



# The Albies Update

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## From the Deputy Head of College

Welcome back to 2017! It is an absolute honour and privilege to be back at Albies as the Deputy Head of College, after spending 4 excellent years here as a student from 2005 - 2008. It has been a pleasure to work closely with the Resident Support Team (RST) and Junior Common Room (JCR) committee over the past few weeks, in preparation for O'Week and the year ahead. It is reassuring to see the College is in safe hands and the culture these leaders are instilling in the College. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the RST and JCR for their dedication and the hard work they have exhibited over the past month, it has certainly made my job significantly easier.

A massive and warm welcome to the Fresher cohort of 2017. You have embarked on a journey of a life-time, with many fond memories to be made. To all returning students, welcome back and I look forward to meeting you all very soon and will endeavour to learn all your names as quickly as possible!

2017 is shaping up to be an outstanding and exciting year for everyone and I thoroughly encourage you all to engage in all aspects of College life including academic, sporting, cultural and spiritual pursuits. If you need anything or have any questions, please don't hesitate to drop in and ask. Good luck for the year ahead, enjoy the journey and most importantly have fun.

Charlie Mill

Deputy Head of College

## From the College Chaplain



Dear Friends,

What a privilege for me, to be asked by our Bishop Michael Kennedy, to work with you as a Chaplain! I feel very honoured to be your Chaplain. You are a great group of men and women from different backgrounds, unique, full of energy, and with so many gifts and talents to offer. What a privilege to be part of you becoming, your best self!

We have so much in common, and so much we can learn, build and develop together. I am so excited to be working with you, one like you, with fears and hopes, joys and struggles, and even failings. To say the least, we are all a typical body of Christ, not perfect, but good, and good enough for God to work with for the good of all.

As your priest and Chaplain, I will hope to share with you my encounter with God and how He has revealed Himself in history and left us a narrative that is the good story. A narrative that contradicts the bad news we hear daily. A narrative that inspires hope, and challenges us to live our lives to the full. Above all, a narrative that reveals who we really are.

With great joy,

Fr. Francis Afu

***Endeavour. Evolve. Exceed.***

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## From the Head Students



Welcome All,

We would like to welcome all new and returning students back to Albies to what we are sure will be an exciting and fulfilling 2017. The year began with the Residential Support Team (RST), Junior Common Room (JCR) committee, and staff, returning early to commence preparation for the year ahead. Lead by Pete Brooker, Georgia Devenish and Will Clark-Dickson, the student leaders worked together

to discuss plans for the year ahead.

O-Week kicked off last Sunday in terrific fashion with the legendary Colosseum party, where all 125 freshers began their college journey. Throughout the week, under the guidance of the RST and JCR, students attended a number of events including academic, educational and social functions. Academics ran by Georgia Devenish and her team of Academic Advisors (AA's) saw students attend introductory lectures UNE and enrolling in units for the first time. Many thanks to our major sponsor the Armidale Ex-Services Club for taking the initiative to run a PCYC Driver Awareness program for all fresher students, educating them on the risks and responsibilities associated with driving, including the impacts of alcohol. Will Clark-Dickson and his JCR team had an extremely busy and successful week organising social functions, which allows the fresher group to build valuable friendships. O-Week concluded with our returning students coming back to join in the annual Ladies Day function followed by the inter-collegial swimming carnival. Many sore heads were seen but all became involved, with Albies having a very successful outing.

As lectures recommence for Trimester 1, students are encouraged to engage with their classes and also within all aspects of college life. Training for sporting clubs will commence soon with the fresher hockey, netball and rugby matches taking place to begin our long seasons against rivalled college Robb. To all the students, we hope you have a wonderful 2017 and engross yourself in all of what is offered here at Albies, where you will only get back what you put in.

All the best,

Peta and Thommo

## Upcoming Events

### *Term 1*

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1st March</b>	<b>College Commencement Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2nd March</b>	<b>Commencement Formal Dinner</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9th March</b>	<b>Fresher Rugby</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14th March</b>	<b>Academic Formal Dinner</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21st March</b>	<b>Fresher Netball</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30th March</b>	<b>Fresher Hockey</b>



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## MB / PT Intercollegiate Sporting Competitions

The Mary Bagnell (MB) and Presidents Trophy (PT) intercollegiate competition kicked off this week with the annual Swimming Carnival held on Sunday. Well done to all the students who took to the water, you did the College proud—the official results will be available in next weeks Update!!

We encourage our freshers and returning students alike to get involved in the MB/PT competitions this year. The schedule for the year can be found in the Fresher handbook. To sign up, please talk to the 2017 student reps or your floor RA.

### THE 2017 REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

MB Lauren Jordison & Catie Ledingham

PT Tim McDermott



## 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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O'WEEK 2017



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*19 February to 27 February*



- Fraser Campbell
- Brielle Mack
- Madeline Dent
- Damien Thomson
- Hamish Markey
- James Bierhoff
- Lily Muller

## 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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**ST ALBERT'S COLLEGE**

warmly invites you to attend the

## COMMENCEMENT FORMAL DINNER

*Thursday 2nd March 2017  
6pm, Armidale Ex-Services Club (upstairs)  
Dress: Coat & Tie*

*Pre-dinner drinks from 5:30pm*

## REMEMBER THIS WEEK TO:

- Hand in your room inventory form to the office– these are important documents
- Pick up your Commencement Dinner ticket from the College Office by lunchtime Friday 23rd
- Complete and return in your End of Term Form
- First term fees are due this week (Wednesday 22 February)
- 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.

## MASS TIMES

### SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

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

### COLLEGE MASS

Held the last Tuesday of each month in the College Chapel.