



The Albies UPDATE

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From Jason Lincoln, College Principal



A fantastic start to the year!

It has been a fantastic start to the year thus far thanks to the superb efforts of our large leadership team and a phenomenal group of 100 freshers who've joined us this year. In 2019, Albies chose to support the University's Wellness Week Program which added a week onto the year for all concerned. I thank our leaders for the goodwill displayed in supporting this request and the first years for making the effort to gain the most out of their overall UNE and Albies induction.

One of the highlights of our beginning of year celebration was the contribution made by our leadership team in Walcha, where 48 of our students enthusiastically assisted local farmers for a day of stick-picking, fencing, gardening and other chores. All done to support these families in the wake of the natural disaster which hit Walcha just before Christmas. I was delighted to receive a letter of thanks from Walcha Mayor, Eric Noakes, recently which reaffirmed the difference that small gestures like this can make to our local community.

As we close in on our 50th Anniversary Celebrations I am delighted to report that already, we have over 500 friends of the College returning to join our 300 students in what is set to be an amazing weekend for the College. Tickets are still available (until 22nd March) for purchase to both the rugby reunion on the Friday night and the gala event on the Saturday evening and I encourage all alumni, family and friends of Albies to join us for what is set to be an amazing weekend.

As the Term sets in motion, I am delighted to report that our students had a huge presence in the newly renovated dining hall for our first Nerd Night last Wednesday. At Albies, as our senior students will attest, it is important to get the balance right between the many aspects of your busy lives. The College prioritises Monday and Wednesday nights as our Nerd Nights, although each of you individually need to own your academic journey. To that end, I encourage you to lean on the many resources available to you for help during your time here.

Finally, on Monday night we will be joined by NSW Tourism Minister and Local MP Adam Marshall who will be speaking about his journey in politics and life from 7:00pm in the Senior Common Room. I encourage all those who have an interest in broadening their horizons to make the most of this unique opportunity to hear from such a well-respected local identity.

I look forward to continuing to get to know our new students and, of course welcoming back our returners for what I trust will be a wonderful year for all.

Best wishes as always, Jas.

— Jason D Lincoln, College Principal

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Leadership Team in Walcha

Worst storm in living memory!

Prior to Christmas a storm described as, 'the worst storm in living memory' for the Walcha community devastated the properties of landholders in the region. In February our student leaders travelled to Walcha to assist the affected landholders in an effort to clean and clear the properties of the debris from the storm. This visit was organised by alumni Damien and Simone Timbs. Eleven local property owners agreed to host groups from two to six willing workers, and it was up to each farmer to devise jobs and supervise their workers.

The students worked hard and with great enthusiasm in clearing their allotted areas of the debris from the storm damaged trees. Our students were humbled by the experience and were in awe of the spirit of those affected by the devastating storm.

As the sunlight dwindled the exhausted crew of students and Walcha locals descended upon the Timbs' farm for refreshments and a BBQ.

St Albert's College thanks Edwards Coaches, Jacksons Quality Meats, the Railway Hotel Armidale and 1879 Bistro for generously supporting this very worthy day.

— Oliver Grumble, Communications and Events Manager



From Laura Brown, SRA

Welcome to all!

The past few weeks have seen the beginning of the year busy and full on as always.

The fresher cohort have participated in numerous events over the past two weeks, and should be commended on surviving what has been an exhausting time. Wellness Week was their first insight into the University of New England, and participation was outstanding across all events throughout the week.

Seeing huge changes since their very first day, the fresh and outgoing young year group are well prepared for the year ahead and are coming to understand the Albies way of life. Their efforts have been exceptional along with those of the RST, who have been back, preparing and training to help lead and guide the College this year. From what great times we have already had, 2019 is shaping up to be a fantastic and memorable year.

— Laura Brown, Senior Residential Advisor

Laura Brown, Jack Morrissey, Joe Vary, Shannon Bow, Angus Dingley & Tom Condon.



Fresher Barefoot Bowls, 2019.



Senior Leadership Team Retreat, 2019.



From Alice Frend, JCR Publicity Officer

Mentally and physically prepared!

Students have returned after a well earned break, mentally and physically preparing for the first two weeks of College.

We kicked off Wellness Week with barefoot bowls at the Servies, checking out the new talent from the freshers. The excitement continued into Monday's antics with Colosseum Night setting the tone for the week. Golf Day was in full swing by Wednesday, walking off some Nev's from the days before. The Servies hosted our annual Traffic Light Party on Thursday. Finishing off Wellness Week on the Friday, freshers met with their Senior Common Room members, spinning a few good yarns and polishing off some cheese and biscuits.

After a couple of rest nights we were back refreshed for another splendid week. JCR Night kicked off O' Week with Jankins, Whippy, Oatsey and Turner all cutting some shapes on the dance floor. JJJ Night brought everyone together at the Trax with ladies enjoying and sharing a couple of bottles of wine. We were sent Back to School on Thursday night at the Servies reminiscing on the old days. Billy Madison Day was a highlight for most on Friday, soaking up some sun, relaxing in the pools and doing some slip and sliding. Ladies Day started with a bang! No complaints were made on the quality of the bubbles as well as the company from the rest of the returners. Overall the last two weeks have been hectic but packed with fun and everyone stayed safe. But it's now time to get stuck into Term 1! Good Luck!

— Alice Frend, JCR Publicity Officer

UNE Sport Olympiad, Wellness Week.



Colosseum Night, O'Week.



UNE Sport Olympiad, Wellness Week.



Welcome back!

On behalf of the Academic Advisors (AA's), I would like to welcome everyone back to College and to the start of 2019. We hope everyone had a fantastic summer break and wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Classes started for our bright-eyed freshers on Monday (4 March) after being introduced to university academia via participating in academic orientation programs delivered by uni facilities over O-week. Wellness week and O-week was a busy time for the AA's as we ran an Albies Trivia Night and hosted academic sessions to ensure all new students of Albies were enrolled and knew where they needed to be, come Monday (4 March).

I am excited to welcome back our returning AA's, Kelsey Buss (Science AA) and Loui Quiddington (Nursing AA), and introduce the new AA's for this year including Angus Dingley (Rural Science AA), Shelby Glavocih (Education AA), Will Gunning (Medicine AA), Jack Hely (Law AA), Henry Hickson (Agriculture/Business AA) and Lachlan Mills (Exercise and Sport Science AA).

My team and I are very excited for this upcoming year and we will endeavour to make academics at Albies for 2019, the strongest year yet.

Our motto for this year is "We work hard, so we can play hard."

— Shannon Bow, Senior Academic Advisor

Making use of comfy chairs, studying at the High Table.





MARCH 2019

Saturday, 9 March
MBPT Touch Football

Thursday, 14 March
Commencement Mass & Dinner

Sunday, 17 March
MBPT Hockey

Thursday, 21 March
Fresher Rugby

Sunday, 24 March
MBPT Hodsons Relay

Thursday, 28 March
Fresher Hockey

**Friday, 29 March – Sunday,
31 March**
50th Anniversary Celebration
Weekend

Sunday, 31 March
MBPT Basketball

APRIL 2019

Wednesday, 3 April
MBPT Rugby 7s (Bellevue)

Thursday, 4 April
Fresher Netball

Friday, 5 April
MBPT Rugby 7s (Bellevue)

Thursday, 11 April
Academic Formal Dinner

Sunday, 14 April
MBPT Volleyball

Friday, 19 April – Friday, 3 May
Mid Trimester Break with
lectures resuming Monday,
6 May

