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FROM THE MASTER



In a time where screens and technology dominate communication, our students still value the art of conversation, great energy in our dining hall, and of course fantastic events which hold the college uniquely tight as a place where our students are enthusiastically engaged in all aspects of college life.

To that end 2017 has been an extremely successful one for Albies. On the back of the impressive production of Grease earlier this year, planning is already underway for the College's performance of Footloose in 2018. Our students proudly raised close to \$38,000 in charity work including handing over a cheque for \$35,000 to the McGrath Foundation.

Numerous sporting grand final appearances and minor and major premierships including netball, basketball, water-polo, hockey, football and rugby, whilst at the same time maintaining a packed social calendar, is affirmation that our students love committing to their full college experience. I am also pleased to report that amongst all this energy, the academic results were some of the best we've seen in many years.

The phrase which was reiterated often in conversations with people early on in my tenure here at the College, 'Once you're Albies, you're Albies for life,' was proven yet again at the inaugural Albies Legacy Long Lunch, held at the Kirribilli Club in Sydney. This event was enabled through the goodwill of both the Sydney Long Lunch Committee and the Alumni & Friends Committee who both pulled together, with key staff of the college, to host a highly successful gathering of generations of the Albies family.

I had the great honour of speaking on the day, where I was able to confirm that this wonderful event was the affirmation that so many people are still invested in the Albies of 2017. As stated on the day, the Albies legacy is the continuation of our great story, one that includes thousands of men and women, networks, friendships, careers, marriages, children, and dare I say it even grandchildren.

As the year draws to a close, I am happy to report that our college is officially at capacity, with a very large and growing waiting list. As a leadership team we do not take this for granted, let-alone take any credit for this fortunate position we find ourselves in. We are well aware that it is the students who continue to promote the college to the broader community and who own the college experience, which so many people wish to buy into.

Later in the Veritas I have the privilege of farewelling and thanking key staff whose contributions cannot be underestimated, although at this time I'd like to thank three members of the College Board who retire from the Board at the conclusion of 2017.

As a former student, Ms Jayne Heagney was able to offer a unique insight into college culture at board meetings and will be sorely missed as she has recently accepted a teaching position in Bathurst. Mr Simon McMillan has been working tirelessly on our Board with a key focus on risk and finance and his intellectual property and goodwill will be missed greatly as he retires.

Finally, I wish to thank outgoing Board Chairman Mr Karl Schmude, whose outstanding contribution to the College and support of the Bishop have been recognised recently with the Pope giving Karl the rare honour of a Papal Knighthood. This was acknowledged at a celebratory Mass at the Cathedral recently. Karl has been an extraordinary advocate of the College ensuring that he has left the college in an enviable position moving forward.

Jason Lincoln
College Master

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The past three years at St Albert's College have been characterised by change as well as continuity.

The change has come from an injection of new energy and purpose into the life of the College, which has been of far-reaching benefit to students. It has flowed from two critical developments:

A REDESIGNED STRUCTURE OF GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Centred on a new Board of Directors whose role has been to give renewed focus to the founding vision of the College, and set forth a pathway of development for the future; and

A REJUVENATED MANAGEMENT TEAM

Led by Jason Lincoln as Master, which has brought vital improvements to the quality of residential life for our students.

These developments have prepared Albies for the new phase in its history that is now opening up.

2019 will mark our 50th anniversary as UNE's only independent college.

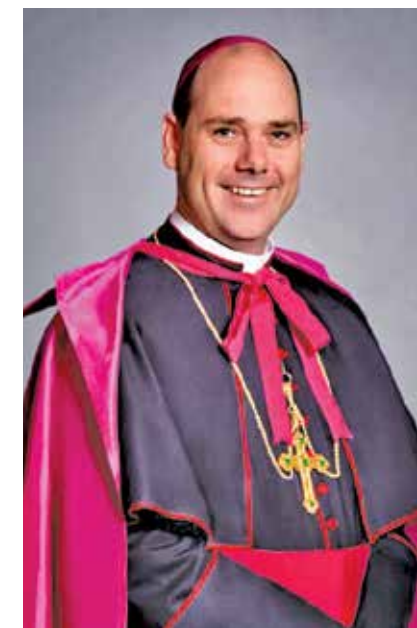
The basis for this independence is the College's religious origins and character. From the outset, it has been shaped and inspired by a Catholic vision of the whole person, which strives to meet the broad needs of all those who choose to live there.

