



# KING'S COLLEGE

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# FROM THE MASTER

There are three questions asked of prospective students at interview when they apply to live at King's College. Why Brisbane? Why UQ? Why King's?

These may seem obvious but we have had such a phenomenal increase in applications, that these three simple questions hold particular significance. Let me address each question and give some additional insight into why they hold such importance.

## Why Brisbane?

King's College will always prioritise those students who do not live nearby and truly need to live on campus. After all, this is why King's College was established – to provide accommodation for rural/regional students. Of course, these days, many more students are seeking the "College experience" rather than just having somewhere to lay their head. In fact, at the Parents' Cocktail party recently, a Kingsman whose son is now at King's commented how much had changed in that context since he was at King's.

"Then," he said, "King's was just somewhere you slept and studied. Yes, you played sport and socialised but Colleges weren't as popular as they are now. Most people who lived in Brisbane didn't even know that Colleges existed."

However, the fact that so many local students now know about the advantages of "living on campus", has created a steady increase in applications from that demographic over the last ten years. Fortunately, our ever-expanding Associate Member program allows many Brisbane based students to enjoy the many "added extras" King's provides. Being an Associate means having a base on campus that offers students new and varied experiences. This is a particularly popular option for those who live in the outer suburbs and would like somewhere to "hang out" during the day – have lunch, go for a swim in the pool, attend tutorials or study in The Learning Centre. They have a social experience at university in the way that many of us did prior to the digital era. Importantly, they broaden their social circles to include people from around the nation and the globe and this can only further their personal and professional growth.

This brings me to discussing our interstate students. Large numbers of interstate students are on the move to Brisbane because of the weather, size, proximity to beaches north and south of the city and the promise of what's to come in the lead up to

2032. Moreover, Queensland became inordinately more popular during and after COVID and as King's College did not ever shut down, we lived a reasonably 'normal' life within the parameters of the pandemic. Once the trend was set, there was no going back. Students who are applying want The University of Queensland because of its reputation as a globally renowned research-intensive University which is consistently recognised as a world leader in higher education. Additionally, they are attracted to the broad range of degrees and the flexibility to change degrees if they need. As a "sandstone" University, it has a kudos that is recognised internationally.

## Finally, why King's College?

With ten Colleges on campus, why would a student choose to come to King's? The responses to this question are varied. They include for community, family, network, hundreds of new friends, sporting and cultural opportunities and success and much more. I am consistently told that "King's is special" and that "King's is unique" and then I'm drawn to ask them to explain. Prospective students then explain that the reputation of King's speaks to independence and opportunities to learn, make mistakes and change. This has always been my philosophy – in my early years as a teacher, in parenting our three sons and now as I approach my 40th year of being involved with and leading Residential Colleges. Our students are still teenagers when they come to us and as such still need nurturing and guiding. We do that at King's in what I perceive to be a 'grown up' way. Students make mistakes but through these they strengthen their awareness of who they are. With the support and experience of the King's staff, mistakes become opportunities to learn. If this is a reputation we have earned, I am glad to hear of it. For whatever reason students apply to King's College, we do our utmost to support and guide them through their formative adult years.

As always, thank you all for your support of King's through 2023. Everyone here joins with me in wishing you the blessings of Christmas. May 2024 bring you safety, happiness and good health.

**Gregory C Eddy**  
Master and Chief Executive



## Presidents of Council

L-R Current King's College Council President, Ms Kathleen Newcombe with past Presidents, The Hon Martin Daubney AM KC, Dr Brett Robinson and with the Master, Mr Greg Eddy.

(front cover photo) The much-anticipated end of year 'Conclusion' hosted by the KCSC for 1,000 of their closest friends!

# FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT



During 2023, the King's College Council actively embarked on a program of renewal and future-focused initiatives to secure and strengthen the legacy of the last 111 years of this beloved institution.

A centrepiece of the Council's work was the unveiling of an ambitious Strategic Plan for 2024-2028. Rooted in deep respect for tradition and a commitment to innovation, the plan sets the stage for a transformative period in the College's history.

The plan was developed, embracing our motto "Veritas Vos Liberabit" (The Truth Shall Make You Free), and included wide stakeholder feedback and participation to ensure it reflected contemporary community sentiment and clearly articulated priorities for current and future residents, supporting the College's mission centred on academic freedom and the transformative power of lifelong learning.

The strategic planning process has been complemented by the updating of the College's Master Plan for our site, ensuring alignment and adequacy of resources and infrastructure. The detailed Master Plan will be unveiled in early 2024.

## The Strategic Plan focuses on three key pillars:



Under Quality, King's College plans to enhance academic and career development by fostering a culture of high achievement and building on the comprehensive academic support program that had seen our residents excel in their studies with increased average GPAs each year. This goal aligns with the Master Plan's vision of maintaining premier tutorial facilities and enhancing public spaces, ensuring an unparalleled experience for students.

In terms of Impact, the College aims to bolster our reputation and offerings by engaging with diverse communities, both domestic and international. This strategy is mirrored in the Master Plan's emphasis on riverfront development, creating unique landscapes that encourage social, cultural, sports, and wellbeing activities.

Finally, Development and Innovation will drive King's College to meet future challenges through effective governance, prudent financial management, and innovative approaches to programs and offerings available through the College. The Master Plan envisioned a campus that supports leadership and engagement in collegial experiences, reflecting the institution's commitment to continuous improvement.

To further support the implementation of the Strategic Plan the Council endorsed a revised organisation structure to align leadership accountability with the strategic goals. The new nomenclature and responsibilities were benchmarked with other similar institutions to ensure clarity of communication as to the focus of the role and department. The new titles to be adopted from 1 January 2024 include a change from Master to CEO, Deputy Master to Deputy CEO (Director of Collegians' Experience), Director of Finance and Operations, Director of Academic and Career Development, and the newly created Director of Engagement and Advancement. We are currently recruiting for the latter role which will be integral in supporting the important work of the College Foundation.

