

House Information Sheet

All boys from Prep to Year 6 are allocated to a house for inter-house activities during class, and in sport, cultural and academic areas. The Deputy Head, Junior School is responsible for allocating each boy to a house group.

Boys with relatives who have attended or currently attend the School will be placed in the same house as their relative. Brothers will be in the same house, sons will be in the same house as their father and/or uncle, and so forth.

If your son has a relative who currently attends or did attend the School, please complete the form below and return it to the School by **Friday 3 December**. If your son does not have a relative in this position, you do not need to return the form.

The house system has been in existence in the Junior School for over 70 years.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me on 8591 2281 or dbryan@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au.

Thank you for your assistance.



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Deputy Head – Junior School

BGS House Relative Form

Please complete this form only if your son has a relative who currently attends or did attend BGS.

Note: This is not an opportunity to randomly select a house if you do not have a relative who attends/attended the School.

Student's surname _____ Student's first name _____

2022 year level _____ DOB (dd/mm/yy) _____

Relative's surname _____ Relative's first name _____

Please indicate which house your son's relative is/was in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Armstrong | <input type="checkbox"/> Hancock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crowther | <input type="checkbox"/> Rofe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dixon | <input type="checkbox"/> School |

BGS Houses

Armstrong

Miss Eva Armstrong was for many years the Matron at Brighton Grammar when the School had boarders. She was a sister-in-law of Dr Crowther. Miss Armstrong and Dr Crowther took a great personal interest in the welfare of the boys and were often seen in the kitchen making jams and jellies to ensure that the boys were well fed.

Crowther

Dr Crowther was the founder of BGS and Headmaster from 1882 until 1918. He came to Australia from Jamaica with his English parents at the beginning of the Gold Rush. He was educated at Wesley College and then taught at Hawthorn Grammar School. In February 1882 he opened Brighton Grammar in a two-storey building in New Street, not far from Wellington Street.

Dixon

Mr H. E. Dixon was the third Headmaster of the School. He first joined the Staff in 1903 as Master-in-Charge of Mathematics. He left in 1912 but returned when Dr Crowther died in 1918 and served as Acting Headmaster and Vice Principal until his appointment as Headmaster in 1924. In that year, the School was taken over by the Brighton Grammar School Association and passed out of the hands of the Crowther family. Under Mr Dixon's leadership, the present Tower and Hancock Wings were established in 1927. Land was leased from St Andrew's Brighton and the Argyle Building, beside the Crowther Oval at Rosstrevor, was opened in 1932. Mr Dixon retired in 1938.

Hancock

Archdeacon Hancock was Vicar of St Andrew's Brighton when the School was threatened with closure through lack of funds. By his enthusiasm and untiring efforts, Brighton Grammar was bought from the Crowther family and the Brighton Grammar School Association founded, establishing the School on its present foundation. Without Archdeacon Hancock, it is doubtful the School would have survived.

Rofe

Mr Robert L. Rofe was Headmaster of Brighton Grammar from 1967 until 1995. Under his tireless leadership, the School grew in number and stature, many new buildings were built and it became a competitive force in the APS.

School

Until the closing of the boarding house at the end of 1954, School was the boarders' house. In 1955, boys from the other houses were drafted into School house to ensure that the house remained active. Some of the senior boarders stayed on as BGS day boys and led the house during this period. The late Mr J. Sotheran remained as House Master of School before joining the Wilson House staff in 1968.