



THE SUNSHINE STATE



# 2023 Team Queensland Rider Booklet

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**Overall Team Captain** - Keeleigh Wise

**Dressage Captain** - Arabella Eagles

**Show Horse Captain** - Torra MacDonald

**Jumping Captain** - Simone Sorensen

**CT Captain** - Charlotte Ostwald

**Eventing Captain** - Phoebe McDonnell

**Team Manager** – Clint Peters

**Show Horse Manager** – Sarah Hoolihan

**Dressage Manager** – Piper Wise

**Overall Team Vice-Captain** - Grace Anthony

**Dressage Vice-Captain** – Sophie Brennan

**Show Horse Vice-Captain** – Ellie Flower

**Jumping Vice-Captain** – Olivia Hewitt-Toms

**CT Vice-Captain** – Ella Forbes

**Eventing Vice-Captain** – Anastasia Topalov

**Chef d'Equipe** – Melinda Robinson

**Jumping Manager** – Patrick Lowe

**CT Manager** – Kirani Heeremans

**Eventing Manager** – Monique Searle

State Team  
Captain

# KEELEIGH WISE



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Girl Power (Holly)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 12 at St Hilda's School Southport.

**DISCIPLINES:** Medium Dressage and Secondary Show Hunter.

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:

I have been riding since I could remember, but I started competing under the blue colours of Millmerran pony club at the age of 4, on my grey pony, Bluey. At the age of 8 I was offered to ride in my first Interschool competition for Toowoomba Prep School, and since then I have proudly represented The Glennie School and St Hilda's School.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"If I win, it's a bonus. If I lose, the sun still comes up the next day, and it's all good."

ASH BARTY

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about Girl Power (Holly) would have to be her temperate and how hard she tries, always putting in an extra 10%. I am always grateful to my sister for allowing me to pilot Holly in my final years of Interschool.

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My Role model would definitely have to be Ash Bartly. I believe she is the epitome of a role model, not only as an athlete, but also in everyday life. She takes all losses as a learning curve and embraces that paving your own path is only possible when you are being your authentic self.



### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

The people who I believe have allowed me to follow my equestrian dreams are, my family and my coach. A big thank you to my family for supporting me while living away from home and driving me to countless lessons throughout the years. I must also thank Jen Bucknell for providing me with the foundations of riding and growing my love for dressage. A massive thank you also to my coach, Thomas and Wendi Muehlenbeck for sharing their endless knowledge and advice to Holly and I, and for the hours of time you have forgone for training sessions and lessons.

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# Grace Anthony



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Belltrees Nelson & Montalto II

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Stuartholme School, Grade 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Elementary Dressage & 1\* Eventing

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:

I have been riding for as long as I can remember. I participated in Pony Club for many years before going to my first Interschool event in grade 4 and am currently in my 9<sup>th</sup> year of Interschool.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

'Resilience turns setbacks into comebacks'

Sam Kerr

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about Nelson is his adoring personality. He is by far the kindest and most loving horse I know. Despite being an extremely marey mare, Winnie will always be my favourite horse to jump around a cross country and show jump course as she just loves it so much.

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My role model is Kevin McNab. It was amazing to watch him on the cross country course at WEG tie up his broken rein and go on to complete the course.



### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR WHO HAS LANDED YOU THUS FAR:

I would be nowhere without my parents and coaches. I'm forever grateful for all the time and effort they put into my journey with Nelson and Winnie, and all my previous horses.

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# 🐾 ABBEY CONLAN 🐾



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
Dollar Bills (Ducky)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
Year 12 at The Glennie School, Toowoomba.

**DISCIPLINES:**  
Show Jumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I started riding full time in 2020 when we got Ducky, and my first year competing was 2021. Since then, we have represented The Glennie School in Show Jumping, Eventing, Dressage and CT.

**"THERE'S NO LOSING, ONLY LEARNING  
THERE'S NO FAILURE, ONLY OPPORTUNITIES  
AND THERE'S NO PROBLEMS, ONLY SOLUTIONS  
FAILURE IS THE MOTHER OF ALL SUCCESS"**

**- PITBULL**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

His quirky personality and his honesty on course, always giving 110%.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

Ross Smith

I look up to him as a coach and rider for his discipline and am very grateful for his guidance and how he pushes me to show up every day and put in 110% every day in training and competition.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

The credit definitely goes to my mum. Coming from a non-horsey background but still putting in countless hours and money into the sport I love, despite it being severely out of her comfort zone. Without her support the amazing coaches, opportunities, and experiences I have had access to wouldn't be possible. I admire her courage, diving headfirst into towing the float, tacking up Ducky, even dressage pencilling and cross-country fence judging! Anything necessary to get me out doing what I love, and I am forever grateful for that.



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# 🐾 ABBEY GORDON 🐾



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Belock Nadal

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 10 at Fairholme College

**DISCIPLINES:** Novice Dressage and 95 CT

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I've been riding and competing for as long as I can remember.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

**"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** How he always puts in 100%.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My Mum is my role model and inspires me every day.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

The people who have helped me get to where I am now are my family and my coach. They push me every day to achieve my goals and be my best self.

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# Alicia Dyke



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**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Indi Molloy, (Mo), Glamorous R, (Glam)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 9 at Emmaus College, Jimboomba

**DISCIPLINES:** Intermediate Novice Dressage, (Glam), and Secondary Elementary Dressage, (Mo)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding for the past seven years, and have proudly represented my school, Emmaus College Jimboomba for the past 4 in the disciplines of Dressage, Showjumping, Combined Training and even Showman. However, my passion has grown over the last 2 years for dressage and this discipline is now my main focus.

**"Success is not final.  
Failure is not fatal.**

**It is the courage to continue that counts".**

**Winston S. Churchill**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSES:**

My favourite thing about my horses is their personalities. Mo is very sweet, mischievous, and cheeky, always wanting to be the centre of my attention, and very vocal in telling me to hurry up whilst I am feeding him. In contrast, Glam is very open with her emotions, but can be very hard to take seriously when she has copes smeared across her nose.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN AHELETE:**

My role model would have to be Emma Booth. Emma was involved in a near fatal car accident on her way home after a competition at the age of twenty-two. She has since then become a paralympic dressage rider, competing in the 2016 and 2020 Paralympic games, on her horse Mogelvangs Zidane. Emma has been the embodiment of courage, dedication, and passion through adversity and is a true role model.



Glam

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

I am lucky enough to have a huge support network. In particular, though I'd like to take the opportunity to thank my biggest sponsors - my parents - they never fail to have me at a lesson or competition on time, and never complain about the piling horse related bills on their desk. I also consider my little sister, Emily, to be my biggest cheerleader - she has been at all of my competitions, often getting up at 4am just to be there and her support means the world to me. I also would like to thank my school Emmaus college and team mates for their endless support and also my coaches, Matt Lord, and Susie Cooper, for continuously sharing your knowledge with me, and for never getting tired of screaming at me, even if you have said the same thing hundreds of times - your dedication and support has pushed me to try harder and finally, the biggest thank you is to my beautiful ponies - they are my best friends, and always try their hearts out for me.

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# Amarlie New



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Jamaican Music (Chezwick)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Grade 10 at the Australian Christian College

**DISCIPLINES:** Competing in Secondary Working Hunter at Nationals. I also compete in showjumping, eventing, dressage, combined training & sporting.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I had my first ride on a horse when I was 6 months old strapped to my Mum in baby carrier, however I didn't begin riding myself until I was 7 years old when my Mum bought a big 17hh thoroughbred for herself and I basically stole him from her. From there, horses became my entire life.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

**"...Somebody gives you an opportunity, say yes to it. So, what if you fail? You won't know if you fail or succeed, unless you try." - Ann Meyers**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about my horse, Jamaican Music, is the amount of trust I have with him. He's my super pony that is willing to try every discipline and we learn together.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

My role model is Alycia Burton. She is a talented showjumper/eventer that adds her own flare to her riding through free jumping. She daringly rides tackless at extreme heights and helps people build a deeper connection with their horse. Her courage is so inspirational to me, and I dream to possess her qualities.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

A big thank you to my family, especially my Mum, for driving me to competitions and lessons nearly every weekend and supporting me through all the highs and lows of owning/riding horses. Thanks to my Dad for building everything I need for the horses- stables, the tack room, wash bay & arena, etc. Thank you to my amazing coaches including Peter Bridgeman, Joanna Lowe, Lisa Abbott and Ben Dobson. All of these coaches are so diverse in every way, yet so valuable to building my skills and confidence and helping me become a successful horsewoman. Thank you to my friends that have supported me & lifted my spirits when I needed it the most. And finally, thank you also to my sponsors & supporters for believing in me and contributing toward my journey.

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# U AMBER KAHLER U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Bellgarra Miss Muffet ( Missy ).

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 6 at Goombungee State School

**DISCIPLINES:** Combined Training & Show Hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was two. When I was in kindy I used to ride my pony to Kindy & mum would walk her home. My first comp was when I was 4 at a pony club Gymkahna.

**Kindness, it costs nothing but means everything.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about my horse is that she has a great personality. She lets me dress her up. Eg dragon & Ballet



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** my role model is my dressage coach Susan Veal.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** All of my trainers and my family members. Especially my sister Josie for holding my horse & mum because she is driving me to Melbourne.

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# ANASTASIA TOPALOV U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**

MIK Quartzz Of Gold

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Fairholme College, Yr 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Eventing

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I started competing at 9 years old for Pony Club where I did Show jumping and Equitation. In Yr 6 I started interschool and only 3 years ago I made the switch from Show jumping to Eventing

**Think Big, Dream Big, Believe Big and the result will be Big!**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

MJK Quartzz Of Gold is the horse of a lifetime. I'm the luckiest girl in the world to be sat on a horse like him. My favourite thing about Quey is how big his heart is. He always looks after me and never fails to get me across the finish line safely. I love our friendship and how he always puts in 110% into everything he does, he truly is my heart horse.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

Edwina Tops-Alexander has done what every little girl dreams of doing, gone from pony club kid to becoming one of the world's best riders with the stable full of fantastic horses.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

The people I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to are my coaches and my family, with a special mention to my mum. Her unwavering support, dedication, and encouragement has been the driving force behind my journey in equestrian. I wouldn't have come this far without her love and guidance. Thank you, mum for believing in me.

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# U [Annabelle Brown] U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Jawarra Havana (Nadia or Cowpony)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 8 at Lindisfarne Anglican grammar school

**DISCIPLINES:** 80cm Eventing and Intermediate Prelim dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding for 5 years now and started competing interschools last year.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

Hold on to what makes you happy and if it bucks, hold on a little tighter!