These needs are obviously academic and social and sporting. But they are also spiritual and cultural. The College has an enviable record in promoting academic progress, social interaction, and sporting participation, but its character as a community has been especially defined by its attention to the deepest needs of the human person.

The Board and the College leaders, including student leaders, have sought to give new emphasis to these needs in the past three years. We know that they arise from the inescapable experiences, both positive and negative, of college life – friendship and loyalty, opportunity and promise, setbacks and suffering – and how important it is that students at Albies have the chance to develop a maturity of outlook and a spirit of resilience that will prepare them for the challenges of the future.

As I complete my term as Board Chairman, I would encourage all those who cherish the distinctive strengths of the College over the past half-century to engage actively in extending them to Albies students in the next half-century.

Karl Schmude
Chairman, St Albert's College Board



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I CONGRATULATE ALL INVOLVED AND LOOK FORWARD TO 2018 WHEN I AM CONFIDENT EVEN MORE GREAT THINGS WILL BE ACHIEVED FOR ST ALBERT'S COLLEGE.

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FROM THE BISHOP

The end of 2017 marks a significant point for the Board of Saint Albert's College. In December 2014 I appointed Mr Karl Schmude as Chairman of a new Board for the College. The appointment of Board members followed later in the same month.

There have been some changes to the Board in the past 3 years as occasional vacancies occurred. The end of 2017 sees three 'original' Board members complete their term of office. These are Karl Schmude, Simon McMillan and Jayne Heagney. Each of these Board members have provided an extraordinary contribution to the Board and College.

Simon has provided an outstanding contribution in the areas of financial oversight and the development of policies and procedures.

Jayne has a long association with the College, having been a resident during her undergraduate studies. She held positions as a senior student leader at the College. As a recent resident, Jayne has provided valuable insight and contributions to College life and the resident perspective.

Karl has wisely and prudently guided the Board and the College through a period of significant change. Not only did he recruit Board members, he was also responsible for the appointment of Jason Lincoln to the role of Master. He has been involved at all level of governance over the past three years and has been a constant presence in College activities.

Karl's contribution to Saint Albert's College, along with other activities within Church in the Diocese of Armidale, Australia and internationally has been recognised by Pope Francis with the awarding of the Papal Decoration of Knight of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great. This honour is recognition of his deep commitment to the Catholic Church, his Catholic faith, and the Diocese of Armidale.

I am sure you join with me in congratulating Karl and saying thank you for all he has done for Saint Albert's College.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Armidale





CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Karl Schmude was recently bestowed the great honour of being awarded a Papal Knighthood, in front of a large gathering of family and friends during a Mass at the Armidale Cathedral.

Karl's Knighthood is the result of many years contributing greatly to Catholic Culture holistically including efforts in support of the Christopher Dawson Centre in Tasmania, being a regular contributor to Catholic literature and establishing Campion College, a Catholic University College for the liberal arts based in Toongabbie in Sydney.

Most recently, and possibly of more relevance to us, Karl has held the position of Chairman of the St Albert's College Board, resigning in December this year after a period of much change and in fact growth for the college, following on from a period of fragility in Albies history.

In addressing the audience at Karl's Investiture, College Master Jason Lincoln stated, "I believe strongly, and I'm not alone, that Karl Schmude brought about the rejuvenation of the College in a very short period of time.



In his role as Chairman of the St Albert's College Board, Karl has been undaunted by the prospect of the tough conversations, making decisions which no doubt were unpopular with some, but in hindsight were the courageous ones that needed to be made. I am very honoured to have been a part of that change and am happy to report that a mere three years later, thanks to Karl's initiative and great leadership, the College is thriving with an enormous and increasing waiting list as we speak.

To that end I have absolutely loved the opportunity to work with and for Karl because he is an incredibly intelligent man whose thoughtfulness, generosity of spirit and attention to detail assures the security of any business he is associated with."

Karl Schmude resigns from the Board leaving a great legacy for the College and a launching pad that can be utilised for years to come, whilst at the same time Karl will continue to support the mission of the Catholic Church as he has done throughout his life.

