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College Principal's Welcome

It has been an amazing start to 2019. We have proudly celebrated the College's 50th Anniversary Year in style, where we welcomed well over one thousand friends of the College back to reminisce and reconnect on a brilliant autumn weekend. The absolute highlight of the weekend was the Gala 50th Anniversary Ball held at the College on the Saturday night celebrating the efforts of thousands of staff, students, Senior Common Room, and families who have all contributed to the success story that is St Albert's College. It was a great honour to be a part of such a large event and I would like to thank all those who helped create an extraordinary weekend on so many levels. It reaffirmed for me everything that is good about Albies.

In 2017 the St Albert's College Board made the decision to join in with the University when the Vice Chancellor, Professor Annabelle Duncan, recruited the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) to complete an audit of all UNE colleges. This was a thorough process instigated by the University, including focus group sessions, interviews and the opportunity for anyone who

had been involved at UNE colleges over the previous few years to make comments as a part of a survey, or alternatively, by individually contacting the AHRC. We welcomed the process and commended our Vice Chancellor for this initiative.

We are pleased to report that there were many comments which led the AHRC to state that Albies had undergone much positive change in recent years. The College still believes strongly that harassment and assault are areas for us all to focus on, as with society more broadly, and we will continue to prioritise education and action in coming years to play our part in stamping out such attitudes and behaviours.

One of the highlights of 2019 was the renovation of B Block and the opening of the newly renovated Dining Hall inclusive of the reinvigoration of Vince's Cafe. It has been wonderful to witness the high patronage this year as a place for study, connectedness and meals. The Dining Hall comfortably played host to well over seven hundred guests for our Parents Ball on the back of our 50th

Clockwise from top right: Jas and Alyssa Lincoln at the College's 50th Anniversary Gala Evening, the newly renovated Dining Hall and the Parents Weekend Ball Charity Auction.



anniversary celebrations. The absolute key moment for me though, was our commencement dinner where we celebrated the beginning of another Albies year in style showcasing much talent, as the room erupted when 4th Year student, Joe Keady sang 'Piano Man', to close out the formal proceedings for the occasion.

All of these ongoing renovations are part of a broader strategy to evolve the College to meet the needs of current and future students, including facilities and grounds that are the envy of any across the country. As a result of this initiative, the College will be empowered to also diversify our offering to include becoming a stronger destination for conferences and events, as a place for alumni to reconnect, and the broader community to utilise throughout the year.

To that end, I can only finish by thanking the College alumni and friends, our Board, staff, SCR and none more-so than our students and families, for what has been a great start to 2019 on so many levels. With numerous events, college activities, thriving clubs and so much

support offered to each other, Albies continues to shine bright, as a community of respect and friendship, where the contribution of every individual is valued.

Best wishes,

Jas

Jason D Lincoln, College Principal



From the Chair of the College Board

The College has enjoyed a wonderful start to the year, with the opening of the new Dining Hall and the fitting celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of the College. The Anniversary Gala Evening was a fabulous opportunity for those connected with the College to renew friendships, view the developments at the College and give thanks for half a century of Catholic residential accommodation at the University of New England. I enjoyed meeting some of the first Albies' students, who spoke fondly of their time at the College and whose regard for St Albert's has not diminished over time. I am certain many of our current students would not be surprised to hear that after fifty years this group of College friends continue to catch up whenever possible.

The Board is very pleased that the upgrade to the Dining Hall has meant that the College can host important events "at home". The Parents Weekend Ball was another great evening and reinforced for me the great trust that our families place in the College and the sacrifices they are willing to make to provide this College experience for their children, during clearly difficult times for many of our farming families with the prolonged drought at present. Another highlight in the first half of the year was our Academic Dinner, at which the academic achievements of our students from the previous year were recognised.

It is very pleasing that amongst a full program of sporting, social and community service activities, our students continue to achieve such high standards.

The College community would be aware that the Australian Human Rights Commission audit recommendations were recently released. The College has been working for some time on the issues raised and has been fully committed to the process. We commend our students past and present, families, alumni and staff for their support throughout this process as we strive to continue to implement change where necessary to best support our students.

