



**KING'S  
COLLEGE**  
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A Residential College for Women and Men

# Behind the Scenes



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# FROM THE MASTER



For many years people knew very little of what happened in a Residential College. Independent Colleges were often seen as forbidding sandstone edifices hidden behind large hedges or massive gates or both!

It is very different these days. Colleges are welcoming and warm institutions, pleased to open the doors to the wider community and allow people inside. Nonetheless, there is still much that is not known. Hence the theme of this edition of the magazine is *"Behind the Scenes"*.

I am forever grateful to the community of the College who contribute so very much to the life of King's. In this edition, we are pleased to share with you, just some of the extraordinary activity that occurs away from the spotlight and is unknown to so many.

Milestones are always worth celebrating and should also prompt reflection. In this, our 110th year, I take the opportunity to thank all members of the College community for your steadfast support for King's. The College continues to change, adapt and grow but importantly, the College remains committed always to its core values of integrity, loyalty, respect, courage and humility.

**Gregory C Eddy**  
Master and Chief Executive

## Behind the Scenes (of this photo)

Following a typically warm February Brisbane evening, and as the O-week Dinner was about to commence, a severe storm front hit taking down the temporary Marquee in its wake.

Thanks to some great team work, everyone was soon relocated inside the Dining Room.

The end of O-week Fresher photo below, usually taken on the Quad Hill, was also relocated indoors.



**Front Cover:** Behind the scenes: Production of the King's merchandise by Marisabel Gooding (Internal Affairs Minister) starts well before the year begins. Seen here with 'model' Max Lowe (KCSC Vice President) on Enrolment Day.



## King's welcomes a new leader

At the Annual General Meeting of King's College held in April 2015 Dr Brett Robinson (King's 1984-86) succeeded The Hon Justice Martin Daubney AM (King's 1981-82) as President of the College Council.

Seven years later the baton of leadership has been passed on, with Dr Brett Robinson retiring as President at the AGM in May, to be succeeded by Ms Kathleen Newcombe.

The College community sincerely thanks Brett Robinson and acknowledges his outstanding leadership of the College Council during his term as President. His term coincided with one of the most significant changes in the College's history – the decision to become a co-residential College from 2020. Brett and his wife Amelia, have been wonderful supporters of the College and regular guests at numerous events and functions during his Presidency. We are enormously grateful to them both. To acknowledge Brett's significant service to the College, Council unanimously

elected him a Fellow of the College – the honour will be formally recognised at a dinner at the College in August.

The smooth transition of leadership has been a hallmark of governance at King's and Kathleen Newcombe's election was no exception. Kathleen joined the Council in August 2017 and was elected Secretary at the AGM in May 2019. She is CEO of the Sarina Russo Group and is widely regarded and recognised in the higher education, training, and recruitment sectors in Australia and the USA. The College community warmly congratulates Kathleen on her history making election and we all look forward to her leadership of the Council as we continue to establish co-residency at King's and look to the College's future.



KARA KROON

## King's Scholar for 2021

**Kara Kroon is the King's Scholar for the 2021 academic year. With this recognition, Kara becomes the first female King's Scholar in the College's history.**

Kara graduated with a Bachelor of Medical Science (provisional entry) with distinction from Griffith University in December 2021 with a cumulative GPA of 6.81. During her undergraduate studies, she was the recipient of the Griffith Award for Academic Excellence in both 2020 and 2021, a prestigious award given to only the highest academic-achieving students in the Faculty.

During Kara's time at King's, Kara was the recipient of several bursaries, including the highly regarded Professor Stanley Castlehow Bursary. She was also involved in the life of the College, supporting students at King's as an Academic Residential Assistant (ARA) and engaging in cultural events, such as Dancefest.

Kara is now enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine Program at Griffith University on the Gold Coast and is thoroughly enjoying the challenges and rigor of medical school. Looking ahead, Kara would like to become a specialist, and having witnessed how life-changing simple cataract surgery can be, is currently considering a future as an ophthalmologist.

Following her studies Kara also intends to work or undertake a placement overseas in Europe or South America, and then join the global humanitarian organisation, Doctors Without Borders, to assist in conflict zones and countries with limited medical resources.





# Elite Athlete - Bronte Dagg

Personally, 2022 has begun as a year of ambition, achievement, experience and of course, socialisation. My plan to attend King's College was established more than a year ago - and this was going to be the ultimate change of scenery. My relatively 'big jump' from the rural city of Armidale to the bustling big smoke of Brisbane was a massive change but one I knew was going to be for the better.

Having previously attended the co-educational GPS school of TAS (The Armidale School), I knew full well that King's would be the ultimate fit for me in the particular areas of academics, sporting activities and social elements.

Behind the scenes of studying a provisional medicine course with specialisation in clinical health at The University of Queensland, I am an avid sports woman. Having participated in rowing, field hockey and equestrian throughout most of my schooling, these competitions are something I have wanted to continue throughout my College life and have offered copious amounts of support. Although achieving positive results in all these sports, my main sporting venture has been in the discipline of Show Horse Equestrian since the age of 18 months.

My love for the show horse sport has been supported (and I should say funded) by my family - in particular my parents, Rochelle and Nick. Being the only one of their three girls to secure the 'horse girl' genes, I have dedicated many hours to training and successfully competing at several events since a very young age. The show horse discipline is one which is ever evolving, with the constant trend changes in horses, movements, and fashion - hence I find it an enticing industry to be a part of.



At the age of eleven, I began competing at what are known as 'Royal Shows' and qualifying events for the biggest event on the showing calendar the 'Show Horse Council Grand Nationals'. The Grand National event is the most competitive and prestigious event run annually, in which only the winners of qualifying shows compete. This means riders compete against the best of the best in the Southern Hemisphere.

In recent years, I have successfully competed at The National Interschools event held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre (SIEC), where I was not only the Captain of the NSW show horse squad of riders, but also received the National title for winning my National division. I have competed at the Sydney Royal Easter Show - receiving a number of first and podium places. At The EKKA, I won three championship titles. At the Toowoomba and Canberra Royal Shows, I have also collected wins and podium placings.

