



The Albies UPDATE

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From the College Master

As usual, Trimester one has come and gone in a blink of an eye, due to the all-encompassing life at Albies. O'week preparations by our leaders ensured a fantastic start to the year for 113 new students who joined us ready to embrace all that is good about our great College. We have found from early on that Albies has been blessed with an outstanding Fresher cohort again this year, who have engaged fully in college life. They are reaping the benefits of doing so through the valued friendships they are creating and experiences they are thriving on.

The trimester has been very busy with events to keep the students motivated, ongoing academic accountabilities to keep them on task, numerous sporting commitments to keep them active and preparations were underway early for the very successful performance of *Footloose the musical*. None of these activities could have been achieved without the support of key stakeholders of the college. This has included members of our alumni who coach our sporting teams, our ever present members of the SCR who assisted in the college production and numerous other events, as well as our great staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes in support of our student body.

For me the highlight of Trimester one was, yet again, Parents Weekend. The entertainment on Friday night was first class, the sporting showcase on a splendid New England Autumn day was sensational, and the Saturday night was a wonderful celebration with nearly 800 guests in attendance. The night was highlighted by a wonderful speech by Mrs Angie Smith and the opportunity to continue our support for Little Windmills through our auction. This was backed up by a beautiful inclusive breakfast in the dining hall followed by Mass celebrated by our wonderful Chaplain, Fr Paul McCabe.

As the trimester draws to a close, our dining hall, meeting rooms and study centres have been full of students working tirelessly to complete final assignments and preparing for exams. To that end, I wish every student success in their exams and a peaceful and satisfying break from university life over coming weeks.

We very much look forward to welcoming you back for trimester two, and we wish those who finish up their studies this trimester every success and happiness in your future endeavours, whilst at the same time thanking each of you for your outstanding contribution to Albies.

Jas Lincoln, College Master

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Student Experience Update



I am delighted to be writing this update six months into my role at Albies. I want to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome here and to say what a privilege it is to be part of this fantastic community.

The other day Jas Lincoln asked me what some of my highlights were in the job so far, and I would like to share these with you:

- The retreat for the RST at the start of the year (at Sawtell) was when I first realised what an exceptional group of students I would be working with.
- At our first formal dinner when everyone started to chant the Albies song, I was blown away! (As a Maori/Kiwi, I thought everyone was about to start doing the haka!)
- The SCR gathering at Angus and Mindy McDouall's lovely home showed me how fortunate we are to have such a strong and supportive local community connected to the College.
- Attending netball games one Saturday and seeing Anthea Powell, who had just turned 21 the night before, turn up at 8.30am to play not one, but two games for the College!
- Seeing the dining hall completely full one

Wednesday night with students studying. For someone in my job that's what Jas might call an "emotional" moment! (Now, whether the dining hall was only full because SCR members provided home baked goodies is an irrelevant point, isn't it?!)

TRIMESTER 2

I am working with the Academic Advisors and the University to bring in some new academic support programs to help lift academic results in the College. I am also focussed on how we can strengthen the Catholic character of Albies, with particular emphasis on how we as educated and privileged people can make a positive difference in society for the poor and vulnerable.

NEW RST

We would like to thank Annabel Tonks (Block RA), Nick Duff (PA), and Matt Henman (PA) for their work on the RST this trimester. We congratulate Jack Ticehurst who has been promoted to Block RA, Grace Anderson who has been promoted to RA, and welcome Edwina Watson, Jack Todhunter, and Jock Pattinson as PAs.

As always I welcome feedback and suggestions on how we can enhance the student experience.

— Areti Metuamate (Ari), Deputy Master & Director of Student Experience



From left: Jack Ticehurst, Block RA; Grace Anderson, RA; Edwina Watson, PA; Jack Todhunter, PA; and Jock Pattinson, PA

From the Senior Academic Advisor



Trimester 1 has certainly lived up to expectations as a busy and fast paced time at St Albert's college. The first year students set off on the right foot early and have made the most of the last 16 weeks.

The academic orientation program went off without a hitch with students settling into the routine of

university and organising their timetables, pracs, textbooks and academic integrity module. This new influx of students have been so engaged that the ATM at college was cleaned out during the textbook buy, swap and sell! A credit to the great Tim McDermott as Community Engagement President.

Then it was straight into class with assessments coming thick and fast. Tutorials and 'Nerd Night' continued and we introduced floor tutorials so we could check up on how everyone was going throughout the trimester and monthly baked goods at Nerd Night from our SCR were a treat for everyone working hard.