St Albert's wishes Karl and wife Virginia, every success and happiness for the future as they continue to support others at every opportunity, none more important than their fourteen beautiful grandchildren.

STAFF

FAREWELL

Sadly as 2017 draws to a close, we farewell some key staff whose outstanding contributions to Albies have been appreciated by colleagues and students alike.



ROS LOCKYER AND KATHY FROOME

Members of the Housekeeping team, Ros Lockyer and Kathy Froome, retire at the end of this year after a combined period of employment spanning over 40 years, all of which were spent caring for thousands of young men and women who have walked our halls here. Both ladies built many strong relationships and took pride in ensuring that their Blocks were well cared for. They will be sorely missed by our Albies community moving forward.

We also farewelled Kylie Shirdon (Housekeeping) and Tracey Gorman (Kitchen) who move onto new adventures after numerous years spent supporting the students here. We wish both ladies every success and happiness in their new life beyond the College and thank them for their wonderful contributions to Albies in recent years.



FR FRANCIS AFU

College Chaplain Fr Francis Afu whose role as Cathedral Administrator and Diocesan Vocations Officer, have meant that there are too many clashes in order for him to confidently contribute to the college moving forward. Fr Francis will be missed by our students as he developed strong bonds with them during his short time with the College.

WELCOME



MARY WRIGHT

Director of Advancement

We recently welcomed Mrs Mary Wright to the College, who brings a wealth of experience in the areas of philanthropy and relationship building. Mary comes to us after a number of years working in this role at New England Girls School as well as being employed as a mentor at a number of Sydney and Melbourne schools in this field. This is an exciting new area of focus for Albies as we aim to improve the College experience for all stakeholders, and we are obviously delighted that Mary has chosen to join the Albies family.



JUSTIN 'ED' DAVIES

Precinct Manager

Mr Justin 'Ed' Davies has joined the College this year, overseeing all property matters at Albies including facilities management, maintenance, grounds and infrastructure upgrades and our ongoing works with painting and other improvements. Justin comes to us from The Armidale School, where he worked in a similar role over a ten-year period. Justin has already overseen some major upgrades within the grounds, with a focus on beautification. He is also heavily involved in the upcoming building program the college will be undertaking. We are thrilled to have Justin's expertise and passion within the college moving forward.



SPORTO'S FORMAL DINNER & 2017 CHARITY FOCUS

Albies was delighted to host special guest Tracy Bevan representing the McGrath Foundation, at the annual Sporto's Formal Dinner in August. Tracy's address to students had them captivated from the beginning with her stories about best friend Jane McGrath's battle with breast cancer to her hilarious tales of being on tour with the Australian cricket team. Her resounding message for the evening was heartfelt and informative, with guests gaining a greater understanding of breast health awareness in both women and men. The Albies Charity Committee along with fellow students selected this amazing charity to support in 2017 and worked hard to fund raise for this great cause. Charity Committee representatives Melanie Hagenbach and Natalie Lambeth presented Tracy with a cheque for \$35,000 on the night. Ms Bevan presented the following Sport's Awards on the evening:

2017 SPORT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

SOCCER:

Contribution to St Albert's College Soccer Club – Elijah Barnes & Danika Newman
Best and Fairest – Will Gunning
Golden Boot – Elijah Barnes & Danika Newman
Most improved – Emily Coelli

BASKETBALL:

Contribution to St Albert's College Basketball Club – Lizzie Smith
Best and Fairest – Gabi Kassulke
Most improved – Tom Martin

WATER POLO:

Contribution to St Albert's College Water Polo Club – Katie Robinson
Best and Fairest – Josh Newman
Most improved – Nick Duff

MB/PT/SFK:

Contribution to MB – Lucy Price
Contribution to PT – Ben Wieland
Dedication to MB – Annabel Tonks
Dedication to PT – Jack Morrissey
MB Reliability Award – Olivia Watson
PT Reliability Award – James Haggarty
Contribution to SFK – Georgia Meagher
Dedication to SFK – Nick Duff
SFK Reliability Award – Georgia Hook

Contribution to St Albert's College Rugby Club – James Bierhoff
Contribution to St Albert's College Netball Club – Catie Bartelen
Contribution to St Albert's College Hockey Club – Nat Aquilina
Contribution to St Albert's College Sport – Tim McDermott



CAREERS EVENING 2017

Albies alumni were well represented amongst the guest speakers at this year's annual Careers Evening including Natalie Schmude (96), Carl Trevaskis (00-02), Rachel Mill (09-12), Greg Wynn (02-03), Clara Collison (12-14) and Ellen Newberry (06). Speakers represented many industries including agriculture, business, nursing, education, law and sports science with alumni able to provide students with first hand advice and tips on transitioning from College life into the workforce. The event was well supported by students and was capped off by an informal networking opportunity at the end of the evening. Special thanks to SCR member Scott Waterson for helping to bring the event to fruition.