-Author unknown

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Nadia is how sweet she is. Even when things aren't going to plan no one can cheer me up like she can. She makes me laugh (and cry) and is always there for me.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model as an athlete is probably Hayley Raso. She is the definition of never giving up. She broke her back and was told she would probably not play soccer professionally again. But here she is getting player of the match 2 years later at the world cup while playing for the matildas.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** The people I would love to thank for helping me get here is my family especially my mum and non horsey dad who give everything up for Nadia and I. I would also love to thank the organizers, committees and officials that make these events happen. But most of all I would love to thank my beautiful cowpony Nadia because without her none of this would be possible.

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# U ANNABELLE ROGAN U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Peanut

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** yr11, Fairholme

**DISCIPLINES:** 110cm show jumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I've been riding forever but, apart from annual pony camps, only started competing 3½ years ago. I convinced my parents to bring a horse to boarding school and went to my first show in yr8. Since then, I have been hooked! Although I now train 4 horses, Peanut has stuck with me since my first competition, and is still my #1. I wouldn't trade him for the world.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift - that's why we call it the present."

-Eleanor Roosevelt-

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** I love Peanut's whole personality. He tries to pretend he is strong and independent but he's just a big softie. He's certainly got plenty of quirks, but I trust him endlessly and he always tried his heart out.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** For me this isn't such a clear-cut question. There is my incredible coach Cathy Green and jumper queen Edwina-Tops, but also those that take a slightly different approach like Alycia Burton. Even non equestrian athletes like Sam Kerr and Mackenzie Arnold are such idols!



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** Definitely too many to list but a few of top would be: my dad who may as well be a horse whisperer, my mum and her undying support despite her less than horsey background, my coach for her magic tips and tricks, my friends for their unwavering encouragement and putting up with my nonstop horse chat, my team for never hesitating to lend a hand, and of course my gorgeous horses for everything <3

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# ARABELLA EAGLES



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
Jaybee Cabochon (Larry)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
Ferry Grove State High School, Grade 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding for 15 years and competing for 8 years.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Larry is his hilarious personality, especially when treats are involved.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model as an athlete is my coach Ricky MacMillan. I am absolutely inspired by her commitment to giving back to the sport, as well as the balance she maintained between having a professional non-riding career and riding at Olympic level.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

I have my mum to thank for where I am at the moment. She has supported my passion for horses from the get-go and has never turned down an early morning lesson or competition.

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# ARIANAH BAZZAN



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** CAPESTHORNE PARK LIMERICK

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 4 St Patricks Primary School

**DISCIPLINES:** WORKING HUNTER

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** 4 YEARS

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**Do everything with a smile on your face**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** She has a lot of sass but she is a super fun mare to ride

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Katie Laurie

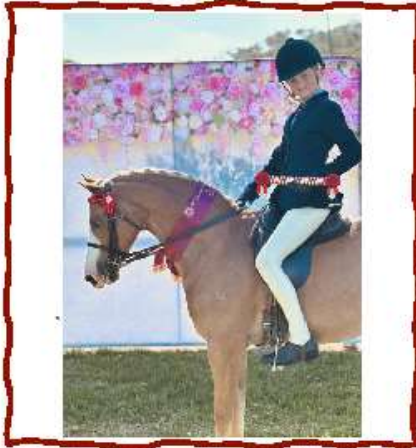


**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My Mum & John they really encourage me and support everything I want to do.

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# Asha Hoolihan



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Beauparc Rose Gold (Rosie) & Crestwood Royale Design (Royal)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** St Andrews Anglican College, Grade 8

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Horse (Rosie), Working Hunter (Royal)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding for almost 11 years.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*"if you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change"* Wayne Dyer

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSES:

I love the attitude that both of my ponies have & that they can both behave with any type of rider on them. They are both amazing horses and you can just get straight onto them in the paddock with just a halter and they will take care of you.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Charlotte Fry is my role model as she is just such a kind hearted person and she rides very well.



### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I have to thank my mother for buying me all of my ponies and paying for all of my lessons, gear & all of the above. I have to thank my coach Roger East and all of my other coaches. I need to thank all of my ponies that I have had growing up and all of the lessons they have taught me to be a better rider. I also need to thank all of the other important people in my life that have made me the rider that I am today

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# Ashlee Lowe



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Montezuma RPH/Monty

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Tamborine Mountain College, year 10

**DISCIPLINES:** 1\* Eventing

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding for 7 years and competing for most of that.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*"Hakuna Matata"*  
*Pumbaa and Timon*

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

- His face when he wants something.
- His neck.
- His scope WHEN he jumps.

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Geneva Searle <3



### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

Firstly, all my horses from beginning to now for putting up with all my mistakes... my coaches, Charlotte Price, Sarai Cottrel and Matt Ryan, and my parents for taking their time to drive me to training and competitions, as well as taking good care of the horses.

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# Ayla Phillips



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** 'Lykanarro Toff'

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Taroomb State School - Year 3

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Horse and Show jumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding for as long as I can remember and competing for the last year at Interschool and Pony club.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

'It doesn't matter if you win or lose as long as you have fun'

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

My favourite thing about my horse is that he loves jumping.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

Sam Kerr



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My Mum and Dad and my coaches for helping me.

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# BELLA WITT



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Jaybee Cabaret (aka Cabby)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** St John's, Roma. Grade 8

**DISCIPLINES:** I have ridden in many different disciplines including Pony Club, Campdrafting, Polocrosse and all the Interschool disciplines. At Nationals this year I'm competing in Combined Training EVA95 & Showjump 100cm

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

Horses have always been part of my world, and I was taught to ride at a very young age. I started competing with the Dunkeld pony club at 2 years old and I began my journey with interschool in year 6.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

Ride your own race

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** I love how Cabby can be quite sassy and sometimes full of attitude. But she knows when it's game day and always looks after me. I love her so much!

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My Poppy was a talented sportsman in cricket, golf and horsemanship. His amazing work ethic and attitude was inspirational.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My family have been very supportive in helping me get to where I am today, especially my Mum who puts up with me and travels with me everywhere.

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# U BILLIE LOWSON U



**HORSE'S NAME:** Take the Mickey (Mickey)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Somerville House – Year 11

**DISCIPLINES:** 1\* Eventing

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding for 11 years and competing interschool for 7 years. I started out in the dressage with my OTT mare Sassy in primary school and I did my first EVA 60cm in 2019. I now do 1\* eventing and 110cm SJ on Mickey, who I've had for almost 3 years.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"The most important quality a rider can have, is unswayable belief in the horse they are riding." - Isabell Werth**

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE:

I love his massive personality and how it shines through in everything he does. When he loves something he truly shows it and puts his all into his job, giving everything a go and always wanting to do more.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My role model is my coach of 8 years, Mattea Davidson. She is an amazing rider, mastering multiple disciplines, as well as doing so much else and also just being a wonderful person. She really shows what someone can do if they work hard.

## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I have to thank my mum and dad who got me into this sport and have continued to be my #1 supporters ever since. Also to my coaches Mattea and Shane, who have seen all the highs and lows of my equestrian journey and have always been there for some great advice and much needed encouragement. And to my amazing horses that have only grown my love for equestrian and, really, have been the ones to teach me everything I know.



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# U BONNIE COLLINS U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Crown Lodge Bumblebee

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 3 at Eumundi State School

**DISCIPLINES:** Primary Preliminary Dressage.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding since I was three years old. I have only had Bumblebee for 8 months and we have come so far, I can't believe that I made it into the state team! Last year I was sitting on the side lines watching my big sister compete and wished that I made it into the state team/nationals.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**NEVER GIVE UP, FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS TILL THEY BECOME A REALITY.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Bumblebee is that he is the funniest pony on earth and licks me nonstop.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model would absolutely be Sally Collins (my mum). I strongly believe that if I grow up like her I would be a star and one of the best riders because she is one and a million.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** A huge thank you to Sally Collins (my mum) for helping me and my pony. Thank you to my family and teacher for supporting me. Big thank you to Brett Cantle for teaching me how to jump and a massive thank you to Emma Favelle for giving me little tips to help me when Bumblebee is being naughty. I have to thank my Nanny and Poppy for making my dreams come true.

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# BRIDGETTE DALMAU



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Bon Jovi MH (Jimmy)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 11 at Stuartholme School

**DISCIPLINES:** Small Tour Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN**

**RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding and competing for 14 years. I have been lucky enough to do this on multiple horses in various disciplines.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"Short reins win gold medals."**

**-Charlotte Dujardin-**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Jimmy has the most wonderful character. He has such an amazing work ethic, and always tries his hardest, both at home and at competitions. He has many silly quirks that always make me smile.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Roger Federer. He displays a positive attitude in all that he does, along with maintaining high levels of sportsmanship and grace.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My wonderful parents for their support, along with coaches and mentors who have spent numerous hours guiding me throughout my equestrian journey. And of course, my wonderful Jimmy whom I am so privileged to work with.

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# CASSIDY SULLIVAN



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Flinders Ranger (Tommy)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 8 at Sunshine Coast Grammar School

**DISCIPLINES:** 100cm Intermediate Showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN**

**RIDING/COMPETING:** I started riding when I was around 5 and got my first pony Janie when I was 6. I started to compete in mainly dressage for a few years, but in the last two years I've swapped to showjumping.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"Just believe in yourself. Even if you don't, pretend that you do, and at some point, you will."**

**> Venus Williams**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Tommy is that he always works with what he is given. When I stuff up a distance or striding, he will always do his best to help us get out of it safely.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model as an athlete is Clinton Van Der Sanden, who I am very fortunate to be coached by. He makes showjumping look so effortless even when riding tricky horses.

## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

Most definitely my amazing parents and coach. My parents, for spending hours on end driving, camping at showgrounds and standing ringside every week. They are my biggest supporters and encourage me to keep going even when things don't go as planned. My jumping coach, Clinton for making me become a better person and rider, warming me up at competitions, making sure my horses are always in tip-top condition and the hours he spends teaching me.

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# CHARLI WALLIS



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
 Quantico GNZ (Frank)  
**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
 Year 11 at Riverside DE  
**DISCIPLINES:** Showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
 I have been riding since I was about 3 yo & started on an old Shetland pony, when I was 6 I did my first pony club camp & after that, I did a little bit of pony club until I started competing around. I was 11 when I was offered the ride on a competitive pony! I started interschool in grade 8 & have had the privilege to represent Riverside College!

