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MILESTONES MATTER

Anyone would tell you that there are some milestones that are critical to recognise, and our 50th Anniversary proved to be a most worthy cause to celebrate. The celebration weekend in March showcased the Albies spirit which is alive and well. People returned who had departed College in 1969 right through to our current students and all connected through family, friends and generations of stories.

The Albies journey has been a rollercoaster of successes, tragic losses, ugly truths and myths and, incredible tales of resilience, faith, hope and love. There are many amongst us whose journey is like that of the College. It is this very thing that makes our community truly special, as we ride that rollercoaster together in support of each other. We are both invested and connected well beyond the gates of the college, which was reaffirmed as we welcomed family members back and heard the extraordinary number of stories of marriages and lifelong friendships through Albies. This once again reiterated

the defining impact the College has had on the thousands of students past and present.

To that end, our 50th year also showcased another great year for the College with large enrolments ensuring the energy of the College remained upbeat throughout. The goodwill of our College Board and SCR shone, with numerous hardship bursaries supporting some of our students who have been suffering during this unprecedented time of drought across regional NSW and QLD. Albies is renowned as a community of care and this culture is set from our SCR and driven by our student body. I wish to thank each of them for their ongoing goodwill and support to both the individual and the College journey holistically.

As we look to 2020 the College is filled with optimism, in spite of the numerous external challenges we have faced in recent times. We have been gifted with an invested Bishop, a dynamic Board, a committed staff, an impressive student leadership team, a truly invested SCR,

Left: 2019 Charity Committee with College Principal, Jas Lincoln; Deputy Principal, Trent Donaldson and partner charity *Where There's A Will*, Chair, Jane Callinan. Right: Jason and Alyssa Lincoln attend Albies Race Day.



Clockwise from top left: Jas Lincoln with Mindy McDouall at the Valedicts Dinner; Jas Lincoln with scholarship winner Jack Jansen and Fr Paul McCabe; 50th Anniversary Principals & Deans Luncheon; SCR members John Harris and Chris Reading with current student Toby Moore at the Commencement Dinner.



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a proactive alumni and friends and, most importantly, a large and cohesive student cohort more broadly. Our sporting clubs continue to experience success with our rugby club winning the Club Championship in our 50th year, alongside our netballers winning the Premiership in fine fashion. Added to this are the impressive efforts of our Charity Committee who raised in excess of \$35,000 for the ‘Where There’s A Will’ Foundation. It has been a remarkable milestone year in every sense.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to every member of our community for their influence on the college this year, and I would like to thank some key people who’ve given great support to the college in recent years. First and foremost, to our 4th year cohort who began their journey in 2016, and whom I have felt honored to have come to know. I have greatly appreciated their goodwill and extraordinary influence on college culture in recent years. Their legacy will remain long into the future. Speaking of legacies, I’d like to offer my sincerest thanks also to Mr Angus McDouall, who after fulfilling four extremely successful years as SCR President will

be passing on the baton at the conclusion of this year. Angus and his wife Mindy are the epitome of all that we aspire for Albies to be, as selfless contributors who bring out the best in everyone they connect with, as role models in every aspect of both college and their broader lives.

I strongly believe that St Albert, who was renowned as an intellect who sought truth and love, would be inspired by Albies in it’s 50th year. For each of you continues to showcase all that is good about inclusive environments, and the very real benefits that come from experiencing our robust and connected community that is the essence of what both Albies and regional Australia stands for.

Yours in Albies,

Jas

Jason D Lincoln
College Principal



*“May the miracle of Christmas fill
your heart with joy and peace.”*

From the Albies Family to yours,
Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year.



From the Chair of the College Board

As 2019 draws to a close, it is timely to reflect on all that has been achieved at St Albert's College this year. The College has celebrated its 50th anniversary, once again enjoyed excellent student numbers and been the College of choice for so many new and returning UNE students. This is despite the hardships that are being faced by our families in this time of drought. The College's Catholic foundation, academic and pastoral support programs, community spirit and commitment to serving others, provide our College residents with the necessary tools and skills to cope with the challenges that life so often provides.

St Albert's has again enjoyed some outstanding academic results and a very full schedule of events including the 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, Parents Weekend, sporting and arts activities and an incredibly successful charity fundraising program for the year. St Albert's has also this year opened its new Dining Hall and a refurbished B Block. The refurbishment of B Block is the start of a program to refurbish all of the accommodation blocks over a five year period.

This year the Australian Human Rights Commission released its recommendations. The recommendations are fully supported by the College Board and we commend our students, families, alumni and staff for

their support through this process and realisation of the resulting outcomes. We also like to thank UNE for its continued support to the College through this process.

