



# 100 Years Strong

## GPS 100

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SUMMARY OF THE CENTENARY YEAR



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2018 marked one hundred years since the foundation of The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland. Throughout the Centenary year, we celebrated GPS tradition and history, and reflected on a myriad of achievements by GPS History Makers. We honoured the Spirit of Fellowship that binds the nine GPS Member School communities together, and makes **GPS 100 Years Strong**.

## GPS CENTENARY IN NUMBERS

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| <b>c.10,000</b> GPS students, staff and supporters engaged in the Centenary through events, assemblies and GPS 100 films | <b>30</b> GPS 100 sport media articles                                      |
| <b>2</b> new GPS websites built and launched   | <b>c.1,500</b> GPS 100 logos worn on firsts uniforms                        |
| <b>3</b> GPS films made  | <b>c.13,750</b> GPS 100 lapel pins distributed to students and staff        |
| <b>3</b> GPS communiques produced  | <b>c.300,000</b> views of the GPS 100 films [in person and on social media] |
| <b>8</b> GPS100 Official Programs produced   | <b>c.500,000</b> people reached by social media                             |
| <b>20</b> school magazine features   |   |

## GPS 100 aims

- Celebrate the GPS story - past, present and future
- Strengthen connection between the nine GPS Member Schools
- Build connection between the wider GPS community, including current, future and past students, staff, parents and Old Boys
- Celebrate the contribution of GPS students to Queensland, Australia and beyond
- Create a lasting legacy to support GPS into the future





## Highlights of 'GPS 100' – A Year of Celebration

The GPS 100 Year began with a launch event in February at St Joseph's Nudgee College.

The event brought together 150 past and present students, staff and guests from each of the nine GPS Member Schools for an afternoon of celebration to reflect upon the best of GPS.

Magnificent GPS Centenary banners were presented to each GPS school at the launch. They were designed to recognise and celebrate the passion and loyalty of GPS supporters who inspire competitors to do their very best. The Centenary banners reinforce 100 years of tradition and friendly rivalry between the nine GPS schools, and now provide a focus for processions and presentations in all GPS Championship Sports and major Activities.



GPS 100 lapel pins were presented to each student at the launch, and were worn proudly during the year.

GPS members' boxes were presented to staff at the launch, containing an array of GPS 100 memorabilia.



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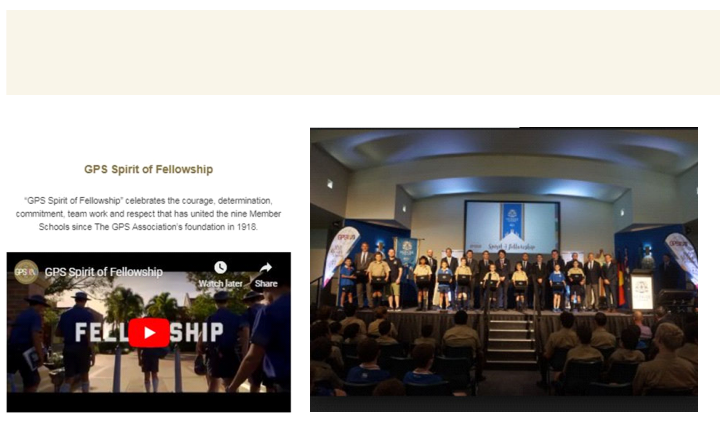
A specially commissioned prose entitled 100 Years Strong was recited at the launch. The prose also became script for the second GPS 100 film clip.

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Captains from each GPS Member School joined together in a Spirit of Fellowship



Headmasters and Principals from each GPS School celebrated the Centenary together, and welcomed Mr Peter Fullagar as Chairman of the GPS Association for the Centenary year.



## GPS 100 Movie Trailer

The launch event concluded with a grand finale - the premiere of the GPS100 movie trailer Spirit of Fellowship.

## GPS 100 Assemblies

Following the launch event, GPS Member Schools held their own Centenary assemblies presenting students with GPS 100 lapel pins and showing the GPS 100 film.



GPS **History Makers** inspired guests at the launch with their inspirational Centenary address.

Young Australian of the Year, Nicholas Marchesi (GT 2011) along with David Tubb (GT 2010) spoke about the power of opportunity, reflecting on their services to the homeless with their 'Orange Sky' mobile laundry and showers.

International cricketer and Queensland's all-time leading wicket-taker, Michael Kasprowicz, (BSHS 1989) spoke about taking ownership of your own destiny.



## GPS Centenary Rounds

Centenary Rounds were also held at Member Schools with teardrop banners displayed, the movie trailer being played on plasma screens in some schools, and after match Old Boys events taking place. GPS 100 logos were worn on all Firsts uniforms adding to the Centenary feel.



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## GPS Music Showcase

The GPS Centenary Music Showcase followed hot on the heels of the launch in February.

The largest and most ambitious GPS music extravaganza ever delighted students and audience with a truly magnificent performance at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland joined parents, friends and VIPs at the magnificent Centenary celebration.

For the first time social media was used in a coordinated way across all GPS schools to invite people to apply for tickets. Ticket reservations were made online for the first time too.

