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cultural immersion trip

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another strong semester
across three universities

High Table Cup
reports from the six
competitions already done

Changes on campus
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doors, CCTV, and more

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FROM THE RECTOR



At the Collegiate Dinner following this year's Commencement Mass, I addressed the idea of the 'dominant narrative' at Aquinas. I made the point, after a very successful and enjoyable O-Week, that this narrative was one that fostered a culture that is friendly and welcoming, inclusive and respectful, academically purposeful and a great deal of fun. All those elements were amply evident during O-Week and have only been strengthened in the months that have followed. It's been a great semester.

While I pointed out that we are not perfect – and never will be – it was important to honour and nurture all that was healthy and good in our culture, and to take heart and life from that. Sure, we should never ignore or not treat appropriately any matter or incident that harms, hurts or hinders, it is also well for us to draw on the life-giving culture of the College. And also to contribute to it.

Many have commented during these past months just how well the College has been going in 2019. People have pointed to the quality of our first-year students and all they are bringing to Aquinas. Others have admired the care, generosity and commitment of our leadership group and our staff. Comments about the clear priority of academic life are common.

There is certainly a markedly positive buzz through the College this year. I – and I am sure all of us – can only be enormously grateful for all who are making that a reality. And that's everyone! It happens mostly in a myriad of small ways, day in and day out: little acts of care and kindness, people who include others rather than exclude, ready help and advice offered in studies, smiles and words of encouragement, those who do good without fuss or fanfare. All of this says that we matter to each other and we want the best for each other. Great collegiate environments are built on such attitudes.

Thanks to one and all for the first half of 2019!

Brother Michael, RECTOR



REPORT ON SEMESTER ONE
BY DR SARAH MOLLER

ACADEMIC LIFE

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER SEMESTER OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITY AT AQUINAS WHERE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SENIOR ACADEMIC TUTORS, SHERIDAN ROSALIA AND BEN WILLIAMS, A RAFT OF NEW INITIATIVES HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO HELP AQUINIANS ACHIEVE THEIR BEST AT UNIVERSITY.

HERE ARE THE TOP FIVE ACADEMIC MOMENTS OF THE PAST SEMESTER:

1. *Launch of the Senior Mentoring Program*

April saw the launch of a brand new Senior Mentoring Program at Aquinas, which paired 17 of our senior students with industry professionals from the broader Aquinas community. Designed to give students access to specialised career advice as they prepare to enter the workforce, the Senior Mentoring Program offers our senior students an unprecedented level of support as they work towards finishing university and entering professional life.

2. *Hard working freshers and hard working tutors*

It's no secret that the first year of college can be rather more about socialising than study, but this

year's freshers have worked hard to prove that it is possible to achieve while having fun. Supported by over thirty dedicated tutors, the freshers adapted quickly to study routines and showed that they have the determination and focus to succeed.

3. *Focus Week*

While most students have the luxury of waiting until June before exam-panic sets in, the business-minded Aquinians at the University of South Australia's Business School have always had to face exams a month early. Focus Week was introduced this year as a way of showing solidarity and support for our Business colleagues, which saw the whole college observing a 'quiet and dry zone' rule for the week of exams in May. Special thanks to Fletcher and the S-Club for keeping social events to a minimum during Focus Week, which provided a much-needed chance for everyone to concentrate on assessments and preparing for exams.

4. *Study Time*

New to Aquinas this year, seven different supervised Study Time sessions were on offer to students needing that extra bit of help to switch off their devices and watch their lectures. Study Time has been well-attended, with many students commenting on how helpful it has been to have a regular time each week to focus on getting work done.

5. *The Coffee Van in Swot Vac*

What better incentive to get up and study but the promise of free coffee? Swot Vac got off to a caffeinated start this semester as students made the most of the complimentary coffee van which pulled up in the Gleeson Carpark at 8.30am on the first Monday of Swot Vac. The Study Rooms were buzzing for the rest of the morning, setting a great tone for the week ahead.



OUR GOAL AS AN ACADEMIC TEAM HERE AT
AQUINAS IS TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE THE
LEVEL OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS
RECEIVE. THANKS TO BEN, SHERIDAN AND KARRI
FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AS LEADERS OF THIS
PROGRAM, AND FOR ALL OUR HARD-WORKING
STUDENTS WHO MAKE US PROUD!

DEAN'S REPORT

CAROLYN MEE



» Last week I received a text message from a former student. It opened with “Hello Carolyn, it’s Matthew Lloyd* here. I’m not sure if you remember me, but I wondered if you could help me...”

Matthew Lloyd had left college at the end of 2018; of course, I remembered him! What struck me was he was unsure of his impact. This young man had resided at college for three years. Over that time, I had assisted him with a wide range of matters: academic, personal and of the day to day nature. He had been well involved in the life of the College and had contributed to the fabric of the place over his time on campus.

I immediately dialled his number, and we talked. It was good to catch up on his news of the last six months, and he was keen to hear what was

happening at college. But once I put down the phone, I wondered how many other students felt “unremembered”.

