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College Principal's Welcome

Prior to commencing as Principal at St Albert's in July, I had always been impressed by the spirit and sense of community enjoyed by Albie's students and the young men and women of the College I had contact

with were always of a very high caliber. These preconceived ideas have held true as I have joined the community, learned more about the inner workings and seen first-hand the extraordinary levels of engagement and care demonstrated by the entire Albies community including students, staff, parents, alumni, members of the Senior Common Room and the College Board.

While COVID-19 reared its ugly head again and caused some complications, 'Albies Week' went ahead, albeit in a modified format. Most of the events students were looking forward to were able to run though Mates Ball proved to be a bridge too far given venue capacity restrictions. The hard work, flexibility and positive attitude of the JCR and Student Executive should be acknowledged here. They worked tirelessly to provide events that week and for the remainder of the year that allowed students to enjoy a College experience as close to normal as possible.

The impact of COVID extended to several other College events and meant we only had one formal dinner in the second half of the year and that was limited to two blocks, B and D. Despite the restrictions placed on numbers, it was a great night that allowed us to celebrate some outstanding academic achievements and enjoy some musical performances. I am very much looking forward to a program of dinners including guest speakers in 2022.

The program of refurbishment continues over the summer break with bathroom and carpet upgrades. The College maintains its commitment to providing excellence in accommodation and facilities and a proactive schedule of maintenance allows us to ensure our facilities are at their best.

Agility has become a bit of a buzz word during the pandemic as organisations flex and pivot to adapt to ever changing operating environments. Staff and students at Albies have certainly been agile this year and I want to thank all for their positive approach and readiness to compromise.



Michael Holland, College Principal

A great example of this was the Valedictory Lunch. This event was in doubt only days out, but I am so thankful we were able to make it happen, even if it did look different to past years because it was held outside and it was a lunch rather than dinner. Determined to make the most of the opportunity to dress up, our Valedicts looked amazing in their formal wear. Being able to recognize and farewell the Valedicting students in style was one of the highlights of the year. We wish our valedicting students all the best and I am pleased to report the overwhelming majority have secured employment or are embarking on further study.

St Albert's College has proven to provide an academic advantage again this year. It is encouraging to see the levels of engagement



“Through all this the common theme of relationships and common values of respect, inclusivity and integrity shone through, proving yet again that Albies truly is the ultimate Connected Community.”

with Nerd Night but also the number of students in the dining room at any given time supporting and encouraging each other academically. This is a credit to the inherent sense of community but also the work of the Academic Advisors.

This same sense of community and the agility I mentioned earlier allowed us to navigate the hurdles thrown our way courtesy of COVID-19. There is no doubt, the lockdown was difficult, and it presented a difficult decision for our students as it coincided with the commencement if the mid-trimester break. Many students took the opportunity to go home and visit family and friends but returned as soon as they were able to. Even with restrictions, there was an acknowledgement that Albies is a good place to be academically and socially. The benefits of living at college surrounded by social support structures were obvious.

Sadly, we farewelled Mrs Louise Butterworth, our much-loved Registrar and Student Advisor. Louise joined the Albies community in 2017 and, since then, has provided outstanding service. She is that rare mix of efficiency and warmth. Students and staff alike have appreciated everything she has done, and we wish her all the best in her new role.

On the topic of staff, I would like to publicly

acknowledge the work of all our fantastic staff at the College. Across the board, we are blessed with hardworking staff and their commitment to our students is beyond question. Catering, cleaning, administration, grounds/maintenance, and the College Executive all work tirelessly to provide an environment where our students can thrive.

It would be remiss of me not to make mention of the St Albert's College Board who work behind the scenes to ensure the College is able to provide the best experience possible. It certainly is a privilege to work with this group who are so committed to excellence and ensuring Albies remains one of the leading Catholic Colleges in Australia.

I trust the Christmas period was one filled with Joy and blessings for you and your families, and I am very much looking forward to 2022 and the opportunities for connection and engagement it will bring.

From the Chair of the College Board

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At the beginning of 2021, the Board had the pleasure of welcoming three new directors to the Board – Jane Watson, a lawyer from Scone and parent of an alumnus, Tom Newsome, an Armidale businessman and St Albert's College alumnus and David Smith, a chartered accountant and the Diocesan Financial Administrator for the Armidale Diocese. The Board had a busy and productive year, as we embarked on the development of a new strategic plan for the College. Aided by an external consultant, the strategic planning process involved extensive consultation with a broad range of stakeholders culminating in a workshop with College leaders and Board members. The new strategic plan will be released later in 2022.

Recognising the important governance role of the Board, we were very fortunate that the entire Board of the College was able to undertake the AICD Company Director's Course in 2021. Completing this training together as a Board provided an invaluable opportunity to strengthen the governance of the College.

The Board is continuing with initial planning for the construction of a purpose-built chapel on the College grounds. An architect has been engaged to develop concept plans for the chapel, for the benefit of St Albert's residents, the College community and the broader UNE community. The Block refurbishment program has continued, with C Block to be completed in 2022 and E Block to be completed in time for the return of residents in early 2023.

Early in 2021, the College farewelled our long-serving Principal, Jason Lincoln, who was appointed Principal of John XXIII College at the Australian National University. In May, the Board announced the appointment of Michael Holland as the new Principal of the College. Michael quickly found his feet, including navigating the College through yet another round of COVID restrictions.