Early this year, the Board approved the 2019/2020 Operational Plan, which will see renovations to further Blocks along with other upgrades and enhancements. All these developments have been driven by the St Albert's Strategy: Vision 2025. This strategy was approved in 2017 and will be reviewed by the Board and College stakeholders later this year as we come together to reflect on Vision 2025.

Best wishes,

Associate Professor David Miron, Chair

Past Chair, Karl Schmude and Chair, Dr David Miron at St Albert's College 50th Anniversary Gala Evening.



From the College Chaplain

Even though the time I have been able to spend at Albies has been limited, it has been enriching and enlightening. The spirit of the College continues to promise a hope-filled future. It was sad to see Areti Metuamate leave, but I have been delighted and inspired by his successor, Trent Donaldson. The staff team, led by Jason Lincoln, continues to bring out the best in Albies.

The presence of God is evident not only in the love which students have for each other, but also in the altruistic willingness to support causes outside the College. This year, the Charity Committee has adopted as partner Where there's a Will, which funds initiatives to improve mental health and well-being in Upper Hunter schools. Their ambition to exceed last year's \$40,000 raised for Little Windmills is amazing.

Another example of Albies' magnanimity was in February when a great number of the students travelled to Walcha to help clear the country of debris from trees devastated by the December storms. Both the resilience of the property owners and the enthusiastic generosity of the students were truly inspiring. The support of local Armidale businesses speaks volumes for the esteem in which St Albert's is held.

The Commencement Mass and Dinner was an opportunity for reflection on the ultimate purpose of life at the University; the getting of wisdom. The Dinner proved that such a life includes moments of great joy and exuberance which expresses the spirit for which St Albert's is justly proud. It's true that our Sunday evening Masses have not been overwhelmed by crowds of heavy kneelers; but the Lord works in mysterious ways, and we pray for the Spirit to breathe when and where She will.

On the lower right of the College shield there are two towers which symbolise sanctity and learning. They identify the two most fundamental human longings for love and truth. My hope is that Albies' students always keep their hearts and minds open to these two transcendent values and/or goals, centred in God. In these secular times, we tend to ignore the God question; to choose the material rather than the spiritual, economic rather than moral values, individualism rather than communion, identity politics rather than the common good, rights rather than responsibilities. I hope that as they travel life's ways towards true wisdom, our alumni may come to value the food for their journey to be found at the Table of the Lord, the Sunday afternoon Mass.

In the past, it was assumed that one went to uni to gain a degree which enabled one to fulfil life's calling. This is not the case anymore. Without on-going participation in research and development in these rapidly changing times, there is danger of stagnation. Universities must play an increasingly important role in life-long education. A negative initial experience of university life disinclines one to further education. St Albert's provides the supportive environment where "Friendships are formed and forever they'll last". Such friendships, I believe, will encourage students to continue together their life-long quest for wisdom.

Veritatis Studium Prosequi — If there is anything which should mark Albies' alumni, may it be a life-long passion, not just for truth, but also for love; not just for learning, but also for sanctity.

Fr Paul McCabe, College Chaplain



Our 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

St Albert's College and Armidale welcomed more than one thousand members of its broader family back to the College in celebration of its 50th anniversary. The excitement was palpable in the buzzing crowd as longtime friends dating all the way back to 1969 through to the present, spread themselves across the facilities for what was a fitting tribute to the College.

The main event was the gala ball on Saturday night held across the college grounds from the Dining Hall through to marquees and a dance floor on the lawn. The grounds, facilities and marquees absolutely sparkled on Saturday evening, and the event was humming from the start, as PLC's young string quartet signalled the beginning of a night to remember.

The enormous black-tie-clad crowd dispersed among the venues, including many spectacularly arranged grazing tables and numerous bars. All were treated to Albies' finest catering options circulated by an army of waiters overseen by Albies head chef and his team.

The highlight of the night was the performance by Armidale and New England music legends Maxwell Street. The nine-piece band brought together the crowd through nostalgia and energy with an excellent selection of music from across the decades.

The night saw hundreds of members of the College community merging on the dancefloor, culminating in a raucous rendition of the Albies war cry echoing across the grounds to bring the night to a close.













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From the Deputy Principal

Trimester 1 has been a great induction into the world of St Albert's College. I feel very humbled to be a part of a such a great team, entrusted in helping young people manage the next stage of their educational journey. Trimester 1 has been loaded with memorable events, all of which were a first and I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every one of them.

