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FROM THE MASTER

I am delighted to be able to welcome you to the reinvigorated Veritas, which makes a return after an eight year absence from the College.

As Albies closes in on our 50th year, there is much to be proud of. This year has been a hugely successful one for the College, from a large and proactive fresher cohort through to exciting new events, a dynamic academic and pastoral support team, an impressive JCR Executive and numerous sporting premierships. At the same time, a number of our alumni have been recognised for achieving the highest of accolades in their chosen fields, of which we are also extremely proud.

This edition of Veritas celebrates all that is good about our great College, from the past through to the present. You will also read a little about the upcoming Vision 2025 document, which will embrace our heritage, whilst unashamedly seeking out the untapped potential that our College is capable of.

At the heart of Albies remains the student journey, one that is underpinned by the pillars we value so greatly, from spiritual, academic, sporting, cultural, social and service, through to leadership. This was reaffirmed through the busy schedule that motivated each of our students this year.

Whilst there is much emphasis in the media about the impact of technology and the increasing egocentric nature of young people, I can proudly state that at the heart of the Albies experience is an inclusive community filled with engaging and proactive young men and women.

The Albies success story continues due to the contributions that so many stakeholders of the College unselfishly offer. I thank everyone who has made a commitment to ensure that Albies remains the envy of others.

I trust you enjoy this issue of Veritas. We look forward to connecting with the broader family of the College as we continue to showcase the Albies' Advantage.

Jason Lincoln
College Master

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

St Albert's College has always occupied a unique position in the University of New England. It is the only independent college on campus. The other colleges—including our great rival, Robb—are all operated by the University.

But the independence of Albies is of a special kind. It springs from a religious inspiration and an historical heritage. It is a Catholic college, not in the sense of requiring that the students be Catholic, but in striving to embody a Catholic vision of what it means to be human—and what is the ultimate purpose and value of human life.

Albies is committed to both the immediate and the ultimate aims of education—the immediate need to foster career development and a sense of community, and the higher, and historical, purpose drawn from a vision of education, of integral human development, which inspired the Catholic Church to create universities in the first place; in Bologna and Paris and Oxford and Cambridge.

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The vision that enlivens Albies has always been bold and ambitious. It is the model of a truly human community—in no way perfect or fully accomplished, but unmistakably aspirational.

The College was established to support young men and women through all of their maturing experiences at university. These embrace the joys and the celebrations, as well as the setbacks and the tragedies. In the Christian vision, these experiences are not isolated or without meaning. They are part of a larger purpose that goes beyond this world and each passing moment, and seeks to place our lives in the wider context of God and eternity.

Albies' 50th anniversary

The College is now approaching a remarkable anniversary—its 50th year (in 2019) as an independent residential college.

We look back with pride at the generations of students who have been influenced for good during these years. And we recall the formative experiences they have undergone, which have prepared them for various careers and community involvements, and given them life-lasting friends—as well as future spouses!

At the same time, the 50th anniversary is a time for looking forward, and envisaging a future of new promise. In recent years, I have been privileged to chair a new Board of Governance at the College, established by Bishop Michael Kennedy on behalf of the Diocese of Armidale. I have long been aware—going back to my own arrival in Armidale in the early years of Albies' existence—that the College is blessed with remarkable reserves of loyalty. These provide a very strong foundation for the future, encouraging support for the generations of students who come to Albies, year after year.

The College Board sees the forthcoming anniversary as a time for renewing our vision of the College and responding creatively to the challenges ahead.

I would hope that, as we prepare for this important event, all those who cherish a special affection for Albies will renew their connections with the College, and deepen their appreciation for all it has done for successive generations of students.

Karl Schmude
Chairman, St Albert's College Board

FROM THE BISHOP

During 2016 I have been able to be involved in a number of activities at the College, with the board, staff and students. This has always been an uplifting experience.

I have been particularly impressed with the changes being made in the College and especially the way student life is encouraged and supported this year.

I have been most appreciative of the engagement with the Cathedral Parish and the involvement of students in activities at the Cathedral, for World Youth Day and celebrating Mass at the College.

I have greatly admired the College community's ability to rise to the challenges of embracing change, as together we aim to build on the College experience founded on its rich history.

