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Another strong semester across three universities

High Table Cup

Reports from remaining seven sports.

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This year we had 18 Valetants



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A WORD FROM THE RECTOR



'This has been the best year of my life by far. Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity. Can't wait for next year.'

The comment was spontaneously made to me by a Fresher recently as he was leaving for the summer. I had heard very similar sentiments many times over the last weeks of the academic year.

Yes, it has indeed been a graced year. Another student, a Valetant, said to me as she was packing up and reflecting on her years here, 'Aquinas just seems to be better and better. I can't imagine a better place to have lived.' She was especially appreciative of the culture of the College.

As for any year, it has been a time that has brought us a full range of highs

and lows, gratifying achievements and pressing challenges, moments of elation and others of heartbreak. Any community that lives as close and as bonded as Aquinians do, and uses the word 'family' to describe its way of relating, should not be surprised by the roller-coaster of a ride they have through each year.

Of many facets of our 2019 collegiate experience I could mention, let me highlight two: the continued strengthening and priority of the academic culture of the College, and the encouraging quality of our Fresher group. It has been frequently observed through this year – and favourably so – that the place of academe in the life of Aquinas is uncontested and core. We have seen the expansion of structured study times (at the request of students), the introduction of the Mentoring Program for Seniors, and consolidation of the tutorial and support strategies. Plans are being considered for a new study space. Academic life is

buoyant and the fruit of this is evident in our results – stronger than they have ever been.

Second, it was clear from the first week of the year that Aquinas was to be enormously enhanced by this year's first-year group. They have embraced the best in the Aquinas culture, and have augmented it. Augurs well for the years ahead of us.

Finally, a word of thanks and appreciation to all. To the staff team – both the full-time senior staff and the outstanding student staff – I express my deep thanks. Aquinas happens because of you. To the students who are the College: your vibrancy, decency, compassion and humour are infectious. It is a privilege to walk with you during these years of your life.

Lucere et ardere



REPORT ON SEMESTER TWO

BY DR SARAH MOLLER

Semester Two at Aquinas was another semester marked by academic pursuit. We started the term by celebrating the excellent results of our students at the Collegiate Dinner, where we recognised the outstanding achievements and, for the first time, acknowledged the students who were most improved in their results.

Under the leadership of Senior Academic Tutors Ben Williams and Sheridan Rosalia, we introduced a number of new competitions to promote study. It was fantastic to see the hot competition sparked by the 'Great Lecture Binge', in which students competed to get up to date with their lecture viewing. Later in the semester, the 'Get Fast and Furious during Focus Week' competition saw students set themselves goals for the week, with prizes going to the students who demonstrated the most amount of progress during Focus Week.

ACADEMIC LIFE

Our Senior Mentoring Program continued this semester, and was augmented by a highly successful Faculty Night, where Aquinians from 6 different faculties came together to impart their professional wisdom. Our seniors participated in an excellent seminar on preparing to enter the workforce, which was delivered by Tina Hudson, the head of People and Culture from Rising Sun Pictures. The inaugural Senior Cocktail Party provided a fitting end to the year and to our seniors' time at college, where we thanked the many individuals who contributed to our Academic Program, and highlighted the achievements of our graduating students.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of our Academic Team – Karri Thomas, Sheridan Rosalia and Ben Williams – and all they have contributed to the academic program this year. On behalf of the Academic Team, I congratulate all our students on their excellent focus this year, and wish them all the best in their studies in the new year.

Images Below left to right: Engineering Faculty Night, Medical Imaging Faculty Night, Education Faculty Night and the Tina Hudson Seminar





DEAN'S REPORT

CAROLYN MEE

As we conclude the 2019 academic year, we look towards the training program for our incoming student leaders. In all, we have 25 students who have been appointed or elected into leadership positions for the 2020 year. All are worthy of their positions and are keen to make a difference to the ongoing and incoming student groups.

Each year I have the privilege of working closely with this group of students, both through intense training and preparation weeks, as well as working with them as individuals, on a day to day basis.

The overwhelming purpose of these groups is to make a difference; to the life of the College, to the groups of students with whom they will work, and to individuals who are new to the College Community. They want to have an impact, they want to leave their mark and they want

to develop themselves personally, to add more strings to their bow.

