



# The Albies Update

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## From the Master

The year has started extremely positively for our College with numerous activities undertaken. These have included sporting camps and conferences prior to the students' arrival, and then a feast of events and activities over the past few weeks. Highlights have included the Senior Common Room (SCR) 'Meet and Greet' with our Freshers, O-week education programs and numerous social events over the past couple of weeks.

I was delighted to see so many of you supporting our Commencement Mass celebrated by College Chaplain, Fr Francis on Ash Wednesday. A true highlight thus far was our massive Commencement Dinner held at the Armidale Servies the following night. I would like to offer a special thanks to those who entertained us at the commencement dinner, including our two fabulous musical performances and our numerous excellent speakers.

I would especially like to offer a warm welcome to our first year cohort. As stated last week, you have joined a wonderful community, which is inclusive at its core. Albies includes young men and women from across Australia and other continents who cherish this college, and thrive on the friendships and broader network available through our broad range of stakeholders.

I remind you that you have entered a community that values respect, integrity, service, engagement and our heritage. Make the most of these experiences. Always remember that your degree comes first, whilst embracing the many other opportunities available to you here. If you do that, ensuring you have a laugh along the way, 2017 will be a year you will remember forever for all the right reasons.

I look forward to joining you along the sidelines for the annual Fresher rugby match this Thursday at 4:30pm at Bellevue and thank you all for the many contributions made already by our students, staff and numerous stakeholders.

Finally it was a great pleasure to be able to host Director of UNE Residential, Mr Ashwin Bhutani as well as the Heads of all UNE Colleges and their leaders for drinks and canape's on Monday evening in our Senior Common Room. We hope that this initiative will become a calendared fixture for our broader collegiate network at the university moving forward.

With best wishes as always,

Jas Lincoln



Hi All,

Welcome on behalf of Thommo and myself to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition for the 2017 Albies Update. Wow what a busy two weeks! As class commenced for everyone two weeks ago everything here at Albies is back in full swing, with the Dining Hall being the busiest it will ever be at 7am in the morning, as the first years make the dreaded trek "up top" to UNE for that formidable 8am class, rugby training looking as tough as ever, and the netball and hockey preparation well under way for the upcoming fresher games.

Last Thursday saw the academic year here at Albies officially commence at the first formal dinner, Commencement Dinner. Slightly different to previous years this year's Commencement Dinner was held at our sponsor venue the Armidale Ex-Services, owing to the sheer number of guests that were in attendance with just under 400 people in the auditorium. The night was an absolute success with SCR members entertaining us with a mind-blowing un-rehearsed performance, Jas' supposed "2-minute" speech, Nick Duff wrapping up the first years Albies journey thus far and of course Joe "just a Tooheys thanks" Keady and Tom "Fingers" Fisher bringing the room to its feet with a Billy Joel classic using just a keyboard and harmonica.

Friday was steady for most but the excitement began to lift that afternoon with the arrival of the Warringah Rats for the pre-season rugby games to be held on the Saturday. These games drew a fair crowd but unfortunately the fresher team, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade all went down to some quality rugby teams. Hopefully on Thursday the fresher boys will prevail in the Fresher Rugby Match against old-time rival Robb College and the Albies boys all get a good night sleep on Wednesday night, which I'm sure will be helped by some bed time singing. Sunday also saw more sport to fill the weekend with the 2<sup>nd</sup> MB/PT competition, touch football which I'm sure we will hear about later in the update.

I hope everyone is enjoying being here at Albies and I look forward to the exciting events coming up in the next couple of weeks, including Academic Dinner, MB/PT Rugby 7s, and of course the day of the year where it is acceptable to cover yourself with red and green paint and see a "red man" wandering around.

Peta Bradley

## From the Head Student

# Yarns with Yabs

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We started 2017 off with a bang and I'm not talking about 'the perfect week'. Colosseum Night split the men from the boys and confirmed that Grando still can't handle her drink.

Traffic Light Party saw everyone define themselves into relationship status, although by the end of the night colours were mixing and the drama had begun!

Skip through to Thursday, the JCR was stocked with UDL's (and bottles of water) which saw everyone come together for another night of fancy dress, random hookups and a few Smarty psalms.

Under Charlie's watchful eye, we kicked off Friday with Billy Madison Day. With plenty of Dad bods and bikinis along with a few casual drinks in the blow up pools, it was a good day for all! The day was brought to an end with some senior syndrome as we made our way to the pub.

Finally bringing O Week to a close, we had the much anticipated Ladies Day. Passion Pop and good times were flowing until 2pm, when the Pope and Mother Superior brought out the big guns. This saw many off to bed, leaving Mick some surprises for Monday morning.