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

There are many people who contribute each year to the success of St Albert's College. I would like to thank Bishop Kennedy for his guidance and my fellow board members for their collegiality, support and willingness to share their expertise. The Board has been very grateful for the leadership of our Principal Michael Holland and the hard work of our staff, particularly the efforts required to accommodate the various COVID restrictions. Our thanks as well to our Chaplain Father Paul McCabe whose caring manner and genuine interest in our community adds so much to the College. Finally, we express our thanks to the members of the Senior Common Room, our student leaders, residents and the parents who continue to value the St Albert's college experience for their sons and daughters. I sincerely hope that in 2022 the Board will once again be able to meet with many of you in person when we are able to resume a more usual program of College activities.

Whilst Saint Albert's College, and indeed the whole world, continue to deal with the ever-changing impact of Coronavirus the life of the College has continued in 2021.

The year began with the departure of Jason Lincoln as Principal. Jason's commitment to Saint Albert's College and his achievements whilst in the role of Principal were outstanding. In June Michael Holland was welcomed as the new Principal. Michael has been warmly welcomed into the College community and is already making a significant contribution. I also acknowledge the work undertaken by Trent Donaldson, the Deputy Principal, who was the acting Principal for the first half of 2021.

Pope Francis recently published his message for the celebration of the 55th World Day of Peace. I was particularly interested in his commentary on education where he says:

It is my hope that investment in education will also be accompanied by greater efforts to promote the culture of care, which, in the face of social divisions and unresponsive institutions, could become a common language working to break down barriers and build bridges. "A country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many rich cultural components: popular culture, university culture, youth culture, artistic culture, technological culture, economic culture, family culture and media culture". It is essential, then, to forge a new cultural paradigm through "a global pact on education for and with future generations, one that commits families, communities, schools, universities, institutions, religions, governments and the entire human family to the training of mature men and women".

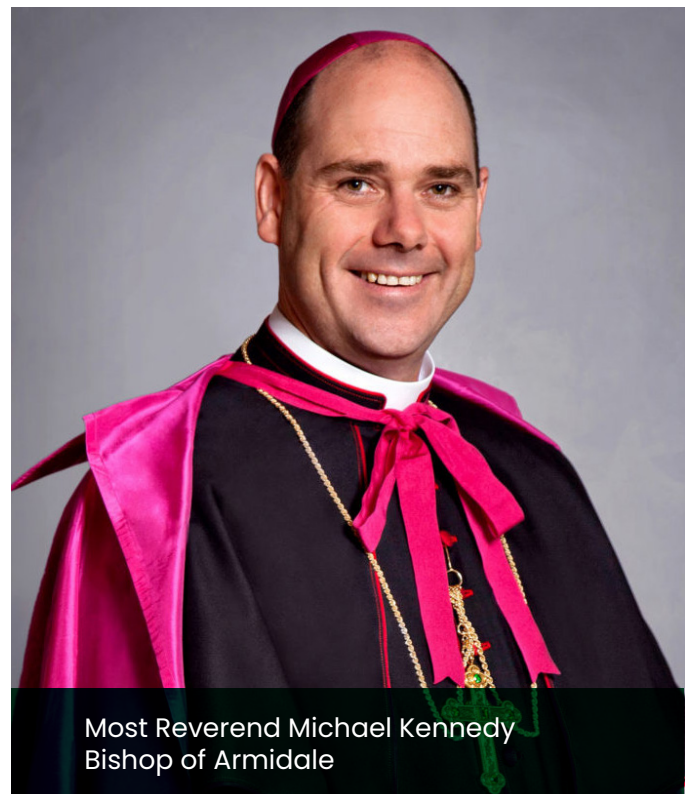
The Holy Father's words neatly encapsulate the crucial role Saint Albert's College plays in the lives of not only its residents but in the broader community. I commend all involved in the College to continue making their individual contributions guided by these words of Pope Francis.

I express my appreciation to everyone in the Saint Albert's College community for ensuring the College is outstanding and unique!

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Armidale



Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Armidale

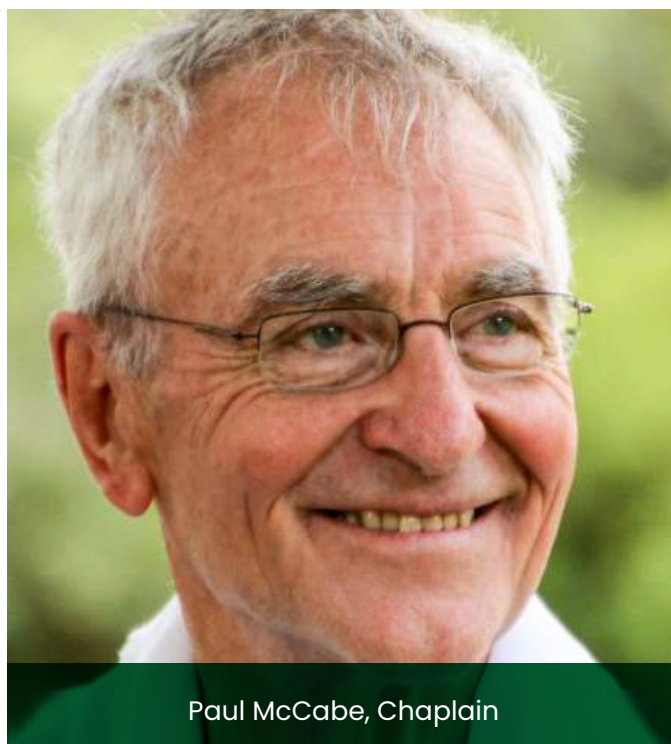
From the Chaplain

On 15th November, we celebrated the feast of St Albert the Great, our patron saint, who was described by his contemporaries (13th C.) as “godlike in knowledge... the wonder and miracle of our age.”