In 2019 I worked with an outstanding group of House Coordinators, each of them fulfilling their role superbly and having an impact on their house members. They were patient, caring and kind; they were generous with their time and their contributions, and at the end of the year, each of them unwaveringly told me that they had had the best experiences in their role and they were so glad to have done it.

Similarly, in speaking with students as they were departing, it was affirmed to me that their House Coordinator "had made a difference" to the year they had experienced at Aquinas. They were someone who they could rely on, who always had time for a chat, and whose positive leadership didn't go unnoticed.

These young people have had a

unique opportunity, one which can't be bestowed upon many each year. What our first year students learn from the House Coordinators is often mirrored in their own behaviour when they become second, third and fourth year students, in the way they welcome new students, in the way they include them and in the way they have a positive impact through unbadged leadership. Ultimately, we have a College full of students with the potential to make a difference, and for the most part, they grab that opportunity with both hands and do things and learn things they may otherwise not have the chance to do.

If our student leadership group is anything to go by, our College and the wider community, are in good hands. They have so much to offer and we should encourage them to stand up and continue to make a difference.

Semester 2 continued on the breakneck speed of the first semester. A variety of social events marked the first week back, highlighted by the annual Aquinas Ball. This exceptional event was organised by Lenah Rasmussen and Alisha Rout whose tireless work was critical to the events success; and successful it was once again being held at the stunning Adelaide Pavilion and enjoyed by all. Thank you both for your time and effort in creating such a magical event. Super Sunday the following day provided a welcome respite from a hectic first week and a chance to relax and enjoy the sunshine with a variety of top-shelf costumes on display.

Our HTC campaign continued to flourish with the girls commanding victory in Basketball, unfortunately our boys were somewhat less successful despite an admirable effort. Soccer followed marred with controversy but both teams displayed unquestionable endeavour. The year finished with Table Tennis and Athletics where we showed class, dedication and grace. Although the year finished with St Anns taking out the Douglas Irving Cup, we showed remarkable team spirit and effort, it was a fantastic year for sport both on and off the field and I would personally like to thank every single coach, player, contributor or supporter who got out to cheer the mighty Wolves.

Our yearly charity auction 'The Annual' was conducted in style, smashing last year's efforts to raise over \$5000 for Beyond Blue. As always this was an incredibly successful event with some incredible kits and extraordinary generosity. Thank you to our Equity Officer Ellie Breuer for organising such an amazing event and to the students for rallying behind a great cause.

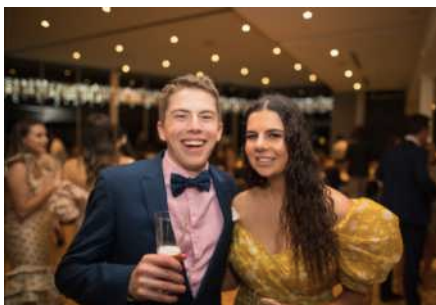
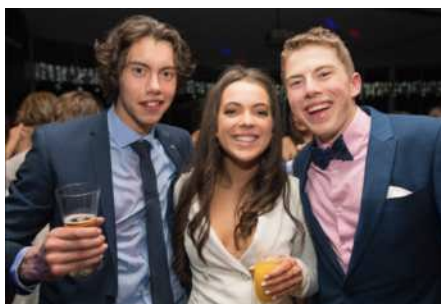
Once again our Battle of Bands team triumphed for a record breaking third year in a row, this success was testament to the skill, hard work and effort committed by the band. Congratulations to the band with hopefully the dynasty to continue many years into the future.

Ultimately 2019 has been a truly special year here at Aquinas. It has been a year of both triumph and ecstasy paired with incredible challenge and hardship. Together we've supported each other through unimaginable adversity, laughed together, and formed bonds both new and old which I'm sure will last a lifetime whilst always celebrating every achievement in true Aquinas style. It has been my greatest privilege, honour and pleasure to have served at the 2019 Student Club President, this experience has been one which I will always treasure and cherish and certainly one that I will never