At our Academic Dinner, we recognised those that put in top efforts into their studies last year and heard from UNE's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Annabelle Duncan. Professor Duncan was very down to earth and spoke about her life experience from growing up to her fascinating career path, as well as the importance of education. It was inspiring to everyone at the dinner and we sincerely thank Professor Duncan for joining us.

The second term seemed to vanish in a blur and exams were upon us. Everyone's hard work will surely pay off and I look forward to recognising more academic successes next trimester. It's safe to say we have all earned a couple weeks rest over the mid-year break.

— Damien Thomson

From the Senior Resident Advisors



The college year has flown by. Between the start of year and exam period we have managed to fit in many sporting, academic and social activities that have filled up our calendars and kept us all busy.

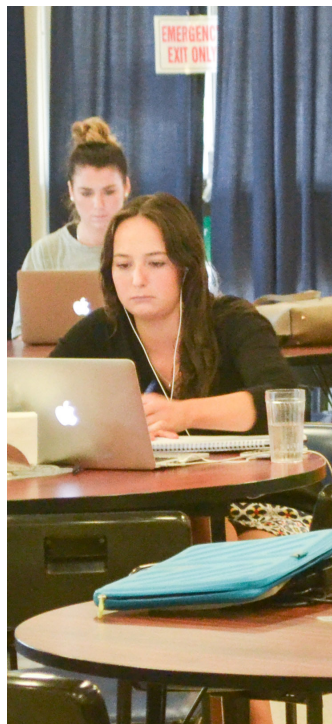
The fresher cohort have settled in well, with help from the fantastic Resident

Support Team. Exams have come around a little too quickly, and the Academic Advisors have been busy helping everyone tackle assignments and past papers for exam preparation.

There is much excitement for the rest of the year, with many fun events such as Albies Week and Albies Race Day fast approaching. The office has already begun to fill with packages for potential fashions on the field, and the dry cleaners are beginning to address the mountain of tweed jackets that the boys have dropped off to them.

We look forward to a well deserved holiday, and are excited for the fun events of next term.

— Edwina Smith



Netball Report

Welcome all players, coaches and spectators to the 2018 season. This year we have had 91 girls sign up to play netball which has boosted our already strong club immensely. We have a total of nine teams registered in this year's competition, one A grade team, two A Res teams, five B grade teams and a C grade team.

The season started off quickly with the highly anticipated fresher match against Robb College. After four hard fought quarters we unfortunately came up two goals short. The effort and sportsmanship the girls displayed both on and off the court was highly commendable and they should be very proud of themselves. This certainly did not dull the spirits of the netball community heading into round one of the normal Saturday competition with three wins in round one, three wins in round two and another four wins in round three.

We thank you for your support at our raffle ticket sale held at the College musical *Footloose* on Thursday, 17 and Friday, 18 May with all funds going to the Little Windmills charity. We also thank you for supporting our Parents Weekend breakfast BBQ at SportUNE on Sunday, 19 May. Further, we heartedly thank our 2018 sponsors.

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— Georgie Trowbridge, President & Mikaela Brown,
Vice President



Hockey Report

The hockey season is well underway at Albies. On Thursday, 5 April was the highly anticipated final fresher match. Our hockey girls had been preparing for the game against Robb for about a month beforehand, apart from the occasional pizza binge.

The two captains, Liz Mackie and Imogen Turnbull proudly lead the girls out to the field. Our forward pro, Phoebe Boydell worked her skills and converted our first goal. Rachel Scott, our brilliant goal keeper showed her talent through the afternoon deflecting many attempts Robb had on us.

Soon after, Phoebe brought the score to 2-2. Our players in defence, Liz Mackie, Jenn Kennett and Sarah Hampo worked very hard providing the exact results as last year by finishing the second half 2-2 which sent us into extra time. We went into shoot outs with five players being selected to do a one

on one with the Robb goalie within an eight second timeframe.

Minnie Arnott, Maddie Atkin and Sarah Hampo were all successful in the penalty shoot outs which brought us home the win for the second year in a row with the final score being 5-4. A massive **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the fresher girls who played and our amazing committee that helped with the preparations and celebrations.

Our second grade and fourth grade teams have both played two games in the local comp which has definitely been a warm up for the season ahead. We have some very exciting games and events coming up for the hockey club so keep your eyes peeled.

— Ash Flint, Hockey President



Rugby Report

The 2018 season has most certainly lived up to its expectations with solid competition and great running rugby on display by the lads. With the Albies Bonnie Wee Lassies to set up the mid-section of the season very strongly in our favour.

