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Burwood Girls High School students believe they can achieve anything. We prepare young women to be resilient and take responsibility for their learning. We prepare strong women to be future leaders.

**Student Representative Council (SRC)** includes students elected from Years 7 to 11 as well as representatives from the international students group. The SRC meets fortnightly to identify ways of implementing ideas and managing concerns raised by students. SRC groups raise money for charities for our school program, “Hands Across the Ocean”. The SRC provides the perfect opportunity to develop teamwork and leadership skills.

The **Prefects** are elected by students and staff from Year 11 and Year 12 students. From this group three Year 12 students are elected to become School Captains. Prefects have the responsibility for hosting school events, chairing assemblies, representing the school at community events, developing connections with local high schools and whole school fundraising. Our prefects are an important part of the way we make decisions in our school.

**Sports captains** and vice captains lead our four school houses: Cumbora, Kayeroo, Kurrajong and Yorrell. These students are selected as they are excellent sportswomen and have outstanding leadership skills. They play an important role in our sports program taking on responsibilities at various events including Athletics and Swimming Carnivals.
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Big Sisters
The Big Sisters Program provides senior students with the opportunity to be mentors to Year 7 students. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop and appreciate the value of good interpersonal skills. Big Sisters assist with the move from primary to secondary school and guide and support Year 7 students in all aspects of school life. Importantly, Big Sisters help Year 7 students develop new friendships.

Community Leadership and Initiatives
There are many opportunities for girls to be involved in different committees and take on responsibility for specific projects.

Tidda Girls comes from the Aboriginal word “tidda” meaning “sister/female friend”. The Tidda Girls promote awareness of Indigenous Australians and the challenges faced by the original owners of the land. Our Tidda Girls participate in numerous school, community and national events to focus on and celebrate achievements of Indigenous Australians.

Our Environment Committee is a group of student leaders who are passionate about campaigning for a sustainable, clean and green environment. They raise awareness of environmental issues both locally and globally. This committee was instrumental in adding solar power and a cold water drinking fountain to our school. The students came up with the catch-phrase, “Not for ourselves alone – not on this planet alone”.

True Colours, developed from the nationwide “Wear it Purple Day”, was initiated by an ex-student. This student-led group helps raise awareness of issues of gender diversity and sexuality with the message, “You have the right to be proud of who you are”.

Initiatives in all years occur to support school based events and special initiatives.

Duke of Edinburgh International Award
The Duke of Edinburgh Award is globally recognised as one of the best programs in the world for developing leadership qualities and skills.

Students from Years 9 to 12 are eligible to take up the challenges of working their way through Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

Wear it Purple Day
Being a leader at Burwood Girls has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Having the opportunity to inspire others to achieve their potential and our potential collectively, is something I have been lucky enough to share with an amazing team of students.

April Rose - Year 11