What I would like our former student to know is, yes, I remember you. Occasionally, I even think about you. I still have your phone numbers in my phone, right back to 2009 when I first started working at Aquinas. I happily follow your life stages on Facebook and I cheer from the sidelines when I see a post on LinkedIn sharing your promotion. I will always be happy to sign documents on your behalf to assist you with your teaching or nursing registrations or for any other JP need you have. For the duration of your college stay, I felt a part of your journey and I want you to know, that you have been a part of mine.

*name has been changed for privacy

STUDENT PRESIDENT'S report

FLETCHER THOMAS

The 2019 academic year started with a flourish bringing temperatures which I'm sure all the South East folk loved adjusting to. With a variety of both fresh and returning events, we consider the restructured and revamped O-Week implemented this year to be an overwhelming success. Between refreshing swims, questionable bartenders, the hottest and sweatiest sporting tryouts known to man, blindfolded donuts, early morning runs, as well as a variety of engaging and entertaining information sessions, O-Week truly was the perfect introduction to the structured chaos and hubbub that all returning students know and cherish and one all freshers soon grew to recognise and embrace. And, embrace it they did. I must fully commend this year's fresher cohort in the way they have embraced the culture of the College. Sporting try-outs and support from the fresher cohort which underpin a crucial aspect of college life have been exceptional, especially at the start of the year and I urge both freshers and returning students to not let these standards drop.

The High Table Cup is a pivotal aspect of college life with the variety of sports providing a unique opportunity to showcase our passion and pride for sports and the culture of Aquinas. I am particularly proud of the grace, humility and respect we have shown both in our sporting victories and defeats. I believe it to be a defining characteristic of not only the College itself, but also the class and calibre of the people in it.

Our continued desire to innovate and design new engaging events lead to not only the creation of Games Night in O-Week, but also the Rainbow Chungus Festival which transformed the GCR into our very own nightclub complete with bubble, smoke and snow machines.

As always, themed pub nights continue to be extremely popular social outings with our safari themed Executive dinner and subsequent mystery pub night well enjoyed by all. Our premier social event of the year, the Pondshow, was held at the end of Term One in the first week of April. This event continues to grow both in popularity and scope, and was considered an overwhelming success by not only current and past Aquinians, but also by members of the public in attendance.

A common concern with attending a college, especially for parents, is the tightrope balance of study, sport, socialising and hopefully sleep. This is a constant battle which every Aquinian faces, but one which I think we can all agree is exciting and stimulating. I truly believe it is far better to be immersed in a vibrant, active environment than one which is dull and boring. A special thanks must go to the rest of the Student Club, often underappreciated and chronically tired. The dedication and work that this group has put in this year is an inspiration and continually motivates me. Nevertheless, our job is not finished as Semester Two promises to provide an opportunity to not only continue to uphold and promote the inclusivity, values, wellbeing and enjoyability of the College, but also strive to better ourselves and achieve more for the College. It is a challenge which excites us and we can't wait to see what Semester Two brings!



CASSIE WILMOT, YOUTH MINISTER

The year has seen a change to the Campus Ministry at college with a new team running the show - Br Mark as Chaplain, Cassie Wilmot as the Youth Minister, Alisha Rout as Outreach Coordinator, Gabby Torpey energising the chapel choir, and Brendan Lay and Sam Thompson as Youth Ministry Assistants. We can all be found in our exciting new office "Mission Central", which is proving to be a popular place to stop and have a chat and/or raid the lolly bowl.

The year started off with a bang! An official launch of the Campus Ministry was held during O-Week, involving live music, fun with giant board games and stalls for a number of local outreach organisations. Another new initiative for 2019 included an emphasis on mindfulness at the pointy end of the semester. The students embraced many opportunities to still the mind, contemplate and take a purposeful break from study during this time. Opportunities on offer included the popular mindfulness suppers with mandala colouring, talented in-house musicians and rejuvenating yoga sessions.

The year has seen change and improvements to ongoing aspects of the Campus Ministry, including organising the usual Sunday night Mass. The choir have been putting a lot of energy and heart into trialling new songs for all to enjoy and mastering the classics. HC's have been fantastic in rounding up fellow house members to attend and fill the many Mass roles, including writing personal reflections as part of the Homily. The team have been inspired by the quality of these personal reflections. The team has also been busy ensuring we celebrate the key church events: making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and providing hot cross buns as an Easter celebration.

A major branch of Campus Ministry at Aquinas includes supporting those who need it most. This takes the form of both volunteering completed by students as part of their outreach, and our commitment to international communities. Aquinas offers an Immersion to Timor-Leste and has a monetary commitment to support, enabling a local to complete their teacher's degree at the local Marist Teacher's College. To fundraise for this teacher, we ran multiple sausage sizzles from the College grounds before AFL matches at Adelaide Oval. Ben Williams, helped by fellow Aquinians, enthusiastically organised the BBQ and worked his charm on the uninterested Port supporters on game day. We are always looking for fundraising opportunities and volunteers to support teachers gaining an education in a third world country!

If you're yet to engage in any area the Campus Ministry has to offer thus far, don't be a stranger in Semester Two, and if you're yet to taste test the lollies or the comfort of the couches in Mission Central, please don't hesitate to do so. We would love and welcome the opportunity to have a good chat!