I congratulate all involved and look forward to 2017, when I am confident even more great things will be achieved for St Albert's College.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Armidale

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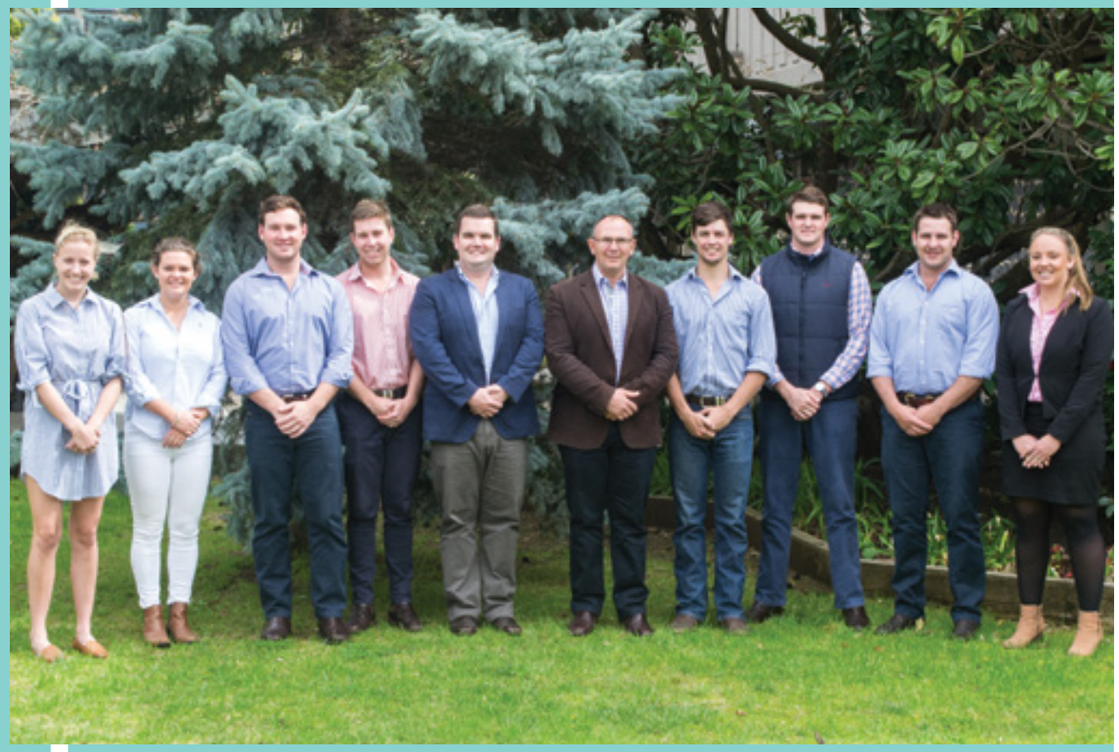
VISION 2025

St Albert's College Board was keen to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the College. A steering committee including David Miron (Chair), Karl Schmude and Jason Lincoln were appointed to advance and oversee the consultation and discussion process. A document expressing the College's "Vision 2025" will be formalised prior to the end of the year.

The process followed a number of key steps including a planning retreat held in September which was chaired by an external facilitator and attended by twenty four invitees. A wide range of stakeholders were represented. We also welcomed university leaders including the Vice Chancellor, Pr Annabelle Duncan and the President of University Colleges Australia, Mr Ian Walker.

The steering committee felt it was imperative that the process was as inclusive as possible. The data that has been gained will assist in creating the document which will be presented at the December Board meeting. This document will be the primary determinant of the key performance indicators that the College Master will be accountable to during this period.

This is an exciting time for the college as we set sail on an aspirant vision for 2025. This period also includes our 50th anniversary, a time that will most certainly be cherished.



2017 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

L TO R – *Georgia Devenish—Meandarra QLD, Edwina Smith—Bellata NSW, Michael Thomas—Wellington NSW, Will Clark-Dickson—Oman-Ama QLD, College Dean Michael McGuiggan, College Master Jason Lincoln, Matthew Nott—Narrabri NSW, Alec Rainnie—Alice Springs NT, Peter Brooker—Warren NSW, Peta Bradley—Armatree NSW, (Absent Sarah Barton—Blackville NSW)*

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CRAIG MCGLASHAN

4th year Albies Agribusiness student Craig McGlashan, was one of five students selected to represent the University of New England at the 2016 International Food and Agribusiness Management Association (IFAMA) Conference. Forming the only Australian team, the students traveled to the Danish city of Aarhus to compete in the Student Case Study Competition. The competition and conference provided students with a unique opportunity to learn, and pitch their own ideas for the future of agriculture to a global audience.

KEILEY O'BRIEN

Keiley O'Brien a current 2nd year student of the College, was successful in her application to receive a scholarship to attend the 2016 Australian Women in Agriculture Conference. The Conference was held in Canberra and brought together agricultural women from across Australia who are leading and contributing to the future of Australian agriculture. Keiley was also voted in as 2017 Vice-Chairperson of the Farming Futures Committee at the University of New England.

PETA BRADLEY

The 2016 NSW Farmers Tertiary Scholarships valued at $4,000 were awarded to five remarkable university students, one of whom was current Albies 3rd year student Peta Bradley. Peta is currently studying a Bachelor of Rural Science at UNE. The scholarships were awarded to applicants for their contribution and commitment to agriculture and rural communities along with outstanding leadership qualities, academic record and involvement with NSW Farmers.