ALBIES NETBALL & HOCKEY

The Albies Netball and Hockey Clubs came together in September to host a joint Presentation Event. The afternoon was well attended by students and coaches with players from both clubs recognised for their skill, commitment and sportsmanship.

Netball had a successful 2017 season capped off by two teams playing in the Grand Finals. A Grade played a nail biting game with the score line being goal for goal throughout the match. Unfortunately, Barbets proved too strong in the final quarter and took out top honors 39 to 32. While A Res 2 played well during their game against Barbets who provided too strong on the day winning the game 31 - 14.

Our two Hockey teams played well this season against fierce competition in both 2nd and 4th grade. While the 2nds unfortunately didn't reach the finals, our 4th grade team did us proud going down to strong competition.



WHAT A YEAR IT WAS FOR ALBIES RUGBY!

This season we have had over 100 men and women putting their hands up to represent this great club.

The year kicked off with three pre-season hit outs against Warringah, our good friends at Charles Stuart University in Bathurst and then finally a weekend of rugby in the Armidale Knockout Competition.

The annual Southwell Hannaford Memorial Shield played against Narrabri was a highlight in Round 1. Due to a packed pre-season, we were unable to play this match before our season began. This saw the Southwell-Hannaford Shield return to Albies for the first time back-to-back.

The 2017 New England season was one to remember! 1st grade were undefeated up until round 12, then continued on without a loss to win back to back premierships over our college rivals Robb. 2nd grade didn't find themselves as the losing side until the final round of the season. Despite this loss the boys bounced back strongly to dominate the finals series, winning back to back premierships.

With strong interest in the club this year, Albies fielded two teams in the 3rd grade competition (3rds and 4ths) showing the depth our club had to offer. With the 3rd grade 'curse' persistent throughout the season, the boys pulled together in the final rounds to secure a place in the major semi, squeezing into second position on the ladder. Unfortunately, they couldn't overcome a strong Armidale Blues contingent and went down in the finals.

4th grade had another successful and enjoyable year with fresh faces on show, starting game days off with a good laugh and an expansive brand of footy!

Albies women's team started the season with promise; numbers were strong, and the results reflected their enthusiasm. However, through injury and multiple commitments, some weekends were a struggle to make up numbers. With many new faces playing rugby for the first time, it was great to see them stick with it and extend their skills. Ellie Fordyce once again impressed with representative selection and Lauren Nott joined her in the UNE Lions team. Pip McKee, Lauren Nott, Bessie McGaffin, Savannah Dimmock, and Alexis Neilson all represented the New England Zone in Port Macquarie playing 7's.

I would now like to extend a massive thank you to all our sponsors, coaches and supporters without whom this season would not have been the success it was.

On behalf of the outgoing committee, we would like to say congratulations to all teams on their seasons and we look forward to the 2018 season.

Luke Paterson
Albies Rugby Club President 2017

RACE DAY

The much anticipated annual Albies Race Day was held Saturday 9th September with the College and wider Armidale community coming together. With the sun shining, champagne on ice and horses prepped, the largest crowd seen in years was track side to enjoy the race meet. The Albies Cup was a nail biting finish with the winners crossing the line in a dead heat! The day was an enormous success for the SCR and College, with money raised by the event, going toward the SCR Entrance Scholarships for first year students.



VALEDICTS DINNER

As 2017 drew to a close, the annual Valedict's Formal Dinner provided a special occasion for the College community to come together and celebrate this year's Valedicts.

Clancy Pattinson spoke on behalf of the Valedicts, regaling stories which will become life long memories for many.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their peers to be the recipients of four special annual College Awards: Freshers of the Year were James Bloomer, Lucy Price and Shannon Bow, Supporter of the Year went to Tim McDermott and the Collegian of the Year was presented to Will Clark-Dickson.

