FROM THE MASTER

Our sporting clubs have been working hard in recent months to create a more inclusive feel across teams and codes. At a recent sporting club management meeting the students determined that there was an opportunity to target key events which would create more ‘whole college support’ next trimester. I look forward to witnessing this first hand as our students work to embrace each other’s experiences and ensure that each code receives the support that it is fully deserving of.

Whilst much has been said in the media in recent times regarding University College culture, the reaction of our students to these reports, and the support given to, and by our leadership group, reaffirms the great community that exists here at Albies. Whilst our students recognise that there may exist elements of a ‘rusted on’ culture here, the malleable nature of our young men and women ensures they are accepting of, and happily embracing societal norms and change when making decisions during their journey here. This healthy attitude assures me that we have most impressive young adults who are preparing well for their step beyond College and University life.

The College has employed numerous new staff in recent times and I offer a very warm welcome to each of these people, and look forward to their ongoing contributions to the College in coming months. I also encourage our student body to take the time to meet these new staff, as they can only assist in making the student journey a more enjoyable experience.

Exams are well and truly upon us and I am happy to report that the attitude in the College is certainly one of support and encouragement as the students help each other to get through this busy time. We do hope that those students departing for the break enjoy their time away from the College, and, as importantly, that they look forward to returning refreshed and ready for a busy Trimester Two.

With my best wishes,
Jas Lincoln

FROM THE DEAN

This week marks the start of Trimester 1 examinations. Our students have been busy preparing for these exams. It has been a welcomed sign to see so many engaging in collaborative study using our newly renovated facilities, as well as having unlimited access to the dining hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our academic support team, which is led by Peta Bradley, for all their efforts in supporting all students in preparation for these exams, with particular focus on our first years. The first round of university exams can be a somewhat daunting process but the support this team has shown has really alleviated a great deal of pressure. Furthermore, Special Consideration Applications can be submitted up to five days after a student’s last exam. Please see me if you believe you have reasonable grounds for a special consideration application. Finally, good luck to all in exams and safe travels to those of you who will be travelling home in coming days.

With thanks as always,
Mick McGuiggan
With exams now in full swing, the realisation that there is still time to study has gone completely out the window. Ladies Day was a huge success and with the Rugby winning across the board and passion pop taking players’ player for the afternoon, it was a day of cob loaf, wet tickets and Rob Laurie’s nose. From blood bins to red cards the day was more than eventful, with all battling the elements in the name of the ladies.

As this weekend brings the Red Shield Appeal Door Knock, it’s a chance for the students to leave the desk and raise money for those that are in need. The holidays bring a well earned sabbatical off the grog and we say good bye to the academic backbone of the college Jacko and Swedo.

As silly season will be in full swing come Term 3, the next trimester brings the main events, such as Gender Bender, Albies’ Week and recovery, as well as the night of nights….. ‘The Wedding’, which is more than enough reason to take the holidays easy.

Until next term,

Freddy

Good luck in the exams, to all our hard working students!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 23 May  Examinations Commence
Friday 3 June  Trimester 1 and Examinations End
Saturday 4 June  Internal Students Depart from College by 10am
Monday 13 June  QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Sunday 26 June  Internal Students Return from 2.00pm
Academic Report

As we enter that time of year I would like to wish everyone all the best for their exams. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my team of Academic Advisors for their hard work and commitment towards assisting everyone in their academic endeavours over this trimester. It would not be possible though without the support of the RST, JCR Executive, Staff and Management here at Albies.

A couple of quick reminders as we wrap up the Trimester:
- The latest you can apply for special exams or special consideration is 5 days after your last exam (try and get on top of this sooner rather than later)
- If you have any questions regarding results, changing degrees, special exams or exam remarking after results are released I will be available over the break to be contacted in regards to any of these matters.

On a final note I would like to welcome Alice Bowler to the Academic Advisors team. Alice will be taking over Fiona’s role as Science AA as Fi leaves for the U.S on student exchange. Good luck in the remained for this examination period.