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man's determination" -- Tommy Lasorda**  
**"determination will always beat talent!" - unknown**

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about Frank would have to be his loving personality and his work ethic! He always tries so hard and always looks after me!

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My role model is 100% my coach, Olivia Hamood! She is such a proven hard-working rider and being recognised as "one of the best female riders in Australia" is incredible to me, so having to be able to learn from her firsthand has been incredible!



### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

Firstly and mainly I would like to thank my amazing mum who has been so incredibly supportive of my entire riding journey! I certainly wouldn't be anywhere I am today without her support, all the time & effort that she has put in to my career has made it everything that it is & I am eternally grateful for everything! Also to my step dad, who has also been extremely supportive for so long, I definitely wouldn't of had all of these opportunities without him! And to all my coaches who have always been a great help and my current coach who has been life changing!

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# Lottie Ostwald



**HORSE'S NAME:** Fairbanks Ipod (Pod, Poddy, Poddo)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Grade 11 at Fairholme College, Toowoomba

**DISCIPLINES:** 1\* Combined Training, Elementary Dressage and Pas de Deux

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I've been riding for 8 years, competing Interschool for 7 years. This is my second Nationals at Werribee.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."**  
**Helen Keller**

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE:

Pod's personality – I swear he's human! He loves to "chat", cuddle and he's a great listener who is extremely happy to just hang out! He's the gentlest giant.

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Every equestrian I compete against is a role model to me. They inspire me to work harder in this phenomenal sport.



### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I need to thank my incredible ground crew & coaches – Jen Bucknell, David Finch, Mum and Dad and all my family. Additionally, I must thank my school for their support of Interschool Equestrian as a recognised sport.

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# 🐾 Casey-Jade Curlewis 🐾



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** In the Purple (Zeus)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 10 Emmaus College, Jimboomba

**DISCIPLINES:** Large Hack Show Horse

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding since I was 8 years old and started competing from 2020 with my Arabian "Malibu".

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
*Riding never gets easier. You just get better.*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

My favourite thing about Zeus is his gentle and loveable nature. I enjoy spending time with him, especially when he follows me around in the paddock.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

My role model is Erin Williams. She has been on 6 European Dressage teams for Great Britain and competed for her country all over Europe. Erin is a proud Dressage rider and owner of Black Heart Equestrian. Erin's business also a supporter of the 'One Tree Planted' environmental charity aiding reforestation.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

I would not have made it this far without the support of my mom, dad and coach. My mom works around the clock to make sure everything is always done, the horses fed and drives me to all the competitions.

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# 🐾 Chelsea Taunton 🐾



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Kamares Vendetta / Vendetta

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Livingstone Christian College / Grade 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Jumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I've ridden in the show ring my whole life but have currently been Show Jumping for about four years now.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
*"Sometimes the fear won't go away, so you have to do it afraid."*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

Everything. I completely adore everything he does. But if I had to choose, it would be the way he takes treats from you. He grabs the treats with his lips so your hands are all gross and covered in saliva. Or his little groans and of excitement right before we canter off in a round.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

Becky Jenkins, who is one of my trainers. She's incredible. Calm, cool, collected and so understanding. She never ceases to amaze me. When I grow up, I want to be like Becky.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** Most of all. My mum. I would be nowhere if it weren't for her. My trainers, Langbeckers, Jenkins, and my horse of course. My friends and other family members, I wouldn't be anywhere without them.

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# Claudia Wyatt



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Bradyvale Illusion (Dundee)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** McAuley College, Grade 9

**DISCIPLINES:** Eventing + Showjumping + CT

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding for 8 years and competing for 6 years. I first started riding at Beaudesert Pony Club on the weekends with my first pony, so I stayed there for a few years. I then moved on from there and went to interschool in grade 5 when I was at St Mary's in Beaudesert. I then went to McAuley College in Beaudesert and have continued to compete ever since.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

*"When everything is uncertain, everything that is important becomes clear"*

- Edwina Tops-Alexandra

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Dundee is how athletic and smart he is, not just when he is jumping but to handle and look after. He always reminds me how amazing he is every time I go out and compete.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model as an athlete is Edwina Tops-Alexandra because she is such an amazing rider and such an inspiration. She is also always so willing to share her incredible knowledge with people.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I think that the people that have helped me get to where I have today is my Mum, my Dad, my Nanny, my coach Jocelyn and my Auntie Karin King who is the proud owner of Dundee for a long time, and is one of the only people that love Dundee as much as I do. These people have not only financially supported me, but they have been backing me the whole way and I have no idea where I would have gotten without them.

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# ELLA FORBES



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Aztec Eagle Star (Smooch)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 11 at Genesis Christian College

**DISCIPLINES:** Combined Training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding since I was little, however didn't start competing until 2017, where I participated in local EA events alongside competing for my local Pony Club (Pine Rivers).

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

*"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them."*

- Michael Jordan

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Smooch is how much he tries, we are both still new to jumping and as a combination, we have only been together since March. He truly give's everything he has and is one of the main reasons for my success, despite him being in his first year of competition and being so green himself. He truly is Mr. Reliable.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I have consistently admired Emma Booth for her attitude towards life, and her ongoing persistence despite all the challenges she faces in life.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

I have to thank my mum, my coach, my teammates at Genesis who have supported me and given me the opportunities I have been presented this year. Alongside, Smooch who stepped up when my main horse Roo became injured.

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# Ella Phillips



HORSE/HORSES NAME: 'Banyak Skittles'

SCHOOL/GRADE: Taroom State School - Year 6

DISCIPLINES: Combine Training and Show jumping

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:

I have been riding for as long as I can remember and competing for the last 2 years at Interschool and Pony club.

WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

'The best horse doesn't always win the race'

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about my horse is that he is an allrounder and gives anything a go.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Amberly Snyder



WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR: My Mum and Dad and my horse for always taking care of me.

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# ELLA VIZER



HORSE/HORSES NAME: Vivid Encounter

SCHOOL/GRADE: St Patrick's College, Gympie, Grade 9

DISCIPLINES: Showjumping

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING: I have been riding for 9 years but showjumping for 4 years.

WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"The secret to getting ahead is getting started"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES: My favourite thing about Vivid Encounter would have to be his unique personality. This is because he is so loving and quirky, and he will always come to you in the paddock for a cuddle, or just to annoy you.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE: My role model would have to be Ross Smith; this is because he has qualified for the Olympics twice & is a NZ champion. He is a true inspiration in my eyes, and he's a great coach and encouraging.



WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR: I have to thank my family, friends and coaches. Without these people, I wouldn't be able to get places, practice and improve my riding, or have the motivation to pursue on when things get tough. I would not be where I am without these people, they always give me tips on how to improve and keep me inline. I am so grateful to have people like this in my life and couldn't imagine where I would be in my riding without them.

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# Ellie Flower



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Finch Farm Versace (Versace)  
**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Grade 11 at St Ursula's College Yeppoon  
**DISCIPLINES:** Showjumping  
**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
I have been riding since I could remember, competing in gymkhanas and spending my spare time in mount Tamborine trick riding with my coach Hollie Shields. However, my riding career properly began at the age of 11 riding for Parkhurst pony club in 2019, on my absolute heart horse Chivas. Later moving to Yeppoon hack and pony club in 2020, where I was able to try multiple different disciplines. I then found a love for jumping and this love rapidly grew, which is the reason why I do what I do today. At the age of 14 Chivas and I were given the opportunity to compete in our first interschool state competition, competing in showjumping and dressage riding for St Ursula's who I have proudly represented since.

**"Work until your idols become your rivals"**  
G-Dragon

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about Versace is her willingness to learn and grow. Also, the fact that she is always putting in that extra effort, giving 110% which is even more outstanding considering she is only 5 years old but also her cheeky yet sweet personality.

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My role model would definitely have to be David Finch. I believe that David is an amazing role model not only for me as a rider but as a person, and I have looked up to him for quite some years. David puts emphasis on staying in your own lane and running your own race. He promotes the understanding that riding is a physical as well as mental game and prioritises progress over perfection and to take every loss as a learning curve.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THIS FAR:** The people who I believe have allowed me to follow my equestrian dreams are, my family, my coach and support team that helps to keep my horses in A1 condition all year round. I specifically have my mum, Trish to thank without her support and driving countless hours to get to competition over the years I would not be where I am today. My amazing coach David for sharing his endless knowledge and words of wisdom. My support team of professionals that I will forever be grateful for, Trevor and Linda Hamilton at Hamilton equine chiropractic, Jon Milner at SGE showing, Bridget Newman at Gracemere veterinary surgery, Clare Figueiredo at A Bit Unique, Graeme Salmond at saddle world Rockhampton and Caroline Sylvester at Needles in Haystack. It is all these amazing people that I have to thank for landing me this far.

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# Eloise Kings



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Fioretti (Fudge)  
**SCHOOL/GRADE:** The Glennie School, Toowoomba, Grade 9

**DISCIPLINES:** Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding for 9 years and competing for 5 years in Interschool.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"Hard work may not always result in success, but it will never result in regret".**

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

He has a cuddly personality, and super cute ears.

He also eats anything – watermelon, biscuits and dip, lollies and even zipper doopers.

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Lotte Fry because she is so young, yet she has achieved so many incredible things.



### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THIS FAR:

My amazing parents & Auntie Emmie for supporting my dreams, my little brother Archie, Nanny for always making sure my boots are clean and shiny, and most of all my amazing coach Helena.

I owe my success to them all for their continual support and guidance.

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# EMILY DAVIS



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Allambie Park Touché (Toohey)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Grade 6 at St Patrick's Primary School, Gympie

**DISCIPLINES:** Showjumping (90cm) & Combined Training (80cm)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I started riding when I was 2 and I got my first pony when I was 5. I started competing in Interschool competitions when I was in grade 3.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*"Everything is possible as long as you keep believing in yourself and as long as you put the work into it."*

Edwina Tops-Alexander

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** I love Toohey so much, he's cheeky and very playful in the paddock! He loves to jump and always gives everything 100%. He loves showjumping, dressage, Ag Shows, Cross Country, Hacking or Gymkhanas! We have grown so much together over the past nearly 5 years!

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model is Edwina Tops-Alexander, because I love that she started riding at 8 and went to pony club and then continued her riding career and has competed at 4 Olympics so far for Australia!



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I have my mum and dad to thank for buying me my first pony and beginning a lifelong love of horses! I am so thankful to all my family for always being my #1 supporters and always helping me with everything that goes on behind the scenes week in week out! To my amazing coaches Sally Collins and Jamie Hewitt-Toms, thank you for all the hours of training and always being so inspiring, positive and helping me reach my goals!

