

## Donation Sets Boarding Renovation in Motion

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“Boarding at BGS was formative for me - we had both mentorship and spirited camaraderie combined with a full school life of engaging studies and competitive sports. Giving back to BGS enables me to both express my gratitude and contribute to the life experience of future boarders.” **Matt McLennan**

BGS boarding is set to benefit from a \$657,000 donation (500,000 USD) from Old Boy Matt McLennan '86 – a significant first step in the long-term redevelopment and refurbishment plans for Harlin House.

The generous donation from Mr McLennan, who spent five years boarding at BGS, will soon be put to use. Work will commence during the Christmas holidays on the first project, renovating the outdoor barbecue space at the rear of Harlin House. The area will be transformed to offer modern cooking facilities and enhanced seating, so that the entire boarding community can be accommodated for meals and events.

Director of Boarding Berian Williams-Jones said he was grateful for the donation and couldn't wait until the boys could take advantage of the renovated space. “The works will extend to the ground floor of Harlin House and both of the common rooms will receive new kitchens, improved recreational and entertainment facilities, as well as new furniture,” he said. “We plan to replace the worn turf with a synthetic surface and add shade sails. The end result will be a wonderful new external recreation space for our boarders.”

Mr McLennan, a New York based fund manager considered one of the most influential Australian investors in the world, said he had enjoyed his time boarding at BGS and was thankful for the education he received and the values of hard work and self-betterment instilled at the School.

He hoped his donation would not only contribute to improving the boarding experience for students, but also encourage others to contribute to the campaign to upgrade the overall boarding facilities.

**If you would like to contribute to the boarding campaign to raise \$3M please contact Executive Director - Advancement and Community Relations Heather Watson at [heather.watson@brisbanegrammar.com](mailto:heather.watson@brisbanegrammar.com) or contact Fundraising Executive Petrina Gilmore at [petrina.gilmore@brisbanegrammar.com](mailto:petrina.gilmore@brisbanegrammar.com).**