He is credited with introducing ancient Greek philosophers, especially Aristotle, into the early European universities. He believed in the autonomy of reason, and the need to include empirical observation and real-life experience in pursuit of truth about God. This, after all, is the logic of the incarnation, the mystery of God becoming human.

In his time, education began with what was called the Trivium (Grammar, Rhetoric and Logic), and then the Quadrivium (Arithmetic, Astronomy, Geometry and Music). Having completed about 8 years of such study, one graduated with a master of arts. Only a minority went on to then study the three great doctoral subjects of Theology, Medicine and Law.

St Albert became known as the “Universal Doctor” because his knowledge spanned the vast spectrum of all these subjects. He meticulously examined the “causes that are at work in nature”, and could be described as one of the founders of the study of natural sciences in the university. As well as being one of the greatest philosophers and theologians of his age, he was an authority on mineralogy, astronomy, botany and human physiology.



Paul McCabe, Chaplain

Two hundred years before Columbus, he explained how the earth must be spherical. He is one of the first ever known to analyse the importance of silence in music, and is even credited with the discovery of arsenic!

It was Albert who taught St Thomas Aquinas, perhaps the greatest mind in the history of Christian thought.

What better person to have as a patron than St Albert whose advice still echoes down through the centuries: “Veritatis studium prosequi”, our motto, which can be translated as “Passionately pursue the truth”.



The year commenced in mid-February with our leadership team welcoming 137 First Year students for orientation week. Friday 26th February saw the remaining students return to College bringing the student body to 318 students to commence Trimester 1 2021. We began the year with our Annual Commencement Mass and Dinner and whilst restrictions caused a change of format it was a great opportunity for the community to celebrate and raise funds for both Senior Common Room and local charity the Rural Kidney Association. The Charity Committee continued their good work by running sessions in with Beat the Breakdown.

Following a quiet 2020, Trimester One was a buzz with the energy, our first years went 3 – 0 in our annual Fresher Sporting Competitions against Robb. The academic team had exceptional attendance at Nerd Nights, the JCR ensured the social calendar ran smoothly and the pastoral team ensured the floors were a welcoming and supportive community.

The College had big plans for Trimester Two, with the commencement of our new Principal Michael Holland and student numbers remaining at capacity. Unfortunately, we experienced a tightening of restrictions and this brought with it some challenges and several of our planned events had to be cancelled. The mid-trimester break saw most of the students flee Armidale as NSW went into lockdown. Following the break, we gradually saw more and more students return to College as they realised that if you are going to have to obey stay-at-home orders whilst studying, Albies was definitely the best household to be restricted too.

Our Valedictory lunch for those students in 3rd, 4th and 6th year was a wonderful opportunity to farewell those students who were completing their Albies journey.

I would like to thank the staff for all the work they did to ensure the students enjoyed

2021, in particular the wonderful Louise Butterworth. Louie has been an outstanding member of the Student Experience Team for last four years and she will be sorely missed by both staff and students and we wish her all the best in her new role at PLC Armidale. Finally, a massive thank you to the Student Executive Team (Harrison Darley, Florance McGufficke, Stephanie Hennings, Callum Melton, Bill Perrignon and Georgia O'Neill) and the rest of the RST for their assistance and support this year.



RST Retreat

The RST, JCR Executive and Clubs Presidents began the year with our Annual Retreat this year we stayed in Armidale, where the leadership team developed their plans for 2021 and participated in a range of team-building activities.



From the Junior Common Room

This year started with a bang; with the largest number of JCR members (340) the college had seen for a while. The JCR team this year consisted of Bill Perrignon (President), Georgia O'Neill (Vice-President), Jock McMaster (Secretary), Ruby Van Dan Hoek (Treasurer) and James Bailey (Publicity Officer), who worked extremely well together. Trimester 1 was an enjoyable time, with many events and outings planned and executed, creating long lasting memories for all involved. Events such as Colosseum night and drinks at Dumaresq dam at the start of the year were great ice breakers for the new freshers, and a good time for the returners to catch up after a long summer break. Riley Carrol proved his form once again, not taking long to anchor himself in for a quiet year ahead. The end of trimester 1 in hindsight was also the year of the social year, as COVID took a turn for the worst. The fresher sport nights were mammoth for all partakers, with much excitement had after the record 3-0 victory against Robb College. With many Thursday nights had at the Wicklow Hotel in trimester 1, Albies proved itself as a powerhouse of fun after a disappointing social year in 2020.



Although Trimester 2 was a difficult time for all, there was a small number of events which were lucky enough to squeeze in. Events such as Pirate Sunday, Tailgate party were a good blowout before an extended COVID holiday took place. We were lucky enough to enjoy Super 8 Cricket Sunday, and Valedicts Long Lunch, before we put our heads in the books for the looming examination period.

We would like to thank everyone for the great year had, and we look forward to seeing the direction in which the new JCR team takes. We would like to congratulate the new committee, consisting of Sam Webster (President), Kasey Lane (Vice-President), Ben Donohoe (Secretary), Sophie Allen (Treasurer) and Mat Peterson (Publicity Officer).