CAMPUS MINISTRY



EAST TIMOR

Eliza Boulton and Jayden Byrne travelled to East Timor with Brother Mark in December as a pilot cultural immersion. For both students, it was a powerful experience. The simplicity of the lifestyle of the local people, their hospitality, and also their health and education challenges all had their impact on the Aquinas students.

It is hoped to organise a similar trip each year, although this year's planned trip in September proved difficult because of other commitments.

Aquinas has, though, made a commitment to raise \$5K each year to assist students at the Marist-run Teacher's College in Baucau.

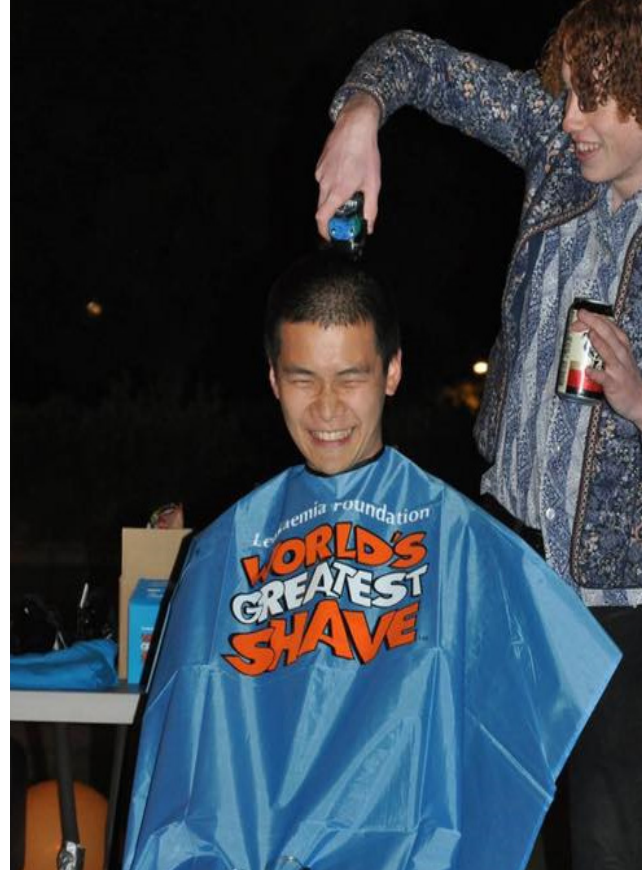




ON SATURDAY THE 23RD OF FEBRUARY, THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE AQUINAS COLLEGE COMMUNITY ARRIVED AT 1 PALMER PLACE FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND MEMORABLE 'WELCOME WEEKEND'. THIS MARKED THE START OF O-WEEK 2019, WHICH WAS PACKED FULL OF ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE THE NEW STUDENTS TO COLLEGE AND UNI LIFE. THE WEEK WAS STRUCTURED WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS EACH DAY BEING: ACADEMICS (MONDAY), HEALTH AND WELLBEING (TUESDAY), IDENTITY (WEDNESDAY), SERVICE AND SPIRITUALITY (THURSDAY) AND COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS (FRIDAY). THE WEEK RAN EXTREMELY SMOOTHLY THANKS TO THE PREPARATION OF THE STUDENT CLUB EXECUTIVE, HOUSE COORDINATORS, STAFF AND STUDENTS, AND WAS ENJOYED BY NEW AND RETURNING AQUINIANS ALIKE.



O-WEEK 2019



OUTREACH

ALISHA ROUT

Outreach for Semester One included opportunities such as: Live Below the Line, Royal Flying Doctor Service Badge Day, Social Justice Refugee Swim Day, Can Do for Kids tin shaking and more. This year also saw the introduction of the Biggest Morning Tea which was run by a small committee of student volunteers. The committee sourced donations from a variety of local businesses to host a morning tea at college to raise money for the Cancer Council.

The biggest fundraising success and by far the most popular Outreach event of the first semester was the annual World's Greatest Shave. Held on Wednesday, 10th of April, over ten participants including Stephen Sochacki, Declan Anderson, Felix Ding, Lily Bersee, Liam Fennell, Jack Armfield, Cooper Lane, Fletcher Thomas, Cody Slade, Sam Statman, Benjamin Harvey and Joseph Gobin either shaved, cut or coloured their hair to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. Two students, Ben Williams and Tahlia Cua, were MCs for the night and the impressive total raised from both online and event donations came in at over \$4500. Over 400 hours of Outreach have been completed so far, almost doubling that of last year, and approximately half of the students have started their hours for the year. Semester Two will hopefully continue with as much participation and enthusiasm.