As an Elite athlete under The University of Queensland's sporting program, my representation at National level in 2022 was successful and worth the wait of last year's COVID-19 cancellations. At the beginning of April this year, I flew to Sydney from College to compete at the 2022 Grand National event for which I qualified at an event in 2021, as well as the Sydney Royal Easter Show which followed in consecutive weeks. Hideous weather conditions of rain, hail and flash flooding leading up to and during both events resulted in lower levels of preparation than what we would normally require, yet I performed to her usually high standard and brought home ribbons and placings in all classes of competition, being top 5 podium or top 10.

As the year continues, I have a multitude of events on the horizon, these being our typical shows of the EKKA in August and other Grand National qualifying events, as well as some new shows throughout Queensland where we are yet to compete. Juggling University with the aim of being a doctor, training and competing whilst being in another state, as well as maintaining college life at King's, has proven to be challenging yet achievable and I enjoy being kept busy by all these rotating schedules.

Being involved in this sport for many years, I have developed the ability to be dedicated, hardworking and motivated - all skills which I use in my everyday university studies. Having met people through my sport from all over the world, I have been able to acquire friends through socialisation which is a necessary component of College life and has proven to be extremely beneficial.

My goals for the remainder of 2022 in terms of sport and university are personally considered challenging yet attainable. My project of educating an 'up and coming' young horse with the intention of competing with him at the end of the year is definitely a priority. Qualifying for the 2023 Grand National Championships with both my current horse as well as this newly educated horse is also something I have planned. As well, I hope to achieve a GPA to the standard necessary to hopefully cross into an undergraduate Doctor of Medicine degree next year.

Bronte Dagg, Armidale, NSW, King's (2022 - )



# River and soul

In conceptualising the journey, I was interested in the way that rivers connect - connect people, places, moments in history, landscapes, ecologies - and in particular the way this river, the one I know best, does that.

We don't always know what Old Collegians are doing "behind the scenes", but here's a fascinating example from Simon Cleary. Simon entered King's College in 1986 and lived here for two years while studying law at UQ.

Today, Simon is a barrister living in Brisbane who maintains a strong connection with his College & the Old Collegians' Association. In his spare time, Simon is also a noted author having written *The Comfort of Figs* and *The War Artist* in recent years.

King's is a river college. Obvious enough as it is to say, I didn't really appreciate it when I lived there for two years in the mid-80s. My impression was that back then King's, like much of Brisbane, had turned its face away from the river. And over the years since, enormous parts of the 344km long Brisbane River still seemed to remain invisible. That was despite the city styling itself as a "river city", and despite those of us who live here relying on it - like most people the world over rely on their rivers - for water, and thus our very survival, and despite me personally growing up as a kid on the escarpment of the Great Dividing Range at Toowoomba and looking down on the river's catchment every day.

So what better way to try and understand the river than to travel its length along its banks, to keep it companion? And to do it slowly, at walking pace, as a pilgrim of sorts. To experience it bodily. To hear it constantly, and to see it, and to feel its pull. And to talk with people who lived by it, with it, for it - to learn from them.

Teasing those interests out, and planning the walk, meant speaking with an array of extraordinarily generous people: landowners, culture keepers, community representatives, water and dam engineers, poets, policy-makers, historians, lawyers, scientists, naturalists.

And so on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May the trek began at the top of the Western Branch of the river, walking along its banks as much as it was possible to, till the river emptied into Moreton Bay. The journey ended 27 days later, with the final leg by boat through the mouth. A series of companions joined me for the various legs, all of whom have an interest in water or rivers (and who also happened to be great walkers): a water professor, a former national park guide, a hydrologist, a journalist who'd covered natural disasters, and one of my sons (a superb walking companion!). Each night we'd sleep by the river - either in tents on its banks, or in farmhouses or other accommodation within sight and sound of the river - and the next day lace up our boots, shoulder our backpacks and continue the walk downriver.

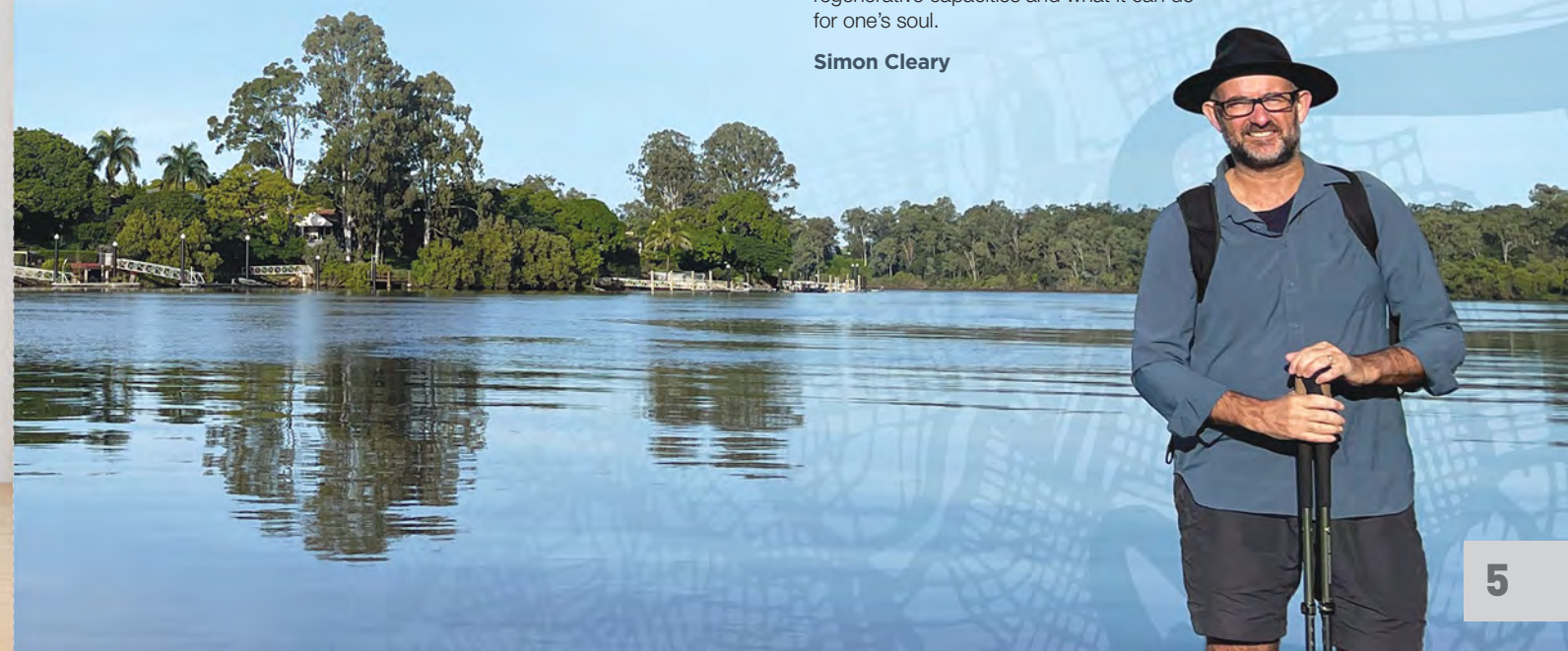
That May this year in south-east Queensland was the wettest on record posed walking challenges aplenty - navigating inundated creeks, slippery and muddy walking conditions, holing up for days when the flooding was at its worst, and changing routes in response to bridge and ferry closures.