ALBIES STUDENT REPRESENTS DIOCESE AT WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

St Albert's College was delighted that senior student, Gerard Ryan, was chosen as one of the representatives from the Catholic Diocese of Armidale to attend the 2016 World Youth Day held in Krakow, Poland.

Gerard, who finished his universities studies this year, was given a wonderful send off by the College community who showed their support by attending the commissioning Mass celebrated by Bishop Kennedy, held at the Ss Mary and Joseph's Catholic Cathedral, Armidale.

ABOVE *Gerard Ryan (top row second from right) with Bishop Kennedy, Father Francis and fellow World Youth Day representatives.*

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CHARITY COMMITTEE 2016

Albies was proud to partner with mental health charity Batyr this year. Batyr is an Australian organisation making its way to high schools and universities around the country, helping to remove the stigma surrounding mental health and encourage young people to reach out and ask for help when they need it. Throughout the year our student led fundraising committee organised various initiatives to raise funds and awareness for this worthy cause. Albies was also fortune to be able to provide batyr with an office to base their northern NSW operations.

CHUGBY FOR CHARITY

St Albert's College played off against Robb College in the annual Chugby for Charity women's rugby game. All proceeds from the match were divided between each College's respective charities. Well done to our students who played a great game and came away with a win.

BEAUTY FOR BATYR

Le Salon of Armidale were extremely generous in donating their salon, time and expertise, to assist Albies students in hosting a Beauty for Batyr evening. The night was filled with champagne, fashion, fun and beauty products. Students and Senior Common Room members showed their support with the event being a sell-out.

ONE SOCK ONE GOAL

Students donned batyr's notable spotty long socks in sporting matches played across the annual Parents' Weekend with the aim to promote awareness to a wider audience.

ALBIES CHARITY COMMITTEE 2016

- Alice Bowler (Co-President)
- Catie Bartelen (Co-President)
- Meg Rowe
- Tim Flannigan
- Melanie Hagenbach
- Kodey Stanford
- Jack Quinn
- Nat Lambeth
- Louis Plasto
- Matilda Hughes
- Tianna Schiller

VALEDICTS DINNER 2016

In 2016 a large cohort of valedicts were acknowledged at the annual St Albert's College Valedictory Dinner.

As the last dinner of the year, four special awards were also presented. Freshers' of the Year were Jack Biddle and Claudia Mitchell, Supporter of the Year went to Craig Norrie and the Collegian of the Year was presented to Peta Bradley.

Our College thanks each of our valedicts for their contribution to this great community. The legacy left is what creates the Albies Advantage for our current and incoming students. The College wishes our departing students the very best in their future endeavours and encourages all to become active members of the Albies alumni community. "Once you're Albies, you're Albies for life". Good luck, farewell and thank you from everyone at Albies.

VALEDICTS

CURRENT STUDENTS

Ivy Waterson
Craig McGlashan
Emily Pitman
Meg Pegler
Bridgette Lynch
Laura Miller
Harriette Spork
Sophie Dowsett
Oliver Grimble
Mark Buttenshaw
Brooke Uebergang
Harry Pendlebury
Catie Bartelen
Phoebe Hawley
Anna Maguire
Josh Brown
Tim Flannigan
Jack Spork
Claudia Powell

AFFILIATES

Gabi Kassulke
Joe Druce
Maddi Massie
Ally Hawthorne
Georgia Birch
Kat Young
Ally McDonnell
Angus Howard
James Davison
Penny Baker

TRIMESTER ONE LEAVERS

Gerard Ryan
Jack Thomas
Jacinta Condon
Justin Power

3RD YEAR MEDICINE STUDENTS

Keira Barnard
Ben Buckland
Lucy Hunter

CAREERS EVENING

The inaugural St Albert's College Careers Evening was held in August with fourteen guest speakers representing a diverse range of industries including Agribusiness, Law, Agriculture, Medicine, Nursing, Education, Marketing, Media, Business and Sports Management.

The evening provided students the opportunity to network, and develop tangible connections with leading professionals in their respective fields. Students gained practical advice and a wealth of information to assist them with their transition from university to the workforce, at the completion of their degrees.

ALBIES INAUGURAL FUTURES DINNER A SUCCESS

The Inaugural Albies Futures Dinner was held at the Armidale Ex-Services Club, in April. The dinner was well supported by the College's student body, members of the broader Albies' family and our many special guests. The highlight of the evening was the opportunity to be both entertained and inspired by alumnus Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Barnaby Joyce and his wife Natalie, who is also a member of the College alumni.

The dinner was aimed at inspiring our community, by connecting them with alumni who are experiencing dynamic journeys beyond university life, whilst sharing similar experiences at Albies. Barnaby and Natalie were perfect guests as they regaled stories from their days at the College by addressing the College as a whole and by speaking with students individually. They intertwined their experiences with the simple messages about life's journey and the opportunities and challenges that await our students beyond this unique time in their life.