There are many people who contribute to St Albert's College and for whose effort the Board is very grateful. I wish to thank Bishop Kennedy for his continued stewardship, oversight and helpful advice. I thank our staff, so capably led by Jason Lincoln, for putting their heart and soul into the College and for their continued focus on the wellbeing of our students. We are indebted to our chaplain Father Paul McCabe, whose humble and wise manner is reassuring and greatly appreciated. I offer the Board's thanks to the members of our Senior Common Room who play an integral part in ensuring a unique College experience for our students. I am extremely grateful for my fellow Board members, for their support and commitment to the governance of the College. Finally, I wish to thank our student leadership team and the St Albert's College residents and families for making the College what it is today, as we work together to build the Albies of the future.

Best wishes,

Associate Professor David Miron
Chair, St Albert's College Board

David and Fiona Miron (in front of white post) attending the Parents Weekend Ball 2019.



From the Bishop Diocese of Armidale

I am often reminded of the many ways the College members are able to fully participate in the life of the College and to grow as individuals. This is captured in the College mantra “Endeavour, Evolve, Exceed”. Saint Albert the Great, the College’s namesake, was a great intellectual, thinker, philosopher, theologian, mediator and writer. He is one of 36 Doctors of the Church — a special title for eminent teachers within the Church coming from the Latin *docere* — to teach.

When I read of Saint Albert’s life I am impressed by the breadth of his knowledge over many subject areas and of the wide range of interests he held. Today we would probably call him an *over-achiever* or perhaps a *tall poppy*!

It is fitting that a residential college established in his name offers residents the opportunity to tap into academic, spiritual, sporting, cultural, social and charitable activities. At the 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend I heard many accounts from past staff and residents of how much they valued their connection to Albies and the impact on their daily lives of the time they had spent at the College.

Being able to spend your university days in a Catholic residential college provides a unique experience. It is an integral element of College life that there is a College Chapel, a Catholic Chaplain, weekly Masses and other

opportunities for nourishing your spiritual life. Being a Catholic College also informs the decisions made by the Board and College management.

A Catholic residential College — in this case Saint Albert’s College — has what we might call a particular *vibe* which comes from the Holy Spirit.

I acknowledge the outstanding work of Jason Lincoln (College Principal) and Trent Donaldson (Deputy Principal) who are responsible for bringing together such an outstanding College community. Their passion for and commitment to the College is evident in the vibrancy of College life.

I also express my gratitude to the College Board, staff, students and broader College community for the contributions made to the College and to the positive impact on each other’s lives.

Yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Armidale

Commencement Mass 2019



From the College Chaplain

The highlight this year, I thought, was the 50th Anniversary Weekend Celebration. The enthusiasm and loyalty of the past students confirmed the adage; “Once you’re Albies, you’re Albies for life”. It reminded me of St Paul’s appeal to the Thessalonians; “Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions”. He’s not saying you must migrate to the lunar right, and never change, of course. But he is saying that there are foundational values and practices which constitute who we are at our best.

It is because a healthy respect for tradition can be of such importance, that our floor meetings have been focusing on the significance of St Albert’s Coat of Arms. Although the original 1969 shield was altered in 2016, its symbolism is basically the same.

The black and white cross recalls not only that the College was founded by the Dominican Order of Priests, which was founded by St Dominic in 1216. The great universities of Europe were being founded in the previous 100 years, and the Dominicans had inestimable influence in the development of the western university tradition.

The Tudor Rose also emphasises fundamental traditions. Our university is the University of New England, and we acknowledge the value of liberal democracy which we have inherited from our English forebears. Such

freedoms are under threat, and we should never take them for granted.

The open book on the lower left of the shield recalls the tradition handed down from St Albert whose passionate pursuit of truth extended not just to philosophical and theological study but to the practical sciences. We should never forget how much western civilisation owes to the university tradition which Albert and his like promoted.

The twin towers on the lower right of the shield have multiple levels of meaning. The twin elements of human flourishing: sanctity and learning, spirituality and science, love and truth, intuition and experiment. The pursuit of learning has always involved both scientific observation and faith. In our scientific age, we might be inclined to forget the warning given in the Holy Scriptures; “The fool says in his heart there is no God”.

Finally, the college motto “Veritatis Studium Prosequi”, which is literally “Pursue the study of truth”, should more accurately be translated; “Be passionate in the pursuit of truth”. My conviction is that it is fundamentally important to hold fast to what is truest and best of St Albert’s because “Once you’re Albies, you’re Albies for life”.

Fr Paul McCabe
College Chaplain



#AlbiesForLife

From the Deputy Principal

Albies 50th year of operation, was always going to be a busy one, and whilst the 50th Celebration Weekend took place in March, the College continued to buzz right up until the final exam in October. Albies week kicked off Trimester Two with some serious excitement and energy. The annual Chugby for Charity Match against Robb on the Friday night was a particular highlight.