Which meant that Greg Eddy's offer to stay at King's on night 24 was perfect: a perfect opportunity to reflect on connections between the river and the university, and connections the river has created for communities of people who've lived at King's, and places like it, over the years.

What did the river reveal? In truth too much to capture in a short article. But something of its changing nature over geological time. Of the relationships between all rivers and the uniqueness of this one. How we rely on it now and once relied on it in the past, often without being aware of our reliance. Of its relationship with the birds, fish and animals that live with it, the native plants that grace its banks and the invasive species that seek to suffocate it. Of the importance of the biodiversity the river is so central to. Of the unrelenting pressures on it from our increasing population, changing climate and the choices we make about how we live in twenty-first century societies. And of the amazing generosity of so many river people we met on the way.

And also of the river's extraordinary beauty, its moods, its regenerative capacities and what it can do for one's soul.

Simon Cleary







## Katsu Sauce

### INGREDIENTS

3 tbsp curry powder  
1 onion blend to a puree (or chop if you don't mind chunks)  
5 cloves of garlic crushed  
250ml sweet chilli sauce  
300ml veg or chicken stock  
100g desiccated coconut  
Juice of one lime  
Soy sauce to taste  
2 tbsp corn flour

### METHOD

Sweat down the onion & garlic with a little oil (don't brown them). Then add the curry powder, cook this out for 2 mins. Be careful not to burn the curry powder. Add the sweet chilli sauce and the stock. Simmer for 10 mins, add the coconut, the lime juice, season with the soy sauce. Once you are happy with the taste, mix the cornflour with a few tbsp of cold water, then whisk into the sauce to thicken. You want it quite thick, so when you pour over the breaded chicken it sits on it.

## Catering at King's College

**Long days are a standard thing in the catering industry and King's is no different. The kitchen lights flick on at 5:30am and will remain on till 9.00pm. If we have a function, then it's often a longer day.**

The kitchen has an average ten staff working across the day, with a staggering 450 hours at least per week among us. Daily deliveries start arriving as early as 6.00am and over a week we have approximately 25 delivery trucks turn up. It takes a tremendous effort and a large amount of planning from all the catering staff to run the operation.

We must plan for the unknown and the unforeseen, such as out of stock items from suppliers and deliveries not turning up. This really has been a challenge across the whole industry over the past few years, even more so following the flooding. The chefs work a few days in advance, carefully balancing fresh quality and being ready for each service. I work at least a week ahead, ensuring the team have everything they require. So without sounding incompetent, when the chefs ask me about the menu for "today or tomorrow" I have to think, because that was a long time ago for me!

The menu changes with the seasons, with some winter warming dishes during the colder months, while at the same time keeping the classics and favourites of the students. Like our Chicken Katsu Curry with Asian slaw, brown rice, and edamame beans. I can't give all our secrets away, but here's the recipe for the Katsu Sauce. It's super easy to make at home, will keep for a long time, freeze in portions and it's ready for when you fancy it!

Bon Appetit or perhaps that should be Meshiagare!

**Josh Turner**

Head Chef, Chartwells Catering

## Essential Services at King's

With 350 + students calling King's home every night, maintenance and cleaning is an important requirement to keep the College functioning.

We are fortunate at King's to have such passionate members as Thais and her team from Maddisons Cleaning. Hailing from Brazil, a former nurse with Portuguese her first language, Thais says she "absolutely loves working at King's!"

For the cleaning team, the day starts at 7am armed with up to 5 key cleaning products, vacuums and mops. Bleach was definitely a key product used to combat the recent mould outbreak, requiring an additional two full time staff to eradicate the problem! Earlier this year, the College welcomed Barrai Moran, contracted from Higgins Builders.



Thais Bozzi



Barrai Moran

A builder, carpenter by trade, Barrai's day can be as varied as arranging trades to fixing broken door locks to setting up stages, audio for events. A small team of King's students are employed to assist with emptying over 50 bins daily. If a student has a maintenance issue, a simple on line form can be sent directly. Asked what the most bizarre request from a King's student has been...

**"removal of a possum from a fridge!"**

## A week in the life of Claudia Rodda

**Second year student Claudia Rodda from Adelaide, South Australia provides a 'behind the scenes' week-to-week look at the opportunities available to a university student living at King's. Extraordinary how she fits it all in!**



The decision to come to King's was a very easy decision for me. I had a family friend already at King's in 2020 and she suggested that I applied as she explained to me how the college was very sport orientated and all her stories that she has accumulated since moving to Kings. I then came up and did a tour of the college and was sold, so all it came down to getting a university acceptance in Queensland. Fortunately, I was accepted into my first preference, a double Bachelor's degree in Paramedicine and Nursing at The Australian Catholic University. Attending ACU and partaking in such a 'hands on' degree means I commute to Uni three times a week for back to back 8-4pm days. Uni does take up a lot of my time. However, I thoroughly enjoy my degree and I still make time for a pretty heavy sport, work, and social life.