Peta Bradley— SAA
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LET’S TALK WITH LOUISE

Hi All,

Sleep; everyone needs it; many of us say we don’t get enough. Sleep hygiene is described as habits that help you have a good night’s sleep. There are a surprising number of things that many people do before bed that impedes sleep. Want to know more? Come and have a chat.

I’m at college Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12-3.30 pm. I am also available at the Centacare office in the morning on the same days. I can be contacted on 67387200 or via email; l.carstairs@centacareenw.com.au

Hope you all have a great week.
Cheers,
Lou (College Counsellor)
Sports Report

Albies Netball Club- Harriette Spork and Emily Pitman

Team of the Week: C Grade

Coaches: Emily Pitman, Tim Flannigan and Gerard Ryan

Captain: Keiley O’Brien

Last weekend, the last week of the competition before holidays, the Albies’ girls were faced with some hard competition. C grade have fought hard all season. Although they are yet to win a game the girls are continuously improving. On the weekend the girls faced off with the Blues, playing one player down the entire game.

Karen Willcocks played her first game of the season, however, spectators wouldn’t have known this as she shot goals from almost outside the circle.

Molly and Jane, faced with exceptional Blues shooters, worked hard in defence taking multiple intercepts successfully which turned the game around. The girls are continuing to work as a team and as a result the combinations continue to improve.

Albies Rugby Club– Alec Rainnie

Over the weekend we had 4 grades play with the top 3 grades against Armidale Blues and 4th grade against Barbarians 3rd grade. The 4th grade suffered a narrow defeat to the Barbarians on Friday night, going down to 17 points to 12. The boys put up a solid performance all game, with Jack Bennett and Will Ciesiolka being the stand outs. However, in the end defence let us down.

On Saturday, the club celebrated Albies Rugby Ladies Day. Being the weekend before exams it was good to see a large number of students come over and support the players and get involved in the festivities. The day as a whole was a success with all three grades coming out victors against the Armidale Blues. 3rd grade played a very impressive game winning 22 points to nothing, with Will Burke scoring a total of 12 points. 2nd grade out played a much bigger Blues line up winning 27 points to 17, with Jonathan Green and James Davison both having solid performances. 1st grade were victorious over the Blues for the first time this season, with a very convincing 48 points to 19. Daniel Sweeney scored a total of 23 points. Overall, it was a very successful weekend putting the club in a very comfortable position leading into the holidays.

Albies Hockey Club- Peta Bradley

Without our team coach here last weekend, manager Ash Wilson stepped up into the coaching role on Sunday, as the hockey girls took on Ex-Services. With plenty of subs the girls played an extremely competitive first half. Maddy Taylor produced the goods snagging a goal off our first corner of the game. Despite being extremely strong in defence and some excellent ball movement in attack we were unable to capitalize on our possession with another goal. This saw the girls head to the dug-outs at half time with a narrow 1-0 margin.

Still feeling good, thanks the large number of subs, the girls were able to get more opportunities in the second half and we were able to widen the score. Fiona McDonald produced a goal off a quick ball from Katherine Munn and not to be out done Camilla Paton scored another fantastic goal only minutes after. This extended Albies’ lead and we were able to settle in and play our own game. Sarah Barton was once again successful in sweeping a goal in at the post with about 7 minutes remaining. This helped give Albies a comfortable win with the final score being 4-0. A great game was had by all, in particular Nat Aquilina at half and Camilla Paton both in defence and attack.

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LADIES DAY

The 2016 Albies Rugby Ladies Day was a huge success for all members of Albies, as well as supporters of the college. The atmosphere on the day was buzzing, as all three grades defeated the Blues convincingly. The combination of this and an abundance of food and free flowing champagne created a fun filled afternoon for all to enjoy. Ladies Day quickly transformed into an evening of celebrations with the help of our resident DJ’s on site, who are always ready to provide great music to keep the night going.

Massive thanks must go to the Rugby Social Committee and the Rugby Club who have been working together to make this day happen. I’m sure everyone is looking forward to next year!

Alex Yabsley

MASS TIMES - COLLEGE AND TOWN

SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL
Sunday Mass is held at 8am, 10am and 5.30pm each week.

COLLEGE MASS
Held each Tuesday afternoon at 5pm in the College Chapel.