

BRISBANE GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM YEARS 5 AND 6



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Years 5 and 6 2027

Grammar girls are encouraged to explore their potential and collaborate with others through physical activity, community engagement, intellectual challenge, travel, adventure and artistic expression.

The School's Co-Curricular Program challenges students to develop their creativity, curiosity and passions beyond the classroom. The Program is designed to help students find belonging and joy, inspiring them to discover their unique voice and a sense of purpose.

Through the range of experiences offered, students can strengthen their existing talents and explore new areas of interest. Students who actively participate can develop resilience, integrity and gratitude, and foster a lifelong love of learning and innovation. Ultimately, the Program aims to create engaged, open-minded leaders who are responsible global citizens with a fundamental understanding of their ability to contribute to a collective goal.



Sport

Brisbane Girls Grammar School (BGGs) believes sport is centred around providing students with the opportunity to participate in a vast offering of activities, nurturing a culture where individuals not only engage in, but also develop a lifelong passion for, physical activity. BGGs fosters an environment where participation goes beyond competition to encompass personal growth, health and joy in movement.

By choosing to participate in Sport, students will:

1. further develop existing physical skills and fitness levels, supporting overall wellbeing
2. develop personal qualities such as self-esteem, team commitment, sense of fair play and School spirit
3. create lasting friendships and memories
4. continue to embrace the culture and tradition of sport and activities at BGGs
5. be provided with pathways and support to pursue excellence in their sport.

Representing BGGs is an honour. Students selected for sporting teams are expected to fulfil the requirements of selection. Students and families are asked to carefully consider the combined impact of academic and co-curricular activities to ensure commitments are met and a healthy balance is maintained.

Co-curricular Sport

Throughout the year, the School offers an extensive range of co-curricular sporting activities, both in competitive and social settings. This broad offering of sport and activities strives to provide all interested students an opportunity to participate.

Interhouse Sport Carnivals

The Years 5 and 6 interhouse carnivals are designed to encourage all students to participate and contribute to their House's success through fun and engaging physical activities. These opportunities foster House spirit and shared experiences. The carnivals support students of all abilities by promoting physical skill development, resilience and a growth mindset towards winning, losing and embracing challenges. With a focus on participation over performance, the carnivals help build confidence and celebrate both individual and team achievements.

Interschool Sport

Years 5 and 6 interschool teams will be selected to represent the School in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics in the Junior Girls Sport Alliance's Fortissima Cup, competing against:

- All Hallows' School
- Loreto College
- Lourdes Hill College
- St Peters Lutheran College
- St Rita's College
- Stuartholme School.

Club Sport

BGGGS competes in external club competitions for Netball, Touch Football and Water Polo. Netball is affiliated with the Downey Park Netball Association (DPNA), Touch Football is associated with Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association (BMTA) and Water Polo is affiliated with Water Polo Queensland (WPQ).

Recreational Activities

Recreational activities are offered throughout the year. This is an opportunity to learn new skills, participate in a non-competitive activity, supplement other sporting endeavours and support mental and physical health. Activities include:

- Athletics
- Cricket
- Dance
- Let's Get Active
- RunFit
- Skipping
- SwimFit
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Fencing
- Aerobics

The co-curricular calendar will be available prior to the start of each term, along with the relevant links to register for the various activities.

Representative Pathways

The School is affiliated with Central District and Metropolitan North for 10 to 19 years. The trialling process will vary between sports. For more information view the Central District tile on the Minerva Sports page.

Uniforms

Uniforms for each competitive sport can be found at the Uniform Shop or on the [website](#). Recreational sports do not have a uniform—the BGGGS Sport Uniform and suitable footwear are required.

Sports Calendars

The calendar below displays the timing of sports within the School year. While some sports overlap, it is possible to participate in the club sports of Netball and Touch Football, as well as Water Polo if selected. Students must commit to training for all sports should they participate in multiple sports in a season.

2027 JUNIOR SCHOOL CORE SPORTS CALENDAR

Club Sports	Term 1									Term 2										Term 3										Term 4							
Weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Netball																																					
Touch Football																																					
Water Polo Year 5																																					
Water Polo Year 6																																					

*Lighter shading = preseason training

Club Sport Overview

Netball

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited club teams
Training commitment	One session per week in Terms 1 to 3
Training days and times	Monday 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Training venue	Downey Park, Windsor
Competition	Club Fixtures Saturdays Terms 2 and 3
Competition uniform	Competition uniform can be purchased at the Uniform Shop or on the website .