As we plan for the future, our purpose and core values of Integrity, Respect, Courage, Loyalty, and Humility continued to underpin a safe and supportive residence, encouraging students to strive for excellence while acknowledging the challenges we all face at a community and personal level. To ensure that the College continued to drive continuous improvement in all aspects of engagement with residents and wider stakeholder groups, the Council commissioned an independent Community and Culture review. The review highlighted the high value members of the Community placed on the supportive and positive environment the College offered. The Council and Management team now have the opportunity to further reflect and build on the feedback and enhanced understanding of the aspects of College life that contribute to the attainment of our goals of cultivating lifelong learners, nurturing personal growth, and encouraging community engagement.

Looking ahead, the College is poised to continue its legacy of participation, support and excellence in all we do, empowering our residents to positively impact the world around them. As King's College embarks on the next phase of our exciting journey, the Council and management team, so ably led by Greg Eddy, are proud to reaffirm our commitment to playing a small part in nurturing generations of future leaders.

**Kathleen Newcombe**  
President, King's College Council

# Why Brisbane, Why UQ and Why King's?

PAST STUDENT

## Lucas Ladyman

(King's 2019 - 2022)

I grew up in Kingaroy, a medium country town, approximately 3 hrs North West from Brisbane. I lived on acreage half an hour out of town and attended Kingaroy State High School.



PRESENT STUDENT

## Grace Fountian

(King's 2022 -)



### Why UQ?

I hate commutes and had already been offered a place at King's. UQ also offered the accelerated integrated Master of Engineering with the Bachelor's degree - a real bonus!

### Why King's?

Whether to reside on campus or in alternative accommodation was the first stepping stone to arriving at King's. Coming from a smaller town meant not having a pre-existing friend group in Brisbane. The appeal of being in a community of other people in the same situation was comforting and made the transition of moving out of home easier.

As to specifically choosing King's, I think I have to thank a bit a naivety and luck; my first day seeing the College was the first day of O-Week. My thought process was limited. I knew of a few people from my school who had gone, and my high school friend was also going. I should note that I applied for St. John's and Cromwell, but the speed at which my Mum and Rachelle became friends over the phone solidified my pick very easily.

With a little extra research, I could have found the following reasons, and the reasons why I ended up staying. I found the relationship the College had with its alumni unmatched, and the opportunities made available through these connections valuable to my career progression. Through taking advantage of the academic support at King's I was able to really excel at University. I have since found that through careful wording, many College positions can be written to appear extremely impressive on a resume.

### What was your favourite memory / experience of your first year at King's?

Being part of one of the last QLD cohorts where half the grade finished high school at a fresh 17, there were many under 18s at the College in early 2019. Sectioned in our own Flats, we were able to really develop our creativity skills to find entertainment. An interesting observation I made is how much faster the under 18s became colloquial with Greg and Peter, no doubt due to them feeling excluded in our makeshift Thursday night exchanges in C Flat. The highlight of my fresher year, as I imagine for many, was O-Week.

### What did you get involved in at UQ and King's?

During my time at King's, I played in band-fest annually and convened King's in Pink, later becoming RA and Chairman of the SCR. Additionally, I capitalised on the social strengths of the College and quickly realised the value of a good suit. I very soon came to realise the importance of juggling my studies with a strong social life, having now maintained friendships made from day one at King's.

### What support services did you use at King's?

Throughout my entire time at King's, I took full advantage of the tutorial program. For some higher-level courses, the tutors provided invaluable support and guidance through critical milestone assessments. It's thanks to this support and developing healthy study habits that I am now able to give back to this program as a tutor.

The friendly nature of the staff ensured that there was also someone ready to have a conversation about uni or just life. These relationships also allowed me to utilise the admin colour printer and binder for hefty assignments at short notice.

### Where are you professionally today?

During my time at King's I worked part time at Action Drill and Blast as an undergraduate engineer. My role entailed regular visits to various mine sites around Australia where I worked and developed my Master's Thesis project.

I recently showcased this project through a technical presentation at the International Society of Explosive Engineers (ISEE) Australian Conference. This was a fantastic opportunity to display my work as a young professional to other eager minds within the field.

It was at the Watson Miles Society networking event earlier this year that I connected with former Kingsman, Doug Logan from Axiom. During this evening, we found common professional interests and I was ultimately able to secure a graduate role within his company. Without the established relationship that King's fosters with its alumni via KOCA, this wouldn't be possible. I look forward to returning to King's as an industry professional to give similar opportunities to future King's Collegians.

### Why Brisbane?

During high school, I had my sights set on attending college in America on a tennis scholarship. However, the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic altered my plans significantly. Living in Victoria, I experienced the challenges of intermittent lockdowns for two years. When restrictions began to ease towards the end of 2021, my family and I still had concerns about international travel, given the uncertain times. The idea of being far from home without much support didn't sit well with us. So, I began exploring options closer to home, and Brisbane emerged as an appealing choice due to its warm weather and closer proximity to my family.

### Why UQ?

When my Dad introduced the idea of The University of Queensland (UQ), it wasn't just the academic reputation that caught my attention; it was also the impressive learning and sports facilities. Brisbane's climate was ideal for an active lifestyle, and UQ offered a variety of degree programs and great campus amenities, which appealed to me.

### Why King's?

Choosing the right accommodation was a crucial decision for my university life, and my mum played a pivotal role in this process. She did lots of research, sought advice from friends, and communicated with various colleges. After reviewing her findings, King's College stood out to me. I was captivated by the sense of community and the emphasis on participation in sports, education, and culture. It just felt like the perfect fit for me, and fortunately, King's agreed that I belonged here and accepted my application. I'm so grateful, as the King's community is very special and something I love being part of.

### One of your best memories at King's College?

During my two years at King's, I've had the chance to create some incredible memories. For me, a standout memory is the 110 year King's Anniversary Ball. It was such a fun event, and what made it even more special was having former King's students, parents, and current students all come together for the night. The sense of community was strong, and the night was filled with conversation, dancing, music, and, of course, celebratory drinks.

This event is just one of the countless unique memories I've experienced at King's. I'm super excited to create many more cherished memories. I am hopeful that these special memories will include King's winning women's sport, men's sport and ICC in 2024.