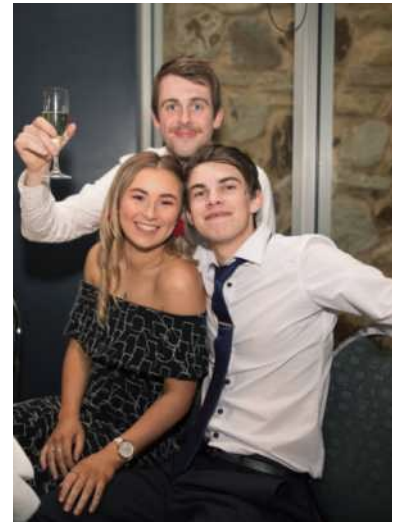
forget. A massive part of this year's success came from the calibre of people who worked tirelessly to create the productive and enjoyable home. It would be remiss of me to not thank these incredible people; so firstly thank you to every member of the Student Club team for not only putting up with me throughout the year but also working so diligently and passionately to create some of the most fun and memorable events this college has seen in a long time, it has been truly special working with you all. Thank you to the staff and house coordinators who have continually striven to craft and cultivate an environment where everyone can be their best person. Lastly thank you to the students, you all make the place what it is and every one of you past and present has made some sort of impact on both me and the college so thank you. Best of luck to Catherine Walsh in her role as president next year and best wishes to all Aquinians whether they be returning next year or moving on.

Once an Aquinian, always an Aquinian; but signing out one last time.

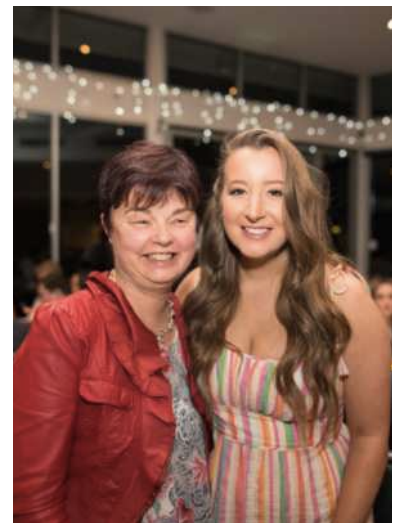
FLETCHER THOMAS



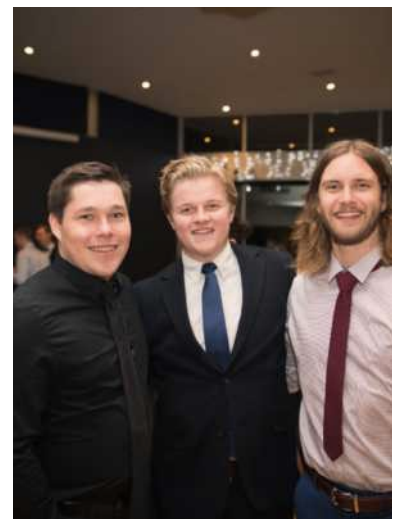
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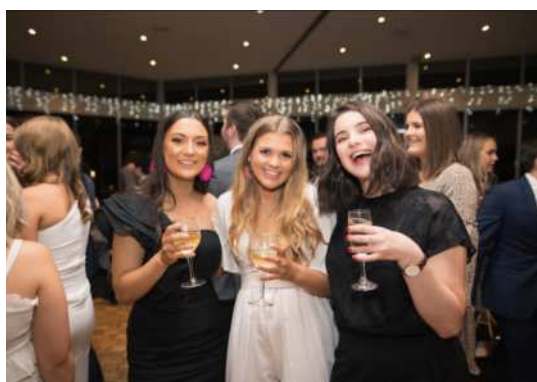
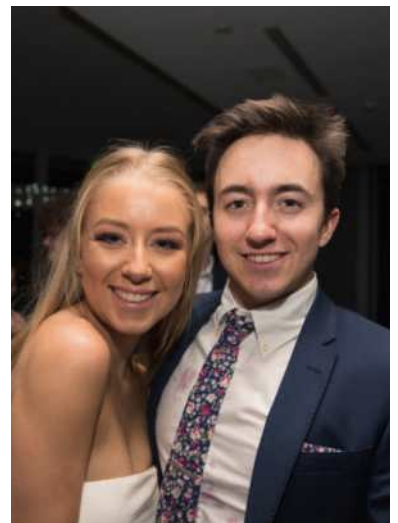
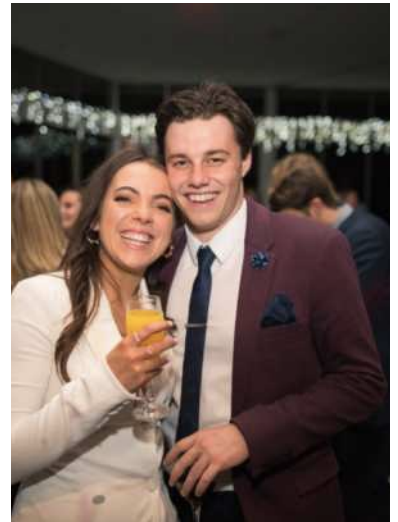
The Aquinas Ball was held on Saturday the 3rd of August at the beginning of the second semester. The night began with pre dinner drinks on the Gleeson lawns before buses took everyone to the Adelaide Pavilion for the event. The theme for the night was Brownlow, so during the evening hosts Daniel Puckridge and Jack Armfield presented awards such as ‘most parking fines at college’ and ‘best dance moves at the pub’. After the ball students were taken to the London for the after party.