Thank you to each of our Valedicts for their contribution to this great community. We wish all our departing students the very best in their future endeavours and encourage them all to become active members of the Albies alumni community. "Once you're Albies, you're Albies for life". Good luck, farewell and thank you from everyone at Albies.

Olivia Adamo
Emily Barber
Jacob Booby
Peta Bradley
Peter Brooker
Richard Burke
Ben Carmichael
James Carter
Amy Clark
William Clark-Dickson
Georgia Devenish
Ashlee Doak
Katrina Doak
Olivia Forster
Brady Gollan
Grace Hopkins

Meredith Hunt
Sam Johansen
Jack King
Alexander Knight
Fiona McDonald
William McDouall
Kaitlin McGregor
Kate McIntyre
Peta Meehan
Jonathan Meron
Harrison Miller
Tommy Morrison
Katherine Munn
Finlay Noon
Suz Nye
Gabrielle Olsen

Brian Ostini
Clancy Pattinson
Olivia Paul
Alexander Pay
Archer Sampson
Tianna Schiller
Thomas Smart
Angus Smith
Michael Thomas
Charlotte Tulloch
William Turner
Annabelle Watt
Elizabeth Wales
Karen Willcocks

ALBIES TIMELINE TRI 2 2017

JULY

*Albies Week
Albies Ball
Careers Evening
Parent / SCR Day*



SEPTEMBER

*Sport Finals
Albies Race Day
Valedictory Formal Dinner
End of Year Mass*



NOVEMBER

*Hong Kong Alumni Gathering
Singapore Alumni Gathering*



AUGUST

*Founders Formal Dinner
Brisbane Alumni Reunion
AgQuip Field Days
Sporto's Dinner*



DECEMBER

Albies Legacy Long Lunch - Sydney





SENIOR COMMON ROOM 2017 WRAP UP

In wrapping up another successful year for the Senior Common Room (SCR), I would like to thank two very important members of the college staff who have assisted the SCR enormously in navigating through another jam-packed calendar.

Firstly, a massive thank you to Alice Schmidt (Director of Community Relations), who has provided the SCR with an unwavering level of support and was responsible for organising many of the events that we attended. Secondly and by no means to a lesser degree, I would like to thank Charlie Mill (Deputy Head of College) for his support and assistance in being that invaluable linkage between the SCR and College. Combined with the wonderful enthusiasm of all college staff, I thank you for your efforts and assistance and the SCR looks forward to working with you in 2018.

As I look for some words of wisdom to describe the year of 2017, I thought I would share with you some extracts from my speech to the record number 46 of graduates at this year's Valedicts Dinner.

"For most, while completing your studies is a major achievement it is just the beginning of the REST OF YOUR LIFE....

As you sit in front of that interview panel, you must remember that you will be the only person alive who has sole custody of your life. Having a 'point of difference' is the secret to making that first step happen.

Having a point of difference is an immeasurable advantage when it comes to entering your new life and it will support you from here to the grave. Take advantage of your heritage and let it be known that you are a proud member of this motely group as you will never know where the connection will take you.

People don't talk about the soul very much anymore. It's so much easier to write a resume than to craft a spirit. But a resume is cold and it is the spirt that is alight within and it is what will carry you through life.... IN YOUR CASE THAT IS THE ALBIES SPIRIT.

You all have the capacity of doing something great. You have already proven that through your attendance here today. Don't ever underestimate the power you have to be successful. And don't ever take for granted the opportunities you have been given.

Class of 2017, let's show the world what it means to be an Albie's Valedict. "

Farewell students of 2017, work hard, play safe and we look forward to catching up next year.

GO TOP C !

All the best.

Angus Mc Douall
President of the SCR





FROM THE ALBIES ALUMNI & FRIENDS PRESIDENT

What an amazing alumni event held in Sydney on December 1st now dubbed the “Annual Albies Long Lunch.”

Thanks to everyone involved in organising the event and for all who could make it to Kirribilli. The Long Lunch attracted outstanding numbers and no doubt there will be bigger occasions to come.

There have been so many messages and phone calls since the Long Lunch was held, all of congratulations and thanks for the opportunity to re-connect with so many old friends. Also received, have been numerous promises of trying to make it to the next ‘catch-up’, from those who couldn’t make it this time.