This year, I have been privileged enough to be one of the convenors for King's at Home and King's in Pink. The recent King's At Home event themed, 'Wild Wyvern West', took place in May. This event was a big success, incorporating mechanical bulls, live bands, and Red Bull merchandise. It took a significant time to plan, incorporating everybody's ideas and logistics behind a 400-person event. The lead up to the event saw numerous meetings with King's Admin and the Executive committee to finalise final details. Shortly after this event concluded, we commenced meetings in relation to starting to organise the King's in Pink event in October which is always a highlight on the King's calendar. The event is held to fundraise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation which I am very proud to help organise as this foundation is something that means a lot to me and my family. As we begin to get closer to the event, there will be numerous meetings to organise the raffles, catering, running trail and the overall logistics of the event.

Outside of King's, I play for Brisbane Capitals Basketball Team in the Queensland State League and for The University of Queensland Basketball Club. This means I play and train between 5-6 times a week, commuting most weekends from the Gold Coast to Gladstone for games. I find myself on numerous occasions submitting assignments in stadiums and on the way to stadiums which is always an eventful time due to the lack of NBN on the Bruce Highway! Between basketball games and training I also participate in numerous College sports for King's including tennis, swimming, AFL, netball and basketball. The highlights of my week are always playing in these ICC competitions with my friends. Although they involve a lot of early mornings and late nights, they are always worth it.

Currently I am in the end stages of an eight week placement block. This has included four weeks of Nursing at the PAH and four weeks of paramedics in Ipswich. Although it has been a very long block of placements, which I have found challenging with the combination of night and day shifts, I have had a blast experiencing what my future entails.







# FROM THE DEPUTY MASTER

One of our firm beliefs here at King's is that our Students are at the centre of everything we do. This means we aim to not just have student needs at the core of our decision making but that we actively ensure that they have opportunities to participate and lead in all aspects of our college.

We're proud of the fact our King's College Student Club (KCSC) has always played an instrumental role in the leadership and life of the College. This group not only represents the interests of the students at King's, but additionally organises the majority of the sporting, cultural, and social programs we enjoy. This is an enormous task, and we are fortunate to always have a passionate and dedicated group to shoulder the burden. They are well supported by the convenors for each program, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to organise teams, practices, and performances. Our community is fortunate to have these talented individuals offering their time and developing their leadership skills with us.

What people might not be aware of is how our KCSC Executive take an active role in some unique and interesting ways. One example is the KCSC President and Secretary who are members of the King's College Council and participate in the overall governance and strategic direction of King's. Another is the KCSC Vice President who sits on and contributes to the King's College Building and Grounds Committee. In the late 1960's the KCSC instigated and funded the swimming pool our members frequently enjoy and in 2022, through the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the pool has been enhanced with a student designed and led deck addition. And our KCSC Treasurer even sits on the King's College Finance Committee, not only gaining an understanding of the College finances and operation but providing an opportunity to participate and influence the College's financial direction.

Most people connected with King's will know about our Residential Assistants (RAs). However, most won't likely be aware of the range of ways they contribute and the importance of their involvement. Our RAs tend to be third or later year students who bring with them years of experience living in our community. They are the glue

that keeps our community together, ensuring that living spaces are the way they should be, maintenance issues are reported, and people who lock themselves out are let back into their rooms! Most importantly, these young leaders are always there to help anyone in our community with any issue they might be facing. They are a little like big brother or sister in their flats. They have training in mental health first aid, first aid, healthy relationships, and a range of related student issues. Impressively they take responsibility for looking after and guiding a group of peers, helping them make the most of their College experience.

There are a range of other roles that our student members fulfill that keep King's running. Academic RAs, about which the Director of Academic and Careers discusses in more detail, support the academic progress of our students. Our Gym Convenor ensures the weights and cardio rooms are tidy and maintained, Men's and Women's Captain of Boats organise and run the very successful College rowing program, and our College Photographer captures all the major events and activities that happen in our community throughout the year. Others work with our catering team in the kitchen and assist the building and grounds team in maintaining the property.

All these roles are not just opportunities for our members to be involved in the running of College life – they are learning experiences that are an important component of the Residential College experience. These roles give our young people the chance to experience responsibility, learn to undertake a role well, and be guided in further developing their strengths. The more we can incorporate these opportunities into the life of our college, the more we can assist in ensuring the future success of our members.

**Peter Walker**  
Deputy Master



Student Leadership Dinner

## Why is wellbeing important to us at King's College?

### In two words or less what is it that you most want for your children?

When I ask parents this question, they usually say things like 'happiness,' 'fulfilment,' 'confidence,' 'love,' 'good health,' 'kindness,' 'meaning.' Wellbeing is their top priority.

At King's, we work hard up front and behind the scenes to ensure wellbeing is also our top priority.

A key purpose of universities is to educate students, but when transitioning to University, students also face challenges such as homesickness, time management, partying, budgeting and making new friends which can all affect their mental health and wellbeing. According to Beyond Blue over 75% of mental health problems occur before the age of 25. Therefore, focusing on wellbeing in Residential Colleges can help students to establish positive habits and lay the foundations for strong relationships and good decision making that will serve them in their future.

At King's, we support this process by providing an immersive and transformative experience in which students can develop as scholars but also as whole people.



## What is our approach to wellbeing?

Our approach is to apply the principles of positive psychology at a whole College level. Our strategy consists of 5 pillars:

- 1 Measure it:** Using evidence-based measurement tools, we gain awareness into how students and staff are doing, so we can build on what's working and address where people are struggling.
- 2 Learn it:** Building a common wellbeing language and practical evidence-based tools through student and staff meetings, workshops, social activities etc.
- 3 Lead it:** Staff and student leaders are trained in coaching skills (active listening, supporting goal attainment, highlighting strengths) to create a growth-based culture.
- 4 Live it:** College community is proactive in building individual and community wellbeing (strength spotting, wellbeing walks, kindness week, RUOK day).
- 5 Embed it:** Communicating internally and externally through a wellbeing lens (policies, processes, newsletters, website).

## What does wellbeing look like in action at King's?

An example of 'wellbeing in action' at King's, is helping our students gain awareness of their personal strengths by asking them to complete the Values in Action (VIA) survey (Peterson & Seligman, 2004) when they first arrive at college.

Our student and staff leadership meetings usually begin with a 'strength spotting' activity where students are asked to identify a strength they have spotted in another team member. Student leaders are encouraged to have strength-based conversations with residents including how they can use their strengths to adjust required behaviours to capitalize the benefits when living at college. Staff also complete 'strength spotting cards' that they give to students or colleagues to acknowledge their strengths in action.