Lawrie Smart Shield



competition table

1st	Finn	16 points
2nd	Gleeson	14 points
3rd	Catherine	13 points
4th	Marcellin	12 points
5th	Marian	12 points
6th	Roche	12 points
7th	Roma	11 points
8th	MacKillop	9 points
9th	Hannan	9 points
10th	Beovich	2 points



CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMER WAS A BUSY TIME AS A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE AROUND COLLEGE

- **ROUND TABLES** replaced the previous rectangular ones in the Dining Room. They have made for a much better dynamic - more conversation, more sitting around, less institutional.
- **ELECTRONIC NOTICEBOARDS** were installed in the Maino Foyer, the Dining Room and Lower Gleeson.
- **AUTOMATED SLIDING DOORS** were installed in the Maino Foyer.
- **CCTV** cameras were installed to enhance security. Stage 2 took place over the mid-year break.
- All remaining single beds were replaced with **KING SINGLES**.
- New **WARDROBES** were built into Finn bedrooms.
- Renovations were done in Roche: **PAINTING, CARPETING, DESKS, BEDS.**



SEMESTER 1

FROM THE ACADEMIC TEAM:

The results from Semester One have been particularly impressive this year. Our cohort of First Year students achieved especially outstanding overall grades, with over 80% attaining a Credit average or higher. One third of Aquinas students achieved a Distinction average or higher, a statistic which reflects both the hard work put in by students and the effectiveness of this year's improved academic program. When comparing this semester's grades from those attained in Semester One last year, it is impressive to note an increase of nearly 10% in the number of students achieving a Distinction average across their four subjects. Special mention must be made of the many students who tutored their peers in over 40 different subjects across the three universities, a factor which has surely helped over three-quarters of our students attain a Credit average or higher. Walking through the College, there is a palpable atmosphere of academic pursuit, and Aquinas students are to be congratulated on striking the right balance between studying and socialising.

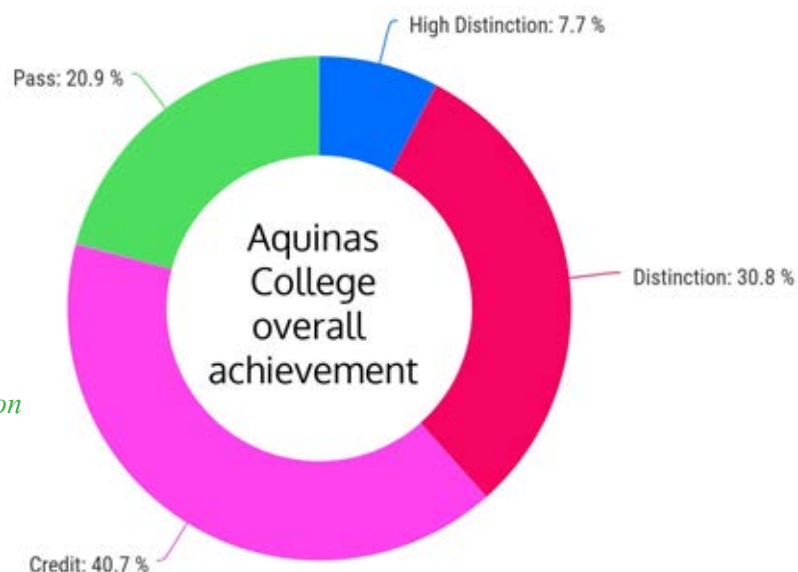
Special mention to the following students for attaining a High Distinction average in Semester One:

Courtney De Barro, University of South Australia
Benjamin Harvey, University of South Australia
Ashleigh Heath, Adelaide University
Charlie Muecke, Flinders University
Georgia Pisani, University of South Australia
Larry Klingner, Adelaide University
Patrick Klingner, Adelaide University
Karri Thomas, Adelaide University
Mitchell Thompson, Adelaide University
Keely Venn, Adelaide University

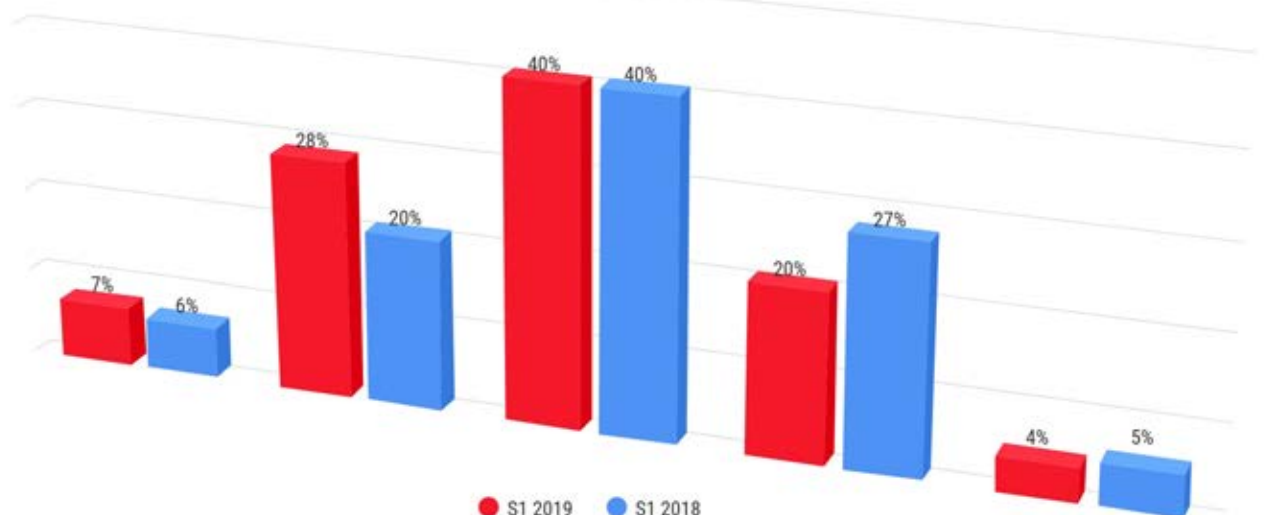
One third of Aquinas students achieved a Distinction average or greater

