



The Albies UPDATE

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From Trent Donaldson, Deputy Principal



Keeping the winning streak alive!

My first four weeks at the College have been amazing, I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and passion the students have for the College. The past two weeks have seen plenty of activity around the place.

Last week we had local MP and Minister for Tourism Adam Marshall. The presentation was well received by the students in attendance as Adam spoke brilliantly about the challenges he experienced as a young member on Gunnedah's local council and his passion for helping communities in the Northern Tablelands. Adam's messages around standing up for what you believe in and the importance of mentors in tough times were well-received and highly relevant.

The College officially celebrated the start of the 2019 year with their annual Commencement Mass on the College lawn. We had well over 200 in attendance for the Mass and a huge thank you to Father Paul McCabe for an excellent service.

The Dining Hall was a hive of excitement and proved itself to be an excellent venue for the College's Formal Dinners moving forward. Jane Callinan (Fresher 1988) from Where there's a Will, the College's Charity Partner for 2019, was guest speaker and was extremely impressed with the evening. Jack Morrissey ensured the evening flowed well as the MC, whilst Laura Brown (SRA Address) and James Bailey (Fresher Reply) presentations highlighted the strong bond amongst students and the idea that 'Once you're Albies, you're Albies for life!' Massive congratulations to the musical performances by 'Fludey and the Girl' and 'Dirty Flude and the Boys', which sent the College into a state of hysteria.

This week saw the first of the fresher games, with the Rugby happening last night. Thanks to the Senior Gentlemen who had the team thoroughly prepared and in peak physical and mental condition for the 50th encounter against Robb. Congratulations Freshers on a stunning 16 – 11 victory and keeping the winning streak alive. We look forward to the hockey and netball in the coming weeks.

Thanks to everyone for making the start of the year such a success!

Best wishes, Trent.

— Trent Donaldson, Deputy Principal

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From Jack Morrissey, SRA

Ahhh yes and good morning St Albert's

It is week 3 and the college is well and truly flowing with academics and social events. Last Thursday, the year officially begun with the Commencement Dinner for 2019. An exceptional evening led by Laura 'Brownie' Brown's ruthless reflection of the year thus far, with Jack 'Stump' Lane especially appreciative with Brownie's efforts. Finally, props to James Bailey's questionable and all-round stunning Fresher Address, many thanks to the under-performing Magazine Committee for their efforts.

The vibe around Albies at the current moment is electric with anticipation for the 50th Anniversary Weekend increasing each day. It should be good to see Joe 'King Pin' Vary connect with past JCR Presidents to gain some inspiration on how to do the job, get your pen and paper out champ.

To finish, best of luck to all Fresher teams competing against Robb in the coming weeks, you have the College's support right behind you.

— Jack Morrissey, Senior Resident Advisor



From Shannon Bow, SAA

Hello and welcome to week 3!

We are well in to the midst of classes and it is fantastic to see the new Dining Hall being utilised by so many! Our first 'Nerd Night' was a huge success with 89 students in attendance! We warmly welcomed the baked goodies provided by Moons Bakery at Uralla for our second successful 'Nerd Night'.

The Fresher students have impressed the AA's over and above, nearly putting us out of a job with how proactive they have been towards their studies. It was fantastic to see Henry 'Hicko' Hickson realise that he was an AA after returning from Antarctica, holding numerous tutorials during week 3. As always, the AA's will endeavour to keep up the enthusiasm and commitment towards our educations and also try to help Angus Dingley find his top button.

For the first time this year the SCR provided baked goods for our third 'Nerd Night' which gave students a great study pick-me-up! Over 100 students were studying in the Dining Hall, JCR and tutorial rooms and nearly everyone enjoyed a home made treat. Thankyou to the SCR for their contribution which was an awesome insight for the Freshers to understand a small component of what the SCR do for the College!

Don't forget – 'We study hard, so we can play hard' – so get stuck in! Goodluck!

— Shannon Bow, Senior Academic Advisor

From left: Kelsey Buss, Shelby Glavovich, Will Gunning, Lachlan Mills, Shannon Bow, Angus Dingley, Louisa Quiddington & Jack Healy.



From Alice Frend, JCR Publicity Officer

Thursday night saw some amazing contemporary art!

The Social Department has calmed down in the last two weeks as we get our brains into gear for the term. However, we still managed to slide in some friendly nights out.

We began our official week for Term 1 with our floor outings, bonding with all years over some of Armidale's varying cuisines. Following dinner we went to one of our fine local establishments, the Kilda, for a few beverages if you could make it through the mosh pit from the quality karaoke taking place.

Thursday night we hit the beach, with the scent of coconut in the air and not to mention girls natural glowing tans. Servies held the ultimate atmosphere of the beach out the back with sand available for those creative enough to build some amazing contemporary art in the form of sandcastles.

The following week the Wicklow hosted Albies and Robb, with both sides trying to figure out each other's game plans for Fresher Footy. Which brings us to week 3 where our spirits are building in anticipation for our win (or loss... but not likely) with the Fresher Footy event! Good luck to our boys!

— Alice Frend, JCR Publicity Officer



Fresher Footy Fever

Up Up St Albert's!

A sensational performance from the Fresher boys as we saw the lads dig in and grind out a fantastic 16 - 11 win over arch rivals Robb College in the 2019 Fresher Rugby!

The lads had incredible support from a pumped College community. What a great start for our sport in our 50th year!

— Oliver Grumble, Communications & Events Manager





MARCH 2019

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

MAY 2019

Sunday, 12 May
MBPT Football (SportUNE)

Friday, 17 May - Sunday 19 May
Parents Weekend (please see
attached Save the Date)

Tuesday, 21 May
MBPT Athletics Week 1000m
(Bellevue)

Wednesday, 22 May
MBPT Athletics Week 3000m
(Bellevue)

Thursday, 23 May
MBPT Athletics Week 5000m
(Bellevue)

Sunday, 26 May
MBPT Athletics Day (SportUNE)