FUTURE STUDENT

## Ava Kuehn

(King's 2024 -)

Where do you currently live?  
Sydney, New South Wales

What school (if you are),  
do you attend? Kambala



### Why UQ?

UQ has a profound history of academic integrity that is balanced neatly with a pursuit of excellence in sport that is unmatched by other universities across Australia. Yet, while UQ distinguishes itself in its professionalism and successful bouts of graduates that emerge each year, it simultaneously aligns itself with the values of Brisbane that cultivate community, morale and genuine relationships that are reflected so palpably within the University as a whole. Queensland is the 'Sunshine State' and home to endless sporting opportunities so what better place to kick-start my tertiary studies than in a university that not only cherishes culture and good sportsmanship, but strives for academic excellence and rigour amongst all its students.

### Why King's?

At the heart of King's College is a rich academic vigour that complements the well-rounded attributes of its residents that are ambitiously fostered within the King's community. Where individuals from all walks of life connect to form a uniquely distinguished reputation, the college not only recognises the various achievements of its residents, but the degree to which they show dedication and resilience; a drive towards excellence in pursuit of their passions that makes King's such a welcoming and cherished community.



# FROM THE DEPUTY MASTER

## Why Brisbane? Why UQ? Why King's?

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE ON BRISBANE, UQ AND KING'S.

As I have reflected through many conversations since my arrival at King's in April of this year, I feel as though I have been a distant cousin of King's College for some time.

As an educator, I have had the privilege of teaching at many fine institutions and through these, I've been a part of the King's experience and traditions for some time.

So where did it start for me. My mother often says that from the early age of 3, I was taking charge of the operations at the sand pit at the local playground. Organising the teams, setting the direction, and getting things moving. These organisational traits served me well as I embarked on a music performance, direction and teaching pathway which saw me directing shows, touring around the country, and working with some of the industry's top artists. Teaching was something that presented very early for me. In fact, I was employed by my high school when I was still in school to teach within the music faculty. I pass on my apology to those students whom I taught. Teaching, and leading a College is a privilege. Having the opportunity to steer students in the right direction and support them to grow personally and professionally is an extremely rewarding part of the role and one that I take particularly seriously.

So, through my teaching career spanning 24 years, I have had the benefit of working within single sex and co-educational environments, and this has enabled me to best understand the complexities that come both academically and pastorally within these settings. I am familiar with King's College due to the connections that many of my students, their families and their extended families would speak of across the many institutions I've worked. In fact, many of my closest friends came to King's and currently, there are students at the College I once taught when they started in Prep and traversed primary school and high school.

### So, what made us decide on Brisbane, on UQ and on King's?

When chatting with my wife Chelsey when considering the move from the Sunshine Coast, there was a strong desire for change as we had both been working within the P-12 setting for some time. This environment is increasingly becoming a space where politicians are setting the directions around academic policy and compliance, and the schools that we all remember are slowly changing. Working very much in the executive leadership space, I saw the pressures emerging between good teaching and compliance, and sadly, often a lack of strong leadership where decisions are founded on what is best for the student, verses an alternate self-serving agenda. Chelsey and I chatted about what a change of setting may look like for us as a family. With a 1-year-old and a 3-year-old, we chatted about the experience of a residential position, something familiar to me, and the benefits to both us and the broader college. Many a mention has been made to us already on the positive impact that our children have made on the community here at King's. Likewise, having 420 big brothers and sisters has seen both Delilah and especially Brady come out of their shells and become much more confident. We have also noticed that it draws out the absolute very best in our collegians and tries in part to replicate what a family experience would be like, if they were not at College. This experience is certainly a current uniqueness that King's has over the other 9 UQ colleges.



Andrew & Chelsey Eunson with children Brady (3) Delilah (1) and not to forget four-legged friend Cleo.

Finally, The University of Queensland is very well known for its world ranking, it continues to lead in the research and innovation space, and it is situated in one of the best places in Brisbane. The ICC competition is unique, and an ever-prevalent drawcard that attracts students to the region. Many may suggest that it was the riverfront location of the Deputy Master's residence that got us across the line, and there may be some truth to that, but it is genuinely the reputation of King's, as one of the leading Colleges in the country and one that is embarking on an exciting strategic direction in this space. A space where on day one of my tenure I was leading an exciting Strategic Plan renewal and looking towards what the future looked like. A space where culture and traditions are lived, and people are not afraid to discuss change or embrace it. All these things combined to make this decision a very easy one for us and we foresee that there will be a long future for us at King's as we continue to push the boundaries in our thinking and look globally as we set our benchmarks on what a modern College experience is now and into the future.

## ICC Sport

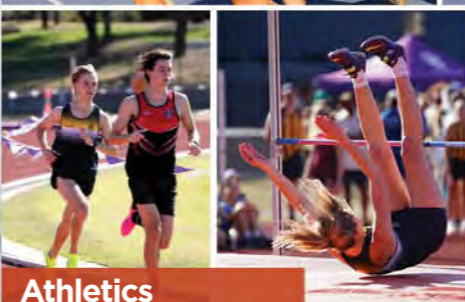
### Touch Football



### Basketball



### Athletics



### Francis & Kassulke Cup



### Netball



### Cricket



### Newcombe & Peden Cup

John Peden KC, President, St John's College Council presents the Newcombe and Peden Cup to Claudia Rodda, King's Netball team Captain and Sports Minister.





# FROM THE KOCA PRESIDENT

Reflecting on the past months, I'm struck by the whirlwind of activities in a year for King's College, especially for the Old Collegians.

In our Centenary year, KOCA has shown remarkable activity, resulting in the highest-ever Old Collegians' engagement and involvement since my association with the committee. This outcome is a testament to our efforts to connect more Old Collegians with their peers and the College.

Another achievement is our improved connection with current Collegians. In 2021, KOCA's purpose was relatively unknown among Collegians, but today, the majority of senior Collegians not only know about KOCA but have also attended our events.

This progress augurs well for the Association and our mission to perpetuate the King's spirit.

Here are some updates on key KOCA events from the past few months:

## The Centenary Cocktail Event and Year of 3 Reunions

The weekend of July 14th and 15th was exceptionally busy for KOCA at the College. We hosted the 1998 fresher reunion on Friday night and followed it up on Saturday night with reunions for the 1963, 1993, 2013 and 2020 Fresher groups, combined with the Centenary Cocktail event.