Alisha Rout & Lenah Rasmussen
Head of Ball Committee



AQUINAS COLLEGE BALL



CAMPUS



Mission Central
Office of the Campus Ministry Team
as a meeting place



Conor Ashleigh
Formal Dinner Guest Speaker. Visual Storyteller and Communications Consultant, photo journalist for international media networks.



Fr Charles Lukati
Chapel service with Eucharist celebrated



Shae Siegert
Chapel participation



Br Michael, Luca Zipoli & Br Mark Luca
a student connected to the Marists in Italy enjoyed hospitality



Yoga Meditation
Offered during Swot/Vac and the Exam period



Claire Victory
Formal Dinner Guest Speaker. First female National President of St Vincent De Paul Society



Mindfulness Suppers
Offered during Swot/Vac and the Exam period



Vinnies Youth Quiz Night
College Outreach activity supporting Vinnies



Mindfulness Suppers
Students focusing on the colouring in of Mandalas



Daniel Puckridge
Valet Service



Cantors at Chapel Service

MINISTRY



Enakshi Mudalige
Chapel participation



Ben Lynch
Formal Dinner Guest speaker (2009 Old Collegian) Director of Clinic Mastery

OUTREACH

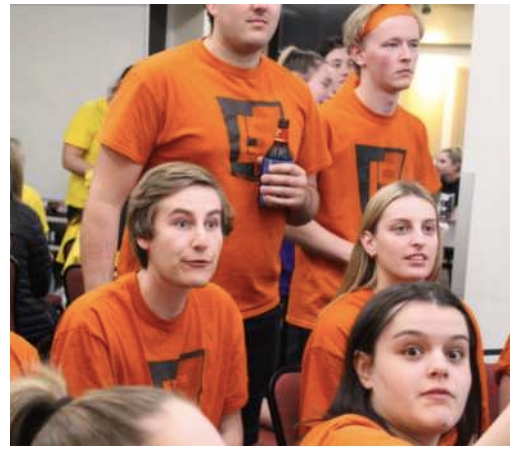
ALISHA ROUT

Outreach throughout second semester was just as successful as the first, including lots of volunteering opportunities for many different organisations. The majority of the year's hours were earned by students and the highest earning house was Marcellin with 263 hours. This semester was full of outreach events including the Leukemia Foundation's Light the Night, Rio's Ride, Walk a Mile and the Hutt Street Sleepout. All of these events had a large student turnout and were great ways of getting everyone involved in the program. Looking at 2019 as a whole, outreach has been well received with changes made and new opportunities introduced. Student participation was at its highest in four years and as a college we raised over \$6500 for various charities. Outreach person of the year, which is awarded to the person who has earned the most hours over the most charities, was presented in Term 4. This year the recipient was Cody Slade, earning 42 hours for 12 charities.





Final Scores	
1st Marcellin	- 59 points
2nd Finn	- 49 points
3rd Catherine/ Marian	- 47 points
4th Roche	- 38 points
5th Gleeson	- 36 points
6th Hannan	- 34 point
7th Mackillop	- 30 points
8th Roma Mitchell	- 29 points
9th Beovich	- 19 points



Lawrie Smart Shield





THE WEATHER TURNED IT ON FOR THE ANNUAL THIS YEAR WHICH SAW US RAISE OVER \$5000 FOR THE BEYOND BLUE FOUNDATION. BEYOND BLUE DO AMAZING WORK HELPING AND RAISING AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE COLLEGE REALLY PULLED TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE WORTHY CAUSE. THANK YOU TO MORGAN AND BAILEY FOR BEING THE MCS AND TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED AND SUPPORTED THE EVENT.