On reflection of my first year at Albies, I feel very privileged to have joined such a passionate community full of young people keen to make the most out of the opportunities and experiences that come from living in a residential college. A huge thank you to Jack Spork and Louise Butterworth in the student experience team that have helped me settle into my role, both are extremely passionate about helping the students to succeed at Albies.

“Receiving a tertiary education is at the core of Albies...”

Receiving a tertiary education is at the core of Albies, and the College has continued to build on it's academic success from Trimester One. Thanks to a wonderful academic support program put together by Shannon Bow and Angus Dingley the College boasted an impressive 25 percent distinction or high distinction strike in Trimester Two.

Fr Paul McCabe, has led a wonderful spiritual program in 2019. His floor gatherings have been well attended and received by the students. The Trimester Two Commencement Mass and End of Year Mass were both great opportunities for the College community to come together.

Albies also had great representation during the UNE Farming Futures week early in the Trimester. Damien Thomson took the lead in running the career's fair, Liz Argue coordinated the school's morning program. Mitch Roworth and Sally Finch were generous in volunteering their time throughout the week. Congratulations to Liz Argue who takes on the role of secretary, and to Mitch Roworth who is coordinating the industry dinner in 2020.

On the sporting front, Albies should be proud of its efforts. The team of the year was obviously the Albies A Grade netball team, that went undefeated and took the SportUNE Team of the Year Award. A more detailed report of sport appears later in the magazine.

Thanks again for a great year, wishing everyone in our community a blessed Christmas and safe holiday season.

Trent Donaldson
Deputy Principal

Below left: 2020 Senior Resident Advisor, Flo McGufficke and Deputy Principal, Trent Donaldson.

Below right: First year student, Sally Finch and Deputy Principal, Trent Donaldson



Residential Support Team Changeover

The selection of the 2020 Residential Support Team (RST), was a difficult process, every applicant was capable of fulfilling a role. Unfortunately, there were only 37 pastoral and 10 academic positions available from nearly 90 applications. Alongside of the RST for 2020, we have leaders representing the JCR, Charity Committee, Rugby, Netball and Hockey clubs all of these students will participate in the leadership training retreat in February next year.

Our student leadership team in 2019 require a massive thank you for all their hard work and support this year. They have been a wonderful group of young people, willing to offer their time in support of their fellow students and the college.

A particular thanks to the student executive team, **Laura Brown** and **Jack Morrissey** have been ever encouraging and motivating their fellow students to make the most out of their Albies journey. **Shannon Bow** and **Angus Dingley** were in charge of the Academic Advisor Team and they should be acknowledged for their leadership in trying to improve the academic attitude of the students through their tutorial program. Finally, **Joe Vary** and **Tom Condon** need to be thanked for leading an enjoyable JCR program throughout the year.

Trent Donaldson
Deputy Principal

Senior Resident Advisors

James Bloomer, Florance McGufficke

Block Resident Advisors

Lachlan Buttenshaw, Sarah Hamparsum, Matilda Hunt, Maddie Lane, Hamish Markey

Resident Advisors

Phoebe Allpass, Harrison Darley, Angus Dickson, Alice Frend, Jack Hely, Elizabeth Smith, Annika Spork, Jack Todhunter, Robert Waters, Nick Whip

Pastoral Advisors

Liam Alderdice, Celia Arnott, Sam Brandon, Monique Chauvier, Angus Dunn, Sally Finch, Penny McKillop, John Menzies, John Mullany, Georgia O'Neill, Bill Perrignon, George Rodgers, Frankie Stanley, Jessica Towns, Sophie Venz

Senior Academic Advisor & Deputy Academic Advisor

Henry Hickson (Senior Academic Advisor) & Sophie Harris (Deputy Academic Advisor)

Academic Advisors

Charlie Bergmeier, Shelby Glavocih, Stephanie Hennings, Jack Jansen, Eleanor MacGregor, Callum Melton, Anthony Toscan

JCR Executive

Angus Roberts (President), Millie Smith (Vice President), Lucy Christie (Treasurer), Will West, Angus Jakins (Publicity Officer)

Charity Committee

Anthony Sheridan (President) & Darby Brown (Vice President)

2020 Student Leadership Team

The first formal event of Trimester 2 was the Futures Dinner, where we welcomed back Michelle (Fr 1983) and Ian Bullock (Fr 1979), parents of Nicci (Fr 2017), who provided us with a wonderful and insightful reflection on their time at and after Albies, leaving the students with some clear messages for their transitioning to the workforce beyond College life. The Founders Dinner was celebrated at the start of August, this Dinner focuses on the academic success of our students in Trimester 1.

In Trimester 1, the College had 77 students achieve a credit average, 48 with a distinction average and 12 with a high distinction average. The following prizes and scholarships were awarded at the Founders Dinner.