The reunions were a great success, with many from the 1993, 1998, and 2013 groups visiting the College for the first time since their Valedictory dinners. Hosting tours of the College was a personal highlight, as it brought back fond memories for the attendees, who were also impressed by the new facility additions. One particular standout was K flat, known as the Ghetto during my time at College.

The Centenary Cocktail event took place in the Dining Hall and the McCullough-Watson Terraces. The College Master and I gave addresses, but the evening's star was Dr. John Aaskov, who shared writings from his time as a fresher, regaling the crowd with anecdotes and stories.



1963



1993



1998



2013

## KOCA Annual General Meeting

On 30 August 2023 KOCA held its Annual General Meeting at 175 Eagle Street and online via the Zoom platform.

It is pleasing to report that KOCA has significantly increased the assets of the Committee with a net asset position of \$244,113 as at 31 May 2023. This was a \$22,000 increase over the prior financial year.

While KOCA operates in the spirit of a not-for-profit, the Committee has been slowly working to build the assets of the Committee. This allows KOCA to take advantage of key opportunities in the future as and when the need arises. This plan allowed for significant donations to the College bursary funds over the last few years.

I would like to thank Ashleigh Hockings, who was a committee member from 2021 to 2023, for her contributions to KOCA and her support particularly during the O-week events and at the Centenary Cocktails.

The meeting also saw the continuation of Brad De Luca as a KOCA representative to the King's College Council. This is Brad's third and final term as a Council representative. Roger Dooley continues as Patron of KOCA.

The Committee for 2023-2024 was elected and is:

President	Blake Miller
Vice-President	Fraser McVeigh
Treasurer	Matthew Morgan
Committee	Laing Goostrey Marisabel Gooding Olivia Ridley Jack Woods Andrew Collins Andrew Lynch



# 2024 REUNIONS

One of the highlights of the calendar year is the hosting of reunions for Old Collegians. Reunions at King's are organized by Fresher year or year of entry into the College.

For members interested in convening a reunion for their Fresher year group, we recommend aligning your event with the official reunion weekend and contacting the College and KOCA Management Committee – the key is having a motivated convener and getting the message out to peers.

A range of formats can be arranged. These events don't have to be overly formal and we find the best format is often a casual drinks and canapes on the new terraces connecting to the Junior Common Room. At the other spectrum we can organise a sit down terrace dinner on the McCollough-Watson Terrace with 2 or 3 course meals.

Please contact our Social Convener / Minister Laing Goostrey if you are interested in convening a reunion or attending. Emails should go to [lainggoostrey@gmail.com](mailto:lainggoostrey@gmail.com)



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# King's Annual Golf Day

PRESENTED BY KOCA

13 OCTOBER 2023



Now in its third year, the annual KOCA Golf Day has firmly established itself on the KOCA calendar. With 46 participants, a special nod goes to Team Roger Dooley, who added a touch of wisdom to the group, making it an outstanding day at the Ashgrove Golf Club.

Congratulations to the three-time consecutive winners, William Holloway and Wade Fraser. However, it's safe to say that in the end, golf itself emerged as the true winner.

In a display of skill and experience, the Wise Wyverns, led by Noel Stanley, claimed the 'nearest to the pin' title with an exceptional shot on the 17th hole. It's worth noting that the competition at the 19th hole was also intense.

As the day turned into night, the afterparty saw the numbers grow to over 60 attendees, creating a fantastic atmosphere, whether they were golfers or enthusiastic supporters.

The event's coverage was expertly handled by David Shaw, an Old Collegian, who served as the videographer, capturing some of the day's most memorable moments.

You can watch the resulting video on the Instagram account @wyverngolfclub or scan the QR code above with your smartphone or device.

Keep an eye out for the 2024 edition of the event via the KOCA Facebook page or connect with the organising sub-committee of KOCA at @wyverngolfclub on Instagram.

Thanks to Stefan Van Der Linde, Robbie Benadie, Laing Goostrey and Michael Lawson, the KOCA Golf sub-committee who organised the event and ensured everything from the branded golf balls to the afterparty were professionally executed.

If you would like to know more about KOCA or how you can be involved contact me on blakegmiller@outlook.com.au. I am very happy to talk with any of our Alumni or community regarding support for, or involvement in, KOCA's events, programs and committee.

On behalf of the Management Committee I wish all the King's Community the best for the rest of 2023 and 2024!

**Blake Miller (2003-2007)**  
President



Some serious looking competitors!

## Events in 2024

Below is the list of events upcoming in 2024

**Welcome to KOCA drinks** – last Friday of February each year – Friday the 23rd - Venue to Be confirmed

**Join us at one of the networking events.** KOCA, in partnership with the King's College Associate Director of Academic & Career Development host four networking societies based upon key fields of study. These are the:

- Cooper-Foote Law Society
- Broomhead-Ferros Business Society
- Watson-Miles Engineering Society
- Whyte-Pegg Health and Medical Society

These events are held across the year. Check out our facebook page or the College Calendar on the College's website for more information. All Old Collegians are welcome for a night of networking and learning from a panel of speakers sourced from our membership and non-Collegians.

**ANZAC Day** – 7.00am 25th April at King's College each year. Join us for breakfast afterwards in the Dining Hall.

**KOCA Reunion Weekend** – Saturday 13th of July 2024 at the College. This is for the "Year of 4". If your Freshman year was one of the 4's then we welcome you to join us for reunions on this weekend at the College. Details will be provided by a convenor for your year group.

**Annual General Meeting of the Association** – Held each year on the last Friday of July. Check our Facebook page or the College magazine for specific location details and time. The meeting is a hybrid format of in person and online to allow for as broad reach as possible.

**KOCA Annual Golf Day** – this event will be held on a Friday in October 2024.

**Kingsman Dr Chris Morrey (King's 1987 - '88)** has completed his 1 year term as President of the Australian Orthopaedic Association. Following close in his footsteps, **Dr Mark Moroney (King's 1981 - '86)**, has just been elected to the Presidential line as 2nd Vice President, 1st VP in one year and will hold the Presidency in 2025. Congratulations to you both.



COMING SOON

### King's signet rings

designed by jeweller Daniel Bentley

Available in sterling silver, gold plated or 9ct yellow gold. Keep a lookout on the KOCA Facebook page, as they will be available for order again next year.

