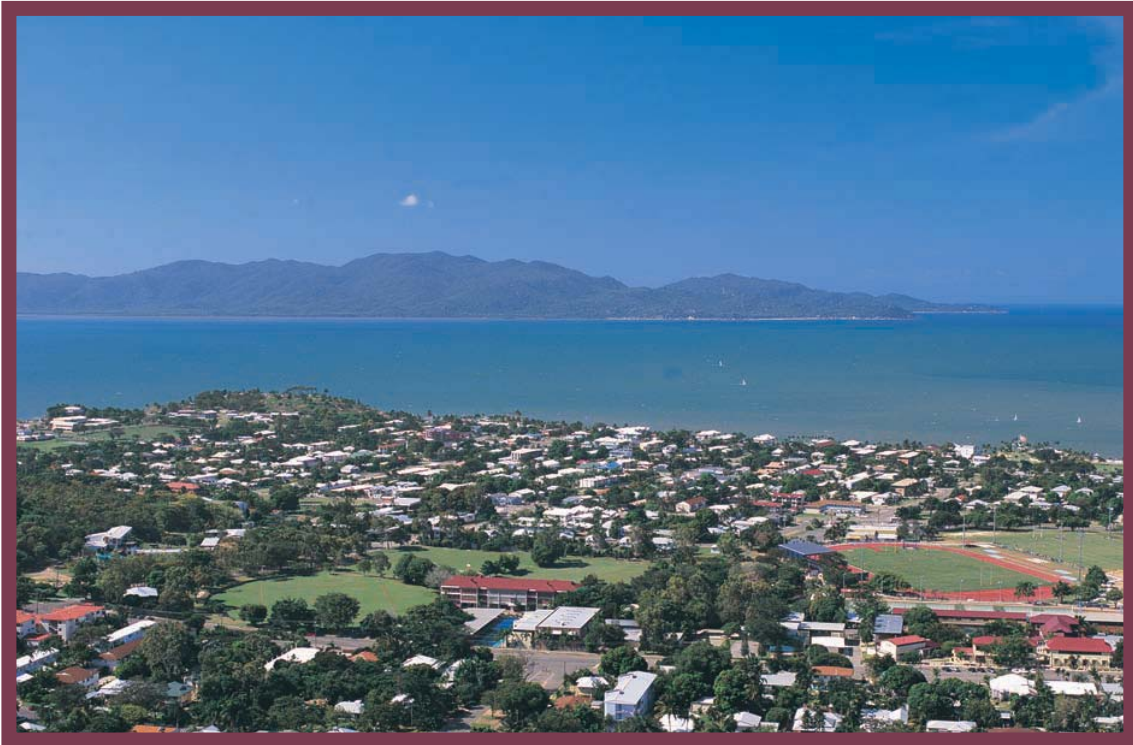




# TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

*Educating Youth in North Queensland since 1888*



## Townsville - Capital of North Queensland

**T**ownsville is situated in the beautiful tropical north of Queensland. A dynamic and growing city, Townsville is a major port and the hub for business in northern Australia. Townsville is also the major gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, World Heritage-listed rainforests, tropical islands and the glorious, vast Outback.

With an urban population exceeding 160 000, Townsville is the nation's largest tropical city. It is also northern Australia's largest centre for education, health services, defence, research and development, international trade, manufacturing, mining support, food processing

and metals refining. A world recognised centre for marine studies, Townsville also completes the educational offerings with James Cook University.

Townsville residents enjoy the cultural and sporting stimulation of live theatre, concerts, art galleries, ballet and dance performances as well as national basketball and rugby league teams and numerous sporting clubs.

Townsville has the charm, friendliness and safety of a smaller centre, yet the facilities and capabilities of a major city. These combined features make Townsville the ideal place to educate your children.

## Townsville Grammar Spirit

**S**tudents new to Townsville Grammar School quickly perceive the unique Grammar Spirit that envelops the School community. This sense of belonging translates into pride – pride in themselves and pride in being a Grammarian.

As a community, it also means that students

genuinely enjoy not only their own success, but also the success of their peers.

This atmosphere of mutual respect between students and staff underpins the whole School community and makes striving for Personal Best truly worthwhile and satisfying.



