



The Albies UPDATE

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From the College Deputy Master



As we near the end of term three it is amazing to reflect on how much the College has been involved with so far this year. This term saw the students host their Friends' Ball after a busy Albies Week, which included a number of service activities such as donating blood via the Red Cross, and picking up rubbish along Armidale streets and motorways. Our SFK Committee hosted the inter-college debating competition, in which our own team came a respectable third place (given I am a former debating coach, Jas has told me we will need to do better than that next year!).

Last week we held our Careers Evening, which Shannon Bow talks about in this edition, and we have finally had our full College photo. I say "full" when in fact we had a number of people away on that day, but we decided to go ahead with the photo after changing the date three times with the photographer because we found it is almost impossible to find a time where the entire College is in the same place!

In the second week of August, we held our annual Founders Dinner, a dinner focussed on celebrating the heritage of our College. At that dinner we heard from Mr Maurie Stephen, a proud alumnus (fresher 1970), who along with his wife Chrissie was made an Honorary Fellow of the College. Maurie shared some wonderful reflections on the College's journey over the past five decades, and reminded us of the importance of intellectual inquiry and debate, especially in relation to current affairs. We are currently developing a series of seminars and debates for next year that will involve our students and staff, Senior Common Room members, UNE academics, and the broader community. Watch this space!

Looking ahead, in our final term we will host the Valedictory Dinner which acknowledges those who are leaving Albies this year and graduating from the UNE. There are some truly impressive young people in this group and we will be sad to see them leave while at the same time excited about the journeys they have ahead of them. At that dinner we also announce the student leaders who will be on the RST in 2019. We are currently short-listing from an outstanding pool of 135 applicants and it is not going to be easy as we have only 40 available positions. Having run student leadership recruitment processes for many years, I can honestly say this is one of the most challenging aspects of my job!

On Sunday, 23 September we host our inaugural Charity Long Lunch which continues the fundraising efforts in support of 'Little Windmills', a most worthy cause. Invites will be issued electronically early next week.

In closing, I must acknowledge the efforts of all our sport teams who have represented the College so well this year. We have had some successes in the netball, and our hockey girls have given their all even though many of their games are at night in the cold Armidale winter. Unfortunately our rugby teams will not feature in the grand finals this year, but the teams have worked hard and held their heads high. We wish our friends at Robb College all the best with teams playing in the finals of every grade.

Warmest regards,

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From the SFK Representative



St Albert's College hosted the inter-college debating competition as part of the Sir Frank Kitto Cultural Comp on Monday and Tuesday (30 and 31) July 2018.

Six colleges (Albies, Austin, Earle Page, Mary White, Robb and Wright) from the university engaged in topical debates both prepared and impromptu. Hugo Parer, James Kearnies, Tilly Hunt, and Sophie Harris made up the strong team of freshers that represented St Alberts College.

Day one saw Albies into the finals with two wins and a loss thanks to the well formulated and articulated arguments presented by the team. Unfortunately, Earl Page College knocked Albies out of the semi-finals in an extremely close debate on the topic "is space exploration worth the money spent on it?".

Congratulations to Wright College for winning the competition, the grand final was an extremely engaging debate judged by John Hariss and Mark Littleboy. A special thanks to all the guest judges Karen Lee, John Harris and Mark Littleboy for taking time out of their busy schedules.

Annika Spork



From the Deputy Senior Academic Advisor



On Thursday, August 16 we were fortunate to be joined by 13 industry professionals from all walks of life, fields and careers. Former Albies students even ventured back to their old stomping ground providing us an insight into their careers in the big bad world of the workforce. Many students turned up eager to make connections, learn about what employers look for in graduates and perhaps land a job.

The night began with industry 'break out sessions' as students were given the opportunity to ask questions and hear career insights about their potential fields of employment. The night proceeded to the dining hall with a toned-down version of the ABC's Q&A, where I facilitated a question and answer panel with six business professionals.

The evening wrapped up with less formal proceedings of networking drinks and nibbles in the SCR; a highlight being Sam Graham from Australia Agricultural Co quoting "I could easily employ some of these kids".

The Albies Community would like to warmly thank all those who travelled long distances to speak to Albies students, and those who put in tireless effort to bring the night to fruition.

Shannon Bow



St Albert's Founders Dinner

The annual St Albert's College Founders Dinner was held on Thursday, 9 August at UNE's Bistro, or as it is affectionately known, The Stro. The night saw the students receive numerous awards and scholarships for their academic exploits in trimester one.

After an entertaining introduction by Senior Common Room President Angus McDouall, Special Guest Speaker, Mr Maurie Stephen regaled the Albies community with tales of his time at College, and highlighted the value of the unique opportunities that Albies affords its students. Maurie's address was deservedly met with a standing ovation.