## Contributing to Old Collegians News

We are always looking for articles to publish about King's College Old Collegians. To contribute updates about yourself or your friends and connections from King's please email blakegmiller@outlook.com.au



# Call for Nominations

JOIN KOCA'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Every year, we invite members to volunteer for the King's Old Collegians Association's Management Committee.

### Why should you nominate?

**Contribution to the College:** Your time and energy can have a significant impact on King's College and the broader King's community. Non-monetary contributions often yield greater benefits for current and future members.

**Develop Governance Skills:** KOCA offers a supportive environment to develop management and leadership skills. Many Committee Members have advanced to senior governance roles within the King's College ecosystem, such as the Council, Foundation, and Council Sub-Committees.

**Networking:** KOCA provides an excellent platform to expand your network across generations and disciplines.

### SKILLS NEEDED:

We welcome individuals from all backgrounds and skills who are willing to selflessly contribute to the advancement of Old Collegians and the College. Specifically, we are looking for expertise in the following areas:

- **Website Development:** Especially with experience in WordPress, the College's preferred web development platform.
- **CRM Skills:** Expertise in CRM and relationship management to enhance the quality of the College's member database.
- **Social Media and Email Marketing:** Members with broad marketing expertise to manage and execute mass marketing campaigns and communications. This includes handling the Facebook group, establishing Instagram and TikTok accounts.
- **Representatives for Health and Humanities Disciplines**
- **Year Group Reps:** These roles are essential for connecting and representing the interests of members from various generations, including the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s.

To nominate yourself, please contact Blake Miller (President) via email at [blakegmiller@outlook.com.au](mailto:blakegmiller@outlook.com.au). Your contribution can make a real difference in the King's community.

# HERE'S WHY KING'S...



KING'S COLLEGE  
BOAT CLUB

## UK ROWING TOUR 2023

For the fourth time in the history of the Boat Club, 14 students and 2 coaches departed Australia in mid June for a three-week rowing tour of the UK.

The squad, comprising of a Men's VIII, Women's Quad and Women's single skuller, were accompanied by the Master Greg Eddy and his wife Thérèse along with a healthy support crew of mainly parents.

Training was based out of the Oxford University Boatshed, an experience in itself for any rower. This of course was the first tour for our women's crews enabling entry in the Henley Women's Regatta. In addition, the Club rowed at Marlow, Reading Town and the Henley Royal Regatta.

Although the crews were unsuccessful after day one at Henley, the overall Tour was a great success and the Boat Club committee have made a strong commitment to future endeavours for the club aiming at being competitive to enter the following:-

- **Qld State Championships** – 19-21 January 2024 at Lake Wyaralong
- **NSW State Championships** – 11-12 February 2024 at SIRC Penrith
- **Australian Rowing Championships** – 18-24 March 2024 at SIRC Penrith
- **Henley Royal Regatta** – 2-7 July at Henley-on-Thames UK

Thanks to our coaches and in particular parent Bill O'Chee for all the arrangements prior and during the Tour and for being such a wonderful tour guide in Oxford.



FROM THE

## ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER SERVICES



**Choosing a city for your university education is a significant decision. It's about more than just the institution you attend; it's also about the city in which you'll live, learn, and launch your career. Having now lived in Brisbane for almost 20 years, I consider the city to be the ultimate destination for early career opportunities.**

As one of Australia's fastest-growing capitals, Brisbane is on a trajectory of remarkable economic expansion. Forecasts predict a staggering 32% increase in the city's economy by 2041\*, driven by key sectors such as advanced manufacturing, logistics, business services, health, property and construction, and tourism. This surge in industry growth presents an incredible opportunity for our students \*<https://choose.brisbane.qld.au/business/why-brisbane-for-business>

The comprehensive Careers and Employability program at King's College means our students are equipped to capitalise on upcoming opportunities. Over the past two years, expansion of the services on offer demonstrates our unwavering commitment to the professional development of each individual. Expansion of the King's College Recruitment Service, Careers webpage, Jobs Board, and Careers Week provide students with a wealth of resources and opportunities for connections.

The cornerstone of the program is the annual Careers Week, tailored to the five largest cohorts at the College; Law (March), Humanities (April), Finance & Business (May), Engineering & IT (August), Health & Medical Sciences (September). This week-long event allows students to engage with Old Collegians and industry professionals, gaining valuable insights into their respective fields. Workshops, tours and presentations by local companies, professional associations, and subject matter experts provide a rich variety of sessions from which to choose.

One of the highlights of Careers Week is the discipline-specific professional development event facilitated by the King's Old Collegians' Association (K.O.C.A). The events held in Semester were the Watson Miles Society for Engineering and the Whyte Pegg Society for Health & Medical Sciences. Attended by Old Collegians and other industry professionals, these events foster connections between current students and alumni, often leading to employment opportunities.

In recent times, more than 60 students have started employment in professional roles through introductions made via the King's College Recruitment Service. Ensuring they put their best foot forward, students can access one-on-one support and/or group workshops to learn about resume writing, interview skills and how to build their job search strategy.

In a significant milestone, King's College hosted its first-ever Careers Fair in October, making history as the first college on the UQ campus to organise an event of this magnitude. The fair featured exhibitors from 32 organisations across various sectors, reinforcing King's College's reputation as a prime destination for early career talent. Just two weeks after the event, four students had secured interviews for promising career opportunities they were introduced to during the Fair, underlining its essential role in shaping the future of King's College students.

Partnership with KOCA was particularly strong in 2023, their Centenary year, and I was delighted to see at least 9 Old Collegians in their company booths at the Careers Fair. We are truly fortunate to be surrounded by an exceptional network of alumni who are not only leaders in their respective fields but also committed mentors to the next generation. My heartfelt thanks to all who have offered their support.

King's College, Brisbane, and UQ combined offer a unique opportunity for students to not only excel academically but also to be well-prepared for the professional world. With the upcoming launch of the Wyvern's Mentor Program, 2024 holds even greater promise for students looking to shape their future and I am inspired and excited for the year ahead.