*Opening Doors  
Since 1888*



*"Grammarians can count on each other in times of need - we support each other's achievements and share each other's losses. It's something very hard to capture - it's a thing called the Grammar Spirit. And it makes us much more than just a school - it makes the Grammar community a real community. That's what's really touched our hearts during the time we've spent here. And there are very few things that have made me as proud as being able to call myself a Grammarian."*

*Ryan Kelly, Past Grammarian*

# Tradition and Progress

Established in 1888 under the Grammar Schools Act of 1860, Townsville Grammar School has a long and proud history. Townsville Grammar is the oldest co-educational school on mainland Australia and was the first secondary school established in North Queensland. The School Motto, "Bonus Intra Melior Exi", which means "Come in good, go out better", still holds true today - to help each child to achieve their own Personal Best. The staff and facilities of TGS are of the highest possible standard to facilitate this process – to maximise the academic, sporting, cultural and, most importantly, the personal outcomes for each student. Ultimately, to open the doors to the rest of their lives.

The traditional values of respect, honesty, industry, responsibility and integrity are modeled, valued and rewarded at Townsville Grammar School, a vital part of character development in the formative years of their lives.



## Equipping Your Child for Success



Photo courtesy Townsville Bulletin

A seamless curriculum is provided from Prep to Year 12, offering the highest quality education and facilities for your child - a place where happy, confident students are encouraged to become self disciplined, responsible adults.

To provide for the needs of our students in the 21st Century, we provide a full time Preparatory school programme with before and after school and vacation care programmes; we have broken new ground in education in developing a new Middle School Precinct for students in Years 7 to 9; and we provide a broad, innovative curriculum for the Senior Secondary years in preparation for study beyond Grammar.

Consistency of standards and curriculum is ensured. A unique opportunity available to all students in the Middle and Senior Schools is free after school tutorials in each of the Key Learning Areas - a service provided by the staff to ensure that each student is able to easily access assistance or extension when required. Why Grammar staff do this is simple - it provides a tangible benefit to their students.

