



The Albies UPDATE

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Albies Week done and dusted!

With Albies Week all done and dusted, the students have all settled back into their study routines and the academic mindset has continued to build this trimester.

On Thursday 18th July, the College welcomed back two Alumni to give a presentation on their experiences post Albies. It was great to hear from two people, who hold such fond memories of their time at College. Ian Bullock (Fr 1979) spoke about the friendships he developed at Albies and the extensive roles mentors have played in his life as key people to ask for support and guidance from. His wife, Michelle Bullock (Fr 1983), then spoke about her journey after Albies to her current role as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, and highlighted the importance of resiliency as she reflected on her career so far.

Last Thursday was the Founders Dinner, another special night in the College's calendar where we celebrate the outstanding academic success of Trimester One. Albies had 77 students achieving a credit average, 48 students received a distinction average and 12 students achieved a high distinction average. The following academic prizes and scholarships were presented to:

The Knight Prize – Stephanie Hennings
The SCR Prize – Elizabeth Argue
The Martha Hallinan Prize – Louisa Quiddington
The Fourth Year Prize – Lachlan Mills
The Sarah Heagney Memorial Scholarship – Jack Jansen
Oaktree Scholarship – Howard Litzow
Highest Floor GPA – Top A
Highest floor attendance at 'Nerd Night' – Mid C

The night concluded with *Dirty Flude* and *The Boys* bringing the crowd to their feet none more notably than birthday boy Mackye Shore.

On the sporting front, our Hockey team is looking to finish the season strong with three rounds remaining. Netball finals kick-off this weekend, good luck to the four teams (A grade, A Res 1, Albies Yellow and Albies Orange) playing this Saturday. On Saturday in Tamworth, we have three rugby teams (Women's, 1st and 2nd Grade) playing in the preliminary finals. Good luck to all!

Albies Week 2019

Students returned after a long refreshing holiday with wallets cashed up ready for the silly season to begin.

Pirate Sunday set the scene for the week ahead for those game enough to walk the plank. Jerseys, Jeans & Joggers Night (Triple J Night) on Monday saw everyone bring out their home town jerseys and their favourite denim and sneaker pairing as the girls began the classic vodka lime and soda diet for the week with Robbie Waters who was definitely not on the waters.

Chicken and Champagne kicked off Tuesday with the first pop of Veurve and the beginning of a legendary 20 hour set by DJ Fisher-Keady. Longevity was an issue with most opting for bed before the JCR Night began except for Toddy who got a weeks worth in by the end of the night.

Wednesday was a well deserved rest day where the students gathered for Albies Week Mass in the Dining Hall. Fr Paul provided a thought provoking sermon in which discussion of the Homily was encouraged.

Thursday night at Servies had everyone bring out their inner ringer with cowboy hats and buckles proving essential to the 'Texas Cletus' theme. The

bucking bull being the highlight of the night with Joe Vary, the self-proclaimed strongest man at college being out done by his better half. It was a successful night if you weren't Seyff who was MIA.

Friday we had our Albies ladies take on the Robb Strops in the annual Charity4Charity rugby game. The girls took out a massive win against Robb 46-5 and the excitement continued onto Saturday with the boys trying extremely hard to come out of the girls shadow, evidently turning out well, winning all grades but one.

Saturday had everyone put on their finest ball attire for the night ahead to enjoy some quality yarns and cob loaf with friends at the Annual Albies Ball.

Finally, on Sunday we awoke not quite so refreshed but ready for the big day ahead! The day was a blast, everyone excited for Flight Facilities being our main event with our other DJ getting notted up.

Overall the week was once again a success, and everyone is now recovered ready to do some much needed study!



Albies Week Service

A-BLOCK

Under the leadership of Jack Ticehurst, A-Block students braved alpine New England winds as they formed a red and green clad emu parade along the roadsides leading into Armidale in an effort to relieve the roads of litter dropped from passing traffic.

With this particular clean-up becoming an annual A-Block activity it is clear to see its importance as the roads once again were cleared of the harmful plastics and other refuse of a years' worth of traffic.

Remember, if it's not the bin, it's on you! Don't be a tosser!



#Albies4Life

B-BLOCK

During Albies Week, B-Block decided to do something a little different compared to previous years. B-Block decided to donate money to farmers that are struggling due to the drought. Together B-Block donated \$560 to the Buy A Bale campaign which supplies farmers with hay bales that are crucial for livestock during these hard times.

When donating money B-Block students found that they could specify the recipients of their fundraising and stayed local by picking New England and Northwest area. We hope that the bales of hay support our farmers and wish them the very best during these hard times.