Albies faced the unknown Tamworth Magpies in the first round of the season in Tamworth. All grades performed extremely strongly. Notable mentions to Tom Condon, Sam Rodgers and Nat Lambeth who all performed extremely well on the day to get our season off to the strongest possible start.

RESULTS		
1XV	42-5	Win
Women's	25-5	Win
2XV	27-15	Win
3XV	44-0	Win

Round 2 saw Albies hold its first home game and the much-anticipated Ladies Day. Albies continued its short dominance so far in the season, with all four grades plus women's making a meal of the Barbarians.

RESULTS		
4XV	Albies defeated Robb	
3XV	52-7	Win
2XV	45-12	Win
Women's	10-7	Win
1XV	25-16	Win

Round three saw third grade take on Glenn Innes at home. A solid hit out for the boys, saw them come away with a 29-7 win. Round four saw a few sore heads coming back from the Gundy cotton intensive and much anticipation for the Maude



Street demolition job. Armidale Blues however turned out in numbers and made for a great day of rugby at Bellevue.

RESULTS		
1XV	36-19	Loss
2XV	47-14	Win
3XV	21-19	Win
4XV	31-19	Win
Women's	Blues won both games	

Huge congratulations to Claudia Mitchell, Sarah Parks and Kate Jones who were all selected in the

New England Rugby Women's representative team to play in Warren.

Next week we meet Tamworth Rugby Club, at home where we will look to assert our dominance again like we did in round one. Be sure to give the St Alberts Rugby Club a like on Facebook and give Albies Rugby a follow on Instagram for all your updates.

The team has been training hard and the club is in a good place. **UP UP ST ALBERTS!**

— Jack Biddle, President



Parents Ball Weekend



Parents Ball weekend started off a huge success as hundreds of parents and college students gathered at the Servies to watch the highly anticipated performance of *Footloose the musical*. The hard work of the cast and crew over the last few months paying off with everyone thoroughly enjoying the performance and Jack Morrissey proving once again why he belongs on the stage.

Saturday started off with parents watching on as Albies and Robb played 5 nail biting games of Rugby. Regardless of the score, morale was still high as buses headed to the Servies for one of the biggest nights of the year for parents and students.

Taking a different approach this year, the stand-up formalities allowed for more mingling and many introductions of parents to student's significant others with Boab Markey only three feet from Alice for the duration of the night. It is always so lovely to see the parents catching up with each other and

welcoming new parents into the Albies family. As the night came to an end, many parents, in particular Mr Bloomer, was partying a little too hard and taking it a little too far on his lift descent which saw him live up to his son's name 'Nigel Thornberry'.

The weekend came to an end on Sunday as Albies and Robb came together to burn off some steam before exam curfew starts. The boys playing the annual cricket match followed by scrums. Jack Mullany was named as best on ground, even on an empty stomach.

A fun day was had by all but everyone was keen for an early night ready to wake up fresh for the next month of study and exams. Best of luck to everyone with the cramming!

— Keziah Lockhart, JCR Secretary





From the Director of Advancement

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the College's capital campaign. Launched in 2017, the campaign comes at a wonderful time in the College's history as we approach our 50th anniversary next year. With an aspirant strategic vision in place, the College must prepare and evolve in preparation for future opportunities as they arise.

Upgrading our dining hall is an essential part of our strategic vision. At the heart of St Albert's, our dining hall is a social hub used for meals, study and numerous formal and informal events. Unfortunately, due to small size, significant events like our Parents Ball cannot be hosted at the College. By upgrading the dining hall, the College will be in a position to host all events at home, providing the ultimate collegiate experience that many of our alumni and friends have enjoyed.

Please see the attached St Albert's Capital Campaign donation form if you would like to donate. If you would like to discuss a donation or find out more about the dining hall upgrade, please contact me via email stalbertsdevelop@une.edu.au or phone 0407 728 211. On behalf of the College, I thank you for your commitment and ongoing support.

— Mary Wright

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 12 Futures Dinner
- 16 Albies Week Commences
- 20 Goondiwindi Alumni & Friends Gathering
- 21 Albies Ball
- 26 Careers Evening

August

- 22 Sportos Dinner

September

- 15 SCR Albies Race Day
- 20 Valedictory Formal Dinner

October

- 7 End of Year Mass & SCR BBQ

December

- 7 Sydney Long Lunch

Happy Holidays!