit has been paid.

[Click here](#) to view more information on our Bursaries and Scholarships.

Operations Update

Luiz Gomes, Director of Operations

We are thrilled to share some significant updates that have taken place at the College. Before the return of our residents in Semester 1, our dedicated teams performed essential maintenance, deep cleaning, and undertook major capital expenditure (CAPEX) projects. Here are some highlights.

Completed CAPEX projects

- Roofing upgrades: Replacement of roofing sheets in the Third Wing and Administrative areas.
- Floor sanding: The Dining Hall and Playhouse floors have been sanded to restore their original shine and improve safety.
- New ceiling fans: The Centenary building is now equipped with modern ceiling fans, providing better ventilation and comfort.
- New whiteboards: Installation of new whiteboards on all student accommodation doors, facilitating better communication and organisation.
- New mattresses: Students can look forward to a more comfortable rest with the replacement of mattresses in Hartland and Cuppaidge wings.
- Bathroom waterproofing: The Hartland Wing bathrooms have received a waterproofing upgrade to prevent leaks and maintain hygiene.
- Outdoor amenities: New outdoor tables and chairs have been added to the Dining Hall deck to create more inviting communal spaces. Two TVs were also installed on the deck, allowing event attendees to watch the contents of the big screen.
- Air conditioning replacement: Central air conditioning units in Freda Bage and the Council Room have been replaced for improved climate control.
- Fire safety equipment: Replacement of two fire panels to enhance safety.

Major operational updates

- Electrical upgrades: The College is currently undertaking a series of electrical upgrades and rectifications to improve safety and efficiency.
- Hotel system implementation: A new 'Hotel' system is being implemented to streamline and enhance the College's operational efficiency.
- Enhanced cleaning: Our Housekeeping Team has introduced new equipment and an array of advanced cleaning chemicals to increase cleanliness and hygiene, particularly in bathrooms.

These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, comfortable and conducive environment for our students. We believe that these enhancements will significantly contribute to the overall experience and wellbeing of our College community.




Find Your Place
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110th Anniversary Capital Campaign



For 110 years, The Women's College has been a place for women to live, learn and be empowered, thanks to the unwavering generosity of our benefactors.

From the first meeting at Government House on 17 April 1913, where the establishment of a college for women was first envisioned to today, your support has helped shape a legacy of strength and inspiration.

*Join us in making history once again.
Find Your Place in the Wellbeing Precinct.*

We now invite you to Find Your Place by supporting the creation of the Wellbeing Precinct, an iconic new landmark designed to meet the evolving needs of our College community. This transformative space will provide a place for future generations to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

The Wellbeing Precinct embodies our commitment to fostering a holistic environment where students can flourish. By contributing to our Master Plan (Stage 1) Capital Campaign, you are not just supporting a new facility but investing in the future of women's education and empowerment.

"The Student Club is excited about the Wellbeing Precinct and is pleased to financially support the creation of such a positive environment for young women and the benefits it will bring to our College community. The 2023 and 2024 Student Club has contributed \$20,000 towards this capital campaign. I hope you will join us."

— Zimena Furey, 2024 Student Club President

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Click on the Learn More button to explore the Wellbeing Precinct in a fly-through video, discover the campaign highlights and see the fundraising progress.

The Find Your Place campaign offers many contribution and naming opportunities for families to be involved in the fundraising efforts to support the Wellbeing Precinct.



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