C-BLOCK

The students of C-Block on Monday, 25 and Thursday, 28 July, sent two groups to local nursing home Autumn Lodge to provide company to residents. The students spread themselves through three of the Lodge's wings, including the Dementia Ward, High Care Ward as well as the nursing home. Students of C-Block and a few other students will be returning every 3-4 weeks for a catch up with their new found friends in an effort to establish a more familiar relationship with residents and to help bring a new element to their routine. The students have so far surprised themselves with how enjoyable their respective visits were and look forward to ongoing activity.

D-BLOCK

The troops from D-Block were on deck to uproot and remove the stage from St Mary's Anglican Church Hall. With great glee the team set about tearing the old instalment out in order to make space more viable for the use of St Mary's Parish.

D-Block worked like a well-oiled machine with the demolitions crew being enthusiastically supported by a team removing the remnants of the surprisingly substantial stage and sweeping up the resulting dust and debris. For the seemingly small stage, it took three and half ute loads to the Armidale tip to dispose of!

It was dusty work but the students enjoyed the opportunity to help out and work as a team in what would have been a draining and drawn out task had the Albies men and women not established a strong team dynamic. We look forward to seeing the finished product of the St Mary's Parish Hall!

E-BLOCK

For their 2019 service, E-Block was martialled and scheduled by block leader, Issey McDouall, to donate blood. With the New England region suffering from a perpetual blood shortage, the Armidale Blood Bank have been calling on as many people from the Armidale region to roll their sleeves up and fill some blood bags! E-Block heard the call and took action!

As a bonus and unbeknownst to E-Block, this took Albies to a substantial lead in the 2019 Inter-College Blood Drive! A single donation can help save three lives and it only takes 15 minutes to donate. Hopefully, we can take the Albies total of blood donors in 2019 up to 300!

Chugby4Charity 2019

The men and women of St Albert's College and our broader community were all smiles before, during and after the annual Chugby4Charity game on Friday, 12 July.

Shrugging off the Armidale winter conditions the Albies girls took to the field in the name of charity. Under the Bellevue lights and under the eyes of an enthralled crowd, the girls put on one heck of a show in which the girls piled on an impressive score against the Robb College girls!

The Albies team proudly donned special jerseys in the colours of Where There's A Will which would later be auctioned off to fundraise for the wonderful charity. Thank you to the Albies supporters who braved the icy conditions and congratulations to the Albies chugby players and coaches on a magnificent performance!



Annual Futures Dinner

For the Annual Futures Dinner the College decided to try something a little bit different.

Prior to the formal dinner the College and broader community gathered in the Junior Common Room which was set up in auditorium style, to hear from Albies alumni, Michele Bullock, on her personal journey from Albies to her current position as Assistant Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Michele spoke candidly of the importance of perseverance and gender equity. Michele was introduced by husband Ian Bullock, who warmed up the College crowd with some hilarious anecdotes about his and Michele's life before, during and after their time at Albies. A common theme from the Bullock's respective addresses was their sincere passion for the Albies journey. Michele and Ian's words were both greatly appreciated by the current student body and the College would like to thank them for their great contribution to the night!

Following the guest speakers component the dining room once again sparkled as it played host to the College community. Harrison Darley brilliantly capped off the night with a crisp solo rendition of Ed Sheeran's hit song *The A-Team*!



#Albies4Life

Annual Founders Dinner

The first night of August saw the Albies community gather to celebrate the heritage and academic achievements of the College at our penultimate formal event of the year.

As a college, Albies has a lot to celebrate and 2019 was no exception. This year we have seen records set for University grade increases reflecting the strong academic aspirations of our student body! Our photographer nearly ran out of film trying to get photos of all our distinction and high distinction students. Our Academic Advisor Team should be very proud of their impact in 2019!

Once again St Albert's College's very own *Dirty Flude* and *the Boys* stole the show with a four song set highlighted by a melodic rendition of Ben Lee's *Catch my Disease*. The boys' performance was the cherry on the cake for what was a wonderful evening!



SAVE THE DATE

Albies Meet Me In Moree Ball

Saturday, 2 November

More information coming soon...

St Albert's College Veritas Magazine



To our Alumni & Friends of Albies,

As of the next edition of the *Veritas* we will be updating our community on many stories of what's been happening since your departure from Albies. It can be a sentence or even a couple of paragraphs. We would absolutely love to hear from you, as we work to fill the blanks in on our thousands of alumni whose journeys have been many and varied beyond college life.

To let us know just send your email to me at stalberts@une.edu.au titled 'Near and Far'. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,
Jenn Littleboy, *Veritas* Editor