**Lynda Murphy**

If you would like to engage with the Careers and Employability Program at King's College, please email: [l.murphy@kings.uq.edu.au](mailto:l.murphy@kings.uq.edu.au) or call Lynda Murphy on 07 3871 9604

**Master's Academic High Achievers' Luncheon - GPA of 6.0 and above in Semester 1, 2023**



# King's CAREERS FAIR



**Watson Miles**  
SOCIETY  
for Engineering

ACADEMIC  
*events*



**WHYTE PEGG**  
SOCIETY  
for Health & Medical Sciences



Another valuable initiative for King's students was the Inaugural King's Careers Day held in October, with 32 organisations attending. Students were able to chat with a diverse range of business sectors. Feedback from both exhibitors and students was extremely positive.

EOI for the 2024 event should contact Lynda Murphy [l.murphy@kings.uq.edu.au](mailto:l.murphy@kings.uq.edu.au)





# 2024 - 2044 Master Plan

- 1** College reception and administration relocated to a prominent position at the front of the College, with academic spaces on a lower level.
- 2** A consolidated social space with a river focus.
- 3** New houses for the Master and Deputy, opening towards the river.
- 4** New residential wings.
- 5** Two landscapes.
- 6** Rowing shed and clubhouse.



# Foundation News

## The Inaugural Henry Jennings Long Lunch was held on a picture postcard Sunday afternoon on the Terrace in August.

Alison and Peter Jennings were joined by family and friends to commemorate the life of their son and much-loved Kingsman Henry Jennings who tragically lost his life in the early hours of New Year's Day 2021. Many of Henry's College friends returned for the lunch and later joined current students for the annual Quad session, also in Memory of Henry.

The Henry Jennings Scholarship this year was awarded to Ben Hill at the Valedictory Dinner.

*Henry's Inaugural Long Lunch*



# Why Brisbane, Why UQ and Why King's?

## TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE



### Neve Collins

*B Advanced Science (Hons) (major in Biology) UQ, King's 2020-2022*

*Recipient of the Malcolm McDonald Travelling Bursary, 2022*

**I had the incredible opportunity to travel overseas to ESWI Influenza and SARS-COV-2 reparatory virus Conference held in Valencia, Spain in September 2023.**

In my entire four-year undergraduate career, I have never encountered an event that has contributed so significantly to my knowledge and network within the field as this conference did in four days and it has definitely been the highlight of my degree.

During the conference, I was fortunate to have my late abstract accepted for a poster presentation, allowing me to share my current honours research with a diverse audience of experts. This gave me an opportunity to meet many big global players in the Influenza world and present my research to them. To my delight, my poster was even selected for a poster preview session, where it was highlighted by the head of the Board of ESWI Early Career Researchers as a particularly compelling contribution to the research landscape. Moreover, the conference placed a strong emphasis on nurturing early career scientists like me and I had the pleasure of connecting with fellow emerging researchers from around the world during an early career networking night. This experience fostered a sense of camaraderie and collaboration that will undoubtedly prove invaluable as I continue onwards in my career.

In summary, the ESWI conference was unlike any other experience I have encountered throughout my academic journey, serving as an immensely inspiring culmination of my Honours year. Without the support from King's and the funding from the Malcolm McDonald family, I would never have been able to afford the conference fees and travel expenses. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity which has expanded my horizons, increased my network, and fuelled my passion for scientific discovery.

### Travelling Scholarships awarded in Semester 2, 2023

**At the Valedictory Dinner in October the Board of Fellows awarded 14 students 10 scholarships and bursaries, totalling almost \$50,000. This year the awards include 4 students who received Travelling Scholarships:**

#### Flynn Boorer

*Bachelor of Science (major in Biomedical Science), The University of Queensland.*

*Recipient of The Malcolm McDonald Bursary: \$10,000*

Flynn will soon enter the Doctor of Medicine program and during medical training he will travel to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to complete a healthcare placement in a local hospital. Flynn selected Tanzania specifically as the patient demographic will give him the clinical experience he seeks in Pediatrics and Emergency medicine.



#### Macloud McGhee

*Bachelor of Business Management/Bachelor of Laws (major in International Business) at The University of Queensland.*

*Recipient of The Pascoe Family Travelling Scholarship: \$10,000*

Macloud will complete a course of study at the London School of Economics followed by a job shadow experience with the founding partner of a leading sports law firm in London, England followed by an internship with an international sports agency in Milan, Italy.



#### Liam Radke

*Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics, The University of Queensland.*

*Recipient of The Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship: \$4,500*

Liam will travel to Manchester, England to complete a semester of full-time study at the University of Manchester. While based in Europe Liam will use the opportunity to attend major professional networking events and conferences for the finance sector.



#### Miah Gough

*Bachelor of Business Management and Bachelor of Communication (major in Marketing & Public Relations), The University of Queensland.*

*Recipient of The Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship: \$4,500*

Following graduation, Miah will travel to London, England to complete an 18-month internship with a leading international advertising and marketing agency.



# Why Brisbane, Why UQ and Why King's?



## Max Green

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) UQ,  
King's 2022-2023, From  
Canberra, ACT.



## Bailey Skeates

Bachelor of Advanced Finance &  
Economics (Hons) UQ, King's 2021-  
2023, From Adelaide, SA.

### Why Brisbane?

I love Brisbane, in particular the climate. Brisbane is very different to Canberra where I spent much of my life. Brisbane has more opportunities and people are well connected. I see myself living and working in Brisbane for some time after graduating before exploring an international career.

### Why UQ? Why King's?

I went to High School in Canberra grades 7-12 where I was actively involved in rowing and swimming. I completed my first year of university at ANU while living at home but decided the experience was not what I was looking for my time at university. Some of my high school friends had already moved to Brisbane and made me aware of the opportunities at King's where I could balance sport as well as academics. With the combination of The University of Queensland as a leading university for Law and my friends already living at King's, I knew UQ and the College were the right places for me.

### How has King's played a role in your professional development?

In 2023 I was appointed Residential Assistant which brought me out of my shell and forced me to be a more social person and personable human.

The alumni network at King's College is unbelievably broad. The conversations I have had at the professional networking events made me aware of the scale of the network of Old Collegians who are out there who you can reach out to whenever you are ready to start working in your chosen field.