Implementing a focus on strengths helps to foster an appreciation of difference, as well as creating a sense of camaraderie, teamwork, collaboration and a powerful sense of relatedness and belonging.

This is just a sample of the work undertaken behind the scenes to assist Wellbeing at King's. If you (or your child) ever have a query, don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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Dean of Student Wellbeing  
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# COLLEGE events



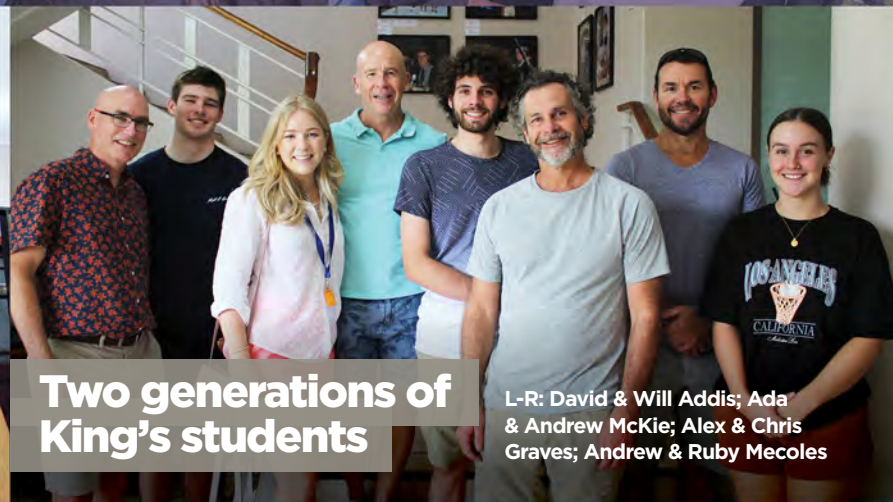
**Enrolment Day**



**Enrolment Dinner**



**Senior Common Room Welcome**



**Two generations of King's students**

L-R: David & Will Addis; Ada & Andrew McKie; Alex & Chris Graves; Andrew & Ruby Mecoles



**Upland Road House Drinks**



**Wise Wyverns' Lunch**



**ANZAC Day**

This year's address was provided by Dr Dee Gibbon CSC OAM, former NATO Senior Gender Advisor in Afghanistan



**King's Open Day**



Newly appointed Fellow of King's, Louise Charlton, with College Council President Brett Robinson

Andrew McKie presenting the Elston Scholarship to Harry Chapman

Sam Kanizay, KCSC President & guest speaker, Scott Young (King's 1984-'86)



**Commemoration Dinner**



# ICC Sport, Cultural and Community



Women's AFL



Bushcare



Debating



Post-flood shed cleanup



Women's Hockey



Tennis



Men's Soccer



Women's Soccer

Lismore Flood Appeal



Donating clothes



From King's College



To Lismore



King's Away



King's Rowing

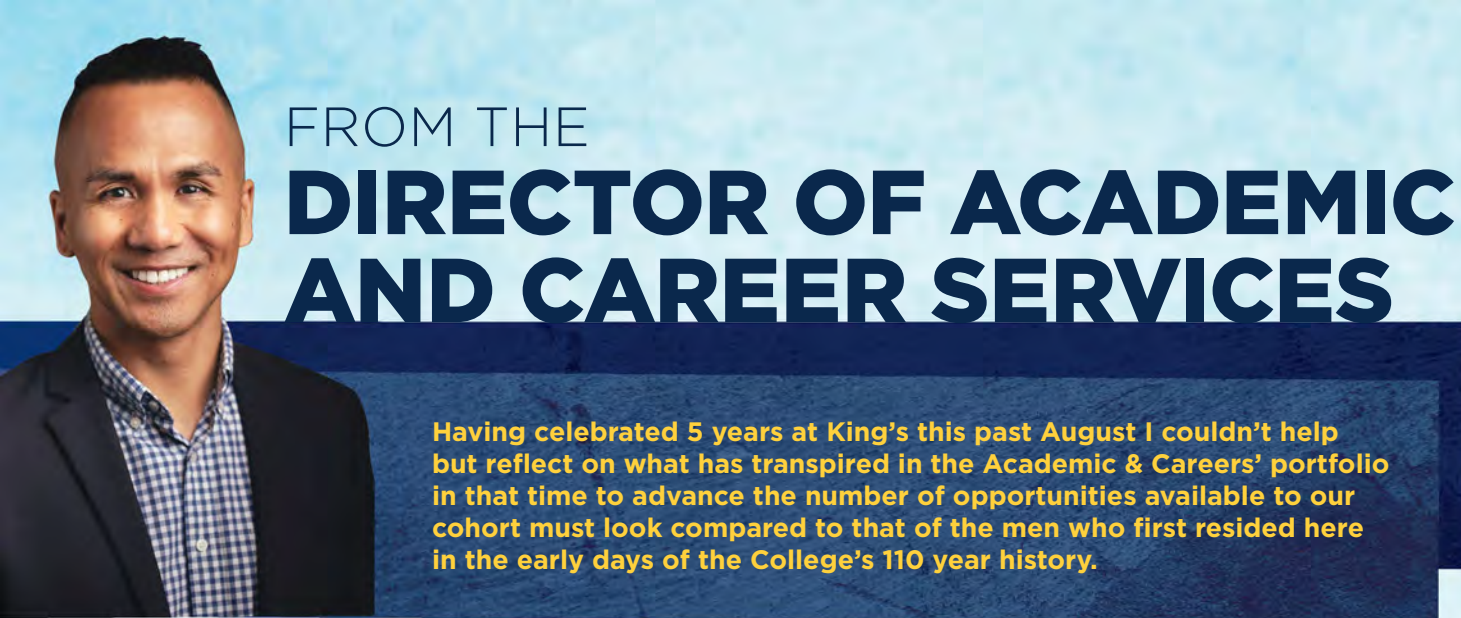


At Home  
WILD  
WYVERN  
WEST



Idol WINNER  
Hannah Neilson





# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER SERVICES

Having celebrated 5 years at King's this past August I couldn't help but reflect on what has transpired in the Academic & Careers' portfolio in that time to advance the number of opportunities available to our cohort must look compared to that of the men who first resided here in the early days of the College's 110 year history.