The College looks forward to the Futures Dinner becoming an annual event on the St Albert's College calendar, as we reconnect with many others who are renowned success stories from our great College.

FOUNDERS' DINNER

The annual Founders' Dinner was hosted at the College to celebrate the great heritage of Albies and acknowledge the academic achievements of students in Trimester One. The College was honoured to have Albies alumnus James 'Teddy' Horsburgh (2001-2004) as guest speaker for the evening who was joined by fellow alumni Greg Wynn and Sam Piddington. Teddy's heartfelt speech was inspirational and motivating, and left a lasting impression on the students.

Student results included five High Distinction averages, 46 Distinction averages and 74 credit averages. Our congratulations to these hard working young men and women and to the major prize recipients who are as follows:

Sarah Heagney Prize:	Damien Thompson
Senior Common Room Prize:	Georgia Devenish
Flynn Family Prize for Medicine:	Tim Keys
Martha Hallinan Prize:	Archie Sampson
Fourth Year Prize:	Craig McGlashan
Hallinan Scholarship:	Georgia Devenish

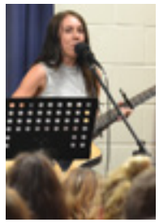
PARENTS' WEEKEND

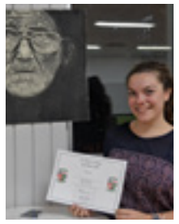
INAUGURAL CULTURAL EVENING 2016

A highlight on the Albies calendar, the annual Parents' Weekend was held in April with parents coming from across Australia to join in the festivities.

It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting the various events held over the weekend including the inaugural Cultural Evening on Friday, consisting of an Art Show as well as a showcase of student's musical and comical talents. The capstone of the weekend was the Parents' Ball on Saturday evening, with close to 600 guests present. Thank you to Mr Bede Burke who delivered the Parents' Address on the evening.

The weekend was a brilliant success and demonstrated the Albies Spirit is thriving amongst our Parents!





SPORTO'S LUNCHEON

With a proud sporting heritage, the College held the inaugural Albies' Sporto's Luncheon this year, as a celebration of our students sporting commitment, achievements and sportsmanship. The College was delighted to have Olympian and Gold Medallist Steven Bradbury as the guest speaker for the afternoon. Steven enthralled and inspired the audience with motivational and entertaining tales of his journey as a professional sportsperson.

Albies' students were recognised at the luncheon for their sportsmanship and dedication in their chosen sporting fields. Congratulations to the following 2016 award recipients:

Contribution to Basketball:	Stephanie Jordan
Contribution to Football:	James Falvey
Contribution to Hockey:	Holli Backhouse
Contribution to Netball:	Sophie Dowsett
Contribution to Rugby:	Joseph Allport
Contribution to Water Polo:	Hannah Parker
Contribution to Mary Bagnell Competition:	Tianna Schiller
Contribution to President's Trophy Competition:	Tim McDermott
Contribution to St Albert's College Sport:	Jenny & Peter McGarry

MB/PT INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS COMPETITION

The Mary Bagnall (MB) and President's Trophy (PT) intercollegiate sporting competitions kept St Albert's sporting enthusiasts busy in 2016. Sports in the competition included swimming, rugby, ultimate frizbee, athletics, cross country, netball, hockey, football, waterpolo, volleyball, tennis, basketball, AFL and badminton. Congratulations to our students who represented the College this year with the MB ladies finishing in 4th place and the PT gents in 3rd place.

HOCKEY REPORT

The year of hockey commenced with the annual Fresher Hockey match against Robb College in Term 1. After some persistent training and a thrilling match, Albies was unable to get a win over the Green and White team going down 2-0.

In the New England hockey competition for 2016 Albies had a female hockey team entered in the 3rd grade division. The team saw a number of new faces to the game as well as welcoming back some old hands. Under the careful guidance of our wonderful volunteer coach Peter McGarry, the girls flourished and the development of the skills over the season was phenomenal.

The season saw a number of comeback and surprise wins for the Albies girls. After finishing the season in 3rd position on the competition ladder the girls were given a shot to play for a place in the semifinal against tough opponents Breakaways. After a great game the girls secured a spot in the semifinal winning 2-0. This saw the Albies team progress into the semifinals facing Harlequins, this was perhaps the toughest game of the season and the girls dug deep.

With under a minute remaining Albies was down 3-4 but just before full time Albies was awarded a penalty stroke after full time. In one of the most nail biting moments of the season Albies capitalized and forced the game into extra time. However, in extra time the Albies team conceded a goal against them and were narrowly defeated. It has been a fantastic year for the Hockey at Albies and this year's committee and coach Peter have done a wonderful job.

NETBALL REPORT

2016 has been one of the most successful on record for Albies netball. The year began with 8 fresher girls competing in the annual "Fresher Netball" match against Robb. The girls put in a lot of effort leading up to match and came out firing, however unfortunately going down to Robb by 6 goals.