The Knight Prize

Named after Janice and Trevor Knight, Honorary Fellows of St Albert's College and awarded to a first year student who has performed exceptionally well in Trimester 1, 2019.

Recipient | [Stephanie Hennings](#)



The Senior Comm Room Prize

Donated by our Senior Common Room and awarded to the top, second year student who performed exceptionally well in Trimester 1, 2019.

Recipient | [Elizabeth Argue](#)

The Martha Hallinan Prize

Awarded to the top, third year student with the highest results for Trimester 1, 2019. Martha Hallinan was a great supporter of St Albert's College, with close ties through her son, Father Denis Hallinan, who was Master of St Albert's College from 1978 to 1986, and again in Semester 1, 2000. We thank the Hallinan Family for their continued support of our students.

Recipient | [Louisa Quiddington](#)

The Fourth Year Prize

Awarded to the top fourth year student with the highest results for Trimester 1, 2019.

Recipient | [Lachlan Mills](#)

The Sarah Heagney Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Sarah Heagney, Senior Academic Advisor 2009 and awarded to a first year student with a distinction GPA in Trimester 1 and who had been involved in a wide range of community activities within St Albert's College.

Recipient | [Jansen](#)

Oaktree Scholarship

Awarded to a second year student.

Recipient | [Howard Litzow](#)



Valedictory Formal Dinner 2019



Congratulations 2019 Valedictorians

Affiliates

Georgia Peatfield, Grace Anderson, Josie Bambling, Meg Downes, William Ciesiolka

Third Years

Shannon Bow, Prue Byrnes, Thomas Condon, Sophie Cooper, Zara Dowsett, Ashley Flint, Mitchell Foster, Grace Gerathy, William Gunning, James Haggerty, Rachel Hayden, Georgia Hook, Lily Hook, Jack Inder, Hugh Lennon, Josie Long, Logan Manwaring, Rachel Martin, Thomas Martin, Georgia Meagher, Annabel Merritt, Aleck Mitchell, Lucy Neilson, Joshua Newman, Lauren Nott, Ellie O'Connor, Jock Pattinson, Jackson Pearce, Louisa Quiddington, Thomas Seyffer, Edward Shannon, Mackye Shore, Charles Smith, Sophia Thatcher, Matilda Thorn, Munro Underwood, Joseph Vary, Cora Wighton

Fourth Years

Victoria Allen, Laura Brown, Kelsey Buss, Thomas Fisher, Michael Gresham, Joseph Keady, Isabelle McDouall, Angus Middlebrook, Lachlan Mills, Jack Morrissey, Bradley Mossman, Danika Newman, Kate Ponder, Toby Reardon, Charlie Reddon, Keagan Size, Damien Thomson, Jack Ticehurst, Georgie Trowbridge, Edwina Watson, Ben Wieland.

Below: Collegian of the Year, Tom Condon with Deputy Principal, Trent Donaldson.

Bottom: 2019 Valedictorians.



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From the Junior Common Room

Trimester 2 brought everyone back together for one last shebang for the year. Every week was jam packed with fun and excitement while still managing our workload (some more than others). We kick-started the silly season off with Albies Week which everyone embraced the quality *bubblae*, bucking bulls and whatever else was installed for us.

Thursday nights brought out numerous outfits for our standard Servies outings. Gender Bender gave the Albies boys an excuse to display a natural tan for a couple of weeks and the Albies girls borrowing every boys shearers singlets. Again, the famous Geordie Shore night proved that everyone that everyone had

a *proper mint time*! Year outings had each year group come together for some quality bonding yarns, which may have sparked a romance between Charlie *Rum Donkee* Oates and Sophia *Loafa Bread* Venz as a few weeks later we celebrated their Albies Wedding.

However, curfew soon rolled around and another crazy, memorable Trimester was done and dusted. Ready for a well-earned break and time to re-fill the wallets for next year!

Alice Frend
Publicity Officer
2019 JCR Executive

Clockwise from top left: Block C spent quality time with Autumn Lodge residents as part of Albies Week community service initiative; Chugby4Charity Bridget Madigan and Flo McGufficke; Albies Week Chicken and Champagne. Opposite: Blood Cup winners & Chugby4Charity players and coaches.



Inter-College Comp. Blood Cup 2019



Last contested in the 1990s the Dracula Cup (now known as the Blood Cup), pitted the Colleges against one another in blood donations. The team at UNE College Support brought back this unique competition in an effort to help combat one of the most detrimental flu seasons in Australia's history. The Albies students (above) who have regularly donated for years cheerfully took part in this initiative under the leadership of senior student Issy McDouall. Albies ended up claiming the trophy for 2019 with a whopping 42 donations!

Above: Issy McDouall (far right) with fellow Blood Cup winners.
Below: Chugby4Charity girls and coaches.