Three quarters of Aquinas students achieved a Credit average or greater

96% of students passed all their subjects



IMPROVEMENT IN AVERAGE GRADES IN 2019 AT AQUINAS COLLEGE



RESULTS

High Distinctions

Annabel Brooks*
Brianna Buckley*
Victoria Circelli*
Tahlia Cua*
Courtney De Barro***
Olivia Dunn*
Jack Elsdon*
Alice Fry*
James Fry**
Taylah Gartner*
Emily Gleeson*
Hamish Gleeson*
Chloe Hall*
Benjamin Harvey***
Ashleigh Heath***
Ella Kain*
Phoebe Keane**
Austen Kenny*
Larry Klingner****
Patrick Klingner***
Caitlin Kruger*
Olivia McEvoy*
Rachael McKay*
Hannah Manning*
Joel Moore**
Enakshi Mudalige*
Charlie Muecke**
Kale Olds**
Nathan Pinchbeck**
Georgia Pisani**
Talib Rahman*
Sheridan Rosalia**
Ryan Siebert*
Makayla Siegert*
Morgan Skinner*
Matthew Sochacki*
Karri Thomas**
Mitchell Thompson***
Charlie Trood*
Madison Turner**
Kate Van Schaik*
Keely Venn***

Distinctions

Declan Anderson*
Jack Armfield*
Riley Badenoch **
Daisy Barry ***
Liam Beckman*
Lauren Bowman*
Sofie Brassel*
Krystal Brennan*
Ellie Breuer**
Annabel Brooks***
Brianna Buckley*
Jessica Casanova**
Victoria Circelli**
Bradley Close*
Ellen Cooper***
Nicholas Cooper*
Courtney De Barro*
Zoe Duncan***
Olivia Dunn***
Jack Elsdon**
Elizabeth Evans***
Aleisha Finlay**
Ashleigh Fogarty***
Grace Franco ***
Alice Fry**
Ashlee Fuchs**
Taylah Gartner**
William Gilbertson *
Emily Gleeson***
Britnee Glover*
Joseph Gobin*
Jack Gosling**
Ellie Gould*
Bailey Hamilton*
Benjamin Harvey*
Bailey Hately*
Dale Hayward*
Ashleigh Heath**
Lauren Henderson**
Madison Hoffmann*
Patrick Horkings**
Caroline Joyce*

Ella Kain**
Phoebe Keane*
Austen Kenny**
Patrick Klingner*
Kenny Lam**
Brendan Lay***
Emma Livingstone**
Brennan Lockwood*
Declan McCallum*
Olivia McEvoy***
Kaysha McGregor*
Rachael McKay*
Bridget Manning*
Nicole Manning****
Hannah Manning***
Bailey Marzola*
Isabella Meyer*
Zahra Morrish*
Enakshi Mudalige*
Charlie Muecke**
Olivia Murray***
Aimee Oxlade*
Samuel Paynter*
Talia Phillipps*
Lauren Pike*
Nathan Pinchbeck*
Georgia Pisani**
Gemma Pollard*
Hannah Pretty*
Hamish Probert*
Daniel Puckridge****
Talib Rahman*
Lenah Rasmussen*
Mikaela Richardson*
Jamie Robinson*
Sheridan Rosalia**
Eva Rouse*
Emma Schulz**
Isaac Scott**
Ryan Siebert***
Makayla Siegert**
Cody Slade*
Samuel Statman***
Asia Tansell***

Karri Thomas**
Sam Thompson*
Chiara Trevisan*
Jordan Tucker**
Madison Turner**
Kate Van Schaik***
Amelia Vaughan***
Keely Venn*
Catherine Walsh*
Lachlan Warhurst*
Benjamin Williams*
Holly Wood**
Liam Wormald**
Ruby Yates***

MARCELLIN MEDALLION DINNER 2019

ON WEDNESDAY THE 5TH OF JUNE, AQUINAS CELEBRATED THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT, THE MARIST FOUNDER, WITH A FORMAL DINNER AND MEDALLION PRESENTATION.