The Dining Hall was in a state of crazed hysteria during the musical performances at Commencement Dinner and the enjoyment and sense of community on display at Parents' Weekend were both very special.

I am particularly grateful to the student leaders of the College, who have been of great assistance in helping me understand and appreciate some of Albies' unique characteristics and functions. The student leadership team are an impressive group of young adults, who do a wonderful job in ensuring that the students are supported in a way that allows them to relish the Albies experience.

I have been continually impressed by their passion and desire for Albies to be a place where people develop lasting friendships and memories.

The recent release of this trimester's results has seen the academic performance of the College improve significantly. The new Dining Hall as a space for studying, the assistance of our Academic Advisors led by Dean of Students Jack Spork and the students diligence in managing their time has seen the College's GPA increase to 4.24 from 3.80. There was a 45% increase in the number of distinctions and high distinctions received by the students. Congratulations to all those students who reaped the benefits of hard work. May we keep the momentum in Trimester 2.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff for the work they do in ensuring Albies remains the college of choice at UNE.

Trent Donaldson, Deputy Principal



Clockwise from top left: Joe Keady's rendition of 'Piano Man' at the Commencement Dinner; SCR President, Angus McDouall addressing the Commencement Dinner, SCR/Fresher Meet & Greet; Trent Donaldson, Deputy Principal with student Alice Frend and parents.



Residential Support Team Retreat



The Residential Support Team (RST) and Junior Common Room (JCR) Executive returned to College on Sunday, 10 February in preparation for the annual leadership retreat in Sawtell. This was a great chance for these 50 leaders to spend some time together planning for the year ahead. This was a great time for upskilling in leadership, pastoral support and team-work. Susanna Cook, Senior Student 2018 from St Andrew's College, provided invaluable insight into St Andrew's journey through cultural change. The retreat was concluded with a friendly game of paintball, respect to the Block RAs and JCR President and Vice-President for their extreme bravery when running the gauntlet.



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM, paint ball ready, February 2019, in alphabetical order: Tori Allen, Phoebe Allpass, James Bloomer, Laura Brown, Shannon Bow, Kelsey Buss, Lachlan Buttenshaw, Tom Condon, Angus Dingley, Tom Fisher, Ash Flint, Grace Gerathy, Shelby Glavocih, Will Gunning, Jack Hely, Henry Hickson, Lachlan Holz, Georgie Hook, Lily Hook, Tilly Hunt, Jack Inder, Joe Keady, Jack Lane, Josie Long, Hamish Markey, Issey McDouall, Florance McGufficke, Lachlan Mills, Jack Morrissey, Jack Pattinson, Anthea Powell, Louisa Quidington, Toby Reardon, Katie Robinson, Keagan Size, Charlie Smith, Millie Smith, Damien Thomson, Jack Ticehurst, Jack Todhunter, Georgie Trowbridge, Joe Vary, Edwina Watson, Ben Wieland, Jess Zieltjes



Junior Common Room (JCR) Events



The '50th year' intake of Freshers consisted of 101 students with a 59:42 female to male split. These students came from places far and wide including one student from Somerset, England. As with every year, the freshers and their parents were greeted by our famous fridgees, who pushed through the unusual heat in Armidale, transporting luggage and equipment to the rooms.

This year Albies participated in both Wellness Week and O-week, giving the students plenty of time to settle into their new way of life. UNE ran a number of valuable workshops around drug and alcohol use, sexual relationships and driver safety. The social program for the two weeks was aptly planned by the JCR including a Night in the Colosseum, Traffic Light Party, Triple J's at Trax, Barefoot Bowls, Golf and Billy Maddison Day.

Above and right: Albies students at JCR run events Golf Day, Beach Party and Back-to-School
Below: Albies students join O'Week's UNE Sport's Olympiad.



College Events & Student Success

The College Dining Hall has been the setting for two spectacular formal dinners this year. The Commencement Mass and Dinner in week three of Trimester 1 was a huge occasion with plenty of energy in the Dining Hall from students and SCR members alike. Huge thanks to Harriet 'Tippy' Killen and Georgia Flude, and Albies very own 'Dirty Flude and The Boys', whose musical talents lit up the room.