Student Leadership 2021



Residential Support Team

Residential Advisors

Penny McKillop, Jock Menzies, Lachie Markey, Josh Liepins, Henry Coldham, Matilda Hunt, Georgia Lane, Jessica Towns, Angus Roberts, Will Weatherlake, Sally Finch, Will West, Lizzie Smith, Sarah Hamparsum, Frankie Stanley

Pastoral Assistants

Riley Carroll, Alex Viegas, Martha Haycock, Bridget Madigan, Phoebe Biddle, Robert Bragg, Lachlan Elworthy, Ben Hamparsum, Sarah Hassall, Georgia Flude, Royce Carroll, Molly Aveyard, Matthew Langfield, Thomas Jakins, Hagan Size

Student Executive

JCR President

Bill Perrignon

JCR Vice President

Georgia O'Neill

Senior Residential Advisor

Florance McGufficke

Senior Residential Advisor

Harrison Darley

Senior Academic Advisor

Stephanie Hennings

Deputy Senior Academic Advisor

Callum Melton

2021 Student Leadership Team

Academic Support Team

Angus Dingley
Shelby Glavocih
Anthony Toscan
Xanthe O'Neill
Charlie Bergmeier
Imogen McMaster
Jack Jansen

JCR Executive

Treasurer – Ruby van den Hoek
Secretary – Jock McMaster
Publicity – James Bailey



Clubs and Committees

Charity Presidents

Imogen Turnbull, Maddy Mullany

Charity Vice Presidents

Angus Wood, Lucy Christine

Netball President

Kaitlin Staniforth

Vice President

Monique McRae

Rugby President

Nick Whip

Vice Presidents

Hagan Size, Ollie Bierhoff

Hockey President

Maddie Kennedy

Hockey Vice President

Luci Gerathy

Social Media and Marketing

Claudia Dunn, Emma Cullen



Student Leadership Team Announcement 2022



The College is always humbled by the number of students willing to give back to the College through leadership and this year was no different with an overwhelming number of applications, it is always a difficult task to select our team.

The Student Leadership Team for 2022 is listed below.

Residential Support Team

Residential Advisors

Henry Coldham, Penny McKillop, Josh Liepins, Phoebe, Biddle, Royce Carroll, Georgia Flude, Tom Jakins, Bridget Madigan, Ben Hamparsum, Mon McRae, Luci Gerathy, Ben Grant, Chelsea Hancock, Patrick Keady, Georgia Turner

Pastoral Assistants

Millie Menzies, Billy Packer, Alex Cranston, Blair, Paterson, Alice Mainey, Hamish Brown, Chelsea Eichorn, Reese Webster, Emily Waters, Tom Puckeridge, Charlie Flude, Ellen Brennan, Daniel Sykes, Lucy Shaw, Campbell Creighton

Student Executive

JCR President

Sam Webster

JCR Vice President

Kasey Lane

Senior Residential Advisor

Sally Finch

Senior Residential Advisor

Callum Melton

Senior Academic Advisor

Anthony Toscan

Deputy Senior Academic Advisor

Georgia Laurie

Academic Support Team

Academic Advisors

Jack Jansen, Bluey Adamo,
Brydi Holmes, Hugh McCormack,
Nicholas Quinn, Campbell Jones,
Madalyn Bignell, John Corderoy,
Paige Gainsford, Natalie Sawyer

JCR Executive

Treasurer – Sophie Allen
Secretary – Ben Donohue
Publicity – Matt Peterson

2022

Student
Leadership
Team
Announced

Clubs and Committees

Charity President

Issy Densley

Charity Vice President

Connie Blake

Netball President

Abbey O' Neill

Vice President

Georgia Butt

Rugby President

Lachy Elworthy

Vice Presidents

Ben Grant
Harry Lane

Hockey President

Alice Mainey

Hockey Vice President

Penny Haynes



The year commenced with our Commencement Mass on the lawn and was followed by a standing event on College grounds. Martha Haycock was the inaugural winner of the Dorothy Gee Memorial Scholarship. The SCR Fresher Scholarships went to Nicholas Alcorn and Olivia Moore.

Our fresher rugby team kicked off the sporting season a comfortable 22-0 victory. Next up was hockey and despite the horrific conditions our girls dug deep to secure a 2-0 victory. Finally, our netball girls held their nerves to win a close encounter 22-17 and securing a clean sweep of Robb. Trimester One saw some students return to practicals and tutorials up top and our Academic Team ensured Nerd Night and the Dining Hall was the place to be on Wednesday night whilst the JCR looked after Thursday night.

Trimester Two was heavily disrupted once again putting a dampener on Albies Week and forcing Mates Weekend to be cancelled. Not to be deterred by restrictions D-Block community service took place, with the students providing lunch and games to the students at Drummond Memorial Public School. We were also able to squeeze in one formal dinner for B and D block and this was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge some of the academic success from Trimester One.

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Academic Results

Congratulations to the following students, who despite the disruptions with on-campus learning still managed to achieve outstanding results.