Week two saw an outbreak of the annual fresher flu, although most pulled through for floor outings and the Newie where we turned the verandah into a slip and slide. This is where we had our first meet and greet with the Robb strops showing some friendly banter of course!

At our first Thursday of the year we enjoyed beach party at the Servies. With 45 minutes of pregame preparation, energy levels and morale was high and everyone was keen to get into the sand. It was a long night of interesting DJing, resulting in many tears, ending with Joe "the piano man" Keady stealing the show, which really pulled Seyffer's heartstrings.

Finally, our official start to the year was Commencement Dinner held at the Servies, yet again the Piano Man stole the show, while Dicko and Duff threw around some quality banter. The night felt more like a ball than a formal dinner as everybody made the most of the band and the dance floor. I'm sure I can speak for the entire College in saying our start to the year was one of the best and we can't wait to see what happens in the weeks to come.

(Uni was also attended during this time)

Alex Yabsley

## Upcoming Events



Thursday	9th March	Fresher Rugby
Tuesday	14th March	Academic Formal Dinner
Tuesday	21st March	Fresher Netball
Thursday	30th March	Fresher Hockey
Thursday	27th April	Futures Formal Dinner
Friday	5th May	Parent's Weekend commences

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## Academic Report



Hi all,

Week Three has had a great start with tutorials for science, nursing and business. The full program is available in the timetable below, which is packed full of great sessions organised by our fantastic team of AAs who have been working hard to provide the best possible support for the freshers.

Last week we had a great event for the agricultural students, with Pauline Smith coming to talk about opportunities at TAFE for those interested in free courses like wool classing and shearing. We hope that in the coming weeks we can organising more sessions such as these because they truly benefit the students. Finally, assignment due dates are getting closer and everyone is starting to knuckle down; it's been awesome to see the dining hall well utilised.

Thanks everyone, I hope you all have a lovely week!

Georgie Devenish

TUTES THIS WEEK			
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
Wednesday 6:30pm	LAW161	SCR	Edwina Watson
Wednesday 6:30pm	Education	Tutorial Room	Mel Hagenbach
Wednesday 7:15pm	RSNR110	Conference Room	Alice Bowler
TBA	Medicine	TBA	Sarah & Liv
NERD NIGHT			
7.30pm Wednesday in the Dining Hall			
If you can't attend your tutes please contact your AA and let them know			

### UNE ENROLMENTS

Now is the time to make sure all of your enrolments are correct.

If you need to un-enroll, you only have until the 13th March to decide and act. After that time a withdrawal has a HECS debt and you may receive an 'N' (fail) for the unit.

13th March is also the last day to submit Commonwealth Assistance Form and the last day for eligible students to submit an SA –HELP form.

If you have been contacted by the Student Centre about your enrolment, you cannot ignore it. If you ticked HECS payment and didn't provide a Tax File Number, you may shortly be un-enrolled from UNE.



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## MB/PT Sports Update

On the weekend the MB/PT touch rugby was held with mixed results. The Men's PT team was rather unsuccessful in their first couple of games losing convincingly against both Austin and Earl Page. The 3rd game saw a more solid performance, in particular from Lachlan Buttenshaw and James Bloomer who had strong performances, but again the boys lost 4-1. The last game, the biggest game of the day, the playoff for 7th and 8th place saw strong opposition in Mary White College. The boys, in particular Sam Martin and James Haggerty, were keen to finish the day strongly, and they did with a huge win to claim 7th place for the day.

In the MB competition the girls were far more successful winning all of their pool games, well and truly putting the fellas to shame. Strong performances from Lauren Nott, Alice Frend and Georgie Meagher ensured a spot in the final against Austin College. A strong and vocal Albies crowd, including Georgie Devenish and Nick Duff, proved not enough as the girls went down in the final 4-3, to claim 2nd place overall.

Well done to everyone who participated and supported, Looking forward to hockey in 2 weeks.

Tim McDermott and Lauren Jordison



### MB/PT SCHEDULE TRIMESTER ONE 2017

MB	PT	2017	VENUE
Swimming Carnival	Swimming Carnival	19th February	Town Pool
Touch Football	Touch Football	5th March	SportUNE
Rugby Sevens	Rugby Sevens	13/14/15 March	SportUNE
Hockey	Hockey	19th March	SportUNE
Football (Soccer)	Football (Soccer)	7th May	SportUNE
Hodsdons Relay	Hodsdons Relay	14th May	UNE Triangle
Volleyball	Volleyball	21st May	SportUNE

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## Cultural/Spiritual Update



### Spiritual

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Commencement Mass last Wednesday. Fr. Francis was very pleased with the student support from the College. Also thank you to those who helped with the quick set up of the Dining Hall due to the wet weather that afternoon and to those who read and did the offertory during the mass. It was great to see the college coming together for our start of year mass.