The sincerity and genuine pleasure many past students expressed in their messages, makes me think we are definitely onto a good thing and are long over-due to make our reunions bigger, more frequent and all-encompassing.

A comment that sums it up: “It is quite unique what we have, in terms of our friendships that they are a bit like family. No one judges, and everyone just accepts who they are. I guess we were all in it together and still are!”

Lock in Friday December 7th 2018 right now, it’s going to be huge. And to all those who couldn’t make it this year, start rearranging your diaries now as you simply have to come along!

Enjoy all the memories from catching up this year and be sure to join the Albies Alumni Facebook Group and/or check out the Alumni section of the Albies website, to keep updated on upcoming alumni events near you. Please share any photos you might have from the past or taken at the Long Lunch too!

What a great event - feeling quite exhausted from laughing with and being heckled by old friends for 12hrs straight.

Happy New Year!

Kate Pigram (’88-’91)
President of Albies Alumni & Friends

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

MELBOURNE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERING

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH
FROM 5pm,
Upper Terrace Room, The Duke of Wellington Hotel

GOONDIWINDI ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERING

FRIDAY 20TH JULY
Time and Venue TBC

BRISBANE ALUMNI REUNION

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST
From 4pm, The Dining Car, Grand
Central Hotel, Brisbane
RSVP to Tony Dennis (TD)
anthonydennis@hotmail.com



SYDNEY ALUMNI LONG LUNCH

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER
Details to be confirmed

CANBERRA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERING

FRIDAY 20TH APRIL
Time and Venue TBC

For further information regarding these events, please contact Mary or Alice in the Advancement Office on (02) 5733 5200 or email albiesalumni@une.edu.au.

Further Information can also be found on the Albies website, Facebook page and will be emailed out..



ALBIES LEGACY LONG LUNCH

The inaugural Albies Legacy Long Lunch celebrated at the Kirribilli Club in Sydney was a huge success. The Sydney Long Lunch committee was celebrating its 30th Anniversary, and the College was thrilled that this event was opened up more broadly as a gathering of people across the decades. Attendees on the day included members of the Albies family whose names are in folklore at the College, like Peter ‘Grinner’ McCue, Janice Knight and of course the man whose name is synonymous with the long lunch Michael ‘Choco’ Brent.

The atmosphere in the room on the day was electric as people gathered to remember the great times shared and celebrate as only the Albies folk can. The fact that most were still hanging in at the Commodore Hotel well into the evening sums up the extraordinary gathering of fantastic people all with a common feeling of both nostalgia and pride as they reconnected with each other and the College.

A poem was added on the day- Author anonymous, which was accredited to Michael ‘Choco’ Brent. The poem summed up the feeling about the Sydney reunion long lunch and the transition to the Albies Legacy Long Lunch. Thanks for the legacy ‘Choco’ and friends, and may it live on long into the future



“With a cold one in hand and a slight scratch of the head, the idea was founded of a catch up in Sydney no one would dread, We’ll wrap up the Rocks and fill it up with our mates, we’ll lock in the 1st Friday of December as one of those untouchable dates, We’ll reminisce with laughter and look back with great cheer, the times we all had at Albies that each holds so dear. Then after thirty, yes thirty years in the city doing it in style, we’ll sneak over the bridge to the north for a while. The beer will still be cold and with our friends by our side, the Albies spirit will live on as it always has with great pride. We won’t hesitate to stretch well a story or even four, just as long as they all keep coming back wanting more. At the end of the day we’ll belt out the tune that ‘Grinner’ and a few made as their legacy, yes you know the one, an Albies for you and an Albies for me So let’s live it up today for who knows what tomorrow will bring, as long as we’re always together for our Annual Albies Friday Sydney Fling.”

ALUMNI OUT AND ABOUT



The Albies alumni you see in this photo are part of a group calling themselves ‘The Albies Originals.’