Touch Football

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited club teams
Training commitment	One session per week in Terms 2 to 4
Training days and times	Monday 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Training venue	Downey Park, Windsor and Whites Hill Sports Gound, Camp Hill
Competition	Club Fixtures Thursdays Terms 3 and 4
Competition uniform	Competition uniform can be purchased at the Uniform Shop or on the website .

Water Polo

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited club teams
Training commitment	One to two sessions per week in Terms 3 and 4
Training days and times	Monday to Friday (training day dependent on team allocation) 4.30 pm to 6.15 pm
Training venue	BGGs Pool and other Brisbane venues
Competition	Term 4 2027 and Term 1 2028
Competition uniform	Competition uniform can be purchased at the Uniform Shop or on the website .



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Is it compulsory for my daughter to play School sport?

Sport is not compulsory at BGGS. However, students are strongly encouraged to be involved in physical activity for overall health and wellbeing.

How do I sign my daughter up for a sport?

A sign-on document will be shared through daily notices on Minerva from early in 2027.

What is the purpose of trials?

Prior to the season commencing, trials are held to select teams. Coaches take the opportunity to assess the skills, knowledge and understanding of the students. Students will then be allocated into teams based on their skill and ability level.

Can my daughter participate in multiple sports and activities each term?

Students can try out for more than one club sport. However, the training or competition times for these sports may restrict their choice. Students are encouraged to carefully consider the combined impact of all activity offerings, including times of training and rehearsals, when making decisions.

What happens if my daughter cannot attend trials?

To be selected for a team, students are expected to attend trials to have their skills and knowledge assessed by the selectors. If a student is unable to attend, communication with the Coordinator prior to trials is required to discuss potential options.

What should my daughter wear to trials?

Students should wear the BGGS Sport Uniform to trials.

Will my daughter make a team?

Every girl will make a team in Netball and Touch Football. In Water Polo, students must demonstrate a good level of swimming to meet the requirements. i.e. ability to tread water for a sustained time.

Can my daughter play external club sport while involved in BGGS sport?

Yes, BGGS recognises the benefits of students playing both School and club sport. However, Netball students cannot play for School and club in the same season. Students can play both Touch Football and Water Polo for club and School in the same season; however, it is expected that commitment to the School team is the priority.

What if my daughter is unable to attend training due to a conflict with another School commitment?

Students' commitment to additional co-curricular activities and academic endeavours may cause conflicts with training. These conflicts will be negotiated by the Coordinators involved and a shared arrangement will be designed so the student can participate in both co-curricular activities. There will be no negotiation with an external commitment. The student will be asked to make a choice between the School sport or the external commitment.

The Sports Department look forward to welcoming you into Sport at Brisbane Girls Grammar School.

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Instrumental Music and Choir

Music education at BGGGS is highly valued as an essential element in the academic, cultural and personal development of students. Current research indicates that beyond providing entertainment and emotional solace, playing music enhances cognition and fosters powerful social connections.

Playing music activates the entire brain, combines behaviours that promote higher-order thinking skills and develops intelligence in other areas. Music provides the opportunity for perceptual motor development and encourages the development of social skills, teamwork, discipline, commitment, patience and risk-taking, all of which add to the development of self-worth.

Playing music enriches one's life, providing an avenue for self-expression and creativity, and can help prepare for a fulfilling career. Being involved in music can be relaxing, personally satisfying and more importantly, fun.

Our Vision

The Instrumental Music Program in Years 5 and 6 at BGGGS aims to provide primary music education of the highest quality. It is an ensemble-based program which sees skills taught across the ensemble rehearsal and group or private lessons.

It aims to balance traditional musical concepts with innovative musical experiences and through best practice, instil in all students an intrinsic love of music and its benefits to our society.

Aims and Objectives

The Program aims to create a friendly and sympathetic learning environment in which all students:

- develop a genuine love of music and experience the enjoyment of playing their instrument
- are encouraged to appreciate and participate in a wide range of musical experiences
- are provided with a range of learning opportunities appropriate to their needs and abilities
- are encouraged to pursue exceptional music performances
- develop an awareness of their responsibility as a member of a team
- involve their families in support of their work and the School's Instrumental Music Program
- contribute to and become part of the wider BGGGS community
- are intrinsically motivated to engage in music as part of their life.