High Distinction Average (GPA > 6.5)

Stephanie Hennings

Tessa Parry

Natalie Sawyer

Charlie Bermeier

Madalyn Bignell

Kate Crawford

John Corderory





Year: 2021 Awardess

Awards	Who	What	Engraving
Fresher of the Year - Male	Hugh McCormack	Pewter mug	St Albert's College Male Fresher of the Year 2021 Hugh McCormack
		Name engraved on trophy	2021 Hugh McCormack
Fresher of the Year - Female	Molly Thompson	Pewter mug	St Albert's College Female Fresher of the Year 2021 Molly Thompson
		Name engraved on trophy	2021 Chelsea Eichorn
Supporter of the Year	Charlie Oates	College plaque mounted on board with engraving/ plaque below	St Albert's College Supporter of the Year 2021 Charlie Oates
		Name engraved on trophy	2021 Charlie Oates
Collegian of the Year	Stephanie Hennings	College plaque mounted on board with engraving/ plaque below	St Albert's College Collegian of the Year 2021 Stephanie Hennings
		Name engraved on trophy	2021 Stephanie Hennings



Credit Average (GPA between 4.5 – 5.5)

Jack Laurie, Emma Cullen, Emily Waters, Hamish Brown, Merryn Bowman, Sarah Hassall, Charlie Bible, Chayton Ekanayake, Lucie Rumble, Mark Green, Lucy Christie, Brooke Clinch, Josh Liepins, James MCLAughlin, Emily Andersen, Paige Gainsford, Georgia Kroehnert, Oliver Stuart, Izzy Waugh, Bridget Campbell, Aimee Strawbridge, Victoria Carroll, Georgia Lane, Annabelle Burgess, Ash Wedlock, Kaitlin Staniforth, Olivia Job, Sarah Milford, Robert Bragg, Ben Donohoe, Ben Grant, Kasey Lane, Reece Webster, Sam Webster, Paige Corke, Tahlia (Tink Morgan), Conor Minogue, Imogen McMaster, Georgia Butt, Luci Gerathy, Amelia Griffiths, Katelyn Hall, Ben Hamparsum, Milli Menzies, Ginny Molesworth, Lucy Shaw, Duncan Webb, George Addis, Sarah Caspers, Charlotte Churchyard, Nick Corderoy, Chris Court, Joe Kennedy, Sophia Hadwonn, Joe Thompson, Georgia O'Neill, Claudia Smith, Brydi Holmes, Tempe McLeod, Tessa Andrews, Katie Creighton, Georgia Densley, Tom Hamilton, Sophie Thomas, Clare Harpley, Olivia Sylvester, Maggie Yeomans, Annabell Eather, Alexandra Wald, Martha Haycock, Rylee Cooper, Charlie Oates, Peter Urquhart, Megan Humphrey, Matthew Sands, Molly Thompson, Millie George, Lauren Officer, Jock Menzie, Jock Morrison, Jessica Towns, Timothy Finlayson, Heidi Collett, Ruby McGrath, Lily Finlayson, Patrick Wheeler, Grace Whittle, Jack Hawkins, Anthony Stephens, Grace Collins, Georgia Hiscox, Claudia Richardson, Chloe Statham

Distinction Average (GPA between 5.5 – 6.5)

Jack Hyem
Amelia Hickson
Olivia Moore
Sally Finch
Anna Johnston
Georgia Laurie
Ellen Brennan
Georgia Peart
Harrison Darley
Sarah Hamparsum
Tilly Hunt
Florance McGufficke
Molly Aveyard
Nicholas Alcorn
Will Gordon
Isabelle Hudson
Safina Ireland*
Kirrily Jackson
Sophie Knapton
Eleanor McNaught
Nicholas Quinn
Sophie Allen
Isabella Densley
Billy Packer
Sheriden Bennett
Charlie Flude
Lauren Job
Sophie Marriott
Sophie Young
Zoe Conomos
Angus Roberts

Will Weatherlake
Bridget Madigan
Xanthe O'Neill
Anthony Toscan
Ruby Van Den Hoek
Harry Lane
Hugh McCormack
Braith Rohde
Georgie Oldham
Madeline Kennedy
Sophie Clarke
Mitch Roworth
Shannon Rush
Georgia Turner
Clancy Carroll
Annabelle Hickson
Bridget Yeomans
Frankie Stanley
Molly Thomas
Shelby Glavocih
Mikayla Davey
Cate Brien
Amelia Thomson
Sophie Wann
Nick Whip
Tilly Dowling
Lachy Elworthy
Sophie Barclay
Chloe Bremer
Julia Firth*

* Only arrived and studied in Trimester Two 2021

2021

was a successful year for the college.

A new academic advisor team with 120 first years starting their university life and 200 returning students provided a great atmosphere. Majority of classes were still online for Trimester 1, however with a strong support system, students were still able to excel in their studies. The academic awards dinner was held in Trimester 1, recognising and celebrating students' successes from 2020. The night was a great celebration in acknowledging students' dedication to their studies despite a disrupted year with classes going online.

The weekly college 'Nerd Nights' was a continuing success at St Alberts with many students attending each week to study in the dining hall with friends. The snacks provided on Nerd Nights encouraged attendance whilst also fuelled academic success. Weekly tutorials run by the AA team facilitated a great support system for students and encouraged the strong success that has been synonymous with Albies over the year.

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Trimester 2 provided the opportunity to return to on-campus studies with classes recommencing. This was a new experience for first years as well as many second years who had not been able to have face-to-face teaching whilst at UNE. Student's achievements from Trimester 1 were recognised at the B and D block dinner however the A, C and E block dinner was not able to go ahead due to the COVID lockdown.

With COVID restrictions easing, the dining hall continued to be a thriving location for study, it being filled with students daily particularly as exams approached.

Overall, 2021 was a great year academically for the Albies cohort and we look forward to seeing students continue to excel in 2022.



How the year has been in roles you represent

This year St Alberts College was full with 320 students from all across Australia.