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# Emmy-Lou Creed



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Macks Lookin' Lethal

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 8 at Redeemer Lutheran College Biloela.

**DISCIPLINES:** Combined Training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding horses since I was 4 years old, I started out with camp drafting for a few years and soon followed the steps of my big sister, Georgia Creed. I have been competing in State competitions since I was 9 years old.

## What Quote Do You Live By?

*"Be strong when you are weak, brave when you are scared, and humble when you are victorious."*

-UNKNOWN AUTHOR-

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** The favourite thing about my horse, Mack, is that he has stepped up and given me his all when he hasn't been my main horse.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I look up to my big sister, Georgia Creed for many reasons but the way she rides, handles young horses and produces her own horses inspires me. I admire her passion, how she learns from her mistakes and how she gets up when knocked down by others. She happily runs her own race and always stays humble.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I really appreciate my parents giving up most of their time, always supporting me and providing opportunities. I want to thank Ron Patterson and Rebekka Craig for making me the rider I am today, for coaching me and for teaching me stuff I never knew. They taught me the foundations of riding and teaching me how to get the horse truly moving.

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# Evie Blissett



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
Dracmoore Just Grand

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
Emmaus College – Jimboomba. Year 11

**DISCIPLINES:** Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

12 years

*If you fail to prepare, you're prepared to fail.*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

That he's cool for a young pony & will do almost anything for licorice

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

Katie Laurie



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** Charlie's owner Lani, for allowing me to ride him. My parents, Granny & my coaches.

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# FINNIGAN BAZZAN



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Whiskey Boy

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** St Patricks College grade 10

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Jumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** 8 YEARS

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

*I don't know any quotes im just a live by the minute kinda guy*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** He is a super cool horse to ride, he has a bit of spunk & really tries hard. He is only young cant wait to see us in a few years time.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Boyd Martin



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I would like to thank Mum & John they always put us kids first! Thanks to my coach Clinton Van Der Sanden he has really helped me over the last few months its such a fun journey.

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# GENEVA SEARLE



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Grey Opinion (Penny)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 10 at Fairholme College

**DISCIPLINES:** 1\* Eventing

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since as soon as my mum could put me in a saddle. I started with my little show pony representing Kilcoy Primary School. Following in my mum's and sister's footsteps I started eventing in grade 6.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"If your dreams don't scare you, they are not big enough." - Lorde

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Grey Opinion (Penny) is the most reliable horse. Whenever I am scared about a fence on course she pulls through and proves to me over and over how amazing she is. She is the best and most consistent horse I could have ever asked for.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model is my coach, Olivia Hamood. She is so dedicated to equestrian. Despite her success, she remains humble and respectful.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I have to thank my family – from my mum who has driven me across the countryside to take me to events, to my sisters who have inspired me. I also have to thank my coaches and everyone in between who have helped become a better rider. Lastly, without my horse, Penny I would not be nearly as dedicated and in love with this sport.

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# GEORGIA CREED



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Colorado River (Weeman)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Australian Christian College/ Grade 11

**DISCIPLINES:** CT1\*

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have ridden all my life and started competing in the Olympic disciplines in 2019. I campdrafted in my younger years.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

Work until your idols become your rivals.

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Definitely his temperament and character. Weeman is one of those horses that will try all day long and makes my job a pleasure.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Olivia Hamood. I'm lucky enough to spend a fair bit of my time with her and not only is she an extremely talented rider, but hardworking, driven and has a heart of gold. She's someone who can be looked up to for a lot more than her riding.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I have to thank my amazing Mum and Dad for driving me around and always believing in me. My coaches for pushing me to be the best I can and all my family and friends who have helped along the way.

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# Georgie Hill



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
Notus Barman (Bluey)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
Yr 9 at Fairholme College, Toowoomba

**DISCIPLINES:**  
- Preliminary dressage  
- 80cm Combined training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
I have been riding from a very early age (3yrs old) and started doing ag shows at around the age of 5. I then started interschool in grade 6 and qualified for nationals for showhorse.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*"Its not what you do that matters, but what you do about it that counts"*

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

That he always tries even when he's confused on what I'm asking and that he **LOVES** cuddles and pets.



### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Charlotte Dujardin because she keeps persisting and doesn't give up.

### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

My parents, my coach and everyone else who supports me on my journey.

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# GRACE COLLINS



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Windella Park Mozart (Mozzie) and Heritage Park Chartreuse (Louie)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 6 at Eumundi State School

**DISCIPLINES:** Primary Combined Training 60cm and Primary Novice Dressage.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was 3 years old and did my first Interschool/EA competition when I was 6 years old.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*"THE HARDER I WORK, THE LUCKIER I GET."*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My Favourite thing about Louie is his personality and that he always teaches me something new every time I ride him.

My favourite thing about Mozzie is his personality and every time I put the bridle on he always smiles.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Sally Collins, Emma Flavelle and Charlotte Lottie Fry



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** The people I have to defiantly thank is my family and my mum and dad and all my coaches Emma Flavelle and Brett Cantle for getting me where I am now. Thank you mum for taking me to lessons and driving me around to all the shows and thank you dad for always being there and helping me get in the right mind set. I have to thank my Nanny and Poppy for making my dreams come true.

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# HAYLEY WALL



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Diehard Diva and Black Layce

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 5 Glasshouse Christian College

**DISCIPLINES:** Showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I joined Pony club when I was 3 years old on My mini horse called Annie. I started a few years later competing in Gymkhanas on my horse Indie 500. A few years ago I was introduced to Showjumping and I joined Interschool Queensland. In 2022 I made it to states on my horse Black Layce.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
**LIVE - LOVE - RIDE**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Both my horses are mares, they give 100% and we work together as a Team. I love their honesty and they let me know how they are feeling.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role models are Hunter and Jett Lawrence. Our friends lived on the Sunshine coast when they were younger. The family sold everything to move overseas and pursue their motocross career. They had to give it their all and have shown the world what amazing talent they have from hard work and Dedication. They are both no.1 in their fields!



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** First I would love to thank my parents, brother and Grandparents for all their support and encouragement. I have feel so lucky to be able to compete with 2 beautiful horses and continuing to learn. I would like to thank my coach Clinton From Sanden Equestrian for pushing me to be the best I can be and keeping the lessons so much fun.

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# Holly Taunton



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** celerity park regal jester

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 9

**DISCIPLINES:** showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** my whole life

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
**"No dream is to big if your willing to work for it"**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** he always tries his hardest for me

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Billy raymont



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My mum, trainers and my amazing team of horses

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# INDIGO KELLY



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
 - Wesswoods Regal Caste (Reggie)  
 - Willowcroft Braveheart (Sam)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
 The Glennie School Toowoomba in grade 8

**DISCIPLINES:**  
 Show horse

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
 I have been riding since I was 2 and competing since I was 4.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard" -Tim Notke**

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about my horses is their personalities. They can both be very cheeky, so they keep things interesting.



## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Steph Barrington

## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THIS FAR:

My parents look after the horses for me while I'm at boarding school, so most of the thanks goes to them.

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# Irish Kerr



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
 DRINKS ON DECO (Dods)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
 Australian Industry Trade College (Robina)  
 Grade 10

**DISCIPLINES:**  
 We compete at 1\* Combined Training, 1m Showjumping, and Elementary Dressage.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
 I have been riding since I was around 3, and competing when I was 4 years old.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.**

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

How hard he tries and his personality.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Show Jumper - Clem Smith. I enjoy my lessons with Clem and his words of wisdom.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

My parents, coaches and my beautiful horses.

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# ISABELLA ANDERSON



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
Boronia Applause (Arlo)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
Grade 9 at The Glennie School

**DISCIPLINES:**  
Medium Dressage & Show Hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
I have been riding and competing ever since I was 3 years old where I was riding in open competitions. I also then started competing in Interschool in 2018.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle"**  
-Winston Churchill

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Arlo is how he has such a funny personality and loves his treats. I also love how he always puts in so much effort and tries his hardest at every competition.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model as an athlete would have to be Kate Kyros because she has been a rider that I can relate to, starting off in the Show Ring and finding an interest in Dressage. She has been a successful Interschool competitor as well and is now one of Australia's top Grand Prix Young Riders.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I would have to thank my Mum and Dad for helping me along the way and for always supporting me. I would also have to thank my wonderful coach Thomas Muehlenbeck for helping me achieve my Equestrian goals this year.

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# Isabella Hartwig



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Hartmor Lectros Hickatee

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Theodore State School, Year 8

**DISCIPLINES:** Eventing, Showjumping, Dressage, Showhorse

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was a baby and competing since I was 6 yrs old.

**Believe you can and you are halfway there.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** I love that we have been together since Hickatee was a baby (bred, broken in and started here) and that I have ridden her and trained her since she was 2 years (now 8yrs old). The rough patches have made us a better team and given us an unbreakable connection. She is the reason I have come this far.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My mum is my role model. She has also started and trained her own horse and so understands the process and the ups and downs we face as horse and rider. She has taught me the skills I need and given me the confidence to believe in myself and never give up.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I would like to thank my mum and my dad for all the effort and help that has gone into getting me to where I am today. To my Dad, thank you for breeding these beautiful, talented horses and for being the horseman and the father that you are!

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# Bella Ostwald



**HORSE'S NAME:**  
Silverdene Pharaoh (Bounce)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
Year 9 at Fairholme College

**DISCIPLINES:**  
Medium and Advanced Dressage and Pas de Deux.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
I have been riding for 9 years and competing at Interschool for 6 years.

**"All you can do is to do your best"**

**-Charlotte Dujardin**

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE:

He loves hugs and is always looking for attention and food!

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Charlotte Dujardin because she is at the top of her sport and always gives 100% of her energy to her riding.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I have to thank my Mum and Dad for their constant support, Amy Bachmann for her amazing guidance with my riding and Jen Bucknell for her role in my love of dressage. Also, I must thank my horse for being my perfect partner.

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# ISABELLA BAKER



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** FLASH

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** YEAR 11 AT DALBY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

**DISCIPLINES:** DRESSAGE AND EVENTING

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
I started having riding lessons when I was 8 years old and leased my first horse called Kenny when I was 9. I competed on Kenny for 2 years until I got my first horse Beau Jangles. Flash was my next horse and is the horse who has started my eventing career.