There was a total of 9 teams entered into the University of New England competition with 1 in A grade, 3 in A reserve, 4 in B grade and 1 in C grade. Albies had over 90 girls participating in teams, as well 26 coaches with many boys getting involved once again.

All teams had a great season whilst having a great time. Special mention must go to A grade, A Res 1, A Res 2 and B Red who all had exceptional seasons making it to the top 4 of their divisions and progressing to finals. Out of this, A grade, A Res 1 and B Red all made it through to the grand final with A grade and A Res 1 coming away with both minor and major premiers. The support from all fellow Albies students throughout the season and especially during finals was fantastic and definitely contributed to so many teams doing so well.

Over the years, the club has continued to grow whilst encouraging as many women and men to participate. Being a part of the club is a great opportunity to get involved not only within the college, but also within the community. Whether you are a competitive or social netball player, the club can accommodate this as well as creating lifelong friendships.

Georgie Phillips
2016 Albies Netball Club President

RUGBY REPORT

Albies Rugby Club celebrated one of its most successful seasons this year highlighted by the huge amount of interest from both men and women, including roughly 60 registrations recorded from first year students alone, and over 120 within the club.

The pre-season began with Albies recording a 57-12 win over Narrabri in the Southwell-Hannaford Shield which, returned to Albies for the first time since 2011. Robb were victors in the Fresher rugby match, although we were thrilled to see so many first year students take the field. The following weekend saw Albies field three sides in the annual Armidale knockout. Albies 1sts went down to Tamworth Pirates in an entertaining Grand Final. The Pre-season culminated on the Easter weekend with a great match against our visitors Bathurst where we fielded players of all standards on the day.

The season started with our annual Parents Weekend match up against Robb. Albies fielded five teams that day with first and second grade celebrating huge wins, while third grade lost narrowly. This weekend set the tone for first grade's season, only dropping one game to Armidale Blues in the second round. The team, coached by Tom Newsome and Chris Kelly, were deserving Major and Minor Premiers. The team farewelled a number of key players and long-time contributors including Charlie French, Gus Howard, Ollie Bartlett, Jack King, James Reynolds, Jack Thomas and Dan Sweeney.

Second grade were faced with a very erratic season, with the age-old issue of injuries forcing Tom Vanzella and Ambrose Hallman to continuously try new combinations. Although, with a second place finish on the table, the team were confident of a Grand Final berth. The biggest test was always going to be Guyra in the Grand Final, who finished the season undefeated, beating Albies 34-0 in the Major Semi-Final just two weeks beforehand. This game was testament to the coaching and to the belief of the players, and also the great support from other teams and supporters. Albies caused the upset of the season winning 16-7. It was a great finish for more departing players including Charlie Sykes, Tom Jobling, James Davison and Mark Buttenshaw.

Third grade again were faced with constant team changes forced through injuries in firsts and seconds, as well as their own injuries. There was great competition though with two Albies teams and also Wright College rejoining the competition. Ed Hiscox and Jack Harris led the team, and were assisted by Captain Joe Allport as well as Ben Ledingham making cameo appearances throughout the season.

The Albies fourth grade team, who played the majority of the year in the third grade competition, managed to snag a win in the fourth grade grand final 41-0 over Barbarians. This side was ably coached by Jason Lincoln, and led by Luke Paterson and Craig Norrie. Josh Brown was a clear standout on the edge, along with Michael "One-Game" Thomas and Todd "Inglis" Ellis.

This year we also saw the introduction of a women's sevens competitions, involving teams from Albies, Robb, Barbettes and Glen Innes. It was a great first year, with plenty of girls getting involved and the future looking bright for the Albies Women's team coached by Alec Rainnie.

To top off a great year, Albies Rugby Club walked away from the UNE Sports Awards Night with plenty to smile about. This included winning UNE club of the year, UNE team of the year for first grade, Coach of the year for Tom Newsome, as well as very well deserved half blues for NSW Country representatives Charlie French, Ollie Bartlett and Ellie Fordyce.

On behalf of the outgoing committee, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the season both behind the scenes and on the field.

Mark Buttenshaw
Albies Rugby Club President 2016

RUGBY PRESENTATION EVENING

The St Albert's Rugby Union Football Club held their 2016 Presentation Evening in September. The night was well attended by students, staff and members of the Albies community. This event was the perfect capstone to what has been an extremely successful season. The attendees were entertained by guest speaker and member of the Albies alumni Mr Peter McCue who most will know by name, as the creator of the famous Albies Song!

