

## **Stuartholme School – the Ellerby family**

### **Our family**

Our life's pretty busy with our family, a lot of sport, a lot of extra-curricular activities and family time's usually around the dinner table, having a meal and sharing stories of the day.

### **An easy choice**

Anastasia went to Stuartholme so it was a natural choice to choose. Some of our cousins have gone there as well, so we've always been impressed by the school.

So it was a fairly easy choice when we came to Brisbane. But having the boarding connection was something I really valued and still have life-long friends. I got a lot educationally but just as much as a person from the school, so I wanted that for my daughters. It's like my other home.

### **The perfect balance**

We really like the size of the school, being slightly smaller. I think it gives greater opportunities for our girls to excel both in sport and drama. Also from an educational point, I think the teachers really know our girls and know what they need to do.

I think they have the perfect balance of a small enough size but large enough to give variety and challenge and stretch, and that's something that puts them in a fairly unique position.

### **Community... belonging...**

Stuartholme really builds a big sense of community and it's something that I'll always tell anyone who asks me about Stuartholme, and I think it's a really good trait.

Coming to Stuartholme was so long ago now, but I just remember feeling really welcomed and that all the students and teachers were so friendly.

I went to Stuartholme Summer Camp this year and I got to meet new friends and I got to know the school a little better for next year.

The school makes sure that everybody feels like they belong, and that there's always a helping hand.

### **Be the best YOU can be...**

I think this is where Stuartholme really lives up to its motto of being the best you can be and it looks at the individual child. No one gets lost in the crowd and in our case, our daughters have seen that in their pursuits, be it sporting, be it the need to be integrated with some physical differences or academic.