**7.00am**  
Before School Care

**7.30am**  
Weights Training in  
the Gym

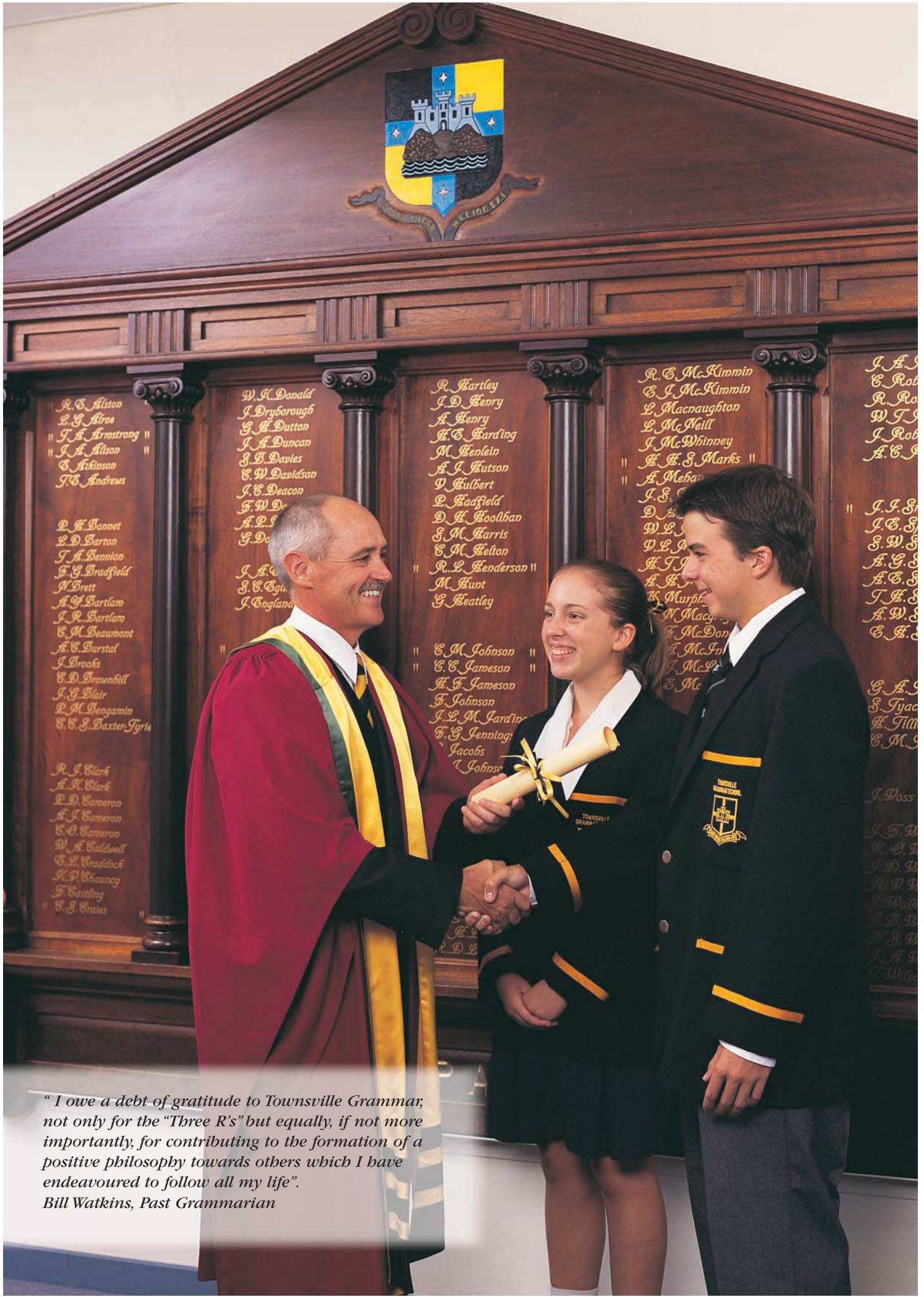
**7.45am**  
Boarders' at breakfast

**8.00am**  
Medical Care

**8.15am**  
Saxophone Practice

**8.30am**  
Arriving at Senior  
School





*"I owe a debt of gratitude to Townsville Grammar, not only for the "Three R's" but equally, if not more importantly, for contributing to the formation of a positive philosophy towards others which I have endeavoured to follow all my life".*  
*Bill Watkins, Past Grammarian*

# Achieving Personal Best

Each individual student enters Townsville Grammar School with different abilities - our aim is to provide an environment where every child can achieve their Personal Best.

Dedicated teaching staff and modern facilities combine to create a stimulating and productive atmosphere. An impressive record of results from state and national competitions provides proof that this formula works. Since the introduction of the Australian Students Prize in 1991, recognising the Top 500 academic students in Australia, the number of Townsville Grammar students who have received this Award has not been matched by any other school in northern Australia.

Whilst we value these accolades and awards, the prime motivation of the School's academic focus is always to help students, irrespective of ability, to achieve their goal of Personal Best.



## Senior Curriculum (Yrs 10 – 12)

Since its establishment, the cornerstone of Townsville Grammar has been to provide the best academic facility for students in North



Queensland. A strong academic background will always be an investment in your child's future no matter what career path they pursue in life.

To ensure this, all students study the Key Learning Areas up to the conclusion of Year 9 and are then offered a challenging and diverse curriculum for the vital senior years of 10, 11 & 12. The Senior School curriculum caters for a wide range of needs, from those aiming for university entrance to those seeking a school-based apprenticeship. An upward spiral of academic success for Grammar graduates has shown that the students are capitalising on being in an environment that genuinely values success. Above all, the School encourages students to become self motivated and self disciplined learners.

**9.00am**  
Arriving at Junior School

**9.30am**  
Classes in full swing

**10.00am**  
Music Tuition at Junior School

**10.30am**  
Break time at Senior School

**11.00am**  
Lunchtime at Junior School

**11.15am**  
Physical Education





*"As our children become older younger it is our responsibility as a School to address their particular needs, which we have done through the Middle School. We have employed expert staff and provided a delightful Precinct to specifically cater*



# Middle Years (Yrs 7 – 9)

With the opening of the Middle School for students from Year 7 to Year 9, on the North Ward campus in 2006, Townsville Grammar School is a leader in enhancing the educational journey for students in North Queensland. The Middle School is in response to the changing needs of young teenagers today.

Focused on providing a tailor-made programme for students from Year 7 to Year 9, the Middle School provides a bridge between the Junior School and Senior School, creating meaningful opportunities for positive development of all students. Both academically and personally, they are better equipped to face the learning and life challenges particular to young teenagers.