The Academic Dinner was the second formal dinner celebration for 2019. This event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the academic success of our students in Trimester 2, 2018. Albies had 30 per cent of

students achieving a credit average or higher. It is great to see so many students challenging the old saying – 'p's make degrees'. Senior Academic Advisor, Shannon Bow, gave an inspiring speech regarding the positive impact Albies has had on her as a person.

The JCR have ensured that the social life of the College has been consistently supplied with plenty of excuses to escape the books. Thursday nights at the Servies has ensured a plethora of dress-up opportunities for the students, with Beach Party, Back-to-School, Tight and Bright just to name a few.



Academic Dinner Award Winners

HIGH DISTINCTION

Elizabeth Argue
Charles Bergmeier
Henry Hickson
Lachlan Mills

Louisa Quiddington
Erin Smith
Damien Thomson

DISTINCTION

Brittany Abraham
Shannon Bow
Kelsey Buss
Sophie Harris
Matilda Hunt
Jack Hyem
Emma Kennedy
Jennifer Kennett
Josephine Long
Eleanor Macgregor

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Hamish Thompson
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Jack Todhunter
Georgia Trowbridge
Sophie Venz
Nicholas Whip
Benjamin Wieland

Fresher Sport & Hockey Netball Rugby

Fresher sport has again been a true highlight of the Term 1 experience for returners and freshers alike. The Fresher rugby was the first of the sports, and with much to live up to in our 50th year and on the back of recent successes, the young men of Albies played an exceptional brand of rugby to come away victors against Robb by the narrowest of margins. It was fantastic to see the students passionately belt out the Albies song as one on the halfway line as the full time whistle sounded.

The netball again proved to be a fantastic fixture, with the girls showing patches of brilliance as they moved the ball down the court on the back of some wonderful work in defence against the impressive Robb shooters who were on-song on the night. Unfortunately, our girls went down in a great game that kept the crowd entertained until the end.

On the back of the recent years' extremely tight finishes, the hockey girls had high expectations on what would be the finale of fresher sport this year. The game proved yet again to be another nail biter. With scores locked at the final siren the dreaded penalty shootout commenced. Thanks to superior skills from our players, and a dominant goalkeeping performance, Albies edged away victors for the third year running in a penalty shootout.

Once again, the Fresher sport brought out the best in our community enabling the Freshers to shine, and the College to unite in support of each other. With two wins out of a possible three finish, one would have to say that our 50th year was a successful one for our Freshers, and the College more broadly. Our sincerest thanks as always to Robb for both their rivalry and friendship and, we look forward to Fresher sport thriving again in 2020, Robb College's 60th Anniversary year.





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Parents Weekend 17 – 19 May 2019

The 2019 St Albert's College Parents Weekend was always going to be one to remember. Having just hosted over 1000 guests for the College's 50th Anniversary Celebrations in March it was now the students' parents turn to mingle in the wonderfully upgraded Dining Hall and grounds. Much like previous Parents Balls, the 2019 instalment was one underpinned by charitable spirit as the students and clubs of St Albert's College rallied to fundraise for the College's charity partner, Where there's a Will.

The Friday evening curtain raiser for the busy weekend saw parents and students gather at the College to admire the student's talents with camera, brush and pencil at the St Albert's College Art Show. Those in attendance were also treated to accompanying student musical performances.

Come Saturday morning, a stunning autumn day greeted 18 teams from across the Albies rugby, hockey and netball clubs as rainbow socks were donned in tribute to Where there's a Will. Despite a mixed bag of results, the Albies spirit was on full display for parents and opposition alike.

With Parents Ball looming large, students swapped boots and joggers for dress shoes and heels as they eagerly joined their parents in the beautifully arranged Dining Hall and glittering marquee for a night of mingling, fine catering and dancing. Guests were entertained on the evening by student speeches and the parent's reply. Throughout the night the centrepiece of the Dining Hall arrangement was an array of charity auction items which, following the speeches, were auctioned off by auctioneer and Albies alumnus Jack Biddle, with all proceeds going to Where there's a Will. Jack's spirited auctioneer's performance not only enthralled the 700 plus in attendance but resulted in over ten thousand dollars being raised.

