



St Gabriel's Old Girls
Brisbane Qld

2020

Hello Everyone

Thank you all for another great year with the Old Girls – always interesting, as we meet, catch up and enjoy wonderful friendships.

At our 2018 November luncheon, a donation of \$400 was raised and gifted to the Chapel. In thanking us Brother Nathan-James said in part, the following

One of the projects I have been working on over the last few years is making our services more accessible to our students and increasing their confidence and interest for singing. This led to the development of a draft new book which combined both our services and hymns into one book. This enabled me to gather into one resource the common text we used and helped make navigating worship material easier. The Service Book and Hymn Supplement was put together as a draft to gauge the effectiveness of such a resource book. It has clearly been a part of a significant change in our schools' engagement with Chapel. Our students are more engaged in Chapel than they were nearly 7 years ago. Not only has there been positive reactions from our staff and students, but I have received several comments from Past Students who expressed that the Service Book and Hymns Supplement was a valuable addition to our Chapel worship. Our current book was drafted and put together as a temporary measure with the



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intent of assessing its effectiveness. It has clearly become an important part of our Chapel service and culture. It is now time to review and reproduce a more robust book which will have a more permanent place in our Chapel."

We are thrilled that our donation has been put towards this project, and our thanks to Brother Nathan for his wonderful and caring work with the Chapel and School and his continued guidance of the students.

At our August lunch we welcomed Darren Fleming, Mrs Tracy Maff, Mrs Karen Storey – Dean of School and 2 Year 12 girls, Perfects Chekoda Bethel and Mackenzie Clark. It was a joy to have them visit and to enjoy the company of Chekoda and Mackenzie. What wonderful Ambassadors they are for our School. Tracy bought us up to date with the 100 year celebrations for both All Souls and St Gabriel's in 2020 – 2021. Two very important years for ASSG.

We continue to meet at Cafe 63 on Ann Street, a venue that suits our requirements beautifully.

Dates for 2020 are as follows:

March	Thursday	19 th
August	Thursday	20 th
November	Thursday	19 th



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Always the third Thursday of the month:
Time 11.30 am for 12 noon.

As always, the November lunch will be our Christmas lunch and numbers are required for catering. As in the past, a small donation would be appreciated. The 2019 donation will be forwarded to the Museum.

Sister Eunice and the Sisters of the SAA have again invited the Northern Old Girls to join them for afternoon tea - please join us for this delightful afternoon and a plate of goodies for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

The date and venue for 2020 is:

Sunday 26th April for 2.00 pm
Unite 30-31 Symes Grove
333 Handford Road
Taigum 4018

The dreadful floods of earlier in the year, impacted on so many rural families and also many of our ASSG families. A kind gesture of a caring Gabes Old Girl, Alison Dunstan, saw her instigate and send off 200 beautifully made bags filled with personal items for ladies in the flood affected areas. Our Gabes Old Girls group were able to contribute \$ 300 to this wonderful project. Thank you Alison for your care and thoughtfulness for the women of the North Western area of



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Queensland. Those families affected are continually in our thoughts.

Our congratulations to Nina Tooth and Daniel Kelly, who were inducted into The Walls of Fame at the 2019 reunion. Nina is a wonderful supporter of the Gabes Old Girls in Brisbane and our thanks to Nina for her continued research into our precious history.

To all St Gabriel's/ASSG Old Girls, we welcome you all to our lunches and would love you to join us. Our enthusiastic group is buoyed by the desire to keep our precious friendships alive, while still making a worthwhile contribution to the present day ASSG students.

Thank you once again for your support and loyalty throughout the year. These gatherings would not happen without the support and loyalty of you all.

May we wish you and yours A Happy and Holy Christmas and every best wish for the New Year.

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