From the Charity Committee



Twenty-Nineteen saw the Albies Charity Committee fundraising for *Where There's A Will* under the leadership of co-president's Ash Flint and Jack Inder (right). Chaired by Albies Alumna, Jane Callinan, *Where There's A Will* works with schools and communities to improve mental health and wellbeing in the Upper Hunter.



Albies was honoured to host Charity founder Pauline Carrigan at our annual chugby4charity match, along with Jane Callinan, who were able to see the fundraising efforts undertaken by our student body over the year. Throughout the year the Committee raised money for *Where There's A Will* across numerous events including the annual chugby4charity match, formal dinners, Albies Race Day and the Charity Long Lunch.



Across these events, the Charity Committee were successful in raising an impressive \$35,000 for *Where There's A Will*. We are very proud of the efforts of the Charity Committee and look forward to seeing more of their work in the future!





WHERE THERE'S
A WILL...bringing
colour to lives!



The Worst Storm in Living Memory!



St Albert's College Residential Services Team, staff and Walcha locals.

Prior to Christmas a storm described as 'the worst storm in living memory' for the Walcha community devastated the properties of landholders in the region. In February our student leaders travelled to Walcha to assist the affected landholders in an effort to clean and clear the properties of the debris from the storm.

The visit was organised by Albies alumni Damien and Simone Timbs. Eleven local property owners agreed to host groups from two to six willing workers, and it was up to each farmer to devise jobs and supervise

their workers. The students worked hard and with great enthusiasm in clearing their allotted areas of the debris from the storm damaged trees. Our students were humbled by the experience and were in awe of the spirit of those affected by the devastating storm. As the sunlight dwindled the exhausted crew of students and Walcha locals descended upon the Timbs' farm for refreshments and a barbeque.

St Albert's College thanks Edwards Coaches, Jacksons Quality Meats, the Railway Hotel Armidale and 1879 Bistro for generously supporting this very worthy day.



Above from left to right: Flo McGufficke and Lachlan Buttenshaw; Ben Wieland and Lachlan Buttenshaw; Grace Gerathy, Katie Robinson, Lilly Hook, Anika Spork, Anthea Powell, Louisa Quiddington, Jose Long, Alice Frend.

Below from left to right: Damien Thomson, Angus Dingley, Millie Smith, Anika Spork, Charlie Smith, Katie Robinson, Jack Hely, Shannon Bow.



Chugby4Charity Annual Match



The men and women of St Albert's Collge and our broader community were all smiles before, during and after the annual Chugby4Charity game in July. Shrugging off the Armidale winter conditions the Albies girls took to the field in the name of charity. Under the Bellevue lights and under the eyes of an enthralled crowd, the girls put on one heck of a show in which the girls piled on an impressive score against the Robb College girls. The Albies team proudly donned special jerseys in the colour of *Where There's A Will* (WTAW) which would later be auctioned off to fundraise for the wonderful charity.



Clockwise from top: Bridget Madigan in a lineout; Lauren Nott (Rugby Sevens Vice-Captain) and Sarah Parkes (Rugby Sevens Captain) in the Tunnel; Georgia O'Neill, Lauren Nott and Jen Quera; Coaches Sam Martin, Will Waterson, Lachlan Buttenshaw and Keagan Size; Jas Lincoln (College Principal), Pauline Carrigan (Founder, WTAW) and Jane Callinan (Chair, WTAW) and, Ash Flint and Jack Inder (Albies Charity Committee Co-Presidents).



50 Years of Albies Rugby

Saint Albert's Rugby Club started the year with mixed fortunes on the 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend. Over 2,000 of the Albies and Robb extended community witnessed the Albies women and men's lower grades dismantling their Robb opposition with ease. Third grade's 24 to 5 victory was where the good times came to an end. Robb's 1st XV and 2nd XV dominated the afternoon in a re-establishment of their Club's dominant status within the New England Rugby Union competition.

The Club's season continued with the mixed results which saw several key player reshuffles throughout the

grades. The women's 7s throughout the season stood out as the Club's best performers recording a near perfect season leading into the finals series.

With their seasons on the line the men's grades rallied late in the season recording a series of key results seeing grand finals berths for the fiery 4th XV and reinvigorated 1st XV. The women's 7s season was unfortunately cut short in the semi-finals as injuries to key players left the line-up exposed to full-strength opposition. Their finals series do not in any way reflect the dominant season that the girls had and we hope that their misfortunes in 2019 fires them up for a huge 2020 season.