Local band The Axemen stole the show late in the evening peppering the audience of parents and students with a high tempo mix of classic and contemporary rock. The Axemen immediately had a heaving dancefloor as students and parents danced late into the night.





"The Parents Ball was our first back at Albies for over a decade and it was an honour to host such a wonderful group of parents and students."



From the Senior Common Room

It gives me enormous pleasure to provide a brief update of Senior Common Room (SCR) activities for Trimester 1, 2019. It has been an extremely busy term and the SCR is delighted to have been involved in so many events that assist the students with their journey through college.

Unlike other years, the start of 2019 was going to be anything but normal. Celebrating any anniversary is special, but when it involves a college with over 3000 alumni and equally as many supporting friends, celebrations and memories take on a whole new meaning.

I have no doubt that this Veritas publication will be filled with photos, articles and stories of the wonderful celebration that was held on the weekend of 29 March. The College was alive with both past and present and it was a wonderful celebration of why we support this great College. Thank you to Jason, his team, the organising committee, the students and all those involved with the 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend... you nailed it!

For the students of the College this was a unique and special opportunity that only you will be privileged to live

through. You will forever be the year group who proudly welcomed all those who had lived and experienced the Albies way of life back to their second home. A memory that I hope stays with you all forever.

As always, the SCR was happily supporting in the background, along with helping out our fresh faces through their first trimester at College. It is with a generous heart that our members launch themselves into this role and while our students regularly acknowledge this assistance, rest assured it is not a one-way street. There is enormous satisfaction had by all in the SCR and it is with great enjoyment that our aging legs and broken vocal cords delight at the satisfaction of watching the success and participation of the students.

Study hard, play safe and we look forward to catching up in Trimester 2.

Go Top C!

Angus McDouall, President of the SCR

Back row from left: Chris Reading, John Harris, Mindy McDouall, Mark Littleboy, Angus McDouall, Carl Trevaskis, Justine Biddle, Dave Stephen.
Front row from left: Cheryl Campbell, Tanya Alcorn, Lyn Flint, Maurie Stephen, Jenn Thomas, Brian Flint and Matt Smith.





What an Albies Party that was! Three months post the 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend and I'm still smiling and chuckling to myself. The Weekend was simply outstanding in every way. The enormous task of coordinating the logistics of the Weekend and managing such large crowds was superbly driven by the current Albies Team. Well done!

The weekend's festivities were thoroughly enjoyed by over 1000 passionate and enthusiastic 'Albies Tragics' from current students to those from 1969 when Albies began. Thank you for coming.

What struck me most throughout the weekend was the amount of laughter, smiling faces and genuine

friendships being rekindled, often after many many years. The spirited banter was endless and nicknames never forgotten were utilised robustly. Albies at its best.

Thanks to all for the lead-up banter and enthusiasm, to those who were able to attend the celebrations and to the many messages of thanks and congratulations since the 50th Anniversary Weekend Celebration came to an end.

Albies is definitely alive and well with the strong bonds still very much evident today as 50 years ago. I look forward to seeing many of you again soon at an 'Albies Reunion' near you!

Kate Pigram, Alumni President



Advancement & Alumni Journeys

In the past couple of years, St Albert's College has engaged in an Annual Giving initiative, primarily focusing on the advancement of the College's hardship scholarships, bursaries and student facilities. Late last year, we launched 'Pave the Way', an ongoing opportunity for donors to have a personalised engraved paver laid in the entrance courtyard to the College Dining Hall with proceeds going to student financial support and facility upgrades.

Without the ongoing support of our broader family, many of our current student body would not have been able to consider an on-campus education or to call Albies home. This year, the Albies community has seen the devastating impact the drought has had on the University of New England, on-campus enrolment and the broader Australian rural community. With the generous support of so many of you, we have been able to provide the Albies experience for many students in these difficult times and this has become a primary focus for us as we prepare for the upcoming year.

As with previous years, we are reaching out to our alumni, family and friends to raise awareness of the opportunities available to continue assisting those in need. If you feel you can help or would like to learn more about our scholarships and bursaries, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

I look forward to catching up with you soon at your nearest event.

Mary Wright, Director of Advancement

It is with enormous gratitude that we offer our sincerest thanks to our generous donors who have helped us as we work towards funding the Dining Hall extension and new High Table.

UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

Melbourne

Date: Friday, 2 August
Time: From 5:00pm
Venue: The Duke of Wellington
146 Flinders St, Melbourne
RSVP: Friday, 26 July via
<https://www.trybooking.com/BDNHW>

Canberra

Date: Friday, 16 August
Time: From 6:30pm
Venue: Canberra Yacht Club
Marina Pl (off Alexandrina Dr), Canberra
RSVP: Friday, 9 August via
<https://www.trybooking.com/BDZGK>

Brisbane

Date: Friday, 30 August
Time: From 4:00pm
Venue: Grand Central Hotel
270 Ann St, Brisbane

Moree

Date: Saturday, 2 November
Time: TBA
Venue: TBA

Sydney

Date: Friday, 6 December
Time: From 12:00pm
Venue: The Grace Hotel
77 York St, Sydney



JANE CALLINAN

Fresher 1988

From left: Jane with Jack Fahy (Fr 1989) and Bryn Griffiths (Fr 1989).

I was a resident of St Albert's College 30 years ago! I don't think I have ever contemplated writing that sentence. I hadn't visited Armidale in about 20 years and in 2019 I have made three trips, with a few more to come.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend was a wonderful celebration; it was simultaneously a step back in time and a showcase of the evolution of the College and the experience it provides to residents. In lots of ways nothing has changed; the Albies song is still the best song, of any College, ever.

What I have noticed is the focus on college life developing the whole person. These days there are 24 student leadership positions within Albies and a range of committees to contribute to. The other reason for visiting Albies this year has been to represent Upper Hunter Where there's a Will (WTAW), the charity the current Albies cohort have committed to raising money for in 2019.

WTAW is a local charity striving to improve mental health in the Upper Hunter, with the vision of 'creating a community that can flourish'. Our focus is prevention of mental ill health. This means providing people, especially our youth, with the skills to be able to experience life's ups and downs more effectively and be able to identify

when things aren't going well, when they might need support and how to get it. Skills like resilience, self awareness and self regulation, identifying your individual strengths and using these skills to overcome challenges.

One of the projects that will launch later this year will focus on the local 18-24 year old cohort. It is our intention that the fundraising efforts of Albies will support this initiative.

So I have come full circle and moved back to the region I grew up in, I volunteer for Where there's a Will to give back to my community. I think Albies provided an opportunity to know the value of community and a sense of belonging. Being part of something bigger than yourself and feeling connected is important for our well being.

It has been a long time between drinks and reconnecting with the Albies Alumni over the last few years has been really worthwhile. To benefit from the fundraising efforts of the Albies of 2019 has made me feel enormously proud of the College and all that it represents. Thank you Albies!





JAMES HORSBURGH

Fresher 2001

At 23, I was living the dream. I was in my fourth year of a commerce/law degree at the University of New England. I was the Head Resident Advisor at Albies and was Vice Captain and hooker of the 1st XV.

On a random Wednesday night in 2004, I was out with some mates celebrating Presidents' Night at the UNE Union Bistro. Instead of just stepping into the newly constructed fountain, I dived in and hit my head. I couldn't move and would have drowned if my mate and fellow front rower Peter Flynn had not pulled me out of the water.

After the spinal injury which has left me confined to a wheelchair, I changed my enrolment to a distance student, so I could complete my double degree in commerce and law.

By any measure I have been able to forge a successful and fulfilling life. After finishing my undergraduate degrees at UNE, I completed my masters at the College of Law in Sydney, where I specialised in family law.

I have continued to specialise in family law and am now a partner at McIntosh McPhillamy & Co in Bathurst, the oldest and one of the largest law firms in regional New South Wales. I live on the outskirts of Bathurst on a five



James with Katrina Stanford at the 50th Anniversary Gala Evening and James speaking at the Founders Dinner, 2016.

acre hobby farm with my wife and former Albies affiliate Natalie, and our three young daughters Grace, Edwina and Hadley.

Outside of work, I coach both the 1st XV and 2nd XV at the Bathurst Bulldogs Rugby Club, winning the 2nd XV Central West Premiership in 2011.

These days I am more focused on the administration of rugby holding office as the Vice President of the Central West Rugby Union and Vice Secretary of the Bathurst Bulldogs.

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



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