The name has no significance other than the fact that six of the men were at the College in 1969 and four more arrived soon after the College started. [Five of the women were at other UNE colleges.] The College was one of the binding elements for this group, so was the fact that the men played rugby union and were coached by the late Trevor Knight and felt like they were part of an extended Trevor and Janice family. No sociologist or psychologist can tell us why some groups stick together (without losing the sense of belonging to broader Albies groups), but we did and a larger group than shown in this photo kept meeting from time to time in places like Sydney (many times), Armidale (2009), Sawtell (2013), and Ballina (2016). At the Ballina reunion, Andy McPherson and Judi Ward suggested that we should “spread our wings” and hold our next reunion in Africa, their home for the past 30-odd years. Of course, we all agreed but circumstances meant that only 16 of us ended up joining Andy and Judi in Zimbabwe. We followed a two-week itinerary organised by our hosts, in buses, on boats, in small planes, and on foot in spectacular places like the Matopo Hills, Greater Zimbabwe, Lake Kariba, Hwange National Park, and Victoria Falls. We enjoyed the nights around fires, the elephants, lions, rhinos, hippos, giraffes, monkeys, baboons, and the extraordinary birdlife. Accommodation for some of us at Judi and Andy’s lovely home in Harare, for others at Wayne and Irina Black’s very comfortable Willow Lodge, for everyone at Judi and Andy’s curry evening where the wine bottles exceeded the number of guests and the food was superb. Road blocks notwithstanding (!) we loved the people and the country (and the Amarula!) and are grateful for the shared experiences in the ‘60s and ‘70s that led to this memorable trip.

By Gerry Fogarty (’69 – ’72)



HONG KONG ALUMNI GATHERING

Thank you to Peter Cunich (’79 – ’84) who kindly assisted the College in organising an Albies alumni event at The Globe, in Hong Kong. It was a fantastic opportunity not only for the College to reconnect with alumni but for our alumni to meet current students who were able to drop by for the evening festivities, while on their UNE Agricultural/Business Tour of Asia. Peter also made a special presentation to the College archives, by passing on the rugby ball used in the first Albies vs Robb alumni match played in the 1980’s.



SINGAPORE ALUMNI GATHERING

With the amazing backdrop of Marina Bay, an informal alumni gathering was held in Singapore at the Level 33 Bar and Restaurant. A wonderful evening was had by all, with alumni represented from across the decades. Thank you to Rob Hulme who assisted in organising the venue for the evening.

Rob Hulme (86 – 87), Helen O’Brien (76 – 79), David O’Brien, Karla Loughnan (Healy 90 – 92), Mary Wright (St Albert’s College) and Peter Hayes (01 – 04).



ANNUAL BRISBANE ALUMNI REUNION

The annual Albies Brisbane alumni reunion drew a small but passionate crowd, with 30 past students in attendance. Everyone had a great evening with many stories being shared by all. Thank you to Tony Dennis (’76 – ’81) for organising the event, which is held on the last Friday of August each year at Grand Central Hotel Brisbane.



FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE



It is an honour to welcome the Albies community to the newly established St Albert's College Advancement Office. I am very excited to be a part of the St Albert's family and have enjoyed meeting many alumni over the past few months.

The Advancement Office has had a busy and gratifying start with the establishment and implementation of a College Capital Campaign, focusing on the Dining Hall Upgrade & Expansion and College Room Upgrades. In this time, we have also established the Albies Bequest Program and Annual Appeal. Another project close to the hearts of many members of our alumni is the Knight's Table which will become the new "High Table" in the Dining Hall. This is in recognition of Trevor and Janice Knight's wonderful contribution to the College over the decades and as a memorial to Trevor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Alumni, Parents and Friends of the College, who have already shown their support towards our many projects introduced in 2017.

We appreciate your time, energy and resources that come together to enrich the College. We look forward to keeping you up-to-date on the progress of the Advancement Office moving forward, particularly as we turn our focus to the 50th celebrations in 2019.

I would like to thank you again for your support and wish you and your loved ones a wonderful New Year filled with good health and happiness.

If you are interested in finding out more information regarding the above projects or you wish to discuss other opportunities to support the College, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Advancement Office on 02 5733 5217 or mwrigh48@une.edu.au.

Mary Wright
Director of Advancement

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

The Launch of the Albies Capital Campaign comes at a wonderful time in the College's history as we close in on our 50th year.

This includes a capacity college with an impressive cohort of young men and women who proudly espouse our values, whilst being parochial about the Albies legacy. We recognise well the impact the College has had on the past generations who have made lifelong networks, careers, marriages and friendships that span the globe.