**"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."**

**-Winston Churchill**

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about Flash would have to be that he pushes me to be a better rider. He will always put in 110% but only if I also put in 110%.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

I don't have one specific role model, but I look up to and admire all the high-level equestrian riders. I think they show great sportsman's ship towards other riders and their horses, and I admire how they put their horses health and safety above everything else.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I would like to give a huge thank you to my parents as without them I wouldn't have been able to start riding and competing. I must also thank my coach Steph Commens as she has helped me improve in all areas of my riding and continuously helps and supports me through the levels.

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# U JACINTA PARRY U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Lady Guinevere (Gwen)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Highfields state secondary college  
Grade 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Secondary Show Horse  
**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I learnt how to walk, I started competing at local gymkhanas with my little grey pony snoopy. I didn't find out about interschool until grade 6. Up until then I did lots of pony club dressage and Ag shows. In grade 6 I represented Narangba state school and now I am representing Highfields State Secondary Collage.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*"Some horses will test you, some will teach you, and some will bring the best out in you"*

*Equestriancio*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Gwen is extremely talented for her age and is willing to do anything and try new things she can be a bit hard to handle on the ground, but she makes up for it in the saddle.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Charlotte Dujardin I've always looked up to her and her horse Valegro they were such an unstoppable team and had such a powerful friendship. They will always be in history.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THIS FAR:** My mum, she has never said no to taking me to a comp and she always puts in the biggest effort to get me there and make sure I can get out there and do what I do, and to my dad who is able to fund for a majority of the comps and costs for the horses. I would never have gotten this far if it wasn't from the support of parents, outer family and friends.

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# U JAMES CAULFIELD U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Cushavon Mission "Murphy"

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** I am 11 years old and are in year 5 at Pimpama State School

**DISCIPLINES:** Primary Combined Training (Dressage and Show Jumping)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I began riding at 4 years old when I rode my Dads Polo Pony, Halley to our local pony club. I enjoy competing in Eventing, Show Jumping and Dressage on my Horse Cushavon Mission "Murphy". I enjoy riding with my Dad and my sister who both compete in Eventing and Show Jumping. I love living at our property on the Gold Coast and enjoy attending and representing my 150yr old school Pimpama State School.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*You can think about red. You can think about pink. You can think up a horse. Oh, the THINKS you can think!*  
- Dr. Seuss

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** "Murphy" Cushavon Mission is a 13yr old Irish Sport Horse. Murphy's Dad was the Great 'Conqueror King'. Murphy has a great personality and is always calm when I am a bit nervous. My sister rode Murphy when he was younger and now I am lucky to have him to ride and compete on.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I enjoy going to Eventing Competitions with my Dad and watching our local FEI riders. Luke Harmer, James Ferrier, Matt Gaske and Andrew Cooper are always great to watch. The guys are always very friendly to me and give me encouragement when they can see I am bit nervous. One day I will be riding the big tracks like them.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I have to thank my mum and dad because I would not be here without them. I enjoy watching my sister ride and she gave me the bug when I was younger. My Dressage Coach, Ricky MacMillan has always been available to give me lessons and teach me about general horsemanship. When the overseas competitions are on television I try to watch Andrew Hoy and Kevin McNab. Thankyou also to staff, officials and volunteers at Equestrian Queensland, because without them Murphy and I would not have this great opportunity to attend and compete at the 2023 Australian Interschool Championships.

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# U JAMESON BAZZAN U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Zippity Doo Dah

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 6 St Patricks Primary School

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Jumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** 6 YEARS

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
**Do everything in life at one speed – FLAT OUT!**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** She is a super sassy mare she is totally unpredictable a bit like me!



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** James Arkins he is such a great showjumper

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I would love to thank my Mum & John for bringing me here and taking me to all the events this year couldn't do it with out them.

Also to my sponsor James & Son Premium Horse feed for keeping my mare looking good & feeling good & competing at her best always. If your looking for a great quality feed give it a go!

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# U JEMIMA SOUTHWOOD U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Asham Fireman

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Yr 9 at St Johns, Woodlawn

**DISCIPLINES:** Int Working Hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
 I have been riding since I was 8 but really got into it at 10 when I got a super pony called Whisky. I did my first IQ event in year 7 and have loved it ever since. I am excited for my first Nationals.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
**"A dream doesn't become reality through magic, it takes sweat determination and hard work"**  
**-COLIN POWELL-**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

My favourite thing about Sam is his nature. He is the kindest horse. He tries his hardest in all of the disciplines we try making him a really cool all-rounder. He is also really cuddly and sticks his tongue out when you scratch him.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

David Finch, because he encourages and shares his knowledge so willingly



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

A big shout out to my amazing parents who support me with everything I do, driving me to events, helping to look after horses and being my number 1 fan. Also all the coaches who have helped me along the way in various disciplines to make me the rider I am today.

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# Josie Ostwald



**HORSE'S NAME:** Adagio II (Adi)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Grade 7 at Fairholme College.

**DISCIPLINE:** 1\* Combined Training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since 2014 and competing from 2016 at Interschool, EA and local Shows.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.  
Franklin D. Roosevelt**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE:** Adi is my dream horse so everything he does whether it's making me ride a lot harder or sleeping in the stables, I love him. His quirky attitude makes him a funny little pony.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I have two role models who I will always look up to. They're actually my Jump & Dressage coaches: Emma Scott and her detailed lessons that always help me with my position and Jen Bucknell who never fails to teach me at any time.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** Obviously my parents, thanks Mum and Dad. You guys actually stood by my side and watched me progress through different levels of equestrian. I love you guys so much and thanks for always being there!

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# Kaida MacDonald



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Chardale Duplicity (Jimmy)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 10 at Fairholme

**DISCIPLINES:** EVA80 eventing

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I've been riding since I was around 7 or 8, and I have been competing in interschool since 2017.

**Difficult horses always teach you more.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Jimmy is that he tries his hardest in all phases, he has taught me a lot in the years I've been riding him.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model would be Charlotte Dujardin because she is very talented and shows how the possibilities are endless when you work hard.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

My parents who give up so much time and effort into helping me achieve my goals, taking me to events and giving me so many opportunities. I also have to thank my Coach Jen Bucknell, who also invests so much time into helping me and my horses, inspiring me to be the best rider I can be.

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# U KALLI NOWELL U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Langtree In Focus (Benny)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Taroom State School, Grade 5

**DISCIPLINES:** Dressage (Novice) & Show Horse

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I got my first horse, a gorgeous Shetland, when I was 9 months old and I competed in my first show when I was 2 years old. I have been competing in Interschool Comps since I was in Grade 2 when I went to my first Interschool competition. My highlight is competing for QLD two years in a row!

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**At first it might be frustrating and difficult, but you've got to keep going to get to the other side.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE:** Everything!!! Benny is a super star and always does his best for me! I love him to pieces.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I have a few, Charlotte Dujardin, Charlotte Fry and Alice Hurley.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My mum for being my driver and strapper. My dad for always paying for everything pony related. Bob & Shirf, for their constant support and Bob's excellent farrier skills. Alice, for her coaching and support leading up to the Nationals, and all my equestrian friends for supporting me and smothering me in positivity. Lastly Chelsea, for supporting me when my strapper is cranky. You guys are the bomb!!

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# U Kate Frith U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Garnet Ursula (Bonnie)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 8 at Fairholme College - Toowoomba

**DISCIPLINES:** Novice Dressage, Working Hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding for at least 10 years but only started doing interschool in grade 5 2020. I started by participating in St George pony club since I could remember on my first ever horse, Charlie and I am now competing in novice/elementary dressage on my current horse, Bonnie.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**Don't peak until it really matters  
Jen Bucknell**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Garnet Ursula (Bonnie) would definitely have to be her attitude. She is always so chilled out and couldn't care less about what is happening around her but she can also happen to lighten up in the dressage arena as she has to actually do something!

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model would be Michael Phelps as his dedication to his chosen sport (swimming) is truly inspiring and really shows how hard you work there is always a positive outcome no matter how many downfalls you may encounter.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I am certainly most thankful for my parents. They always have tried their best so I can achieve my best and it obviously pays off by earning a spot on the Queensland team. They never stop for me and have never given up on me and that is so inspiring. My coach, Jen, has also played a big part in my life from turning me from a small pony club rider into an interschool rider and I am now going to Melbourne doing the sport I love.

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# U KAYLA MOORE U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
River Downs Bronson

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
West Moreton Anglican College (Yr.10)

**DISCIPLINES:**  
Preliminary Dressage  
Combined Training (CT80)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
I got my first pony when I was five but didn't start riding competitively until the age of 11 when I joined Intersch.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
Focus on the journey, not the destination  
~ Anonymous

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

My favourite thing about Bronson is his good nature and ability to allow me to compete in both dressage and show jumping. He has taught me so much after stepping up from my Aussie pony.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

Ash Barty is unusually humble and displays good sportsmanship, even with her success in such a competitive sport.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

My parents for their ongoing support, Karen and Donny Sullivan for giving me the opportunity to own Bronson and my coach, Trudy Dougall - who is always a phone call away if I need her.

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# U Kendra MacDonald U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Regal Dove (Charlie)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Fairholme-8

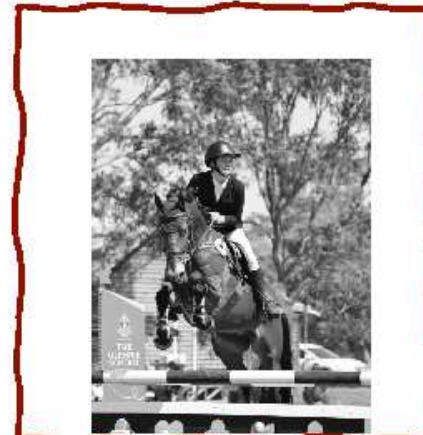
**DISCIPLINES:** Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
I have been riding since kindergarten on my first pony Milo, later on doing a pony swap with my sister to ride Chelsea, my palomino pony. I have been competing in interschool since grade 1, along with my sisters, representing my primary school Saint Josephs and Fairholme College in grade 5 with a white pony called Abbey.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
Every transition you ride should be a good one, because this is your foundation.  
By Charlotte Dujardin

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about my horse Regal Dove (Charlie) is his personality and character. He can always finish his food first, even though its not a race. He loves other horses but sometimes can be savage, but never to humans as he is always looking for a pat.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model would be my coach Jen Bucknell, as she always puts her students first, she helps us to achieve our goals and full potential. She provides me with a break from boarding to enjoy my pony.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

The main people I'm thankful for supporting my journey would be my parents. They are always taking time away from the business to travel more than six hours to support me. No matter the result they are happy for me as long as it's fun.