Recently, I was fortunate to be introduced to an Old Collegian who is a highly respected Judge. I have since been appointed to start work in his chambers as Judge's Associate and I consider myself extremely fortunate to have secured the role. This was only made possible by the introduction facilitated by King's College.

### Why Brisbane?

Brisbane is unique with the river being a big feature of the city. In Adelaide and Toowoomba, I felt like I knew everyone, but Brisbane has been a great place to develop my professional network and see that there are a lot of opportunities. I also love the proximity to the beach.

The network you make living at King's is probably the most important and unique benefit to my development. I've spoken with many Old Collegians who agree the network is very close-knit whereby you feel welcome to message anyone and they would help you.

### Why UQ? Why King's?

I'm originally from Adelaide, SA but moved to Toowoomba for high school, hoping to pursue a career in Rugby. Following injuries, I decided to head down an academic pathway instead and decided on The University of Queensland as it was close to Toowoomba but far enough away to be a new beginning.

I knew a handful of people going to King's College and heard great feedback and thought it would be a great way to make a new circle of friends in Brisbane.

### How has King's played a role in your professional development?

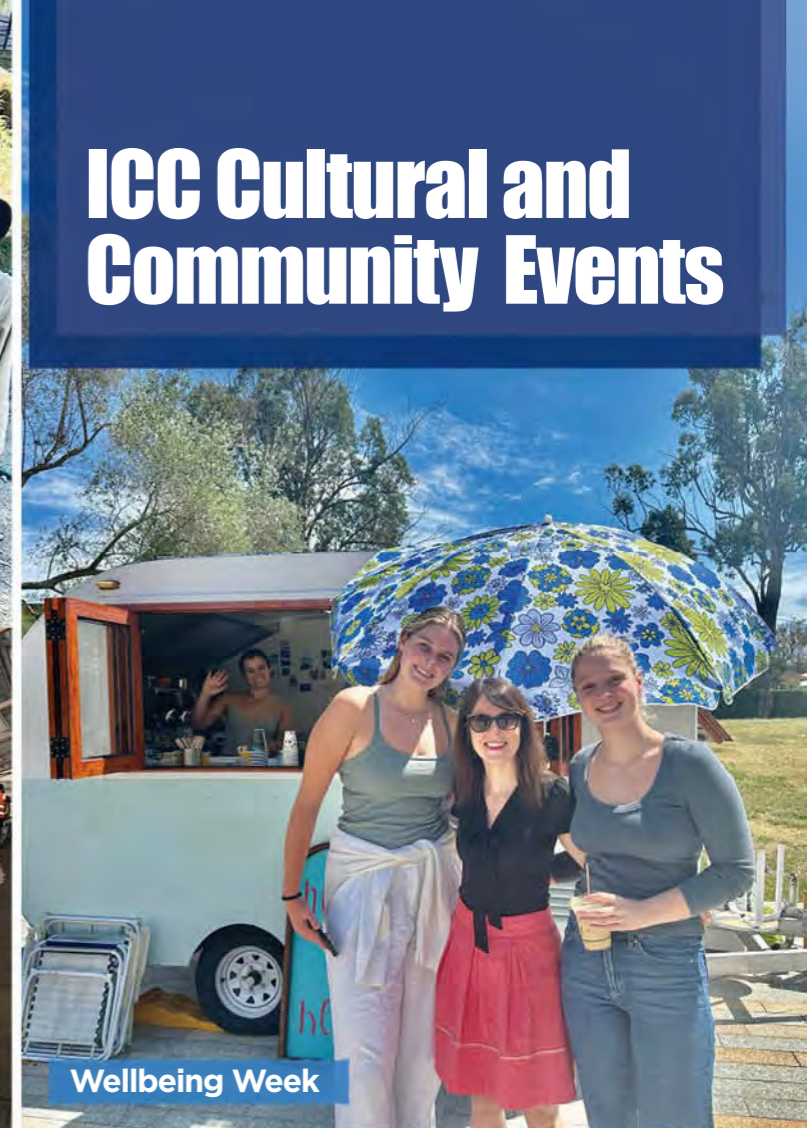
I was looking for a role in the finance sector and was lucky to be introduced to Attvest Finance, an insurance premium funder. I've been working there 2 days per week for over a year, and it's been a wonderful way to develop professional skills in an office-based setting. Working alongside 3 other King's students it's my gateway into industry, offering me a chance to expand my professional contacts further still. Proving my point about the King's network, the original introduction to Attvest was made by an Old Collegian who attended college 2018-2020.



Bushcare



Rotary



Wellbeing Week



Dancefest



RUOK DAY





# KING'S IN PINK

## FUN RUN & WALK

King's supporting women's cancers

Congratulations to the 2023 Student committee who worked so well together to make the event such a success.

Of course, none of this is possible without the support of our local businesses and the many parents and friends of King's who donated their goods or services for silent auction and raffle items.

Particular thanks to our major sponsor Chartwells Catering who provided another spectacular brunch for the participants. Returning to provide an update on breast cancer research, Associate Professor Fiona Simpson was accompanied this year by fellow scientist Associate Professor Amy

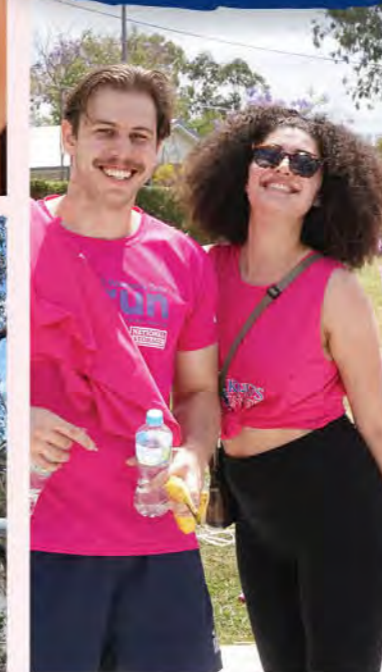
McCart-Reed. Again, thank you both for supporting the event. The most important thanks goes to the many runners and walkers who make the event such a fun community event. See you all again next year!

The funds raised for Project Pink means continued investment into research and patient care initiatives to ensure everyone will one day survive a breast cancer diagnosis and have a better quality of life post treatment.