In the previous edition of the Wyvern Magazine (December 2021) we highlighted the extraordinary contributions of those in the Academic and Careers portfolio who help to advance King's. From the Academic Tutors and Writing Consultant providing students with direct learning support, to the Old Collegians who provide practical work experience for our students, and the Industry Professionals who graciously offer their time, knowledge, and experience at our careers events - a long list of domain experts all contribute to ensuring King's provides the best opportunities for students to excel academically and prepare well for entry into an ever-changing job market.

In this edition, with the theme being "Behind the Scenes", I would like to highlight some of the specific programs, resources, and services that are offered to students in the Academic and Careers space at King's relating particularly to the two key moments of transition for students: the transition into university life and the transition out of university into a career. These resources operate behind the scenes throughout the year to ensure that students are able to optimise their learning experience at university from the beginning to the very end of their studies.

## King's Transition to Academic/University Life

### Information & Advice

The Director and Associate Director of Academic & Career Services provide academic information and advice in person and online to students in group and individual settings.

Academic advice, particularly for students new to university, covers topics such as: general enrolment issues, selecting a major/minor, study plan options, changing programs/universities, understanding program requirements and university systems/policies, applying for extensions and deferred/supplementary exams, requesting credit transfer, study abroad processes, scholarship options, requesting assistance based on medical/physical needs, support services available at universities and more.

### Programs & Services

**1. Flourishing at University Series** - a series of sessions offered throughout the semester that assists students with the transition to university learning environments. Sessions cover time management, preparing for classes and exams, academic writing, research skills, and public speaking. Tailored to new university students but all students welcome to attend/participate.

**2. Tutorial Program** - a comprehensive selection of 130+ tutorials across all subject areas and disciplines offered weekly to supplement learning support provided at the university. The program involves 60+ teaching staff, many with postgraduate qualifications and extensive industry experience.

**3. Writing Consultations** - a dedicated writing expert provides students with individualised sessions to improve their academic writing skills and offers proofreading and editing support.

### Resources

**1. Academic Residential Assistants (ARAs)** - a team of high-achieving student leaders employed by the College and allocated to each flat. ARAs make contact with all students at key moments in each semester to offer support and provide general guidance around basic academic and career matters and refer students, as appropriate, to other staff or resources.

**2. Templates** - study planners, time management tools, goal setting documents etc.

**3. Integrated academic calendar** - combines all key dates across every major university in Brisbane as well as King's events and activities.

In recent years, the King's Careers & Employability Program has offered a range of support for students to effectively transition into the workforce. Below are just some of the key services and supports available to help students to develop their employability, gain practical experience in their chosen field, and network with industry professionals. With the addition of the Associate Director of Academic & Career Services, Lynda Murphy, in 2021, the King's Careers & Employability Program continues to expand and build upon these support systems.

## King's Transition to Careers/Workforce

### Information & Advice

The Director and Associate Director of Academic & Career Services provide career information and advice in person and online to students in group and individual settings.

Topics include: CVs and cover letters, job search strategies and approaches to networking, interview preparation and techniques, professional online presence (e.g., LinkedIn) and more. Students can also access intensive 1-on-1 personalised practice run interview sessions.

### Programs & Services

**1. Careers Week & Professional Development Society Events** - in conjunction with the King's Old Collegians' Association (KOCA) we offer 4 society events throughout the year for law, engineering, business/finance, and health/medical students, and a Careers Week only for humanities-based students. King's Careers Week and Society Events offer a range of workshops tailored to the highlighted field, College visits from professional associations (e.g., Engineers Australia), industry panels and opportunities for industry networking, as well as detailed profiles of Old Collegians succeeding professionally.

**2. Recruitment Service** - through the College's network of industry contacts and the KOCA members, we are fortunate to partner with industry to shortlist candidates for internships, graduate roles, and employment opportunities, often provided exclusively for King's students. Those who are identified as fitting the criteria of the role by King's Academic and Careers staff are supported 1-on-1 to prepare their application for introduction to the employer. Tailored interview preparation support is also provided to maximise the chance of an employment outcome.

**3. Mentorship Program** - designed to match students with professionals who can help them to improve their industry knowledge and sharpen their skills to become confident contributors in their chosen field. (The College is expanding its Mentorship Program in the coming months - further information will be disseminated soon)

### Resources

**1. Careers & Employability Program Facebook Group** - a designated page that shares information, resources, and advice on a wide range of job search and career development topics to support students to enhance their employability, search for work, and get started in their careers. The group posts daily updates on internships, graduate vacancies, career related 'quick tips', news and events, and a weekly careers blog. The content is geared to build knowledge and confidence, increase opportunity, and develop awareness of the career related expertise and support services on offer at King's.

**2. Careers eBook** - a detailed and informative resource for all students regardless of where they are in their job search or career pathway that supplements personalised career advice sessions. A range of practical resources are also included to help develop students' employability and facilitate progression through the workforce.

**3. Business Cards & Headshots** - professionally produced materials offered to student leaders and 3rd and later year students to help support their job search journey and networking activities.

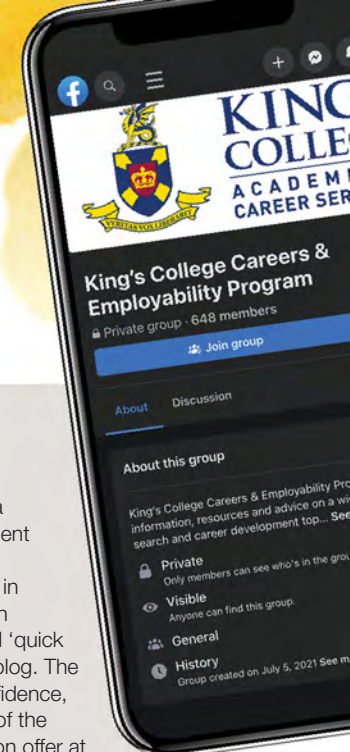
On behalf of the entire College, my sincere thanks to all those in the King's Community and beyond who ensure students get the best possible transition into university life and out into their careers, by generously working behind the scenes to help us make all of the above possible.