The Precinct, providing a home for students in these middle years, has been designed to take their learning well beyond the classroom, integrating the most innovative electronic equipment that allows students and staff to access resources from around the world, in the security of their own classrooms.



## Many Opportunities

Not only are academic needs fully catered for, Townsville Grammar offers its students an impressive variety of opportunities, with sporting and cultural offerings that help to develop the whole person within the safety and security of the School environment. From Rowing to Rugby from choirs to orchestras – an incredible range of co-curricular interests are provided for and enjoyed by staff and students. All contribute to developing a well rounded student.

A considerable proportion of the School's financial and staffing resources are allocated to ensuring that a Grammar education encourages a balanced young person.



11.30am  
English Classes

12.00pm  
Performing Arts  
underway

12.30pm  
Science Class

1.00pm  
Japanese Class

1.30pm  
Boarders enjoying lunch

1.45pm  
Debating



*"The Townsville Grammar Junior School has a wonderful community 'feel' - a place where I know my children are happy and feel safe and supported in their endeavours. Devoted staff go well beyond their brief to teach a curriculum - they teach children."*



# Junior School (Prep – Year 6)



From Preparatory to Year 6, Townsville Grammar Junior School offers a fully integrated curriculum, focusing on the Key Learning Areas, highlighting the basic building blocks of literacy and numeracy skills.

All classrooms are modern and fully air conditioned, including the Activities Centre for Music and Performing Arts, with optimal class sizes to maximise involvement and attention.

Specialist staff teach students in the areas of Physical Education, Music and Performing Arts. From Year 4 they also have specialist tuition in Languages Other Than English. Exposure to these specialist teachers provides an exciting and stimulating day for every child.

## A Total Package

Beyond the classroom, Townsville Grammar Junior School offers a wealth of experiences for its students. As part of their school day they can choose to take part in co-curricular music lessons, music groups, choirs and ensembles, sporting clubs and swimming squad as well as Chess Club, Science Club and Art Club. It is this complete approach to educating the whole child that sets Grammar Junior apart from other primary schools.

A total Outside School Hours Care programme, including before and after school care and a varied vacation care programme, complete the picture for families requiring the additional support provided by the School for their child.

Children at the Annandale campus are enrolled in much more than a Junior School - they become part of the Grammar Community – a very special way to commence the unique experience Grammar offers.



1.30pm  
Preschool Activities

1.45pm  
Classroom Music

2.00pm  
Language Lesson at  
Junior School

2.30pm  
P.E. Lesson at  
Junior School

2.45pm  
Design and Technology  
at Senior School

3.00pm  
Junior School Fini





*"Grammar has provided me with the opportunity to pursue my interests in both music and drama. When I left at the end of Year 12, I left knowing that I had made many life-long friends in the boarding community. My education made me feel very confident about my future."  
Jacquie Bonato Past Grammarian*

# Music and The Arts



Photo courtesy Townsville Bulletin

Townsville Grammar is much more than just a School of academic excellence. At Grammar we recognise that well rounded children have many cultural talents that can be developed outside the classroom.

Our state-of-the-art Music Centre, overlooking picturesque Queens Park, features a spacious performance area and six acoustically designed practice rooms. The Head of Music and the specialist Music Teacher at the Junior School co-ordinate an incredible array of musical groups including a Symphony Orchestra, Big Band, Grammar Voices, Mezzo Choir, String Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Senior String Quartet, Junior String Quartet, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Junior Choir, Recorder group, Junior School Band and Brass group, and others which evolve to meet students' needs. These groups perform not only for School functions and eisteddfods, but are also in high demand for festivals and community functions in Townsville and district.

Townsville's most highly regarded instrumental and vocal specialist tutors are available at Grammar to provide tuition in a vast range of instruments for students from Prep to Year 12.

Our biennial School Productions are a dynamic tribute to the expertise and devotion of the Performing Arts faculty within the School. Productions involve hundreds of students and staff in acting, singing, playing in orchestras, front of house, backstage, costuming, make-up and every other facet of theatrical life. The level of professionalism of this event, held in the Townsville Civic Theatre for the Townsville community to enjoy, is a source of great pride for the whole community.

