



The Albies UPDATE

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From Jas Lincoln, Principal



It has been an extremely busy few weeks at Albies.

Following on from the highly successful 50th Anniversary Weekend we have had numerous large scale events that have had the College buzzing. The highlight has certainly been the Parents Weekend where we had the chance to celebrate the successes of our students in art, music, pursuits in support of our charity partner and sport. The weekend culminated in over 700 people joining in the annual Albies Parents Ball on Saturday night at the College.

Our sporting teams have been enjoying much success in recent weeks including all grades defeating Armidale in rugby on the weekend, and our highly successful netball season highlighted by undefeated runs thus far for A Grade and B Yellow. At the mid-point of the season Albies finds itself well and truly in the finals race across all sports, which will lead to a busy Trimester 2.

Academically our students have put their heads down also in recent weeks, as they've been preparing for final assessments and exams. It's been a pleasure to witness the amount of students using the numerous study spaces to work together and support each other through this time. We look forward to each of them reaping the rewards of their hard work as they receive their results for trimester 1.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our students for their enormous contributions to Albies life this trimester. Including sporting participants, managers, administrators, coaches, committee members, college leaders, cultural leaders, club organisers, and enthusiastic first and second years. This has been a highly successful trimester and one that I am extremely proud of, as we continue to strive to bring out the best in each other and the College more broadly.

I'd like to sincerely wish all the students a most enjoyable trimester break, spent with family and friends, as we prepare for Term 3 which sees us hit the ground running with the highly anticipated Albies week. Thanks again to all for a wonderful first trimester in our 50th Anniversary Year.

— Jas Lincoln, Principal

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Parents Weekend 2019

The 2019 Parents Weekend was always going to be one to remember. With our recent 50th Anniversary Weekend Celebrations being hosted on College grounds in our wonderful Dining Hall proving so successful, the standard was set for the 2019 instalment of our Parents Ball.

Kicking off on Friday, 17 May was the Albies Art Show. Once again, our students were able to demonstrate their talents with camera, brush and pencil. Over forty items were submitted for the 2019 Art show and they did not disappoint. Congratulations goes to the winners of each category and to all the entrants as the judges were in awe of the art on display and truly had their work cut out to find a winner. Accompanying the art show was a few musical performances from students which set the tone for a wonderful evening.

The morning of Saturday, 18 May saw students and parents descend upon SportUNE to watch the Netball girls in action. Donning charity themed socks and, with recently acquired tans, the girls put on quite a show for parents and their fellow students with mostly positive results and some spirited defeats. As morning turned into afternoon the men and women of Albies Rugby took to the field for a show down with perennial rivals Robb College.

Unfortunately, Albies were up against stiff competition and were ultimately outclassed by Robb College across the board in the men's games. The Albies 7's girls were able to add yet another victory to what is proving to be a very successful season and we hope to see their continued success.

With sporting fixtures done and dusted for the day the highly anticipated Parents Ball was looming large. Swapping boots and joggers for dress shoes and high heels, parents and students retreated to their respective accommodation to

ready themselves for the night ahead. Buses rushed around Armidale ferrying parents to the college gates where students and parents eagerly filled the Dining Room.

Guests on the night were greeted by an army of enthusiastic waitstaff and barmen. A deliciously eye-catching feature of the catering setup for the evening was the expansive grazing tables beautifully arranged in our magnificent Dining Hall. After a couple of entertaining anecdotes from senior students Laura Brown and Joe Vary, attendees were treated to a great speech from Jim Morrissey (father of Jack) who spoke about the value of the Albies community to both parents and students. The conclusion of speeches brought about the 'Where there's a Will' charity auction which alumni, Jack Biddle, put on quite a performance as auctioneer for the night.

As the formalities ended The Axemen (our band for the evening) took to the marquee stage and immediately had a heaving dancefloor as students and parents danced late into the night. As midnight struck The Axemen, to the disappointment of all in attendance and themselves, had to call it a night as the last of the buses headed into town.

This Parents Ball was our first back at Albies for over a decade and it was our honour to host such a wonderful group of parents and students. We are already looking forward to Parents Ball 2020!

— Oliver Grimble, Communications & Events Manager



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Rugby Update

The past month for Albies rugby has seen the club as a whole improve game by game with a great standard of the gods game being played across the board.

The annual Parents Weekend all saw the Club come up against rivals Robb College who are the benchmark of the New England competition. The men and woman of the Club accepted the challenge and hit the day head on and an unreal day of footy was played by all. Highlights of the day included the girls, yet again, coming home with the chocolates and Top Dog Joe Vary rewriting the textbook of running rugby. Regardless of the points on the board, the Club came away with vital insight of what is expected to be in the top tier of this competition.

With this mindset, the Club ramped up the heat at training with a redesigned fitness program which scared some of the honourable SACCAS patrons and fellow shin-splint suffers but at large was accepted by the Club and taken on with a positive attitude and furthermore, coupled with a mentality of you only get out what you put in. This proved beneficial with a huge day against Baa Baas, with the farm strength clearly

increasing across the Club proving the previous week of hard yakka was paying dividends. The Club dug deep and came away with a complete clean sweep of the day with every team winning by considerable margins. To crunch numbers Albies scored a total of a 177 points to Baa Baas 33, a truly grouse effort by the club.

This leads us into this coming weekend where the club takes on the Armidale blues at Moran Oval, this too will be a good test of the clubs progress and is sure to display a swag of mongrel and some great running rugby.

Be sure to give St Albert's Rugby Club a like and follow our Instagram and Facebook pages to keep up with the latest from the men and Women of Albies rugby!

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EVENTS **UPCOMING**

JUNE 2019

Friday, 14 June
Trimester 1 Ends

**Saturday, 15 June –
Saturday, 22 June**
New Zealand Tour

July 2019

Saturday, 6 July
Albies Week Commences

Friday, 12 July
Chugby for Charity

Saturday, 13 July
Albies Ball (student only)

Sunday, 14 July
Recovery (student only)

Thursday, 18 July
Futures Formal Dinner

August 2019

Thursday, 1 August
Founders Formal Dinner

Monday, 12 August
Careers Night

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