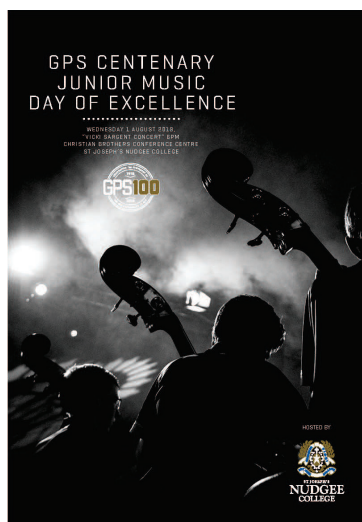
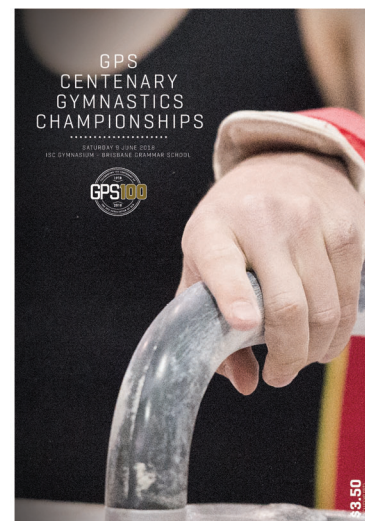
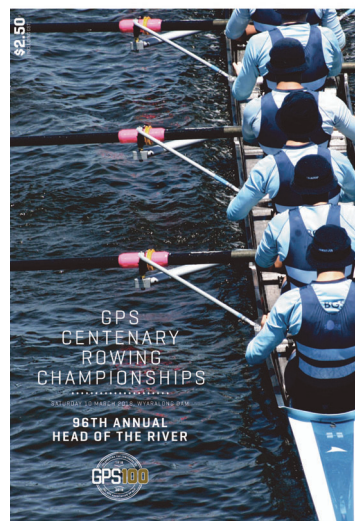
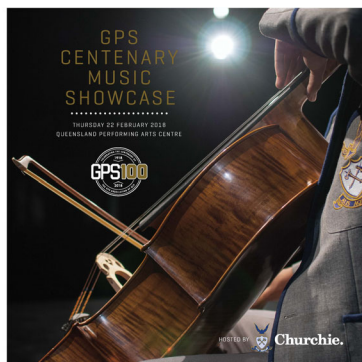
Record-breaking crowds of over one thousand guests enjoyed the four hundred and fifty exceptional student musicians in Concert Band ensemble, Symphony Orchestra and Choir.





## GPS Championships

GPS Championship events throughout the year took on Centenary theme, with special GPS 100 Official programs.



Teardrop Flags were also displayed, along with the GPS Media Wall, and Centenary Banners were used in all presentations. GPS 100 ribbons were presented and GPS logos worn on Firsts uniforms.





## GPS 100 Communiques

Each term during 2018, a GPS 100 Communique provided a round up of Centenary events in the previous term.



## GPS Foundation Day

September 20th 2018 saw the official anniversary of the foundation of the GPS Association. Foundation Day was marked by many Members Schools, as they held GPS 100 assemblies and events, and shared the second GPS 100 film. The film was also shared through all schools' social media channels and received over 100,000 views.





## Two New GPS Websites

Two new GPS websites were built and launched, including the GPS 100 website and the main GPS website which has proven to be an important legacy from the Centenary year.

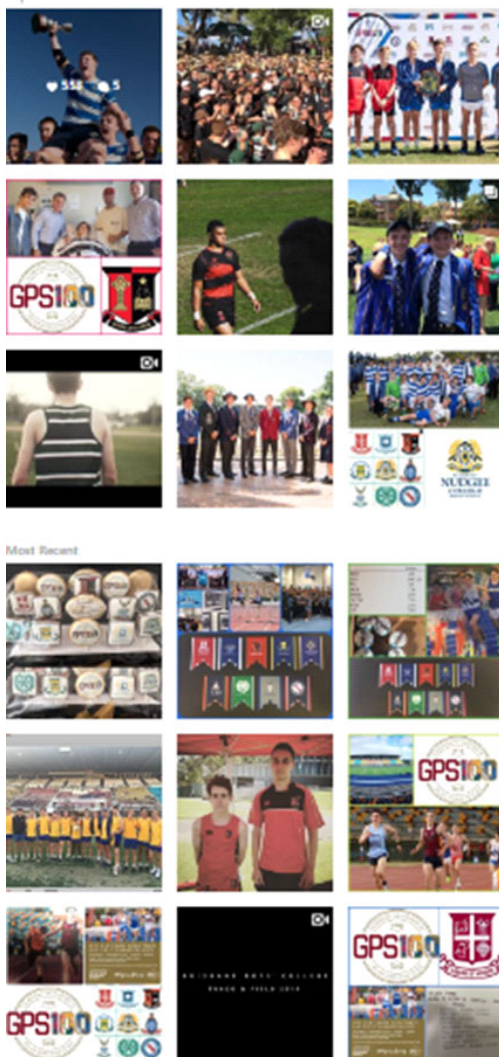


## GPS Social And Traditional Media Coverage

Social media continued to bring the Centenary to life allowing students, parents, friends and Old Boys to share in the celebrations. The GPS 100 Instagram and Twitter postings proved a great way to share the celebrations through @gps100qld and #gpsqld100. Many schools also did full page spreads in their magazines which went out to GPS communities across the world.