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# U LARA CRAWFORD U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Fandangles

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 11 at The Rockhampton Grammar School

**DISCIPLINES:** Secondary Show Hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding since I was in grade 4. I discovered pony club and began to enjoy showjumping and eventing on my horse Benny. At the age of 14, I was offered the little mare I am riding at the 2023 nationals to train and compete. Riding her brought me into the show horse world and since then I have regularly been competing in ag shows and interschool competitions.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

"If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It" -- Walt Disney

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

My favourite thing about Fandangles is how accommodating she is. Coming from regional Queensland there aren't many big events and this year she has taken everything in her stride without being fazed by anything and continues to constantly try her best for me every time we compete together.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

One of my role models would have to be Emma Booth. Emma is an equestrian Para-Olympian. Her ability to show true determination and grit through adversity is an inspiration and reminds me of how persistent, patience and perseverance are key qualities to have.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

I believe the people who have gotten me this far first and foremost are my family who have encouraged and supported my dreams as well as my coaches. I would not be where I am today without Ron Patterson who has taught me the foundations of riding, my amazing dressage coach Alice Hurley and my show horse mentors Fallyn Freihaut and Joanne Lowe for introducing Fandangles and I to the show world. I would not be where I am today without the endless hours of time my wonderful coaches and mentors have provided to me and my riding. Also, big credit to Joanna Lowe for putting the time and effort in to teaching me all about show prep and getting my horse looking amazing.

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# U LILLY MAY U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Le Grande Andreas (or Andy for short)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Genesis Christian College Year 7

**DISCIPLINES:** I will be riding in the Intermediate Show Hunter Class. I also compete in Preliminary Dressage. Next year I'd like to compete in CTs and eventing and maybe try Working Hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I first started riding at age 4. I started competing on my pony Ginger at Dural Pony Club in Sydney and did my first Interschools in Sydney when I was in Year 1. I started riding for Genesis Christian College when we moved up here in 2020 on my pony PT Spirit. This year is my first year competing on Andy

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

"You won't succeed, unless you have fun in what you are doing"

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Andy is how he looks after me. He has taught me so much in the last 6 months and I always feel safe.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I don't have just one role model. I admire any athlete, able to get to the top levels of their chosen sport. I do love watching all the top level Equestrians and watching their amazing horses; especially at world class events.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

My Family are the ones who allowed me to follow my dreams of not just riding horses; but everything involved with competing too. My coach Georgia Dunning has taught me so much and I have also learned a lot from Pony Club. The biggest thanks go to my Mum for learning how to drive the float so she could take me out to all these competitions!

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# Lucy Blissett



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Calveston Bonanza

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 7

**DISCIPLINES:** Showjumping, Combined Training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** Riding since I was 4 competing since I was 8.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

Practice like you've never won, perform like you've never lost

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

His personality, he is cheeky, fun. He loves to compete as much as I do.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

Edwina Tops-Alexander



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My parents, coaches and my special horse Hugo!

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# Mack Rudder



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Springvale Stalymag (Sticky)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Jumping (1.20)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** Riding since 2015/16 and been competing since June 2019.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"It's not where you start, it's where you finish". – Lorene Williamson

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** He is very brave and will always try his hardest. **WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** For show jumping my role model is Martin Fuchs, he is able to compete and be one of the best show jumpers in the world while also being very young. I also see Daniel Ricciardo as a role model by being able to be a positive person outside of sport and then a true sportsman within the sport. Marcus Rashford is also a role model as he proves that hard work, humility and perseverance brings success.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I have many people to thank that have allowed me to get me to where I am but none more than my mum. She has produced my horse bringing him up to the level that he is currently at. She also is my coach and allows for me to compete and pursue all my goals and ambitions.

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# U MADDISON GIBSON U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Sailor of the Sea (Sea)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 5 at Sunshine Coast Grammar School

**DISCIPLINES:** Preliminary Dressage and Combined Training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN**

**RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was around 3 years old. I did a little Pony Club with Yandina Pony Club on my first Pony Stonyvale Casper, and I also showed Casper and my mini horses. I got my pony Sea (who is an Arab and makes quite a statement with his tail) at the start of October 2022, so we are still a new partnership. We have competed primarily in IQ events since then (I still do a little PC when we have the time). This year was my first year at IQ events proudly representing SCGS, and to qualify and make states was amazing. Then I was blessed enough to receive 2 x golden tickets in my chosen disciplines to represent QLD at Nationals.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

**Don't limit your challenges, challenge your limits**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR**

**HORSE/HORSES:** I love his tail, he waves it around like a flag because he is an Arabian, his coat is really short too so we don't have to clip him. He is a unicorn pony, he is so chilled and tries really hard for me, even when I make mistakes. He is super gentle, he is kind and forgiving and he is just really amazing. I'm so lucky that my mum found him for me. I knew the first time I rode him that he was my heart horse.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN**

**ATHLETE:** My dressage coach Sally Collins and my jump instructor Clint Van Der Sanden are my role models. The way that they train and teach me, their morals and also their achievements. Clint competed as a 4 star eventer - 4\*\* International ODE rider, and Sally competes at FEI level. I love having both of them as coaches.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

Definitely my mum and my dad, they have been supporting me all the way with my riding and everything. They give up their time to make sure I can get to comps and training. Both mum and dad work full time, my dad works away so mum is left most of the time to run me around everywhere, even though she also works full time, so I'm very grateful for everything they do for me. I also have my coaches to thank for their patience, guidance and dedication. I'm also very lucky to have some great friends who support me, and support from my School equestrian team mates from Sunshine Coast Grammar School.

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# U Makayla English U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Emry's Prince

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 9 Carlisle Adventist College

**DISCIPLINES:** Showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN**

**RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was 4 years old. I started on my Shetland pony Summer at Pony Club. I started competing in jumping when I was 10 and this is my first year with Interschools.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

**Only 2 emotions belong in the saddle: A sense of humor and patience.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR**

**HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Emry is our connection and his trust in me. I also love this horse with my whole heart. He isn't just a horse but he my best friend. We have grown together over the years.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN**

**ATHLETE:** My role model would be Gemma Creighton she has made massive achievements, she rides so well and she's just amazing.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

I would thank my Mum and Dad for using so much of their time to help and support me not just for nationals but for my whole life. I would also thank my coaches for their time in helping Emry and I grow together and accomplish better rounds.

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# U MATTHEW CREED U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Maximum Impact  
(Stable name is Maximum)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 12 at The Cathedral College Rockhampton

**DISCIPLINES:** Show jumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I started riding before I could even walk. My first horse was a Clydesdale Gelding called Ben, which I started competing in shows and camp drafting on him from the age of 4. Thanks to my sisters' passion for show jumping, I somehow went from mustering on our cattle properties, camp drafting and showing, to competing in the Interschool Jump ring.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started".  
Mark Twain

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Maximum would be his lovely chilled out nature and how much he loves the sport, always trying his hardest in every course. Although, some people love more the fact that he falls asleep when we're waiting for events; even in the busiest of rings he still finds time for a quick power nap.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I don't have an athlete role model, but rather look up to the likes of Sidney Kidman who built an empire from nothing. It's an inspiring rag to riches story that's valuable lessons push me to exceed in everything I do.

## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

Foremost, a huge thanks to my sister and Mum for first getting me into Show jumping, who constantly pushed me to strive hard, and were relentless in their support. My parents were a huge driving force, giving me the opportunity and support to compete on horses. They were responsible for everything around horses, from teaching me to ride, and then taking me along every step of the journey. Another significant person in my riding career would have to be Pricey, who I have many thanks to for his efforts in training me, and sternly disciplining me in my first steps of Show jumping.

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# U Tilly Canavan U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Finch Farm Miami (Miley)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Grade 10 @ Matthew Flinders Anglican College

**DISCIPLINES:** Secondary 95 CT

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding for pretty much my whole life, it started off on my family farm in Victoria with a few little ponies and found my passion, which grew into what it is today.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"Trust yourself that you can do it and get it." -- Baz Luhrmann

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Miley, is that she is a quick learner and is so smart for her age and how much experience she has had. She is brave, so nothing much fazes her in the ring or out and about.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Ash Barty would definitely have to be my role model, her drive in her sport and her mentality is what every equestrian needs when competing and learning, of taking every loss as a learning curve, which is crucial is the horse industry.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I have to thank for getting me this far in my riding career is my family and coach. Without the endless support of my family, especially my mum, for driving me to endless amounts of shows and lessons. As well as my nan, who got me into horses and has always been my biggest supporter in this journey. I would also like to acknowledge my coach, Justine Streater for providing me with all the knowledge and skill that I have today and not only that but being there for me and my horses and providing the support I need.

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# U Maya Hoolihan U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Calveston Friar Tuck

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** St Andrew's Anglican College/Grade 10

**DISCIPLINES:** Tuck and I compete in Dressage, Show Jumping, and Combine Training but this year I have qualified for Show horse.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I learnt to ride when I was 4 and started competing on my own pony at 6 or 7 years old.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard"

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSES:** My favourite thing about my horses is the strong connection and bond I create with them.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model is Megan Elphick, she lives in the UK and lives the life I have always dreamed of, she inspires me every day to be grateful and never to give up even in the hardest of times.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I have always had my mum to thank for getting me this far, without her I don't know where I would be. She is the most hardworking person I know and taught me that I can do absolutely anything I put my mind to.

# U MIMI BOLAM U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Adorabella Gabbie (Belle)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 8 at St Johns College Woodlawn

**DISCIPLINES:** Eventing 80cm

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding for 7 years, and have been competing for 6 years. The last three years has been mainly competing in eventing and before that was Bangalow Pony Club, this is my first year competing in interschools.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"A champion is not defined by their wins, but by how they can recover when they fall"

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My Favourite thing about Belle is how kind she can be for a chestnut mare. She is normally really easy to do things with on the ground . And also how shiny her coat is.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model is my coach, Bridget Garlick. She always made people feel included. She was competing 2\* before she left to go to England to work with Tim and Jonelle Price.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THIS FAR:

The photo above is my mum and I when I was younger. She passed away from breast cancer in 2018. She played a big role in getting me started in the equestrian world. We moved down to Rosebank in 2014, from Darwin. Neither of us had much knowledge about horses - it helped that dad was a vet. She still plays a major role in my motivation and how I act/ride to this moment. My dad and the rest of my family, are always there for me and supporting me through my riding. My coach (or Ex coach) Bridget, helped me so much with my riding and my mental state. She was always there for me and has always felt like another mother to me.

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# Morgan Lyall



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Mr Banks (Walter)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 10 @ Genesis Christian College Brisbane

**DISCIPLINES:** Dressage, Show Horse

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been competing for 11 years but have had horses all my life.

