

TGS ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

ADVENTURE

CADETS

The Toowoomba Grammar School Cadet Unit is part of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) which is a Commonwealth national strategic youth development program for adolescents between the ages of 12 and 19 years. The Cadet Unit is a school-based unit and operates as part of the School's co-curricular activities. The Cadet Unit, founded in May 1892, is one of the School's finest traditions and is the oldest continuously operating Cadet Unit in Queensland. It is co-educational and open to girls from Fairholme College and The Glennie School. To join the Cadets students must turn 13 years of age any time in the year that they are enrolling in the AAC, or already be aged 13 years or older. Army Cadets is set within a military-style hierarchical structure and environment (including the adoption of military uniforms, titles, ranks, customs and traditions). It builds the skills of students through the stages of adolescence to adulthood, by providing graduated leadership opportunities and by involving more experienced cadets in the planning and conduct of activities. Activities include Weapons Handling, Marksmanship, First Aid, Living in the Field, Survival, Navigation, Watermanship, Ceremonial Parades, Honour Guard and Drum Corps. ***Charges to students apply for enrolment in the Cadet Unit.***

Co-ordinator: [Mr Michael Trevisani](#)

TGS SHOW CATTLE TEAM

The TGS Show Cattle Team is a great way to connect with the broader community (both city and country) and promote the school in a professional manner by traveling to selected competitions and shows. The aim of these competitions is to develop the students judging and parading skills to ensure a selection of experienced judges for future Agricultural Shows. Young Judges and Young Paraders, among other competitions, offer significant personal and professional development opportunities for young people. The ability to network with and learn from industry leaders while developing skills such as public speaking and personal confidence is a rare opportunity for young people. These professional skills assist students in their future pathways. Places will be limited in 2022. ***Charges to students apply for enrolment in the TGS Show Cattle Team.***

Co-ordinator: [Mr Jack Murphy](#)

MOUNTAIN BIKING

The Toowoomba Grammar School Mountain Biking welcomes riders of all ability levels from boys who are keen to learn better skills and take on some trails to boys who have experience racing mountain bikes. There are skills sessions, social rides and the School support boys going to local competitions. Social rides and skill development rides occur on weekends at both Jubilee Park and Mt Peel. Boys are required to provide their own bike and helmet and family members are encouraged to get involved. ***For insurance purposes, an AusCycling membership will be required to be purchased.***

Co-ordinator: [Mr Mark Oliphant](#)



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PERFORMING ARTS

MUSIC

Toowoomba Grammar School is proud of its vibrant Co-curricular Music program, where talented young men can fulfill their artistic goals and maintain a lifelong love of music. Under the guidance of highly qualified, professional and enthusiastic musicians, educators and conductors/directors, Toowoomba Grammar School students can access a variety of learning, concert, performance and competition experiences through our Co-curricular Music program. The School offers a huge range of instrumental and choral musical opportunities, covering all year levels from Years 7 to 12, and catering for all standards from beginners to advanced musicians. The School has a Director of Performance who oversees the boys' co-curricular involvement in Music. The School offers Core and Extension Instrumental and Choral Ensembles including Concert Bands, Choirs, String Orchestras, Rock Bands, Big Bands and Woodwind Ensembles.

Director of Performing Arts: [Mr Mark Chalmers](#)

MUSIC TUITION

Toowoomba Grammar School has a vibrant Co-curricular Music Tuition Program and offers private or paired tuition in the following Music fields: Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Voice, Piano, Guitar and Strings. The School can offer all boys a high-quality Music Tuition program and caters for boys of all backgrounds and experience levels from beginners to advanced musicians. The Music Tuition program is led by a team of dedicated music professionals who are skilled in a diverse range of styles and genres. Lessons are scheduled on a rotational basis to ensure the boys have flexibility in their timetables. Many boys have achieved great success in the Music Tuition program by being accepted into national and international programs and excelling in Music exams up to 8th Grade and A.Mus.A. level. It is hoped that all boys in the Co-curricular Music Tuition Program can participate in the Co-curricular Ensemble Program due to the wide range of opportunities available at Toowoomba Grammar School.

Director of Performing Arts: [Mr Mark Chalmers](#)

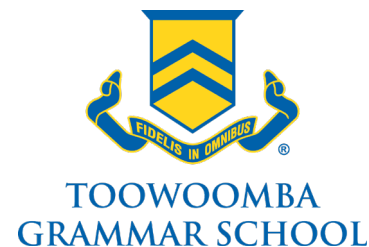
TIGAA (DRAMA)

The Toowoomba Grammar Acting Academy (TiGAA) is accessible to all boys in Years 7 - 12 and aims to develop active participation in a wide range of theatrical and dramatic activities, including Improvisation, Scripted Plays, Theatre Sports, Comic Theatre and Physical Theatre. The students present two productions each year and biannually perform a Musical either with students from the local girls' schools or as an open-cast show. Added to the on-stage experiences, skills are also developed in set-design, construction, stage management, lighting and sound design.