In order to keep the Albies legacy alive it has become clear to our Board and Management that action needs to be taken to secure the future of our great College.

To that end, as we are fast approaching our 50th Anniversary in 2019, we have set about achieving an aspirant strategic vision. One which ensures that the College has the ability to maintain its heritage, whilst at the same time, evolving as is necessary to prepare for opportunities yet to be realised.

Jason Lincoln



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**THIS IS A GIFT
THAT CREATES A
WONDERFUL CAMPUS
FOR GENERATIONS OF
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ALBIES EXPERIENCE.**

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the College archives we have uncovered these great shots. If you have any photos from your time at Albies you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. Please send through your happy snaps to albiesalumni@une.edu.au or post to Alice Schmidt, St Albert's College, UNE, Armidale 2351.



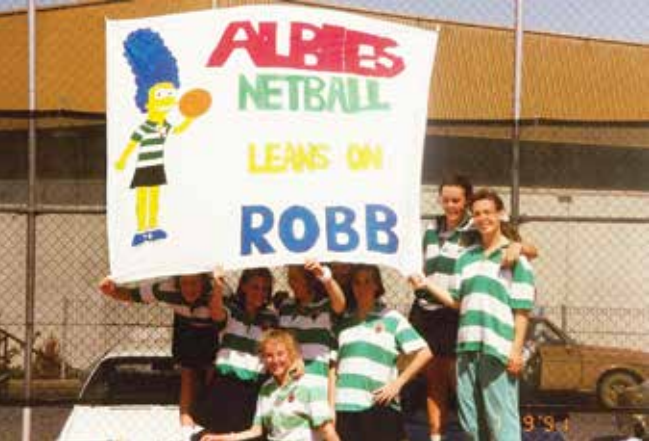
Joe Biddle as The Secretary A Broad
Bruce Brown as Dean Hallinan
Monty Lee as An Irish Joke
Doug Rose as Jordy
Steve McIlveen as The Master



Grand Final Fever 1991



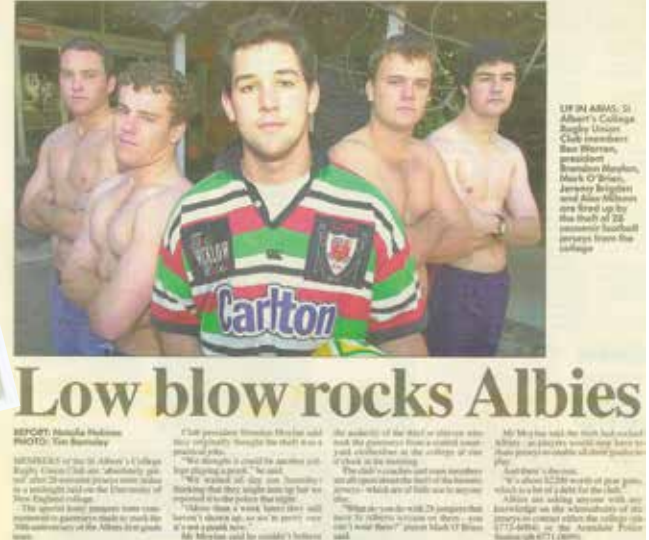
Grinner and Pottsie



Netball Grand Final 1991



Full College Photo 2000



Low blow rocks Albies

REPORT: Natalie Holmes
PHOTO: Tim Bowdler
The students of St Albert's College, Armidale, are not alone in their love of the Carlton. The school's netball team, which has been playing since 1954, is one of the most successful in the state. The team's success is due to the hard work and dedication of the players, who have won numerous championships. The team's captain, Sarah Smith, is a role model for the students. She is a hard worker and a team player. She has been captain for three years and has led the team to victory in many games. The team's success is a source of pride for the school and the community. The students are inspired by the team's achievements and strive to be like them. The team's success is a testament to the school's commitment to sports and physical education.

Albies Jerseys Stolen 2001



FULL COLLEGE PHOTO 2017



SAVE THE DATE

29th, 30th, 31st March 2019

**ALBIES IS TURNING
50 IN 2019**

*KEEP CONNECTED
THROUGH FACEBOOK,
WEBSITE AND ALUMNI
NETWORK TO JOIN IN
THE CELEBRATION*