If you would like to get involved in the King's Academic and Career Services Program through tutoring, industry events, or would like to promote internship and/or work opportunities to the King's community please contact:

Tony Andres at [t.andres@kings.uq.edu.au](mailto:t.andres@kings.uq.edu.au) or  
Lynda Murphy at [l.murphy@kings.uq.edu.au](mailto:l.murphy@kings.uq.edu.au)

With best wishes,

**Tony Andres**  
Director of Academic & Career Services



King's Tutors' and Consultants' Orientation evening



# ACADEMIC events

## Master's Academic High Achievers

GPA OF 6.0 & ABOVE IN SEMESTER 2 2021

Alexander Andreyev  
William Barranger  
Annie Bignell  
Flynn Boorer\*\*  
William Bradley  
Jonathon Burnett  
Harry Chapman\*\*  
Neve Collins  
Henry Copley

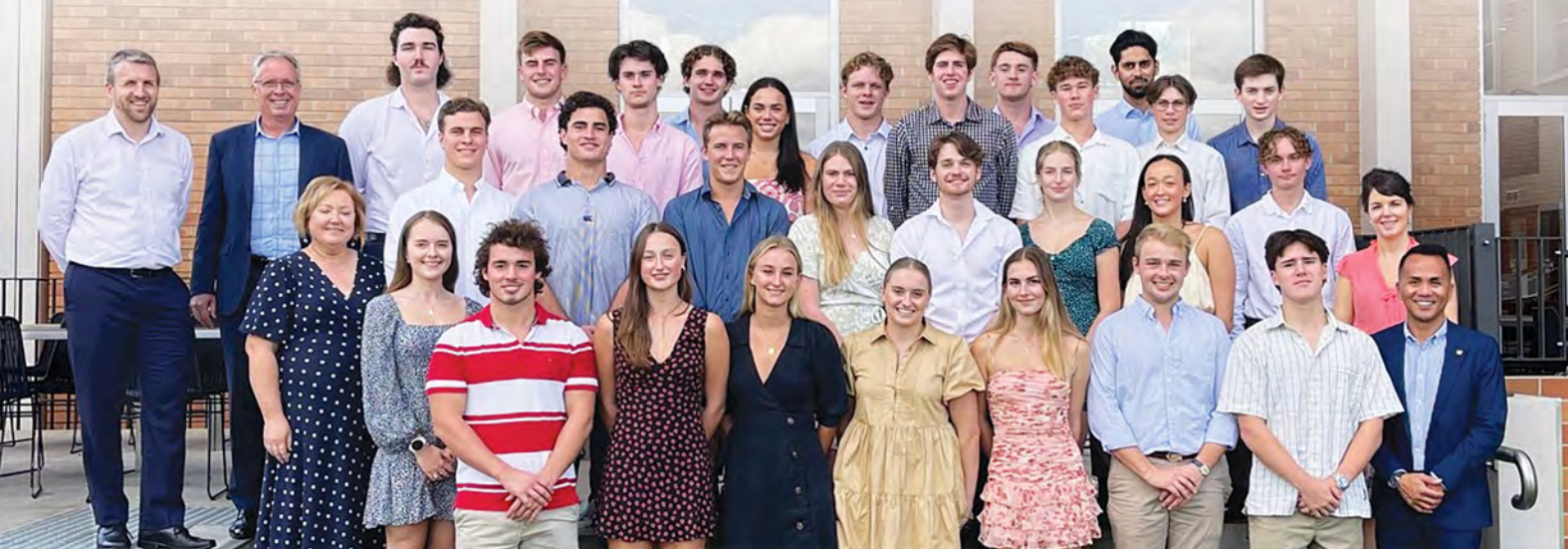
Samuel Copley  
Finley Davis  
Tess Donnelly  
Conor Dwyer  
Mitchell Eddie  
Isabella Farid  
Nicholas Flannery  
Jordan Fleming  
William Fox

Megan Galbraith^  
Summer Gauld  
Miah Gough  
Tia Harm  
Benjamin Hill  
Lachlan King  
Aniket Kumar  
Lucas Ladyman  
Michael Logan

Sophie Morrison  
William Old  
Rose Overland\*\*  
Hugo Perceval  
Liam Radke  
Sarah Raftery  
Matt Richards\*\*  
William Robinson  
Max Schroder^

Tai Scott  
Bailey Skeates^  
Lachlan Stedman^  
Holly Summers  
Llewellyn Vallis  
Ellie Warren  
Robert Wright^  
Archie Young

\*Achieved a semester GPA of 7.0 ^Achieved university Dean's List



The committee this year has been working hard to reinvigorate events and improve our visibility and connection with the current students.

This has involved refreshing a few events. The first event to get a makeover was the Koca Drinks (previously called "Welcome to Koca"), held in February. The dual convenor team of Fraser McVeigh and Laing Goostrey went on a marketing blitz reinvigorating the event, which was slowly growing in popularity and blew previous attendance records out of the water with about 100 King's men and women in attendance. The Riverland venue on Eagle Street in the Brisbane CBD was absolutely packed despite the constant rain and wind that hit Brisbane late February. We acknowledge some feedback from members that the noise and space were an issue and will be working to improve this next year. Many thanks to Fraser and Laing and we look forward to the team topping their efforts in 2023!

The second big change so far this year was Koca's approach in promoting the Association to new students during O-Week. Koca representatives were present at Enrolment Day occupying a booth within the Chapel, where Freshers receive their keys, gowns, merchandise, and other necessities for commencing College Life. Combined with a handshake and a warm greeting given to every single Fresher, Koca management committee members handed out a flyer explaining what Koca is and the benefits to students. A simple but highly effective approach which saw many new students joining the Koca Facebook group throughout the day. This was a pleasing outcome as it improves the ability of Koca to retain connections with King's students when they leave the College in the future. Thanks to Ashleigh Hockings and Andrew Lynch who staffed the booth with me for the day.

More is still happening **behind the scenes** to improve Koca through providing clear benefits to members as well as increasing its impact on student success.

If you believe you have ideas, energy, or time to contribute, please reach out to me on [blakegmiller@outlook.com.au](mailto:blakegmiller@outlook.com.au) to connect. Even better, I'd encourage all Old Collegians to undertake a stint as a convenor or management committee member.