Congratulations to the Albies Rugby teams and coaches on their great achievements this year. Major award winners of the evening were:

Women's Most Improved:	Alexis Nielson
Women's Best and Fairest:	Berni Lai
4th Grade Best and Fairest:	Lachlan Mills
3rd Grade Best and Fairest:	Jack Ticehurst
2nd Grade Best and Fairest:	Charlie Skyes
1st Grade Best and Fairest:	Ollie Bartlett
Most Promising Colt:	Harry Wardle
Best Freshman:	Tom Fisher
Cathie Hiscox Memorial Trophy Most Promising Back:	Brendan Power
Ben Snell Memorial Most Improved Front Rower:	Keagan Size
Most Improved Club Player:	Jock Jackson
Best Club Trainer:	Sam Knight
Most Consistent Player:	Ollie Bartlett
Supporter of the Year:	Kate Pigram
Club Person of the Year:	Joe Allport
Shaun Stapleton Shield for Determination, Leadership and Heart:	Joe Druce

ALBIES 2016 TIMELINE

FEBRUARY

Student Leadership Retreat
O' Week
MB/PT Swimming Carnival
SCR/ Fresher Meet & Greet
Commencement Mass

APRIL

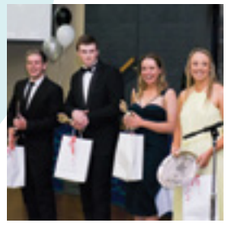
Cultural Evening
Parents' Weekend
Fresher Hockey

MARCH

Fresher Rugby
Commencement Dinner
Academic Formal Dinner
Fresher Netball
SKF Cultural Competition

JULY

Albies Week
Albies Ball
Sporto's Luncheon
Albies vs Robb Debate
St Albert's College Mass



SEPTEMBER

Valedictory Formal Dinner
Sport Finals
Albies Race Day
Back 2 Albies Weekend
End of Year Mass

MAY

Futures Formal Dinner
Red Shield Appeal

AUGUST

Founders Formal Dinner
Careers Evening
Brisbane Alumni Reunion
AgQuip Field Days

DECEMBER

Sydney Reunion

STAFF FAREWELL

During the year St Albert's College farewelled two of its longest serving staff members, Kay Hammond and Peter Hopwood.

KAY HAMMOND

Kay worked in the office throughout her time here and filled numerous roles including assisting the Master and Dean through to communications and IT support. She contributed to many aspects of College life and as a result was able to make many lifelong friends amongst the staff and students of the College. We wish Kay and her husband Ross, every success and happiness as they relocate to the Gold Coast in search of the endless summers it is renowned for.

PETER HOPWOOD

Peter fulfilled the role of Chef Manager for over 20 years, where he provided quality food and service to thousands of students and guests of the College. He was renowned for his commitment in the kitchen and his passion for getting the best out of his staff. He often went above and beyond for visitors and made numerous solid friendships during this period. Peter has relocated to the Sunshine Coast and we wish him well for his next adventures.

WELCOME

DIM FENWICKE

Student Relations Officer

Dim Fenwicke has a wealth of experience working with young people having previously worked in school and college leadership. Her primary role as Student Relations Officer is to support the Dean to ensure that Albies continues to offer the best internal (and external) student experience. Dim has already brought her own spark to the position and is quickly creating positive relationships with all whom she interacts with.

TENEILLE ELDERING

Community Relations Officer

Teneille has worked in IT, communications, marketing and as a freelance photographer for some time. The role she takes on brings together these many talents. Her creative flair has been showcased regularly in much of the St Albert's Communication that has been produced in recent months. She is also working well in supporting the Director of Advancement as the collage focus on stakeholder engagement and building relationships more broadly.

PENNY MEYER

Accounts and HR Officer

Penny has a great deal of experience in both Finance and HR and has already been heavily involved in College HR matters, as well as supporting the Business Manager to ensure that our ongoing financial accountabilities are met. Penny has quickly gained the respect of her peers and is proving to be a valued team member during her short time with us.

SENIOR COMMON ROOM 2016 WRAP UP

It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to pencil some wonderful memories of 2016 on behalf of the Senior Common Room (SCR). Our year has been highlighted by so many experiences with the college, students, alumni and management, all of which have further enhanced the strong bond between the SCR and the college. A refreshed and remodeled SCR saw 40 new members join the organisation, many of whom have already taken the opportunity to actively involve themselves with academia, pastoral, sporting, and social interactions with the college.

The SCR again hosted the St Alberts Race Day, which for the first time was held in conjunction with the "Back to Albies" alumni weekend. Despite the intervention of the weather gods it was considered a wonderful success. The marquee on the front lawn was well supported by students, alumni, supporters and friends of the college, with the music and socialising extending well into the evening.

As I try and capture the essence of 2016 and the role of the SCR it is timely that I have just received a text from Harry Pendlebury (2016 College Senior) wanting to drop in for a cuppa. Harry's visit was not by chance, he was taking the opportunity to farewell people who had assisted his passage through Albies and had been involved in his life at college and Armidale. The Thomas', Schmude's and Julie Heagney were just a few of the people that Harry intended to farewell in person. The sincere thanks and gratitude expressed by him for the support of the SCR summed up why we exist and why the SCR should continue to be actively involved with the college.