Performing Arts in the School is a compulsory Key Learning Area for all of our Prep to Year 9 students and develops the vital personal assets of self esteem and confidence - assets that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Drama is also offered as an elective subject in Years 10 to 12.

These curriculum subjects are supported with co-curricular activities such as Art Club, Debating and Public Speaking competitions, and a myriad of other opportunities for involvement beyond the classroom.



**3.00pm**  
Performing Arts at  
Middle School

**3.15pm**  
Art Classes

**3.20pm**  
North Ward Campus  
lessons finish

**3.45pm**  
Science Club at  
Junior School

**4.00pm**  
Free After School  
Tutorials

**4.15pm**  
Choir Rehearsals





*"Obviously my love of sport has been well documented, but what I will always owe and remember Townsville Grammar for, is giving me the educational foundation to be successful off the sporting fields and in the arena of business"*

*Greg Norman, Past Grammarian and internationally acclaimed golfer and businessman*

# Sport and Physical Education



Photo courtesy: Townsville Bulletin

At Townsville Grammar there are many opportunities for students to display their leadership skills and Personal Best in the sporting arena. The Heads of Sport and Health and Physical Education work closely to offer a full range of co-curricular sport and curricular physical education to students. From Jumps Training at 7am through to netball at 7pm, sport is a dimension of the School that never stops.

Grammar offers sporting competition to students at intra-school and inter-school level and is the only School to offer Townsville club level competition in a wide range of sports, such as Rugby Union, Rowing and Netball. There are opportunities for those who want to participate just for the joy of belonging to a team, right through to our Elite Athlete Programme for those who

proudly represent at state and even national level in their chosen sport.

In every sport the coaches and team managers encourage the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and commitment – valuable character traits that will translate to other facets of their lives.

Sport emphasises the Prep to Yr 12 nature of Grammar with teams varying in age from 5 to 17 often playing in the same club competition on the same day. At every level there is one outstanding characteristic – these children are very proud to wear the Gold and Black and happily play for their School, whatever the scoreboard may say at the end of the day.

Year level camps and Activity Days are an integral part of the pastoral care programme within the School. Camps or Activity Days are provided for students from Years 3 to 12. Each camp has a different emphasis and set of personal outcomes appropriate for the students. For example, the Year 8 camp focuses on team building and social development, whilst leadership is emphasised for the Year 12's. Locations of camps vary from Magnetic Island to Hidden Valley and Paluma Rainforest. The overall aim is to help students become responsible, self-disciplined and well-rounded young men and women.