This year we are changing our weekly floor mass to a floor gathering with Fr. Francis. This will run from 5-5:30pm every Wednesday. There will be some nibbles after with Fr. Francis, before continuing down to dinner. Although the rostered floors are encouraged to attend, anyone else who would like to attend this outside their week is warmly invited. This Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Top E is kindly invited to attend.

### Cultural

Auditions for leads have just finished for our first ever musical production of 'Grease'. Lead parts should be finalised by the end of this week.

If you wish to sign up for the chorus, there will be a sign up sheet outside the Dining Hall during lunch this week. For those of you sitting on the fence, musicals are great fun and a really different and exciting experience. If you feel comfortable enough to sing or dance on your own, ***minor lead roles are still available***. With this in mind, please know your schedule for this term and understand that it is two short months of intense rehearsals before our show date on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

A signup sheet for backstage crew will also be available later in the term. Rehearsals will be starting next week. Set rehearsal days are TBA.

Berni Lai



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## Commencement Dinner 2017

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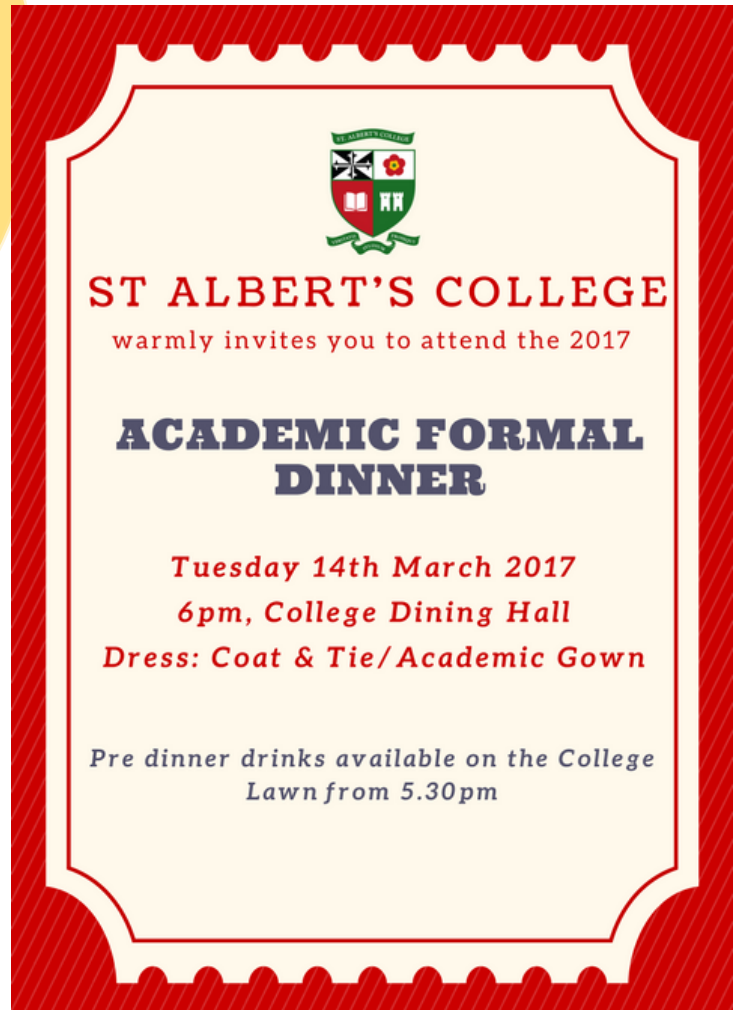
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*27 February to 19 March*

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- Annabel Watt
  - Nick Reyne
  - Liam Howard
  - Mikaela Brown
  - Robert Laurie
  - Liam Alderdice
  - Rachel Hayden
  - Samuel Martin
  - Finlay Noon
  - Rachel Young
  - Jack Wilson
  - Emily Reid
  - Josephine Stibbard
  - Zeb Johnston
  - Zara Dowsett
  - Logan Manwaring

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### REMEMBER THIS WEEK TO:

- Ensure that you have seen your RA to RSVP for the Academic Dinner
- Collect your gown from your RA
- Check your mail box (pigeon holes next to the office) and pick up your parcels from the office.
- Remind your parents about the Parents' Weekend 5th—7th May and to book accommodation for it.
- If you are a smoker, please place your butts in the bins provided around the College

### MASS TIMES

#### SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

Sunday Mass is held at 8am, 10am & 5:30pm each week

#### COLLEGE MASS

Please contact Berni Lai for details