BGGGS offers opportunities for students in Years 5 and 6 to join a Junior School Band, a Junior School String Ensemble (depending on their instrumental ability) and a Junior School Choir. In Years 5 and 6, students may be a part of the following ensembles or choirs:

- Banksia Band
- Grevillea Band
- Lilly Pilly Strings
- Waratah Strings
- Kingfisher Choir

- Lyrebird Choir

These ensembles will run throughout the year. Selection for ensemble placement and instrument depends on each student's musical ability, physical features and instrumental experience.

The School will provide one group lesson per student (either string or band instrument) as part of their tuition. In accepting a group lesson, students are also committing to being in an ensemble.

If a student can already play an instrument, they may elect to learn a new instrument and join a beginner band or string ensemble. Students who are currently playing band or string instruments may be selected to join the Intermediate Band or/and String Ensemble.

A trial day will be held towards the end of each year prior to commencement to determine these placements. Rehearsals for the ensembles will commence in Week 3, Term 1.

Overview

Banksia Band

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Rehearsal commitment	One session per week in Terms 1 to 4
Rehearsal days and times	Wednesday 7.10 am to 8.20 am
Rehearsal venue	Junior School Drama Room
Instrument required	School hire available

Grevillea Band

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Audition process
Rehearsal commitment	One session per week in Terms 1 to 4
Rehearsal days and times	Thursday 7.20 am to 8.20 am
Rehearsal venue	Junior School Drama Room
Instrument required	School hire available

Lilly Pilly Strings

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Rehearsal commitment	One session per week in Terms 1 to 4
Rehearsal days and times	Wednesday 7.20 am to 8.20 am
Rehearsal venue	Junior School Music Room

Instrument required	School hire available
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Waratah Strings

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Rehearsal commitment	One session per week in Terms 1 to 4
Rehearsal days and times	Tuesday 7.20 am to 8.20 am
Rehearsal venue	Junior School Music Room
Instrument required	School hire available

Kingfisher Choir

Years	5
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Rehearsal commitment	One session per week in Terms 1 to 4
Rehearsal days and times	Monday 7.20 am to 8.20 am
Rehearsal venue	Junior School Music Room

Lyrebird Choir

Years	6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Rehearsal commitment	One session per week in Terms 1 to 4
Rehearsal days and times	Friday 7.20 am to 8.20 am
Rehearsal venue	Junior School Music Room

Instruments

All students who are learning an instrument at School must be in an ensemble or band.

The School owns and will hire instruments (for one year) to students in both the band and string ensembles, depending on availability. Instruments of certain types will not always be available in sufficient quantities to meet the demand of new students. In these cases, music staff may guide students towards suitable instruments other than their first choice.

Instruments available include:

- violin, viola, cello, double bass
- flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone

- trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba
- percussion

Students seeking additional music instruction beyond this weekly lesson may enrol into private lessons.

Flutes, clarinets, saxophones and violins are only available for loan to beginner musicians. Due to the high demand for instruments, students who miss lessons and do not show motivation and commitment to the Program will forfeit the privilege of using a School instrument.

All students hiring an instrument will be required to enter into a loan agreement and pay a levy of \$200 each year that is added to their School fees. Loan agreements are in the enrolment form. Generally, loans will only be made on a 12-month basis. After this period, parents are expected to purchase an instrument for their daughter. Where instruments are particularly expensive to purchase, students may arrange with Music staff to continue a School instrument loan.

Instruments may be recalled for a brief period—at the discretion of Music staff—at any time during the year for the purpose of stocktaking, overhaul or inspection. Students must not borrow instruments belonging to other students or lend School instruments in their care. Once assigned an instrument, students are responsible for the care and safe storage of the instrument.

All instruments at School should be stored in the Instrumental Storage Room next to the Music Room, or as directed by the Music/Instrumental Teachers. Instruments must be stored in these locations as soon as a student arrives at School. Students will access the instrument for their rehearsals and take the instrument with them at the end of the rehearsal to facilitate practice at home.

Music Books

Beginners are provided with an instrumental music book; however, more advanced students may be required to purchase additional resources to suit their needs.

Performances

Students will be expected to attend performances throughout the year at showcases and various School events.