On the March, the sun was shining, the RST were smiling and the college was beaming as we welcomed 128 new First year students into Albies.

O-week and Returners week was a great success with the JCR putting on a show, sporting clubs were in full swing and the true Albies community spirit was taking off again. Trimester one was off and running!

We enjoyed many dinners and events during Trimester one. Our first big college event was our Commencement Dinner, this was very exciting and an enjoyable night for all! We had a lovely SCR meet and greet dinner. We then had an RST & First year dinner and were lucky enough to sneak in a few Block dinners. This year we were fortunate to compete with Robb in the Fresher sports, these were a blast with Albies winning 3 from 3! As the trimester continued many friendships formed and the Albies community continued to grow. So far 2021 went off without a hitch.

We are still living in a pandemic and it reminded us it was still very much here, even in Armidale. We spent most of Trimester 2 in lockdown or under COVID restrictions.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our much-loved Parents Ball (dads shout) and the Friends Ball this year which was disappointing as they are two key events on our Albies social calendar.

Many students returned home due to lockdowns and Trimester 2 was not the way we planned. Missing our much-adored SCR champagne breakfast and SCR race day. We would like to say a huge thank you to Justine and all our SCR members, for all your dedication, support and commitment to us as individuals and as a college. We are entirely grateful and for those of us leaving we have enjoyed the past 3 to 4 years on this journey with you and hope to keep in touch.

Despite not getting to have a 'normal' Tri 2 at Albies we have become quite good at re-scheduling, re-adjusting and just going with the flow. Nothing can dampen the Albies Spirit we have! The lockdown was lifted at the start of September and we took full advantage of this with the celebration of our Valedictory lunch in the BBQ area. It was such a special and memorable event we extend our thanks to all those who made it possible and send our best wishes to our fellow Valedicts and those continuing their college journey.





Congratulations to Steph Hennings Collegian of the Year and Charlie Oates Supporter of the Year.

This year has been one of the best, from our Monday morning meetings to those Friday mornings, discussing all things 'Student experience'. Thank you Trent and Louie for all your efforts and joining us on our journey from the start of this year. To our Exec, Bill and Georgia (JCR) and Steph and Cal (SAAs) you have made this year the best one yet ! Teamwork makes the Dreamwork and that is exactly what we did. Thank you for all your support across all areas and always being there to make a good time better, there was never a dull moment. Hopefully we can have another coffee date one day!

A big thank you to all the office staff, cleaning staff, maintenance staff and kitchen staff for all you do day in day out to keep this place going. You are the backbone of this place. We are extremely thankful and forever in your debt. We will miss saying hello and seeing your smiling faces each day.

We wish Michael, Trent, the new Exec, SLT and all students, staff and college community all the best for your continued journey at Albies and hope 2022 brings plenty of great moments that become lastly memories!



As the SRA's of St Alberts College we couldn't be prouder to call this place home and the people we have met, we know we will be friends for life. Making the decision to come to Albies four years ago has been a life changer.

Harrison Darley and Florance McGufficke (SRAs 2021)

St Albert's Hockey Club

The St Alberts Hockey club began the season with a great start with our talented fresher team defeating Robb College 2-0 in a tense game with the weather against both teams. Despite many early mornings, late evenings plus many kilometres covered, we had 27 fresher girls sign up and trial for the team. With 15 girls on the team, fresher coach Minnie Arnott and the present committee, we were able to secure two goals in the second half whilst keeping the ball out of Robbs half the majority of the game. The strength and knowledge of hockey reflected in our fresher team were very exciting leading into the Hockey New England competition.

This year our club grew with 30 girls signing up to play the season, giving us the opportunity to field two teams and grow our name in the hockey community. We fielded a team in division one upon request from Hockey New England and a division three team in the Hockey New England Women's competition. The season was challenging with strong competition on the ladder however the girls continuously turned up each weekend and gave their all. Despite the scoreboard, both teams grew tremendously throughout the season in skills and abilities as well as with developing a strong team spirit. Next year will be exciting to see these new strengths and abilities applied in the 2022 season.



The club was honoured this year to be sponsored by four incredible local businesses who assisted the club and players to have subsidised fees, merchandise, and new equipment. We would like to give a huge thank you to Concepts of Armidale for their financial support and for providing club members with beautiful RM Williams vests, Sports Power Armidale for providing us with high-quality training equipment, McDonald Fencing for their financial support allowing us to subsidise the club fees, and Paige Corke Photography for capturing each action shot. All these sponsorships allowed this season to progress successfully and their contribution is truly appreciated.

Thank you to the Hockey Committee of 2021 who have helped organise and support a huge season. Each of these girls worked as a team to ensure that hockey was supported, increasing awareness for our sport which increased the number of players we will have for years to come. Congratulations must go to the new committee for 2022 voted in by all members of the hockey club. The committee for 2022 consists of:

President: Alice Mainey

Vice President: Penny Haynes

Secretary: Georgia Kroehnert

Treasurer: Paige Gainsford

Sponsorship/Publicity: Isi Hudson

Register: Alice Corbett

St Albert's Netball Club

The 2021 netball season was yet another successful year for St Alberts. At the beginning of the year we started with 14 netball teams and over 140 girls playing for the season. The first two rounds were trial games which saw B brown being pushed up to A reserve as they were too strong for B grade.