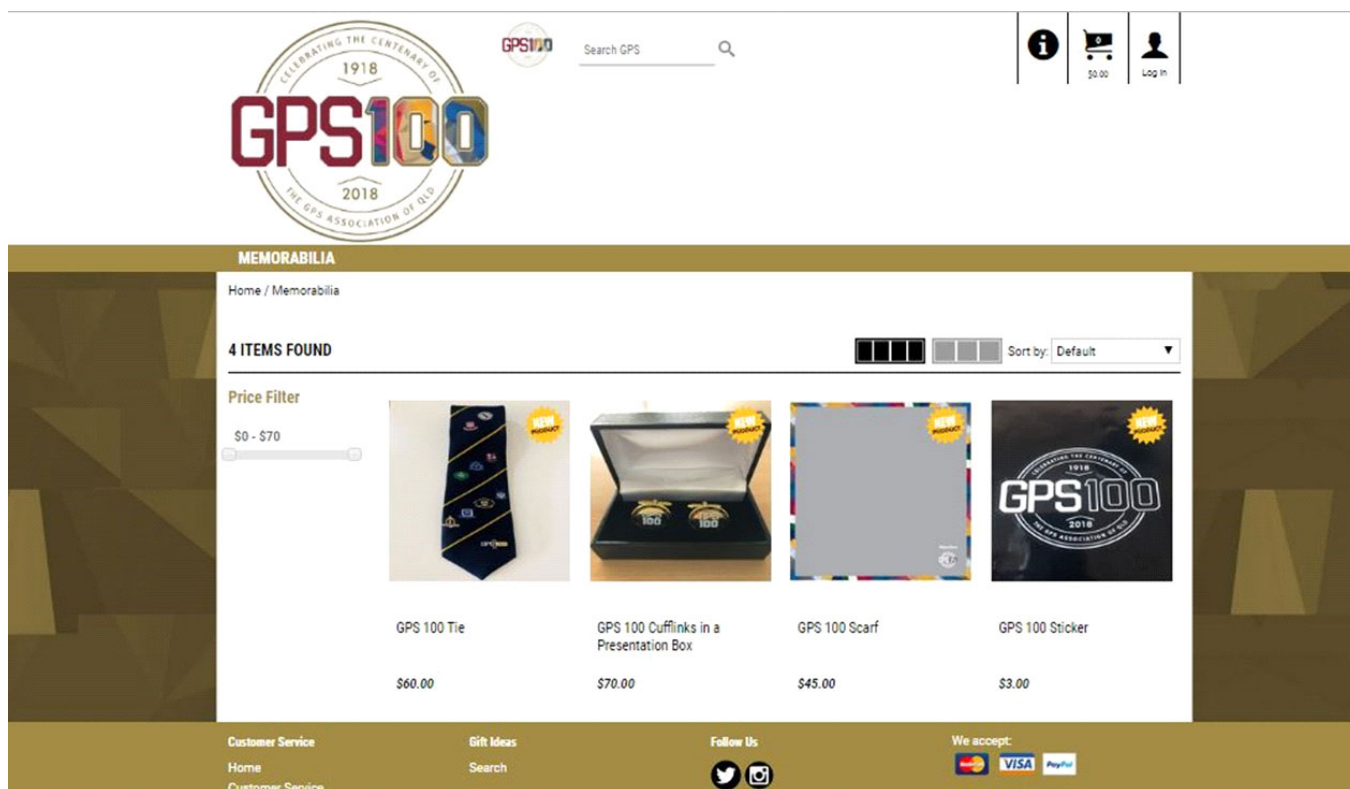
The Courier Mail and Quest Newspapers gave extensive coverage to the GPS 100 Rugby Premiership and the GPS 100 Track and Field Championships.

During the 2018 GPS 100 Rugby season, serious spinal injuries were experienced by four boys. In response to this, a Working Group was established to ensure changes are made that improve GPS Rugby player safety and care.



## GPS 100 Merchandise

GPS 100 memorabilia, including ties, cufflinks, scarves and stickers were presented as gifts and also sold through the GPS website.



## Final GPS 100 Event

The final event of the GPS Centenary was the Track and Field Championships. GPS 100 teardrop, Centenary banners and the media wall gave the event a real Centenary flavour.

A VIP reception was held at Championships for School Captains, Headmasters and invited guests. The final GPS 100 film was released at the reception, and simultaneously on social media channels of the GPS Member Schools.

At the end of the Track and Field Championships, competitors were treated to a reception on track, sharing pizzas and drinks together in a true Spirit of Fellowship.

## GPS 100 Wrap up

The GPS 100 year was a wonderful year of celebration, and was judged to have achieved its aims.

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