**"Learn from each and every horse you ride. Every horse has something to teach you and sometimes you don't realise what that lesson is until years later!" – Carl Hester**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** His floaty movement and his cheeky personality



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Annabella Pidgley and Charlotte Dujardin

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My Mum and dad have been a major contributing factor for getting me this far with all the time and money they spend on me, as well as my riding instructor Ruth White and not to forget my ponies without them I wouldn't be the rider I am today.

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# Olivia Hewitt-Toms



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Celerity Park LM Star and Lushious Lexie

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Show jumping 120cm and 110cm

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** Since age 5

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

**"If at first you don't succeed, try doing what your coach told you to do the first time."**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Things I love most about my horses is how much they try for me. Both my ponies try incredibly hard every time they enter the ring.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Izzy Stone.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

I have to thank my parents and my coach, Billy Raymont, for their countless hours helping me in the ring.

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State Team  
Eventing Captain

# Phoebe McDonnell



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Lethal Fantasy (Ellie)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Eventing, Showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I first rode a horse when I was 3 years old and did my first interschool competition in year 5 on my pony called Soxy.

**Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Her colour/markings which always make her stand out and easy to spot!



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Turia Pitt is inspiring for her refusal to be limited by her injuries, which is reflected in her message of overcoming adversity and to never give up.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

My parents – who devoted hours of their time over the years into the sport I love as well as all the great coaches, particularly Mattea and Shane Davidson who have help me learn and develop so much as a rider over the years.

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# Pippa Lawson



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Mallory Square, Mallory

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Sommerville house grade 8

**DISCIPLINES:** showjumping, eventing, and combined training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

Competing for 8 years and riding for 11 years.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

**"You are your own competition, outwork them."**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** I love his personality and how kind and gentle he is. He has the biggest heart and the brights eye. I love the way you can never get mad at him because you know he is always trying his best.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My coach, Mattea Davidson. She is such an accomplished equestrian as well as a mother. She is such a caring and supportive person while coaching and in normal live.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** My parents are to thank for my accomplishments this far. They always are supporting me in whatever I want to do and are always there with a good motivational saying when things don't quite go my way. They will always put me and my ponies needs above anything else and for that I'm very grateful.

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# Regan Mackenzie



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Willowbrae Varekai

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 8 at Riverside Christian College

**DISCIPLINES:** Intermediate Show Horse

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was 3, I only started competing when I was 6 at local ag shows and pony club on my old pony dash. Then I eventually started interschools when I was 8 and have done it since.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*Riding Horses. Sometimes scary, sometimes fun, sometimes tricky. Always Amazing.*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about my horse Kai is probably how hard he tries, even in a big atmosphere he always takes it in his stride and performs his best every time.



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My Role model would definitely be Laura Collet, she is a British eventer who is a true inspiration in the equestrian world as she is an amazing horse woman and dedicated advocate for horse welfare.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I people who have helped me through my riding journey is my family. A massive thank you to my mum for having supported me this whole time and trying her best so I can get far in the equestrian world. I would also like to thank my dad for buying me horses when he didn't want any and driving me to many horse shows and lessons over the years.

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# Robert English



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Down with the Devil aka Eddie

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 6 Carlisle Adventist College

**DISCIPLINES:** Showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was 5. My partnership with Eddie began 2 years ago.

### WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*Put in the work and try your hardest.*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

My favourite thing about Eddie is that he always looks after me and even when I put him in a tricky spot he always try's to save me.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

My role model is Guy Creighton because he has show jumped at the Olympics.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I would like to thank my coach Mindy Bullen for helping me so much with Eddie and helping me improve my riding. Also my sponsors Mum and Dad.

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# Rosie Williams



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Kunda Perfectly Plain (Perfect)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Grade 10 at Riverside Christian College

**DISCIPLINES:** Medium Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding since I was around 5 years old. I started competing when we bought Perfect 8 years ago. We joined Pony Club in the early years and then joined EA where I started to compete at Interscholar in 2021 representing Riverside.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"A dream does not become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."  
Colin Powell

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

I love Perfect's quirky personality, it keeps things interesting and keeps me on my toes!

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My role model is easily my coach, Elyn Parker. She shows great determination and kindness both in and outside of the competition arena. Her commitment is inspiring.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

My amazing Mum and Dad who consistently believe in me and pick me up when I need it. They make all of this possible and I could not be more grateful. I also have to thank Perfect, she's been my rock and I love sharing this amazing journey with her through Dressage and in life.

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# RUBY HOOPER



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Wyann Alfa Romeo / Conway Park Razzle Dazzle.

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** 6

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Horse, Dressage, Combine Training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I started riding when I could walk and competing around 5. I remember competing in the lead rein classes at Show Horse Council, The QLD All Welsh Show and local AG shows. My first big competition was Horse of the Year at QSEC.

Strength does not come from winning.

Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My horses are my best friend's, I love it when I call their names and they come galloping up to me in the paddock.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

I look up to my friend Georgia as an athlete, because she is dedicated, encouraging, and supportive to other competitors.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

My parents because they encourage me to make the most of the opportunities I am given.

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# SAACHI STIEFLER



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Laurelvale Minty (Minty)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 11 at Victory College Gympie

**DISCIPLINES:** Show jumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** Started Gympie pony club when I was around 9 years old on a little bay pony called Tommy. I did my first interschool state in year 7 on a bay thoroughbred called Jack.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**"WORK UNTILL YOUR IDOLS BECOME YOUR RIVALS"**

- G. DRAGON

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Minty would be his massive and sooky personality. He always tries his 110% best for me and never lets me down.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** Pat Smythe was the first woman to travel the world competing internationally, winning major Grand Prix events on her own horses in more countries than any man or woman had ever done before. In 1956, she became the first woman to ride in an Olympic show jumping event and the first to win a medal.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

My Mum for putting in the endless effort helping me with riding, driving, feeding, cleaning and the list goes on forever if it wasn't for her, I would defiantly not be on the state team. My Dad and Grandparents as well.

# SAMUEL BLANC



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Kristamoor Lodge Kieran

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 4 at A. B. Paterson College.

**DISCIPLINES:** Primary Show Hunter, Primary Prelim Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was 2 years old with my sisters Shetland pony Kieran. We have competed together at the Ekka since I was 2 and started competing at interschool competitions since prep.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

**You're braver than you believe, stronger that you seem and smarter than you think.**

-Winne the Pooh-

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** The favourite thing that I like about Kieran is the way he always sticks his tongue out when he concentrates – just like me. He also loves banana lollies.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model as an athlete would be Cristiano Ronaldo. Cristiano grew up in a poor family but worked and trained extremely hard to become one of the top 2 soccer players in the world. He was also named the worlds most charitable sportsperson in 2015.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I have to give a massive thank you to my sister Phoebe for giving me Kieran and always coming to all the competitions and riding lessons to support and help me. Also thank you to my mum for driving me everywhere and helping with everything with Kieran, and my riding instructor Bianca VanKampen for all her patience and advice.

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# SAVANNAH DEACON



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Primrose Park Casino

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Bluff State School, Grade 2

**DISCIPLINES:** Combined Training and Show horse

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I got my first pony when I was about two years old. I started pony club and in the last few years started competing in show jumping, dressage, combined training and I love Ag shows too. This year was my first ever state event. You will see me riding at the Olympics in the future!

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*I am fit, healthy and can do anything I want in life.*

### FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

I am lucky enough to have 3-4 horses to ride and compete on. Each one teaches me something different from my seat and posture, my leg position, how to have fun and how to really believe in myself and believe in and TRUST in my horse.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model and favourite rider is my coach Bonita Floyd. She is teaching me everything she knows and I want to be able to ride like her. She believes in my dreams to get to the Olympics. She has patience with me and shows me how to do things herself, not just telling me. She teaches me something different each day from horse riding, ground work with horses, show prep and walking courses and how to care for horses and equipment.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I always want to thank mummy for everything she does for me. She does all the horse work and takes my sister and I to all of the shows and gives up all of her time for us. I want to thank my coaches Bonita Floyd and Kay Orr for teaching me everything they know and I know how lucky I am to have them in my life. They coach me every week and I get to learn by watching and listening to them and by riding their horses. I also want to thank Pete Floyd who is my farrier and makes sure everything is always fixed for me and ready to use. I definitely want to thank my no 1 support person, my sister Arizona.



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# SIENA PETERS



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** My Gizmo (Giz)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 11 at West Moreton Anglican College

**DISCIPLINES:** Prelim and Novice Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding for as long as I can remember doing pony club at Moggill, however, I started competing at interschool events in year 4.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*"Without the bad days we can never appreciate the good ones".*

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Gizmo would be how loving he is, he always puts in 110% and never fails to put a smile on my face.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role models would definitely be my parents as they do so much for me no matter how frustrated they are at me. I don't know where I would be without them.



### WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I can't thank my coach and my parents enough. Big thankyou to my family for always being there for me throughout my equestrian journey and for supporting me through the ups and downs. Also to my coach Kaitlin for putting up with me each week and for sharing her knowledge for me to further improve my dressage.

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# SIENNA MICKELBOURGH



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
Penny Quinn (Penny)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:**  
Year 10 at Downlands College

**DISCIPLINES:**  
Showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
Ever since I could talk, I've been riding horses and have always been in love with them. I started pony club when I was about 6 years old under west Toowoomba pony club on my first little pony Astro.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard ya hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done."

Rocky Balboa

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about Penny will have to be her quirky personality and how she always puts her heart and soul into everything I ask her to do.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My role model for all my successes would have to be my mum and dad because they are always there to support me with everything I achieve and are always there for me with every mistake I make. I am and always will be so grateful for them.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

The people I believe helped me with everything through my horse riding would have to be my coach and my family. Jordan (my coach) is always there for me to give me whatever advice I need or if I need help with anything, she always has such a positive outlook on everything and I'm so grateful to have her as my coach. My family are my number 1 supporters with everything and help me achieve my dreams and for that I am also so grateful.

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State Team  
Jumping Captain

# SIMONE SORENSEN



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Viva Blue & Yalambi's Karijini (Blue & Jini)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Fairholme College, Grade 12

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Jumping & Working Hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**  
I have been riding for 15 years and competing for 13 years.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

"All bonds are built on trust, without it, you have nothing."

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

One of my favourite things about my horses would be their personalities.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My Coaches – Shane and Mattea Davidson and also Robert Goodwin.



## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

Mostly my parents and coaches for everything they do, but also everyone else who supports me on my journey.