Uniforms

During lessons and rehearsals, students should wear their formal school uniform. For formal performances, girls must have a polished appearance and wear their dress skirt and black stockings.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do I sign my daughter up for an ensemble?

There will be a Try and Play session in Music class in Week 2 of Term 1, where students will be able to try out instruments and find those best suited to their ability, physical features and experience. If they already play an instrument, they will have had an audition in the previous year and be matched to the ensemble which best suits their ability. Girls will be notified of their instruments and ensemble placement via letter.

What is the purpose of a Try and Play?

The purpose of these sessions is to determine a girl's musical ability, instrumental experience and which instrument/s best suit her. This might be dependent on her physical features needed to play certain instruments, such as her size or the formation of her mouth etc.

Can my daughter participate in multiple ensembles?

Students are encouraged to participate in ensembles. The ensembles in which they are placed will be dependent on their instrumental ability. Students are encouraged to carefully consider the combined impact of all activity offerings, including times of training and rehearsals, when making decisions.

What happens if my daughter cannot attend the Try and Play?

If a student is unable to attend, communication with the Music Coordinator prior to the Try and Play is required to discuss potential options.

The Instrumental Music Department looks forward to welcoming you into Instrumental Music at Brisbane Girls Grammar School.

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Clubs and Activities

The diverse range of clubs and activities available in Years 5 and 6 at BGGs allows girls many opportunities to deepen their understanding and expand their skills in areas of personal interest whilst developing friendships with like-minded students.

Overview

Anime Drawing

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Friday
Venue	Junior School venue will be communicated to students

Arts and Craft Club

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Thursday
Venue	Science, Art and Technology (SAT) Lab

Book Club

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One morning tea per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Friday
Venue	Library

Chess Club

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Tuesday

Venue	Junior School venue will be communicated to students
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Da Vinci Maths Club

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Thursday
Venue	Junior School venue will be communicated to students

Debating Club

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Wednesday
Venue	Junior School venue will be communicated to students

Drama Club

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Friday
Venue	Junior School Drama Room

Environmental Club

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Monday
Venue	Junior School venue will be communicated to students

Robotics and Coding

Years	5 and 6
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Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Day	Tuesday
Venue	Science, Art and Technology (SAT) Lab



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Is it compulsory for my daughter to be part of a School club?

Club membership is not compulsory. However, students are strongly encouraged to be involved in clubs to pursue and broaden their interests and talents and connect with students who have the same interests.

How do I sign my daughter up for a club?

Clubs will be advertised to students early in Term 1 and then via assemblies. They can sign up via the Student Noticeboard located near Little Tucker.

Can my daughter participate in more than one club?

Students are encouraged to participate in more than one club. However, they should consider their other lunchtime commitments, like music or vocal lessons, when making decisions.

What happens if my daughter cannot attend the club one day?

If a student is unable to attend, communication with the club Coordinator prior to the club meeting day is required.

Competitions

The School offers opportunities for girls to be involved in a range of activities throughout the year. Activities usually run for a specific duration and are usually associated with a competition. Students will be informed about competitions through assemblies and class notices.

Overview

Australian Maths Competition: Upper Primary Years 5 and 6

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Selection process and limited team places
Commitment	One lunchtime per week
Meeting day	Day will be communicated to students once confirmed
Competition day	Date will be communicated once confirmed

Da Vinci Decathlon

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Selection process and limited team places
Commitment	One lunchtime per week
Meeting day	Day will be communicated to students once confirmed
Competition day	Date will be communicated once confirmed

ICAS Assessments

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Unlimited
Cost	\$62.75 per subject
Assessment dates	13 to 18 September 2026
Assessment types	English, Mathematics, Science, Writing

Maths Olympiad (Junior Division)

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Selection process and limited team places
Commitment	One lunchtime per week
Meeting day	Day will be communicated to students once confirmed

Competition day	Date will be communicated once confirmed
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Readers Cup

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Selection process and limited team places
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 and 2
Meeting day	Day will be communicated to students once confirmed
Competition day	Date will be communicated once confirmed

QDU Debating

Years	5 and 6
Selection opportunities	Selection process and limited team places
Commitment	One lunchtime per week in Terms 1 to 4
Meeting day	Day will be communicated to students once confirmed
Competition day	Date will be communicated once confirmed