4.30pm  
Swimming Squad  
Training

4.45pm  
Hockey Practice

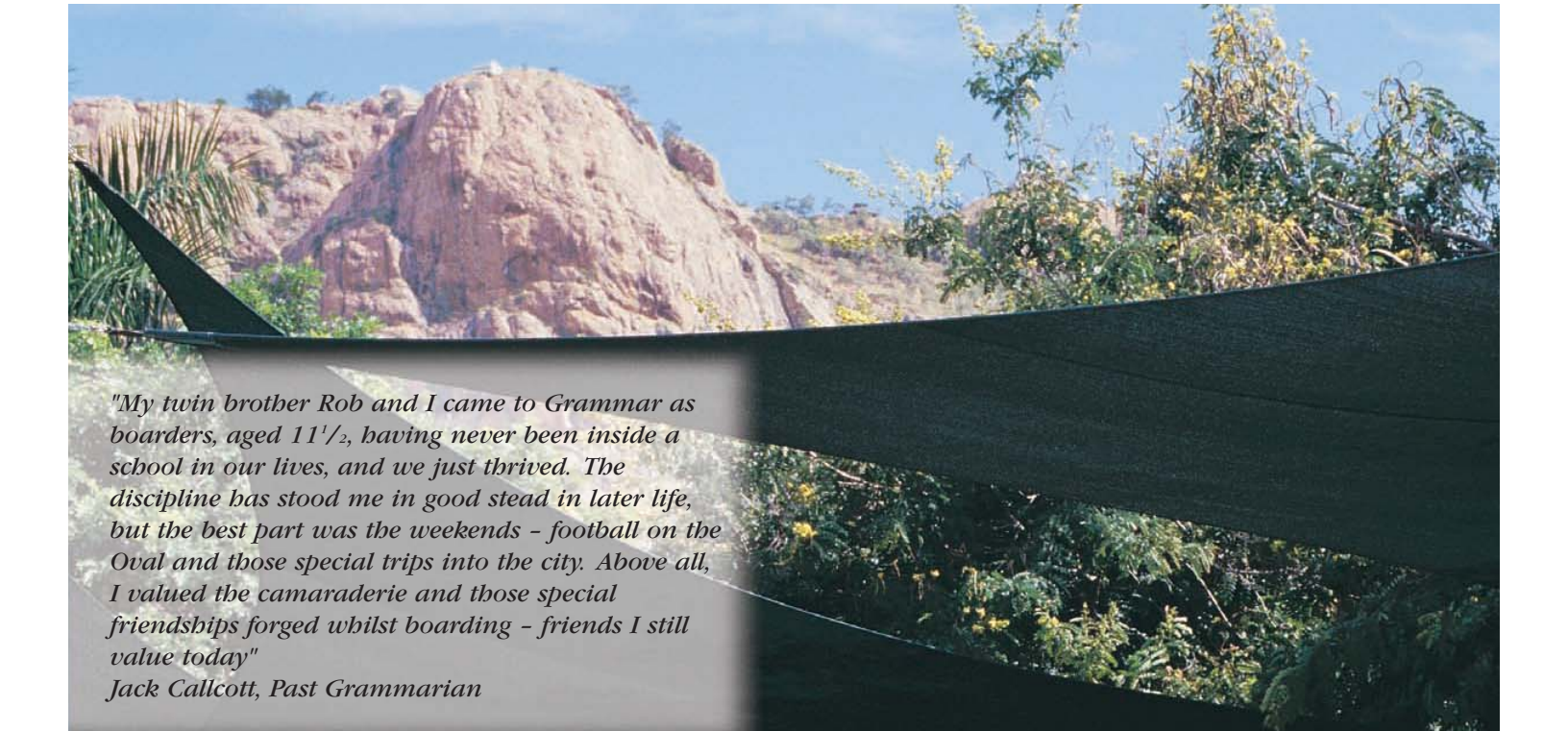
5.00pm  
Cricket Training

5.15pm  
Basketball Hoops

5.30pm  
Boarders at Dinner

6.00pm  
Club Netball Game





*"My twin brother Rob and I came to Grammar as boarders, aged 11½, having never been inside a school in our lives, and we just thrived. The discipline has stood me in good stead in later life, but the best part was the weekends - football on the Oval and those special trips into the city. Above all, I valued the camaraderie and those special friendships forged whilst boarding - friends I still value today"*

*Jack Callcott, Past Grammarian*





# Boarding at its Best

**B**oarding life at Townsville Grammar brings together young men and women from an incredibly diverse set of backgrounds and geographical locations. This creates the very special group of people who are the Grammar Boarding Community. Lifetime friendships are formed in the boarding house as students lead and support each other as members of the boarding family.

Structured study time is part of a boarder's routine from Sunday to Thursday, with interesting outings, excursions and camps coordinated for their enjoyment on the weekends.

Organised, supervised weekend activities cover the full spectrum: from casual breakfast brunches to dinners at a city restaurant; from organised club sports to ten pin bowling; from the latest movies at the cinema to picnics at Crystal Creek, and everything in between - our boarders are busy people.



Boarders are very valued members of Grammar sporting teams, featuring in Townsville Club sports of Rugby Union, Netball, Hockey and Rowing teams, as well as numerous inter-school teams. These activities and the accompanying training sessions help to fill those spare moments between school and study. Similarly, our computer and library facilities and music practice rooms as well as swimming pool, gymnasium and sporting facilities can be available for boarders to access after hours.

Our Residential Services Supervisor makes sure that the food quality and cleaning are of a high standard. Boarder representatives on the Catering Committee have input into the menus served in the air-conditioned dining room.

House Parents, Residential Supervisors, Medical and domestic staff and the Directors of Boarding work closely together to provide the most productive and positive environment possible for the Boarders at Grammar. Whilst boarding school can never be the same as Home, these staff work devotedly to ensure that the boarders feel "at home" whilst at School.



**6.30pm** After Dinner Boarders      **7.00pm** Study Time      **7.30pm** Utilising I.T. Facilities      **8.30pm** Supper Time in the Dorm      **9.00pm** Second study for Seniors      **9.30pm** Bed!





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