Fittingly, later in the evening an Honorary Fellowship was awarded to Maurie and his wife Chrissie, for their decades of service to the College. Chrissie herself had served on the Board for some fourteen years, and had mentored hundreds of students academically for many years throughout Albies history.

It was a night that will long be remembered by the Albies family.

Oliver Grimble
Communications & Events Manager





Netball Report

A GRADE MINOR

Albies (ARes) vs Fusion | 8:30 am | New Hall

A GRADE MAJOR

Albies vs Barbets | 9:30 am | New Hall

B GRADE DIV 2 MAJOR

Albies Yellow vs Albies Red | 10:30 am | New Hall

Well what a whirl wind season! Last week saw the last game of the minor round before we head into finals. Mikaela, and I, along with our committee would like to extend a congratulations to everyone on the phenomenal year that it has been. We hope that you all enjoyed the season.

Round 11 saw both B Yellow and B Red continue their winning streaks, with B Yellow winning 46-34 and B Red defeating our B Blue team 63-16. A grade showed that they are a formidable force in the competition defeating Austin by a considerable score. Well done ladies.

Round 12 unfortunately saw our C grade concede a 50-12 loss against Armidale's Blues. B Purple had a nail biter against Austin going down by just 5 goals. Fierce determination was shown on the court with Albies players Emily Glover and Katie Robinson hitting foreheads trying

to catch the ball. We know the coaches said to use your head but I don't think this is what they had in mind girls.

Finally, congratulations to A grade, A Res 1, B Yellow and B Red who have made it through to tomorrow's first round of finals. B Yellow and B Red are versing each other for a spot in the grand final and if Coach Morrissey's enthusiasm is anything to go by, it should be a ripper game. Game times are attached below.

Georgie Trowbridge, President &
Mikaela Brown, Vice President



Hockey Report

Last Monday the hockey team played their final game for the season. The game was fast which really put our skills to the test. Our forward pack Soph, Loui and Ash all left the season on a high by scoring goals.

A big thank you to everyone who came out and watched, it was great to have a crowd and support.

It's been a great year and we are definitely very proud of how our girls developed over the year.

Ash Flint, President



Rugby Report

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to all St Albert's teams for their consistent efforts throughout the season.

Unfortunately, our dominance over previous years has waned as we look to rebuild for next year. Our congratulations goes to Robb Rugby for making all five grand finals in both men and women's rugby. This weekend will be fascinating five contests across the finals and we wish all playing the best of luck.

Last week the second grade boys were devastatingly beaten in the final minute of play to a drop-goal. It was especially difficult for some of the boys who are in their final season with St Albert's rugby. It would have been a great sendoff for the boys to get some finals glory but it just wasn't to be.

Elsewhere the third grade boys went down to a strong Blues team, again a disappointing end to a strong season.

Fourth grade played out a tight loss to bitter rivals Robb and Robb can consider themselves lucky to have progressed to the grand final considering the stylish play from the fourth grade lads. Women's 7's played two games against tournament favourites Barbets, losing the first game but finished the season well by beating the Barbets in the second game for the afternoon.

With the season drawing to a close we can now look forward to celebrating the efforts of the club across the season at the annual rugby presentation night on Friday, 14 September at the College. Tickets are available via [Sticky Tickets](#), all enquiries to Jack Biddle via phone 0476794391 or email jbiddle4@myune.edu.au.

Jack Biddle, President





Upcoming Events

AUGUST

31 Brisbane Reunion

SEPTEMBER

11 Hockey & Netball Presentation Night
14 Rugby Presentation Dinner & Calcutta
15 SCR Albies Race Day
20 Valedictory Formal Dinner
21 RST Changeover Dinner
23 Charity Long Lunch

OCTOBER

7 End of Year Mass/SCR BBQ
14 Tamworth Lunch

DECEMBER

7 Sydney Long Lunch

A colorful illustration of three jockeys on horses racing. The jockey in the foreground is wearing a red jacket and a red helmet. The horse has a saddle cloth with the number 8. The background is a mix of green and purple brushstrokes.

SAVE THE DATE

ALBIES Race Day

Saturday
15 September 2018
Gates Open 12:00pm

Fashions on the Field
GREAT PRIZES ON OFFER

little windmills
THE COUNTRY KIDS CHARITY

The crest of St. Albert's College, featuring a shield with various symbols including a cross, a book, and a building, with the text 'ST. ALBERT'S COLLEGE' above and 'VERITAS LIBERABIT VOS' below.

SAVE THE DATE

St Albert's College Charity Long Lunch



Sunday, 23 September 2018
St Albert's College, Handel Street, Armidale

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