Trimester 1 saw the fresher girls take out a much-wanted win against Robb. The game was close with Albies just coming out on top 21-16 in the last quarter. When the season began it saw the girls often playing against their friends in all divisions. There were many tight games throughout the season. With the girls being able to have supporters many students came up and encouraged and cheered on the girls.

As trimester 2 began it saw the end of the round games and the finals were about to start. We successfully had 5 teams going into finals, A grade, A res 1, B brown, B blue and B purple. A Res completed the round games at the top of the table and managing to win all their games. While A grade was going for 3 in a row. Unfortunately, due to COVID restriction finals were unable to command. We would like to thank the player, coaches, students and parents for supporting the club this year.

On behalf of the committee, we would like to congratulate all the teams on their season and we look forward to the 2022 season.



St Albert's Rugby Club

After the bumper 2020 harvest season it was safe to say the rugby club had had one too many meat pies off the field and came back with a few more tight forwards than expected. With little time to waste the returner coaches had the fresher team ready to set to tone for the season, led by skipper Chris Court the boys had a great win against Robb getting up 22-0. The following weekend saw two fresh faced teams hit the park for the annual Armidale knockout, the girls bringing home the biscuits with an outstanding fresher group leading the way from their first matches for Albies setting them up for a very strong season. After a few years hiatus we ventured west to Narrabri playing Blue Boars under lights for the Southwell-Hannford, we were taught a few lessons by Narrabri with them ending up victors 22-0. After a great evening of footy the hospitality Narrabri was unreal with plenty of Albies old boys and families around, a special mention must be given to the Turner family for their instrumental role in starting the shield again this year we certainly look forward to next year.

President: Lachlan Elworthy

Vice President: Ben Grant

Vice President: Harry Lane

Registrar: Nick Quinn

Club Captain: Ben Hamparsum

Secretary: Tom Jakins

Treasurers: Olivier Murphy
& Hugh McCormack

Public Officer: Paddy Keady

Women's Auxiliary: Chelsea Hancock

Women's 7's Rep: Tink Morgan

Auxiliary: Hagan Size

With the disrupted pre-preseason due to floods on the coast we were straight into the home and away season, with a cracking result in round 1 away against Tamworth the first of many clean sweeps for 2021. There were many highlights for the club in 2021 both outstanding personal achievements and team awards. First year's Mark Green and Tink Morgan earned selection in country teams for U19's Men's and Women's opens team respectively, both are exciting prospects for the club in the next few years. Unfortunately, the season was cut short on the 7th of August despite all efforts to get underway again. At the conclusion of the 2021 season Albies were declared minor premiers in all grades earning the club championship also, it was an outstanding achievement by everyone involved across all grades and all positions. Special mention to the deadly 3rd grade side who went through the season undefeated.

Safe to say it wasn't the end to the season we were hoping for although there is still plenty to celebrate and be thankful for. I would like to extend the thanks from the 2021 committee to all the sponsors, patrons, coaches, managers and supporters for your contribution to Albies Rugby in 2021. We would have loved to have a crack come finals time, but the club is in a great place to go on with it next year. Congratulations to the 2022 Rugby committee on your appointment.



St Albert's Charity Program

This year the charity committee has decided to support two charities: The Rural Kidney Association and Beat the Breakdown. The Albie's community raised a total of \$3000.00 at the Commencement Dinner, which was presented to Nicki Scholes-Robertson, founder of The Rural Kidney Association. We also hosted two meat-tasting sessions which in total raised \$2000. Later in the term some Albie's students gave their time to help Nicki put together some of the 'Norm Bourke Boxes', which were delivered to those who are going through kidney dialysis treatment around NSW. This coming term we have a couple of sessions booked with Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman who are linked with Beat the Breakdown. These workshops are intended to encourage conversation amongst mates in relation to mental illness. The committee is looking forward to the continued support from the Albie's community.



Big walk for little kids

Our Albies girls have teamed up to walk 100km individually to raise funds for Camp Quality - for kids battling cancer.

The money raised will go towards education on debunking cancer rumours at school, giving parents and children respite from hospitals and cancer and providing face to face support in hospitals. Your donation could change someone's life!

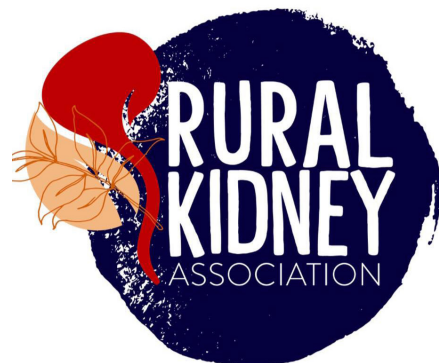
Keep it up girls! Up up St.Alberts!

Maddy Mullany - Charity President

Charity Jersey Auction

St Alberts recently teamed up with Auctions Plus to sell the Charity Jersey from their charity match against Robb.

This was in support of their two charities this year, Rural Kidney Association and Beat the Breakdown, and Albies alumni dug deep into their pockets to show their support!



Alumni and Friends

Albies continues to thrive in 2021 as a connected community supporting young women and men in their journey through university. Our College remains a place where lasting friendships are formed and strengthened everyday.

Our annual appeal is an opportunity for those able and willing to donate towards our scholarships and building programs. We are extremely appreciative of any contributions provided by our Alumni committed to ensuring Albies remains a destination for young people looking to study and reside at UNE.

Thanking you all in advance for your support and please be sure to join us at one of our gatherings this year or anytime that you are passing through Armidale.