While we all have busy lives, which often limits our visibility to the students and management of the college, rest assured that in the background we have and will continue to offer enormous support to the Albie's team for years to come.

Farewell students of 2016, work hard, play safe and we look forward to catching up next year.

Angus Mc Douall
President of the SCR

FROM THE ALBIES ALUMNI & FRIENDS PRESIDENT

Hello to one and all who call themselves either Alumni or Friends of our great St. Albert's College. Albies has been, for me, a life-long journey to date and a connection that I'm sure will remain strong into the future.

My parents John & Jenny Pigram were involved from the start back in 1969 being part of the first SCR, so from birth I was involved with Albies, going to Mass there on a Sunday when we were too late for the 10am Mass in town at the Cathedral. They remained involved for over 35 years with Dad being made an Honorary Fellow of the College, something he was immensely proud of. Then only recently having a granddaughter go through the College as well.

During my association with Albies I have been a student, Dean, SCR Member, Albies Parent, Patron of the Rugby Club and now President of the newly formed Albies Alumni & Friends. How lucky and proud I was when Jason Lincoln, our current Master of the College, asked me to be consider stepping into this current position. For me it was by no means a chore but a pleasure to retain and grow those strong connections that Albies has always provided me through life so far. I am able to reconnect with friends who I lived with at Albies for four years and also network with the hundreds of students I have had direct contact with during my years as Promotions Officer then Dean of the College, working with four Masters and some truly amazing Student Leaders.

My most memorable time at Albies would have to be recently when I was Dean of the College and my eldest daughter was a Fresher... Interesting and challenging to say the least, for way too many reasons, but mostly because I knew what she was up to. However, for her as for me, the incredibly strong bonds formed at Albies are something to be treasured and extremely hard to measure. The networking connections are boundless and you would be hard pressed to go anywhere in the world where you will not find some type of Albies link, it truly is that strong and far-reaching. As testament to that I now work with Mark Bindon who is CEO and Director of The Oak Tree Group. Why? Because he knew me from Albies!

Albies is currently experiencing a period of rejuvenation that is inspiring to be a part of under the strong and passionate leadership of Jason Lincoln, Mick McGuiggan, Alice Schmidt and Mandy van Duijnhoven, the current Master, Dean, Director of Advancement and Director of Finance and Operations. I would encourage you to reconnect with Albies at every opportunity you can not only for your own sense of well-being that seeing old friends gives you but in terms of showing support and acknowledging the great memories, good times and strong friendships the College has given each of us in years gone by.

I look forward to catching up with many of you in the coming months and building a solid groundswell of support for the Albies 50th Reunion in 2019. Next up though, Albies Sydney Reunion. Friday December 2nd, Hero of Waterloo Hotel. Details on our Facebook Page & Website.

Yours in Albies,

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

ALBIES FOUNDATION

St Albert's College is delighted to announce the launch of the Albies Foundation which will take place on Friday 1st December 2017, as an evening function in Sydney.

The Foundation is being launched with the aim to meet the needs of our College community as we evolve. This will enable those who are deserving of the Albies Advantage, to embrace this unique opportunity.

We hope you are able to save-the-date, as more information will follow early in the New Year.

BRISBANE ALUMNI REUNION

On Friday, 26th August, there was a gathering of Albies Alumni at the Grand Central Hotel in Brisbane. This Reunion has been held on the last Friday in August for around 10 years now. It is a very informal arrangement, where we have a room to ourselves, and order drinks and food from the main bars of the pub.

Most years it has been prominently attended by Alumni from the 70s and 80s, together with 1 or 2 originals from 1969. However, this year saw the range expand significantly. Not only were there people from the usual decades, but there are now groups of Alumni from the 90s and 2000s. Overall, around 50-60 people turned up during the night. Some stayed for a quick hello, most stayed for quite a bit longer, and three got to relive the joys of last drinks. However, unlike former times, closing times are more rigorously enforced.

Next year's event will, as always, be held on the last Friday in August, (August 25th, 2017), at the same venue, the Grand Central Hotel Dining Car, at the same time, 4pm. Partners are welcomed with open arms. Maybe I'll be introducing myself to our most recent Alumni.

TD (Anthony Dennis) ('76-'81)

SYDNEY ALUMNI REUNION

2ND DECEMBER 2016

All alumni in the Sydney area and beyond are invited to attend the annual Albies Sydney Reunion.

DATE: Friday 2nd December 2016

VENUE: The Hero of Waterloo

TIME: From 12.30pm, 2pm lunch.
If you are unable to attend the lunch, please feel free to stop by during the afternoon.