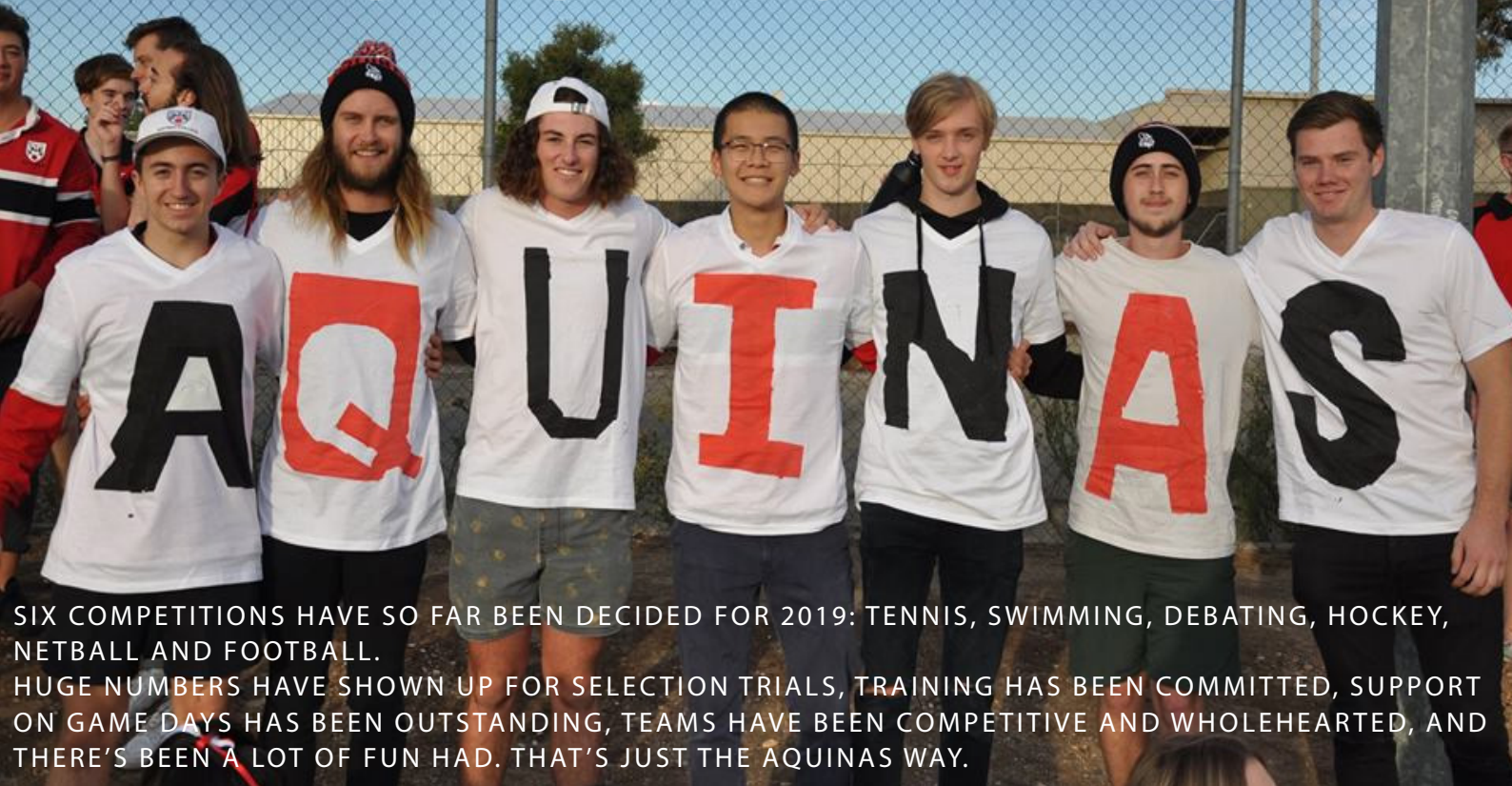
The Saint Marcellin Medallion is awarded to a student from each of the ten houses who personifies one or more of the attributes associated with St Marcellin.

These attributes may have been looking out for those in need, hard work, selflessness, encouragement, and doing good quietly.

The 2019 recipients, who were nominated by their House Coordinators, were Ella Kain (Beovich House), Zahra Morrish (Hannan House), Bailey Marzola (Catherine House), Liam Wormald (Roma Mitchell House), Kate Van Shaik (MacKillop House), David Fishwick (Marian House), Tahlia Cua (Gleeson House), Emily Gleeson (Finn House), Liam Beckman (Roche House) and Shyla Lange (Marcellin House).



HTC SPORTS



SIX COMPETITIONS HAVE SO FAR BEEN DECIDED FOR 2019: TENNIS, SWIMMING, DEBATING, HOCKEY, NETBALL AND FOOTBALL. HUGE NUMBERS HAVE SHOWN UP FOR SELECTION TRIALS, TRAINING HAS BEEN COMMITTED, SUPPORT ON GAME DAYS HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING, TEAMS HAVE BEEN COMPETITIVE AND WHOLEHEARTED, AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF FUN HAD. THAT'S JUST THE AQUINAS WAY.

TENNIS

NICOLE MANNING & DAMON SNELL

Tennis marked the start of Aquinas High Table Cup campaign for 2019, and what an exciting start it proved to be with a record number of people attending the initial tryouts held during O-Week.

The 100+ Aquinians who came out and gave it a go were narrowed down to a squad of 18, comprising of both old and new faces showcasing promising talent. We started the day off strong with wins against Lincoln, Flinders and St Ann's, and ended with a showdown with an also unbeaten St Mark's.

Despite an extremely close finish involving a high standard of play from all participants, we were unable to come out with the win. Despite the disappointing final result, it was great to see the amount of supporters at the event, with an overwhelming number of Aquinians coming out to cheer on the team for the entire day in the true Aquinas spirit.