2019

Rugby Presentation Night Awards

Best FreshWoman

Georgia Gleeson

Women's Rugby Best & Fairest

Georgia O'Neill

Women's Rugby Most Improved

Flo McGufficke

Kate Pigram's Women's Player of the Year

Lauren Nott

4th Grade Best & Fairest

Jed McEvoy

3rd Grade Best Fairest

Lachlan Markey

2nd Grade Best & Fairest

Jack Morrissey

1st Grade Best & Fairest

Will Burke

Most Promising Colt

Hagen Size

Best FreshMan

Duncan Cranston

Cathie Hiscox Memorial Trophy

Most Promising Back

James Bailey

Ben Snell Memorial Trophy

Most Improved Front Rower

Sam Spanton

Most Improved Club Player

Henry Coldham

Best Club Trainer

Joe Keady

Most Consistent Player

Will Burke

Supporter of the Year

Peter & Jenny McGarry

Club Person of the Year

Ollie Bierhoff

Shaun Stapleton Shield for Determination, Leadership & Heart

Tom Condon

The grand finals saw one of the more unusual contests in the 4th grade with the men of Albies and Tamworth finishing their match in a draw which saw the trophy shared between the clubs.

The 1st XV, under the stewardship of Chuck Franklin and Scott Waterson with the captaincy of Will Burke, fought out what has been described by some as the greatest grand final in New England Rugby Union history. Leading at half-time the Albies 1st XV were looking the better side and were unlucky on the sound of the final whistle with Robb prevailing by a miserly three points in a 46 to 43 defeat of Albies. Despite missing out by the narrowest

of margins the boys did the College proud in how they turned their season around to make the grand finals!

The highlight of the season was the College winning the Club Championship in our milestone year.

We look forward to the 2020 season and cannot wait to welcome fresh faces to the Club as we farewell a number of players in 2019!



Netball Finals & Awards Night

Albies netball fought hard in 2019 against strong competition in all grades. Despite suffering a loss to Robb in Fresher netball the new faces welcomed into the Club were appreciated additions across A, B and C Grade respectively. Across the Club there were many great results throughout the year with standout seasons from A-Grade and B-Yellow.

Despite a strong season across the Club the A-Grade and B-Yellow girls were the only ones to make the grand finals. A-Grade played out a nerve-racking three quarters against a fierce Barbets absolutely dominating in the final quarter to crush their opposition through

tenacity and superior fitness levels. Albies A-Grade left the Barbets dead on their feet at the final whistle with a 40 to 24 victory. Our B-Yellow girls had a tense encounter against skilful opposition, squaring-off against Albies' perennial arch-rivals Robb College. Our girls rock-solid composure and resolve saw them defeat the green and white villains by two points. Congratulations to both teams having played a sensational final game!

We look forward to the 2020 season and welcoming fresh faces to the Club as we farewell a number of players in 2019!

2019 Women in Sport Presentation Night

NETBALL TEAM AWARDS

A-GRADE

Best & Fairest | Jose Long
Most Improved | Kaitlin Staniforth
Players Player | Sally Finch

A Reserve 1

Best & Fairest | Alice Frend
Most Improved | Imogen McMaster
Players Player | Annie Derrick

A Reserve 2

Best & Fairest | Matilda Thorn
Most Improved | Georgia Flude
Players Player | Demi McKellar

B Yellow

Best & Fairest | Georgia Lane
Most Improved | Maggie Beach
Players Player | Annika Spork

B Green

Best & Fairest | Lucy Price
Most Improved | Shannon Baker
Players Player | Sophie Bartlett

B Blue

Best & Fairest | Milly Coe
Most Improved | Darby Brown
Players Player | Sarah Hassel

B Purple

Best & Fairest | Maggie Yeomans
Most Improved | Anna Byrnes
Players Player | Shelby Glavocih

B Red

Best & Fairest | Kate Ponder
Most Improved | Georgia Macintyre
Players Player | Georgia Peatfield

B Black

Best & Fairest | Georgia Trowbridge
Most Improved | Steph Hennings
Players Player | Sophie Greet

B Orange

Best & Fairest | Issey McDouall
Most Improved | Molly Thomas
Players Player | Sarah Miron

C Grade

Best & Fairest | Chelsea Hartwig
Most Improved | Maddison Gallagher
Players Player | Maddie Kennedy

Hockey Finals & Awards Night



Albies hockey fielded one team in 2019 and were coached by the dedicated Sam Flude and Jackson Pearce. The year started in fine fashion with a nail-biting victory against Robb going to our Fresher hockey girls in penalty shoot-outs and would prove a positive start to the regular season.

The hockey season is a notoriously difficult one where the girls play in all sorts of conditions and regularly play mid-week games under lights in the depths of the frigid Armidale winter. The 2019 season had mixed fortunes for the team where the girls often found themselves up against tough opposition.

Throughout the season there were numerous great results and improvements! Despite being a smaller club than most Albies hockey have a great team spirit like no other in Armidale and can be proud of their fighting spirit and unity!