RSVP: Michael Brent — michael.brent@optusnet.com.au.
A Facebook Event can be viewed on the Albies Alumni and Friends Facebook page

BACK TO ALBIES WEEKEND

Back to Albies Weekend was held over the 9th, 10th and 11th September, in conjunction with the much anticipated annual Albies Race Day. This inaugural alumni event saw past Albies students from across Australia, make the pilgrimage to Armidale to reconnect with old friends and visit the College they once called home.

Many reminisced about the old days, whilst enjoying the opportunity to meet with current students. The weekend commenced on Friday evening with social drinks held at the Armidale Ex-Services Club which were attended by alumni, students, SCR members and staff. Saturday the Albies community gathered at the race course where the weather cleared to sunny skies at the eleventh hour making for a perfect afternoon.

The College hosted breakfast in the dining hall on Sunday with the opportunity for alumni to take a tour of the College and look through alumni photos in the archives. Thank you to all members of our alumni who were able to attend the first Back to Albies Weekend. We look forward to building on this event in 2017 and hope to welcome an even greater number of our past students next year. Information regarding the 2017 Back to Albies Weekend will be on the College website early in the new year.

VALE TREVOR LYALL KNIGHT (1936-2016)

GREAT RUGBY COACH, HUSBAND, ACADEMIC, FATHER, MENTOR AND FRIEND

Trevor's passing in March touched the hearts of the Albies Alumni. We all lost a family man of inspiration, integrity, scholarship, community and guidance. Trevor was a great companion to us throughout our university careers. The St Albert's Alumni and UNE staff have a unique and special regard for Trevor. He was a very positive impact on so many, and for so many years.

It was through Trevor's role as Rugby Coach that he became a positive force for so many young men like myself, each in our formative years at UNE. Following a decade of very successful seasons, he and Janice co-authored a book on the history of Albies Rugby.

Trevor's passion to forge the Spirit of Albies Rugby certainly rubbed off on each of us. He faithfully met us every Sunday morning after Mass for the post match de-brief and training run. He was almost a father and sometimes a conscience to many of us! Forty-five years later, his teams still gather annually in Sydney, Brisbane, Grafton and Armidale. Ex-Wallaby Rob Onus recalled: "I reckon he was coach of Albies the whole time I was at UNE and always managed to put together a well drilled, disciplined and competitive team". I can also say with some authority and without hesitation that Trevor was a great strategist and one of the finest and definitely fairest coaches I ever played under.

Trevor was more than a Rugby coach to us. He was an astute advisor on academic, financial, social and political matters. As UNE Academic Registrar, he knew the machinations of the bureaucracy, had a thorough knowledge of the university laws and by-laws and helped thousands of students negotiate their way through the forest. He was in fact the saviour of many an academic career! Trevor recognized potential and saw a glimmer of hope where others couldn't. He assisted undergraduates to navigate a pathway that ultimately led to a graduation. Any subsequent success we enjoyed in corporate life belongs in part to Trevor.

If we were selected to play Zone, NSW Country or Wallaby level representative Rugby and it compromised our academic performance, Trevor would intercede to ensure we were given a "post" exam opportunity. In this way he ensured that New England Rugby thrived as well as the University.

He achieved his objectives in such a gentle and kind way, but still with a firm resolve. He was a people's person, never aloof, always ready to listen. I knew Trevor as a truly gentle man, a great correspondent and a lifetime friend who was dedicated to UNE and Albies.May he rest in peace.

Peter J Ireland ("Irish")
('75-'78)

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

STAY CONNECTED

WHETHER YOU FINISHED YOUR ALBIES JOURNEY IN 2016 OR IT HAS BEEN SOME YEARS SINCE YOU LEFT COLLEGE, YOU CAN STAY CONNECTED WITH FELLOW ALUMNI AND COLLEGE HAPPENINGS.

ATTEND AN ALUMNI EVENT

Stayed tuned at www.stalbertscollege.catholic.edu.au/our-community/alumni/ for the latest happenings.

SUPPORT STUDENTS

The Advancement Office at Albies provides alumni with the opportunity to provide financial assistance to deserving students through bursaries and scholarships.

Find out more by contacting Alice Schmidt, Director of Advancement at Albies at albiesalumni@une.edu.au or (02) 5733 5200

VISIT THE COLLEGE

We would love to take you on a tour of the College, have you meet with current students and staff and share your stories. Just call ahead (02) 5733 5200.

ORGANISE A GROUP REUNION

The Advancement Office can help with contacting your fellow alumni, promoting your reunion and providing venue options.

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(02) 5733 5200

READ THE VERITAS MAGAZINE

To ensure you receive your copy of Veritas, please update your details by contacting us at albiesalumni@une.edu.au or (02) 5733 5200.

STAY IN TOUCH VIA FACEBOOK

ALUMNI NEWS

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

We would love to hear from our alumni and receive updates and stories to publish in the next edition of the Veritas.

If you have information and photos you would like share please contact Alice Schmidt at albiesalumni@une.edu.au.

ALBIES IS TURNING 50 IN 2019

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