SWIMMING

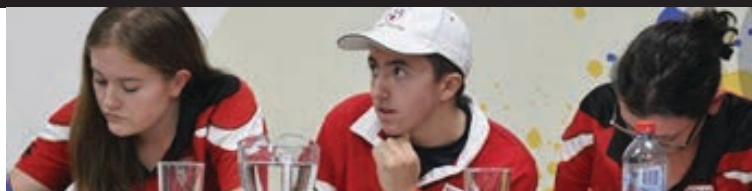
CHARLIE MUECKE & AMELIA VAUGHAN

The second sport of the HTC campaign was swimming, so tryouts began in the oppressive heat of O-Week. While this meant we had incredible numbers to the pool, only a small number were actual swimmers, with the majority just coming for a leisurely cool off. A squad of eleven was announced and we trained as often as possible in the week and a half before the event was held. We knew the competition was going to be tough, but a string of injuries and outside commitments meant we were heading into the event handicapped. Nonetheless, the whole squad relentlessly attended (mostly) all the trainings despite the earliness. On the night, there were some incredibly close races (and some not so close) and thanks to the awesome Aquinas Wolves crowd, the team never once considered taking a race lightly. Unfortunately, we did take out 5th place in the pool, but out of the pool we were definitely 1st in sportsmanship, cheering and attendance... and probably pub performance too. A special mention to freshers, Bailey Hamilton and Stella Reidy who were basically nominated in every race possible.



DEBATING

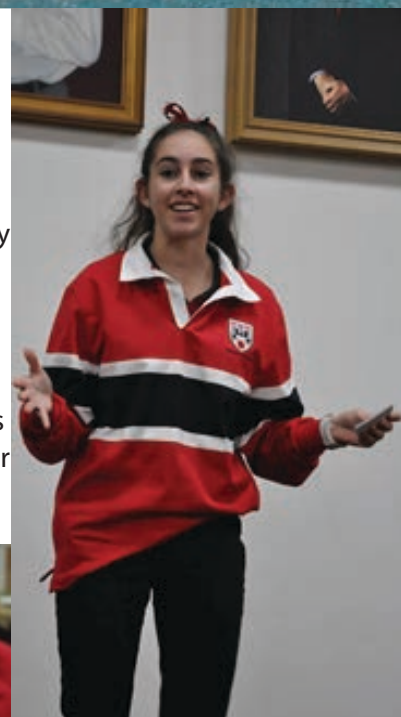
FLETCHER THOMAS



HTC Debating once again provided an exhilarating spectacle of argument and wit. Under the diligent guidance of exie Jayce Golding as Coach, our Aquinas team composed entirely of HTC Debating debutants performed admirably.

Despite some questionable early results, our team carried themselves with the class, humility and civility that we expect at Aquinas, always adhering to the spirit of debating and being respectful of the opposing colleges. As each round of debates continued, our team grew in both confidence and aptitude culminating in a convincing win in the final round against a strong Flinders team.

Ultimately, Aquinas finished in 5th place on countback. However, the exceptional arguments from our inexperienced team, the strong crowd support and tough competition provided for two engaging and entertaining evenings.





WOMENS NETBALL

MAKAYLA SIEGERT & ANNABEL BROOKS

After last year's devastating loss against Flinders, the Aquinas girls were determined to get the win in their HTC Netball campaign. Making their way through to the Grand Final, the girls faced a Flinders team who came out firing, as we knew they would, scoring three unanswered goals in the first few minutes. Despite our shaky start, we managed to calm ourselves and settle into the game. After an intense first half, the Aquinas girls were down by four. Going into the second half, a few changes were made and the girls were calm and confident in each other. We were able to come together and work as a team, with every single person giving it their all. The goalies maintained their accuracy throughout the game and the mid court defensive pressure was unreal. Slowly we started to peg it back, giving ourselves the lead into the last quarter. All we had to do now was play a steady and accurate last quarter and we did just that, with the end result 33-23, our way. Special mention to Madi Turner who was best on court for the match!



MENS NETBALL

ELLIE COOPER & STEPHEN SOCHACKI

At Aquinas, the HTC Boy's Netball is a highly anticipated sporting event. Being the reigning winners for the last 14 years of this competition, excitement amongst the young team was high with the addition of many freshers into the squad complementing returning students. This year's team had many changes from the previous year with players stepping up into different positions. In defence, Nathan Pinchbeck and Jackson Richman could not be faulted throughout the tournament, creating stoppages and applying pressure. Upfront, our shooters James Boston and Stephen Sochacki finished off the hard work of the team. Through the centre, Charlie Muecke, Brad Close and Jack Armfield were composed under pressure using the ball effectively. Our bench was deep with many skilled players that supported our starters in Brandon Tapfield, Declan McCallum, Jack Gosling and Liam Beckman.

Heading into the Grand Final undefeated was exciting and nerve-wracking. With the timing of the game our centre, Brad Close, was unable to make the game with last minute changes having to be made. The Grand Final against St Ann's was an arm wrestle with both teams giving it their all and playing exceptionally. Unfortunately, our boys couldn't get the job done with St Ann's winning the game by four points. However, our effort could not be faulted with everyone putting in 110% until the final siren.

WOMENS HOCKEY

ASHLEIGH FOGARTY & JESS CASANOVA



On the 26th of May, the girl's hockey team started their HTC campaign on grass at the Woodville Hockey grounds, battling through the cold to secure a 6-0 win against Lincoln College. Following this impressive win, the girls went straight on to verse St Mark's College. The determination of the players and spectators alike was unreal as they stuck it out in the freezing cold and pouring rain. Unfortunately, the girls couldn't quite get the win, going down 4-0.