The committee has intentionally been recruiting members from a variety of professional fields in turn, providing a wider coverage to the different fields where Collegians pursue careers. Our next step is to return to a multi-generational committee composition. We are especially keen to have wiser Wyverns on the committee to aid in ensuring a balanced and diverse range of perspectives inform the decisions of Koca.

I look forward to seeing as many Old Collegians as possible at the upcoming events and around College. Until next time, All Hail the Great Wyvern.

**All Hail the Great Wyvern.**  
**Blake Miller**

## Calendar placeholders

Old Collegian events remaining in 2022 are:

- **Old Collegians' Annual General Meeting** - Last Friday of July 6.00pm, King's College Chapel and online.
- **Watson Miles Society networking event for all engineering disciplines** - Tuesday, 16 August 6:30pm at the College.
- **King's College 110th Anniversary Ball** - All Collegians current and past welcome - Saturday 3rd September 2022 from 7.00pm. (Tickets available through the College)
- **Whyte Pegg Society networking (inaugural event) for health and sciences fields of profession and study** - Tuesday 20 September 6:30pm at the College.
- **Golf Day!** (To be confirmed for later in the year)

**Centenary of Koca in 2023!**  
**More information to come!**

## Koca is on Facebook

Scan the below QR code or search facebook for the **Koca** private group and enjoy real-time communications from the College and updates on the latest events, job opportunities or announcements.





# Foundation News

## King's College Rural Women's Scholarship

**Thérèse Eddy is the second of eight children born to Bob and Judy Comerford in Dalby in 1961. Big families were common in Dalby and though it must have been challenging financially, most of the Comerford children and those from similarly large families went on to study at University.**

After Dalby, the family moved to Goondiwindi to "North Callandoon". As fortune would have it, when Thérèse graduated from school in 1978 and made plans to attend The University of New England, the Whitlam government had abolished university fees. College fees were paid through the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme which was means tested. Although Bob and Judy were able to pay Thérèse a small allowance, she supplemented this by working in the College kitchen, the external students' creche during the University holidays and babysitting during term time. However, she always had to budget carefully.

She recalls that she could only afford to go out to the pub either Friday or Saturday night (never both) and that she could only spend \$5 which in those days was two drinks. As is common today with students, clothing was borrowed and swapped for various events and balls. With no car and no public transport home, lifts home and payment of petrol money were the order of the day. Despite these very small challenges, Thérèse proclaims that her College days were filled with fun and friendships (ones that last to this day). Hence her wish to support women who may be struggling to find a way to support themselves at University.

For those who earn a living "off the land" today, finding the funds to support students while they are away from home at University is still extremely challenging, particularly in light of the unpredictability of current climatic events. Most students are forced to work to supplement their study allowance from Centrelink and this must be carefully managed with a full load of study. Informed by her



Thérèse Eddy and Mary Mahoney  
King's in Pink (2008)

own experiences and those of students at King's who are often forced to miss events because of work, Thérèse's initiative aims to support a female student from a rural demographic who would not otherwise be able to afford to attend a Residential College.

After UQ's fund raising campaign last year, Thérèse realised that though she could not make a substantial donation to the Foundation of King's College, she could afford a smaller one (\$1,000) – and the idea was born for the Women's Rural Scholarship. Though it would be neatly packaged to have 49 additional \$1000 donors, of course donations as small as \$50 are welcome. The plan is that every donor who contributes \$1000 or more will have their name on an honour board to be placed in Administration Building. The aim is to raise \$50,000 by the close of the 2022 calendar year with the aim of offering the scholarship to a first-year student at Commemoration Dinner in 2023.

## Dr Mary Mahoney AO Scholarship

**The Dr Mary Mahoney AO Scholarship is for a female student attending King's College and is awarded on the basis of leadership and community involvement.**

This Scholarship is named after the late Dr Mary Mahoney AO (a great believer in "Girls Can Do Anything") to recognise Kingswomen who have significantly contributed to their community.

This Scholarship was made possible through a generous gift to the College Foundation in 2022 from Dr Patrick Mahoney in memory of his dearly loved wife Mary. Both Patrick and Mary have always been great supporters of King's College over the years. The scholarship of \$5000 will be awarded for the first time in 2023.

### Matthew McKean (King's 1964-'65)

Passed away May 2016 in Tasmania where he had a Veterinarian practice.

### Karl Scott (King's 1988-'89) Passed away 21 June 2021.

### Timothy Ang (King's 2011-'13)

Passed away January 2022. Affectionately known as 'Uncle Tim' at King's. He is survived by his wife Margaret Ang and daughter Stephanie Ang.

### Adele Thompson (nee Trigge)

Passed away 26 December 2021

### Dr George Mellefont (King's 1959-'63)

Passed away 9 January 2022.

### David Pang (King's 1957-'59)

Passed away 26 February 2022, due to Covid complications.

**Joy Jones** Passed away 27 December 2021, aged 102. Long time friend of the College.

# VALE

### Jackson Langford Kings College (2017-'18)

Passed away 14 December 2021.  
Age 23 Years.



# Noticeboard

# What's On

**31 July**

College Photograph

**7 August**

UQ Open Day

**16 August**

Watson Miles  
Society

**23 August**

Dr Williams Dinner  
& Lecture

**3 September**

Netball Vs St John's  
College

Francis & Kassulke  
Cup (Rugby match  
against St Leo's  
College)

110th Anniversary Ball

**20 September**

Whyte Pegg Society

**8 October**

King's In Pink –  
fun run & walk

Parents' Cocktail Party

**21 October**

Valedictory Dinner

**3 November**

Theologs' Luncheon

**19 November**

Masters' Garden Party

## At Homes

**New Zealand**  
5 July

**Melbourne**  
5 August







**TICKETS  
SELLING FAST**

# *110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball*

**Current King's students, Old Collegians,  
Parents and Friends of King's,  
please join us in celebrating the  
110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of King's College.**

**Saturday  
3 September 2022**

The Great Hall, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

A night not to be missed.

**Current King's Students and Partners \$170 | Standard \$180**

Limited to 1000

(600 ALLOCATED TO KING'S  
STUDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS)

**Contact Ronda Eastall [reastall@kings.uq.edu.au](mailto:reastall@kings.uq.edu.au)**