Mary Wright, Director of Advancement, St Albert's College





Sam Clark

UNE Associate Professor in Animal Genetics Sam Clark was awarded the inaugural Helen Newton Turner Bright Futures Award, which recognises the achievements of an up and coming individual who has established a reputation for excellence in the field of animal genetics.

Congratulations Sam!

Peter Dundon

Bachelor of Agricultural Economics graduate Peter “Benny” Dundon can trace one of the major turning points in his life back to an old friend he met at St Albert’s College named John Bourke. Now the Armidale-based Manager of Livestock Exports at Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) and a regular YouTube presenter, Peter is committed to educating others about the importance of good mental health.



Phoebe Wilkinson

Albie’s alumna Phoebe Wilkinson is hoping to inspire the next generation of planners after being named as NSW Young Planner of the Year. She received the honour at the recent NSW Planning Awards in Sydney.

Phoebe graduated from UNE with a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) in 2021.

Congratulations Phoebe!

Help Albies

Albies recognises the benefit that tight knit communities bring to the wellbeing and success of young men and women. This is especially true as they transition from school to university for the short period that prepares them for the leap to the workforce.

As with all great institutions we are seeking the philanthropic support of our broader community to assist Albies, as UNE's only Independent College. It is our goal to support our students through their journey, as well as assisting the College itself to upgrade facilities to meet current and evolving standards of safety and comfort to ensure we remain competitive in a market which has become increasingly challenged in recent years.

We would be enormously appreciative of any effort you can make, at whatever level, to help our team ensure that Albies remains a connected community of aspiration, friendship and great times.

Once you're Albies, you're Albies for life!

See Our Current Campaigns at stalberts.com.au/donation



Pave the Way

We had such wonderful feedback from our students and broader community with many pavers being purchased by individuals, families and college friendship groups wanting to support student scholarships and facilities upgrades whilst at the same time etching their names, messages and 'inside jokes' in

what has become a proud entrance to our great College.

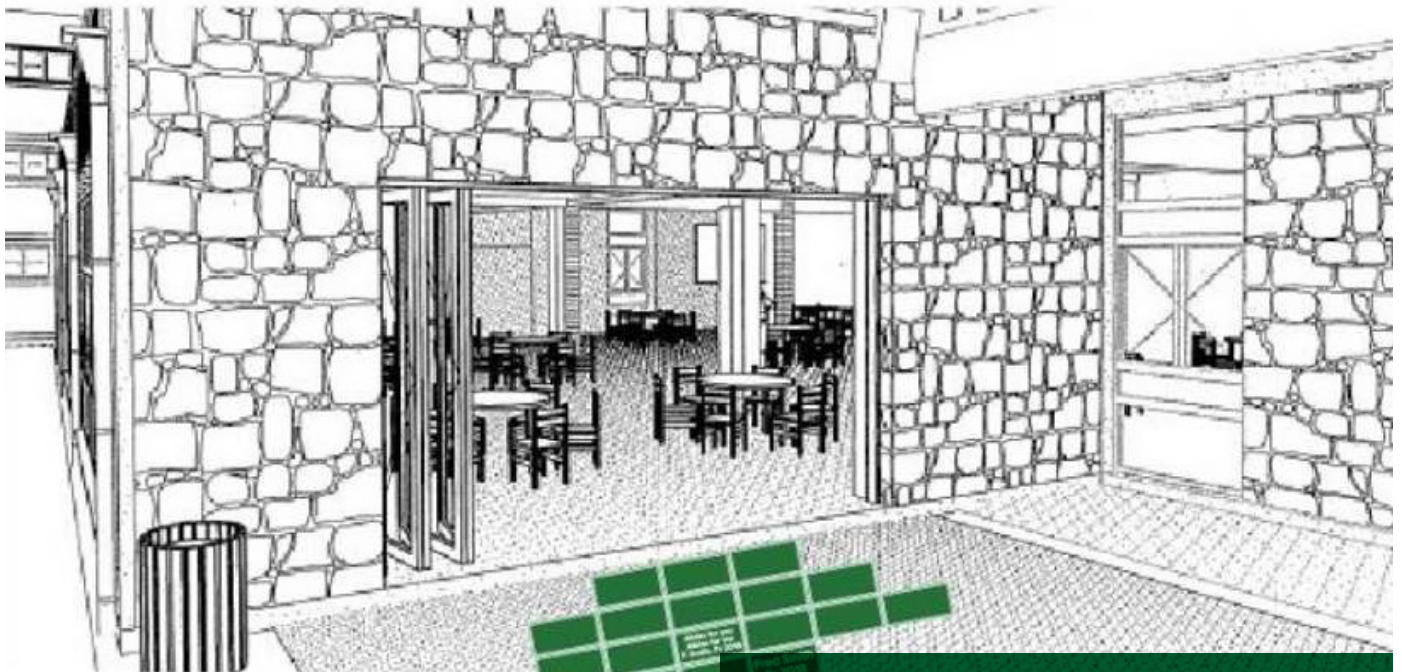
Our Director of Advancement Mary Wright has worked hard over recent years to make this initiative a success and has loved communicating with all those getting involved.



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From the Director of Advancement

After what has been a year of lockdowns and cancelled events. I pray that 2022 brings us all together to enjoy celebrating our wonderful college.

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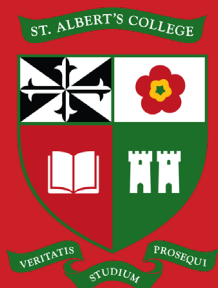
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