The second round of hockey had the girls playing on turf against St Ann's. Whilst showing a lot of skill and determination, a couple of unlucky goals and a strong defence made it difficult to score. In a playoff for 3rd and 4th position against St Mark's, the team played a tough game which the scoreboard just didn't show. Considering half the team had never played hockey before, we are really proud of all the girls and the fact we made it to the second round. We hope that next year's team can have just as much fun and fight as hard as we did. Go Wolves!!

MENS HOCKEY

FLETCHER THOMAS & LACHLAN WATERS

On a cold, blustery Sunday, the Aquinas men's hockey team went into battle for the HTC Hockey trophy which has eluded us for a long period of time. After weeks of early morning trainings with a mixture of experienced veterans and exciting new faces, confidence was high. The day began with a semi-final against a strong St Ann's side. The St Ann's boys came out firing and started well but our team were able to assert itself, dominating possession and control of the ball for the majority of the first half which resulted in a late goal on the scoreboard for Aquinas. To their credit, St Ann's were significantly tighter in the second half, really slowing the game down and creating a much more even tussle. Despite this, Aquinas looked like it was going to hold firm until an unlucky goal saw St Ann's equalise just before full time. This sent the match to a penalty shootout, which for the second year in a row we were unsuccessful in winning. This pushed us into a 3rd place playoff with an equally strong Flinders unit and this match was hard fought by both teams. Flinders were able to score just after half time with Aquinas unable to bridge the gap. Despite the disappointing result, we couldn't be prouder of the effort and graciousness our team displayed throughout the whole hockey campaign.





MENS FOOTBALL

JACK ARMFIELD & JACKSON RICHMAN

Our HTC footy campaign started against St Ann's on a cold, overcast Sunday morning. We were a bit slow out of the gates but kept improving as the game progressed, playing great team footy. Final scores were Aquinas 105, St Ann's 15.

Yet another wet and rainy day heralded the Grand Final between Aquinas and St Mark's. Both teams came out firing in a very even first quarter. It was all St Mark's in the second quarter kicking five goals to our none. The second half was a good even contest between both sides but we were unable to peg back their five goal lead. Unfortunately, the final scores were St Mark's 72, defeated Aquinas 33.

Our best players were Kale Olds, Jamie Robinson, Ryan Siebert, Larry Klingner, Will Stafford and Declan McCallum.

Credit to all the boys who gave it their all throughout both games and at trainings; we were just outclassed on the day. Big thanks to Patty & the water boys for keeping us hydrated, Gemma for keeping our energy levels up with Gatorade, lollies & oranges & the S-club for organising and running the event.



WOMENS FOOTBALL

ALICE FRY & DANIEL PUCKRIDGE

With a tightly contested HTC standing leading into football, it was highly important for the Aquinas girls to continue their four-year winning streak. Our campaign had begun early this year, with the first tryout taking place in O-Week. Training sessions were frequent and many early mornings gave us lots of time to hone our skills and bond as a team.

Returning to the traditional structure, our team had a bye in round one and then lined up against Flinders for the second round. Nerves were high leading into the game with many freshers making their debut, but these were quickly settled as our strong preparation and talent helped us dominate Flinders, defeating them 14.7.91 to 0.0.00. Our opponents on Grand Final day were St Mark's who had progressed through the rounds after defeating St Ann's. Despite the harsh conditions on the day, with heavy rain persisting throughout the game, our girls proved they were the better team overall, convincingly defeating St Mark's 7.7.49 to 0.1.1. We would like to thank all the girls involved for their high levels of enthusiasm and dedication to the team resulting in the retention of the cup for our fifth consecutive year.

Best Players on the day were awarded to Madi Turner, Olivia McEvoy, Ella Kain, Imogen Hall, Ellie Breuer and Morgan Fisher.





MUSIC & ARTS EVENING | SAM THOMPSON

Held inside to escape the weather, the first Music night of the year, with a theme of crazy hats, took place on the 8th of May. It was a fun night for all involving a range of entertaining performances and the evening opened with an original song I performed on the synth to set the scene.

MCs, Isaac Scott and Sam Statman, ran the night perfectly with an array of jokes and smooth transitions between each performer.

First up for the night was Oscar Ricardo playing a piece on piano, followed by myself playing a song on the keyboard with vocals, and then Olivia McEvoy playing a number on the piano.

The fourth performer, James Fry, came out with another spectacular karate performance including a real katana. Jack Armfield and exie Nick Walters played as a duo with acoustic guitar and vocals, with Sam Statman joining in with saxophone on their second song, and the newly formed band TUBS, including Stephen Sochacki, Fletcher Thomas & Declan McCallum, played two original songs, supported with their own mosh-pit formed by the crowd. Jack Armfield and Sam Statman later stepped up to join the band and played a rock song that provoked a second mosh-pit of the night. To conclude, Tye McManus led the whole college singing "Country Road" and the best crazy hat prize was awarded to Aimee Oxlade.

Overall the night was a huge success due to the support of the College and everyone that got involved either performing or helping run the night.