Head of Drama: [Mrs Eylece Blaikie](#)



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Musical performances are arranged every second year at the School and are arranged in collaboration with Fairholme College, a neighbouring girls' school. Auditions are held for character roles and boys are also encouraged to participate in backstage or technical support roles. Information regarding these performances are advertised to the School community through the Director of Performance. ***Our next musical is scheduled for 2023.***

Director of Performing Arts: [Mr Mark Chalmers](#)

MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

This Club aims to teach boys to become competent in the use of digital SLR and compact cameras and photo editing software such as Adobe Photoshop. Some topics covered to help boys develop their photographic ability include camera operation, composition, essentials of a digital image, and post capture editing. The Photography Club also plays an important role in supplying images of sporting events and other School activities for TGS publications; therefore, an opportunity exists for boys to become involved in this sphere of the Club. Club members are also able to submit entries into various photographic competitions held throughout the year.

Co-ordinator: [To be confirmed](#)

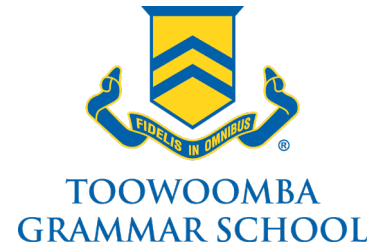
DRONE CLUB

Certificate III in Aviation – Remote Pilot Visual Line of Sight provides the training and skills necessary to become a licensed drone pilot. The School will run the program as an after-school activity to be held once a week (day to be confirmed) from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and will be offered to students in Years 10 and 11 (2022). It is anticipated students will complete the training within 12 months. Training will be completed by an external Registered Training Organisation, overseen by Toowoomba Grammar School staff. Apart from gaining highly sought-after skills in an identified growth industry, students would also earn 6 credits towards his QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education). All students in the Senior Phase of learning are working towards their QCE; which requires 20 credits, some of which must come from their core studies and some which can come from recognised studies such as this one. Training costs for the Certificate III Aviation are covered by the Queensland Government through VETis funding (Vocational Education and Training in Schools), students are able to receive the program at no cost. It is important to check with Careers staff regarding VETis Funding and other programs students may be interested in.

Co-ordinator: [To be confirmed](#)



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PUBLIC SPEAKING

DEBATING

Debating is an excellent activity as it develops confidence and collaborative planning skills. Debating allows students to foster skills far beyond the ability to speak in public. It teaches students to take an objective view of issues, to be aware there is an opposite view and to think quickly under pressure. Students will be involved in a minimum of four debates during Terms 1 and 2.

TGS have two to three teams in each year level 7 – 10 and a Senior team who compete in a local competition on Wednesday nights run by the Queensland Debating Union (QDU). Training sessions are held at lunch times during the week.

Co-ordinator: [Mrs Karen Catlow](#)

SERVICE

INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club is a service activity and has been running at TGS for 57 years. Run by Year 12 leaders in terms of the Interact Board and Service Co-ordinators, the aim of the club is to raise awareness, volunteer time to assist community events and organisations and support those in need. The Interact Club is open to students in Years 10 – 12 and the commitment involves a Friday lunch time meeting once a fortnight.

Co-ordinator: [Mr John Anderson](#)

STRATEGY

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club is a fun, casual place for boys interested and passionate about chess to come together. At Chess Club, you will have the opportunity to play and learn about chess. You will meet other new players and gain some fantastic skills.

Chess Club is specially designed for new or inexperienced chess players and runs throughout Term 1 and 2 during Thursday Lunchtime in HR8. For more serious chess, players looking to take their game to the next level are welcome to participate in GPS Chess Pre-season. GPS Chess Pre-season runs on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from Term 1 with GPS competition occurring in Term 3.

Co-ordinator: [Mr Thomas Schmierer](#)



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LITERACY

WRITERS' CIRCLE

The Writers' Circle operates throughout the year during lunch times and is aimed at boys who have an interest in writing with a particular focus on the four styles of expository, descriptive, persuasive and narrative writing. Students do not have to be excelling in their English classes to participate as the collaborative nature of this Club ensures that all boys are supported regardless of literacy levels.

Co-ordinator: [Ms Peta Vincent](#)

LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club is aimed at those students who have an interest in the Latin language with lunch time sessions focusing on root words and their integration into the English language. Members engage with fun games and literacy tasks that aim to increase their knowledge and understanding of the language.

Co-ordinator: [Mr Michael Cocks](#)

2022 ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY/CLUB	TERM	DAY/TIME
CADETS	Terms 1 - 4	Monday afternoons - 3.30pm to 6.15pm
TGS SHOW CATTLE TEAM	Terms 1 & 2	To be confirmed
MOUNTAIN BIKING	Terms 1 - 4	Weekends
MUSIC	Terms 1 - 4	To be confirmed
MUSIC TUITION	Terms 1 - 4	To be confirmed
TiGAA (DRAMA)	Terms 1 - 4	Junior (Year 7-8) - Tuesday Lunch Intermediate (Year 9-10) - Wednesday, 6.00pm to 7.30pm Senior (Year 11-12) - Monday, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
DRONE CLUB	Terms 1 - 4	Friday afternoons
DEBATING	Terms 1 & 2	Wednesday nights
INTERACT CLUB	Terms 1 - 4	Year 12: Meet every second Wednesday. Full Club: Meet every second Friday.
CHESS CLUB	Term 1 & 2	To be confirmed
WRITERS' CIRCLE	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
LATIN CLUB	Term 3	One lunch time per week