## COLLEGE events

## Sem II Parents' Cocktail Party



**\$20,000 RAISED**

A record **\$20,000** was raised at this year's King's fundraising event **KING'S IN PINK!** in support of the PA Hospital's Foundation **PROJECT PINK.**



# Valedictory Dinner



Alison and Peter Jennings awarding Ben Hill the Henry Jennings Scholarship



Parent William O'Chee donating the Isis Cup, later to be presented to the Women's IV (2023 most outstanding Boat Club Crew)



## Farewell to Tony

At the Williams Dinner in August this year Tony Andres, the former Director of Academic & Career Services was formally thanked for his contribution to the Academic Program at King's over the past six years.

Tony and his husband Elijah have moved to the UK where both have taken roles at the University of Southampton. The King's staff and student leadership team had the opportunity to wish them both well prior to departing.



2023 Valedictorians



## THE DR DAVID WILLIAMS LECTURE 2023

This year's Lecture was provided by Dr Daryl Holmes OBE, creator founder of the 1300SMILES dental business and current Chairman of the Cowboys Rugby League Club.



L-R:- Ms Thérèse Eddy; Dr Daryl Holmes OBE (King's 1983 - '86); Ms Kathleen Newcombe, President King's College Council and Mr Greg Eddy, Master.



## Congratulations Sue

September 15 was a significant milestone for our much loved 'Client Services Officer', Sue Eekelschot. Celebrating 20 years at King's, no one can deny Sue's unwavering work ethic.

Always with a touch of style, warmth and dry humour, Sue has welcomed many a student, parent, staff member, dignitary, conference guest, tradie, including the Taringa Fire department (!) through the front door. Always on hand if a student just needs a chat, Sue has been a pillar of the administration staff.



## NEW STAFF

In July this year, **Delia Eastland** was appointed to the position of Executive Officer to the CEO and Council. Delia comes to King's after

a varied and very interesting career at St Margaret's Anglican Girls' school.



The College will welcome **Luke Richardson**, the new Director of Academic and Career Development, to the College in December. Luke was previously at The Riverina Anglican College in Wagga where he has held various positions over the last 12 years including Guidance Counsellor, Careers Advisor, Head of Year and Coach of everything from hockey to rugby. His degrees are

B.Sc. and B. Ed along with a Master's degree in Education (Educational Leadership). He also has a Postgraduate Certificate in Careers Education and Development from RMIT. He is also a Sessional Academic at CSU. The King's Community looks forward to welcoming Luke, his wife Bree and three children, Olivia (6) Phoebe (4) and Leo (1).



**Julia Sambell** has been Acting Registrar in a casual position for some months. We are delighted Julia will assume the role as a part

time appointment at King's. Welcome to Julia who is no longer casual!



The new position of Property and Facilities Manager has been appointed with **Shane Warren** taking up the position in the New Year. Shane joins us after having been the Facilities Manager at UQ Res which includes, Kev

Carmody House and all the properties owned by the University here at St Lucia, Herston and Gatton. The College is pleased to advise **Gary Seddon** who has overseen all maintenance at King's since early 2023 joins us now permanently as Maintenance Officer.

*A warm welcome to you all!*

## Foundation News

### Master's Annual Garden Party

As the academic year draws to an end, it is always a pleasure to thank our wonderful donors and members of the King's Community at the Masters' Annual Garden Party.



# Noticeboard **What's On**

**3 February at 7.00pm**

Fellows' and Presidents' Dinner at the College

**20 March at 12.00pm**

Wise Wyverns' Luncheon at the College

**25 April at 7.00am**

ANZAC Day Ceremony at the College

**24 May at 12.00pm**

Annual Theologs' Luncheon at the College

**25 May at 6.00pm**

Parents' Cocktail Party at the College

**15 June at 5.00pm**

King's "At Home" in London

**20 July at 7.00pm**

King's College Boat Club Annual Dinner at the College

**"At Homes"**

3 May at 5.00pm

King's "At Home" in Adelaide

King's "At Homes" in Sydney and Melbourne to be confirmed.

# thank you

Scott Young  
Philip Davis  
Oscar Schmidt  
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Chris Newton  
Allan Davies  
Barry Moore  
Helen Waterworth  
Brooke Lutje  
Sam Kanizay  
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Wayne Sanderson  
Peter Jordan  
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Wallace and Paula Rutledge  
Matthew and Sonja Kritzler  
Ian and Jane Campbell

Angela Molloy  
Alex Moses  
Kate Schwager  
Peter and Alison Jennings  
Alba Jennings  
Ky Newitt  
Ashley and Anne-Marie Whitehead  
Tony and Di Phelps  
Margaret Jennings  
Peter and Kate Carter  
Loz and Joe Feltham  
Charlie and Kris Prell  
Kylie and Jonathan Moses  
Louise Armstrong  
Sally Watson  
Janet McDonald and Richard Laansma  
Nic Milne

Hamish and Dana Thompson  
Michael and Rachael Baulch  
Kate and Tim Jarrold  
Greg and Thérèse Eddy  
Brett and Amelia Robinson  
Stephen Robinson  
Clyde McGilchrist  
Judy Foote  
Fred de Looze  
Elspeth Darveniza and Chris Blenkin  
Denise and Peter Grainger  
Peter and Jenny Harvey  
Nic Milne  
Chris Ho  
KOCA

Every year a significant number of people provide valuable philanthropic support to the College Foundation through acts of support – financial and otherwise. The College is, as always, enormously grateful to you all for your generosity.

Below is a list of those who have contributed to the College Foundation during 2023.

# VALE

The College is aware of the death of the following members of the College community.

Friend and fellow Kingsman Jeff Herron recently advised the passing of **Bernard Hughson (King's 1956-'61)** on 29 October 2023 in Canberra.

Bernard entered College in 1957 and graduated in Medicine. He later became a psychiatrist in Canberra (where Jeff said he was sorely needed!).

**Rev Gale Hall (King's 1966-'67)**, passed away recently in Brisbane aged 82.

## On behalf of the King's College Community

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



KING'S COLLEGE  
BOAT CLUB

## Sponsorship Opportunity

Join the crew by  
supporting the King's  
College Boat Club tours.

For further sponsorship information  
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