NETBALL PERPETUAL AWARDS

Most Improved

Laura Brown

Dedication to Training

Alice Frend

Centre Court Player of the Year

Jose Long

Defence Player of the Year

Sally Finch

Shooter of the Year

Annabelle Mackey

Fresher of the Year

Sally Finch

Supporter of the Year

Trent Donaldson

Club Spirit and Morale

Toby Moore

Club Person of the Year

Annabelle Mackey

HOCKEY PERPETUAL AWARDS

Most Improved

Amber Smith

Best & Fairest

Ciara Macken

Players Player

Sophie Venz

Most Consistent

Maddie Kennedy

Coaches Award

Imogen Turnbull

Supporter of the Year

Tim Quirk

St Albert's Club Person

Jackson Pearce



From the Senior Common Room

Simply sensational... 2019 was never going to be a normal year! Big anniversaries (50th's) don't come along that often and to be part of a great celebration was an enormous amount of fun and one that all the Senior Common Room (SCR) will never forget. The festivities of the last weekend in March were quite simply sensational. To mix with so many of our almost 7000-strong alumni and to have the honour of waving the ever-present SCR flag was quite a privilege.

Nine years ago, Mindy and I were asked by a friend and SCR member whether we would like to join a group of like-minded people to get involved with supporting the students of St Alberts College with their journey through university. Our eldest son had attended college for the preceding three years and our youngest son was about to join. Knowing nothing about the role of the SCR we decided to ask our sons what they thought of the SCR and to confirm whether having their parents in and around college functions was going to be 'cool'. The response was immediate "we love having the SCR around.... go for it"!

So now all this time later we are still here and intend on being around for a long time to come. We have

met some wonderful people, some wonderful students and we feel that it is a great honour to be able to help and support the next generation of Albie's alumni. Our involvement with so many of these wonderful students will extend for a life time.

As I sign off as SCR President, I wish Justine and her team all the success for 2020 and the years to come. I have been lucky enough to be involved with many community organisations, however I am not sure any have given me more satisfaction than being a member of the Albies SCR, thanks for the great experiences and I look forward to the next instalment.

Class of 2019, let's show the world what it means to be an Albies Valedict. For the rest of the students, 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

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Below: Annual Senior Common Room Annual General Meeting and Dinner.



Calendar Highlight Albies Race Day



"Albies Race Day stands as the College's showcase event in which the broader Armidale community can share a wonderful day with St Albert's College." ~ Oliver Grimble



Annual Sydney Long Lunch

The annual first Friday in December Sydney Long Lunch was another wonderful afternoon where approximately 100 of Albies alumni's finest gathered at the Grace Hotel to once again regale old stories and connect with friends from near and far. This, being the 32nd lunch organized by the Sydney Committee, was enjoyed by all who attended from across the decades, as was attested by the number still there into the early hours of the evening.

The Sydney Committee, along with Albies Director of Advancement, Mary Wright, convened several meetings throughout the year leading into this special annual event. It is this connect, forged by great mate-ships and memories, well beyond one's time at College, that makes our College one that many are so proud to remain invested in throughout their life journey. We encourage you to **Save the Date, Friday 4 December 2020** for what is an absolute highlight on the annual calendar.





Advancement & Alumni Events

As we head towards the end of our 50th year of St Albert's College, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for celebrating with us.

We welcomed many of you back to Armidale and St Albert's College for the 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend in March this year. It was wonderful meeting so many of you from across the years and an honour seeing many lifelong friendships reconnecting and continuing.

Pave the Way allows you to be a permanent part of the Albies Legacy by purchasing a paver. Your paver will be engraved with your choice of name or personal message. Part of your purchase will assist our students and families who require financial support.

If you wish to contribute to the scholarship and bursary fund, please do not hesitate to contact me as many of

our families are affected by the drought and would be deeply appreciative of the financial support in securing their College experience.

Over a year ago, we floated the idea of selling the naming rights of our newly upgraded Dining Hall to Alumni and our broader community. Whilst we have had Alumni interest, our Dining Hall, at this point, is still without a name. If anyone is interested in securing the naming rights, we would be excited to discuss this opportunity.

Your feedback is important to us, please contact me with your comments or suggestions. I look forward to seeing all at our 2020 Alumni gatherings in Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane, Sydney.

Mary Wright
Director of Advancement





Once you're Albies, you're Albies for life, some happy snaps from our Alumni events in Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne over 2019. **#AlbiesForLife**



Near & Far Alumni News

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We would 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.

In recent editions of the *Veritas* we have published stories showcasing alumni's journey since departing College. Share your journey, long or short, with your Albies family.

Our Editor, Jenn Littleboy, would love to hear from you.

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James Brouff Fresher 2013

I commenced my combined Business/Law Degree at UNE in 2013 following a gap year working on farms around my home town of Warren in Western NSW. I chose Albies after friends of mine had recommended it and I knew others who were also coming to the end of their gap years who were thinking along similar lines.