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# U SOFIA ANTHONY U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Quantico (Ted)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 9 at Stuartholme

**DISCIPLINES:** EvA95 Eventing and Intermediate Novice Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since before I can remember but I started competing in pony club around the age of 6 on my little grey pony, Kissy. I began competing in interschool not long after that, representing Team QLD in 5 National Championships over the years.

**"Half halt. Take a breath. Go."**

Lesley

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** My favourite thing about Quantico (Ted) is his loving and kind nature. He always has his ears pricked and is looking for a treat, always putting in 110%.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I have been influenced by many athletes although I think Ros Canter is a true role model. Her dedication to her horses and riding inspired me to become a better rider. Recently being named the World Champion, Ros' ability in all 3 phases of eventing is truly inspirational.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

There are many people I have to thank but especially my family and coaches, Lesley Brodbeck and Guy Creighton. A big thank you to my family for always supporting me and for driving me to competitions and lessons, I couldn't have made it without you. Also to my dressage coach, Lesley Brodbeck, and my show jump coach, Guy Creighton for passing down your years of knowledge and for always finding time for a lesson.

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# U Sophia Hartwig U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Chelo

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Theodore State School, Year 6

**DISCIPLINES:** Eventing, Showjumping, Dressage, Showhorse

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding since I was a baby and competing since I was 5 yrs old.

**Good, Better, Best.**

**Never let it rest.**

**Until your good is better**

**And your better is best.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Chelo never doubts me and is always there for me. She trusts me, she keeps on trying even in the tough times and she does everything I ask of her no matter how hard, never giving up. I am also enjoying riding our young horses and love the relationships that we build.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My Dad is my role model. He is the best horseman I know. He supports me, cheers me up when I am down and helps me when I am having trouble with my riding.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

My mum and dad who have given me this opportunity. They have supported me and my riding since I was a baby. Also, my coaches, Rebekka Craig, Becky Jenkins, Clem Smith, Alice Hurley, Ron Paterson and most of all my parents who are with me and coach me all year round.

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State Team  
Dressage  
Vice-Captain

# Sophie Brennan



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Beechwood Lavita (stable name: Lulu)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Yr 12 at Scots PGC College

**DISCIPLINES:** Prelim and Novice Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** I have been riding and competing since I was 4 years old. I started competing at Interschool competitions in Year 4 in Dressage, Showhorse, Showman and Combine Training. With Lulu I compete in Dressage and Show Hunter.

**Don't wait until you've reached your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take towards reaching that goal.**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** The best thing about Lulu is how hard she tries for me and how much trust she shows me. I have only had Lulu for one year but the partnership we have formed is very special.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My role model is my coach Gary Lung. He breeds and trains his own horses to the highest levels. I admire the way he trains horses correctly from the lower levels up and is so encouraging to learn from.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I would like to thank my parents and brothers for always encouraging my dreams to ride. The endless miles on the road for training and competitions, opportunities they have given me to keep improving and help me find my beautiful Lulu. Thankyou to the great friends I have made during my Interschool journey. I am sure there will be friendships from Interschool that will last a lifetime. Huge thankyou to my coach Gary Lung for his endless patience and training and for the many laughs along the way.

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# Sophie Sidney



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Salient Park Bouncer

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Isis State High Year 7

**DISCIPLINES:** Intermediate Working Hunter and Secondary Combined Training

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:** 5 Years

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**  
If it is to be it is up to me!

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** my Favorite thing about bouncer would be how he always puts in 110% into what he is doing. Bouncer has always helped me around all my learning curves with his ears forward he keeps his own character.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My Coach Kristen Foley



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:** I would like to thank my family especially my dad! Also a massive thankyou to Kirsten Foley my coach she puts up with me and never complains also my mum I would not be here if it wasn't for her she always puts up with me and always helps with my training.

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# U Summer Lindgren U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Kingston (Kiny)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** year 10

**DISCIPLINES:** EVA65cm eventing, 80cm Show Jumping and Combined Training and Prelim Dressage

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I started riding at the age of 6 years old at a local riding school that brought along my love for horses, I eventually started leasing horses, going to pony club competitions and gradually buying my first own horse in 2020 Bindi, and he has made me the rider I am today.

**"Horses were never wrong – they always did what they did for a reason, and it was up to us to figure it out"**

**"Jeanette Walls"**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** I consider my horses therapy, they have changed my life and I appreciate their love and company. I am now enjoying the experiences of competition with my best friends



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** I consider Guy Creighton my role model because he has made a great contribute to this sport, even after his Olympic career he still makes the effort to train and teach young riders today.

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

I would like to say thanks to my Family, Friends and Trainers that have brought me along as a rider, but most importantly my honest and amazing two horses, Bindi and Kingston. Without their help I wouldn't be so successful in my riding career. Thank you to mum for all my Dressage and Show Jumping clinics and lessons. Huge thanks to all my coaches that has supported me and my successes.

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# U Summer Marshall U



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Allstars Halo & Ervines Rollex

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Grade 11 Beaudesert State High School

**DISCIPLINES:** Show Horse & Show hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

My family have been breeding and training and competing with Australian Stock Horses since I was born so I can't remember a time without horses

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY**  
**You only get out what you put in**

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:** Rollex is gentle and kind nature

**Halo her Sas and spunk**



**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:** My dad Brett if I can achieve half of what he has done in the horse industry id be proud

**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

My Mum & Dad for always supporting me and helping me achieve my goals

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State Team  
Show Horse Captain

# TORRA MACDONALD



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** GV SUMMER LOVIN (Summer)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 12 at Fairholme College Toowoomba.

**DISCIPLINES:** Senior Working Hunter and Senior Combined Training 60cm.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I started riding at a very young age before competing at my first competition at the age of 8. Where I then competed at my first Interschool competition in 2017 for St Joseph's Gayndah, since then I've competed for Fairholme every year.

*"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'"*

Audrey Hepburn

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

My favourite thing about Summer is her kind and gentle nature, she always tries her best in whatever I ask of her even if she is unsure. She puts a lot of trust in me and she loves to jump!

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

My role model in this sport would be Simone Pearce. She is very inspiring due to her progression in the sport and representing Australia whilst showing great sportsmanship.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

My parents, as without them I wouldn't have gotten this far without their sacrifices and support. I owe them everything for getting this far in the sport and I will be forever grateful for the memories which have been made in my time in Interschool. I am also incredibly thankful to my coach Jen Bucknell who works tirelessly to ensure I achieve my hopes and dreams in this sport. She is not only a great coach but also a supportive friend and mentor.

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# Zali Greeney



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Jag Classique (Jag)

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 9 at Lindisfame Anglican Grammar School, Terranora

**DISCIPLINES:** Elementary Dressage and Secondary Show Hunter

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

Ever since I can remember, I have loved horses. I started riding when I was just two years old on my grandmother's horse, and since then I have competed at both EA and Interschools events from the age of ten, placing in the top five at my first ever Interschools' Nationals in dressage in 2019.

**WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?**

*Per ardua ad astra...*"through adversity to the stars!"

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:**

My favourite thing about Jag would have to be his beautiful personality and temperament, and how he always does his best to look after me, even when it is daunting for him. He truly is my everything.

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:**

My role model would definitely have to be Australian F1 driver, Daniel Riccardo. This is because Daniel is an amazing athlete who always prides himself on his sportsmanship, loyalty and integrity. Daniel seems to always be able to work through any hardships and comes back stronger, all whilst keeping a smile on his face and having a great sense of humour.



**WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:**

Many people have helped me reach my goals over the years, including my family who support me no matter what, and my coaches, Matt Lord and Catherine Alat. However, no one has supported me more than my Mum. My Mum is always there supporting me and is the best strapper and groom, and goes to the ends of the world for me, just so I can do what I love. Mum truly is my biggest inspiration.

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# Zara Wyatt



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:**  
- Lincolnfield Latte AKA Jack  
- Laradowns Larrikin AKA Larry

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 10

**DISCIPLINES:** 95 Eventing and Senior 90cm Showjumping

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:**

I have been riding since I was 7, but we always would ride the Shetlands once a month at our local markets! I started properly competing 2 years later, and our first show was Kalbar back in 2016.

## WHAT IS A QUOTE THAT YOU LIVE BY?

*"If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough".*

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

My favourite thing about Larry is his personality around pretty much everything, and he loves molasses licks.

My favourite thing about Jack is his cuddly personality, and how much he tries in everything for me.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

My role model is definitely Ellie Fredricks and Laura Collet!

## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

I definitely have to thank my mum and dad for their ongoing support in helping me with pretty much everything that revolves in the sport, and all my incredible coaches, me and my horses wouldn't be where we are without them.



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# Zavanah Cochran



**HORSE/HORSES NAME:** Tip Tau

**SCHOOL/GRADE:** Year 6 at Ipswich Girl's Grammar School (IGGS)

**DISCIPLINES:** Dressage, Show Horse and Pony racing but my favourite is Show Jumping.

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING/COMPETING:

I have been riding since I was 2yo when I began lessons at Riverside Equestrian Centre. I started competing at Pony Club when I was 4yo and started competing at Interscholar events when I was 8yo.

I currently compete for IGGS at Interscholar and Darra/Oxley for Pony Club/Pony Racing. I have attended HOTY for Dressage and numerous Ag shows for Show Jumping/Show Horse.

I have previously qualified for the QLD team for Nationals in Show Horse and Dressage but covid didn't allow me to attend.

## My Favourite quote that I ride by is:

*If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.*

## FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR HORSE/HORSES:

Tau is SO chilled and relaxed. He definitely has a "go with the flow" attitude but when we enter the jump ring he knows it is "Go Time". He gives great cuddles and is a massive fan of Smoochie horse treats.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AS AN ATHLETE:

Alycia Burton is my all-time role model! Her animal loving nature, kind heart and phenomenal riding skills are something I really look up to.

I have attended lots of her riding camps and seminars and have learnt so much about myself as a rider, but also the value of building a deep connection between Tau and I.

## WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR LANDING YOU THUS FAR:

My Mum and Dad for supporting me all these years with taking me to lessons, camps and competitions all over the country. A huge thankyou to my coaches over the years including Tania Wright for letting me ride her horses for years. Karen Morris for helping establish good ground work and being my Dressage and Show Horse coach. Ross Smith and David Finch for being my Show Jump coaches. An extra big thank you to Ross & Mel Smith for finding me "Tau", the most amazing horse I have ever owned.



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Special mention to our State Team Grade 12s, this being your last Australian Interschool Championships. Congratulations on making the Queensland Team, thank you for your support of IQ, good luck at Nationals and your future endeavours.

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Phoebe McDonnell

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