Unlike most students, I sought to make full use of UNE's distance education in early 2016 following a mentor of mine from the UNE Business School encouraging me to reach out to the country head of NAB China. Heeding his advice I finished my business degree, commenced a full time role with Suncorp as an Assistant Relationship Manager and commenced my Master of Business Administration (MBA). After time with Suncorp I was recruited to join Rabobank based in South Australia taking on a Senior Rural Officer role which helped me build my knowledge base in industries that are quite different to traditional livestock and cropping we see in most of Australia.

Whilst working for Rabo I was approached to join BOQ based out of Dubbo as an Agribusiness Manager. It was in this role that I finalised my MBA studies and was able to create an end-to-end business improvement paper presented to the CEO and CFO by members of the BOQ group executive, develop and implement the bank's first water lending policy, develop smart lending tools and checklists to minimise errors and maximise efficiencies.

Recently I was also the guest of the Hejin Government as part of the Orana Regional Delegation of Businesses from across regional NSW to attend Australia-China Business Week. I had the opportunity to speak on the importance of agriculture, finance and higher education as well as attend the signing ceremonies between Australian and Chinese companies for future cooperation as well as attending the 70th anniversary celebrations.

Since returning from China I have commenced a new role with the Regional Investment Corporation as a Farm Loans Credit Manager as part of the risk team administering the federal governments concessional loan program across Australia supporting farmers and regional communities. This has been a great opportunity to join a new organisation whilst it is in the growth phase and again there is continued room for personal development.

My advisory work is continuing to grow in partnership with another Albies Alumni, Ben McIntosh. We have established our own business working with Australian farmers to access global markets and build better supply chains for exporters and local buyers. Our goal is to deliver better value to farmers, leaving more money in their pocket and change the way we look at how commodities are treated in the agricultural space given the growing global demand and understanding the value of having relationships with customers that big corporates don't seem to place value on.

Charlotte Peyrat Vaganay Albies Exchange Student, 2003

My exchange period at Albies in 2003 changed by life in an unexpected way.

At a formal dinner, Gemma Sisia, Founder of The School of St Jude in Tanzania, gave a speech to thank the College for their donation of blankets. I was drawn to her vision of providing free, quality education to bright children who would not otherwise get that chance because they were poor.

In 2004, I decided to go and see how I could be a part of it, for what I thought was three months which ended up being three years! I got involved in a number of roles during my time there as the school doubled in size to 850 students. In 2007, I returned to my home country, France, to work in International Relations.

Africa was call me back and I returned to Tanzania in 2014 to become St Jude's Community Relations Manager in charge of health, welfare and selection of students. It is an amazing country and a great organisation, we welcome visitors, so you should all come and see for yourselves!

Mac Clark-Dickson Fresher 2011

I started my medical degree at UNE and Albies back in 2011. I grew up in the rural Queensland community of Inglewood and was attracted to UNE's medical program (joint with the University of Newcastle) given Armidale's proximity to home and the opportunity to train in a rural setting.

I completed three years at Armidale before moving on to Tamworth and Newcastle to complete my university training. I loved my time at medical school and have maintained a strong bond with those I shared this journey. Albies allowed me to combine my academic interests whilst maintaining a 'healthy' social life and pursuing my love of rugby.

I completed an internship and residency within the Hunter New England Network before moving to the 'big smoke' to start training as a medical registrar at Prince of Wales Hospital (POW) in Randwick.

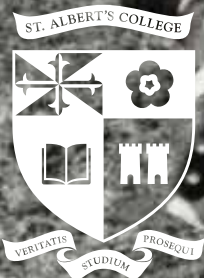
During my years at POW I completed my specialist examinations for the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. I will begin subspecialty training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Royal North Shore Hospital in 2020. I am looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Laura Carroll Fresher 2011

I began my degree and stay at Albies in 2011. A little unsure where I wanted to go with my studies throughout high school, I eventually settled on criminology. Coming from a small town in Northern NSW, I was lucky enough to still be reasonably close to family which made the transition to college and university much easier. I stayed at Albies for three years, where I mixed study with sport and socialising and forged amazing friendships with people I am very lucky to still count as friends.

I moved back to my hometown after leaving College, and after initially planning to stay for a couple of months then moving on, I ended up with a job at a regional newspaper, eventually moving into the role of Editor where I stayed for almost five years.

Following the journalism job, I tried my luck at real estate. After 12 months in this role, with a whole new set of skills, I found a job that I was passionate about. These days, I work for a non-government organisation as a practitioner specialising in homelessness and family and domestic violence. While the job is challenging and no two days are the same, I am extremely excited to be working in this field and assisting people every day to be safe and supported.



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