ELLIE BREUER (EQUITY OFFICER)

SEMESTER 2

High Distinctions

Annabel Brooks*
Brianna Buckley*
Tahlia Cua*
Courtney De Barro****
Maggie Daw*
Jack Elsdon**
Alice Fry*
James Fry*
Taylah Gartner **
Hamish Gleeson*
Jack Gosling*
Benjamin Harvey*
Ashleigh Heath**
Ceejay Inglis*
Ella Kain***
Austen Kenny*
Larry Klingner****
Patrick Klingner***
Kenny Lam*
Bridget Manning*
Olivia Murray*
Charlie Muecke*
Nathan Pinchbeck*
Daniel Puckridge**
Mikaela Richardson*
Sheridan Rosalia*
Eva Rouse**
Karri Thomas**
Mitchell Thompson**
Austin Turner*
Madison Turner*
Kate Van Schaik*
Keely Venn***
Lachlan Warhurst*

Distinctions

Declan Anderson***
Damon Argy*
Jack Armfield*
Riley Badenoch *
Jack Barnes**
Daisy Barry ***
Liam Beckman***
Oliver Bernardi*
Lauren Bowman**
Sofie Brassel***
Krystal Brennan*
Ellie Breuer****
Annabel Brooks**
Brianna Buckley*
Liam Carlson*
Victoria Circelli***
Ellen Cooper***
Dylan Couzner*
Tahlia Cua*
Zoe Duncan*
Olivia Dunn*
Elizabeth Evans*
Aleisha Finlay*
Ashleigh Fogarty*
Grace Franco ***
Alice Fry*
Ashlee Fuchs*
Katie Gaffney*
Taylah Gartner*
William Gilbertson ***
Emily Gleeson***
Hamish Gleeson**
Jack Gosling*

Benjamin Harvey**
Bailey Hateley**
Dale Hayward*
Ashleigh Heath*

Lauren Henderson**
Patrick Horkings**
Ceejay Inglis**
Phoebe Keane****
Austen Kenny**
Patrick Klingner*
Caitlin Kruger*
Nick Laube*

Brendan Lay***
Emma Livingstone*
Brennan Lockwood**
Olivia McEvoy*
Kaysa McGregor**
Bridget Manning***
Nicole Manning*
Isabella Meyer**
Joel Moore***
Zahra Morrish**
Enakshi Mudalige**
Charlie Muecke**
Olivia Murray**
Kale Olds*
Aimee Oxlade*
Lauren Pike*
Nathan Pinchbeck***
Georgia Pisani****
Gemma Pollard**
Hannah Pretty**
Daniel Puckridge**
Talib Rahman**
Oscar Ricardo*
Josh Richards*
Mikaela Richardson**
Jamie Robinson**
Sheridan Rosalia**
Tilly Rolley***
Eva Rouse**
Ryan Siebert**
Makayla Siegert**
Shae Siegert**
Morgan Skinner*
Samuel Statman*
Asia Tansell***
Fletcher Thomas*
Mitchell Thompson*
Madison Turner**
Kate Van Schaik**
Amelia Vaughan**
Thomas Whitehouse*
Benjamin Williams**
Holly Wood****
Liam Wormald*

Ruby Yates*

RESULTS

Aquinas's strong academic programme has continued to bear rich fruit this semester with another set of heartening results.

Academic Dean, Dr Sarah Moller, was delighted with the achievement of the College's students, with one third of Aquinas students achieving a Distinction average or higher and nearly three quarters achieving a Credit average or higher.

'Once again, they have excelled,' said Dr Moller. 'Across the three universities, students have attained grades that are well above the levels of the general student population,' she added that 'Special congratulations to students at Flinders and Adelaide universities, who completed their semesters with 97% of students passing every subject undertaken.

This consistency of achievement is commendable.'

Whilst results overall were exceptional, special mention must be made of valetant and 2019 Aquinas Dux Larry Klingner, who completed his Agricultural Science degree with an outstanding record of straight High Distinctions over the course of his studies.

Dr Moller expressed her gratitude particularly to the College's academic team for all the work they did in supporting students during the semester, and providing scaffolding for them to succeed.

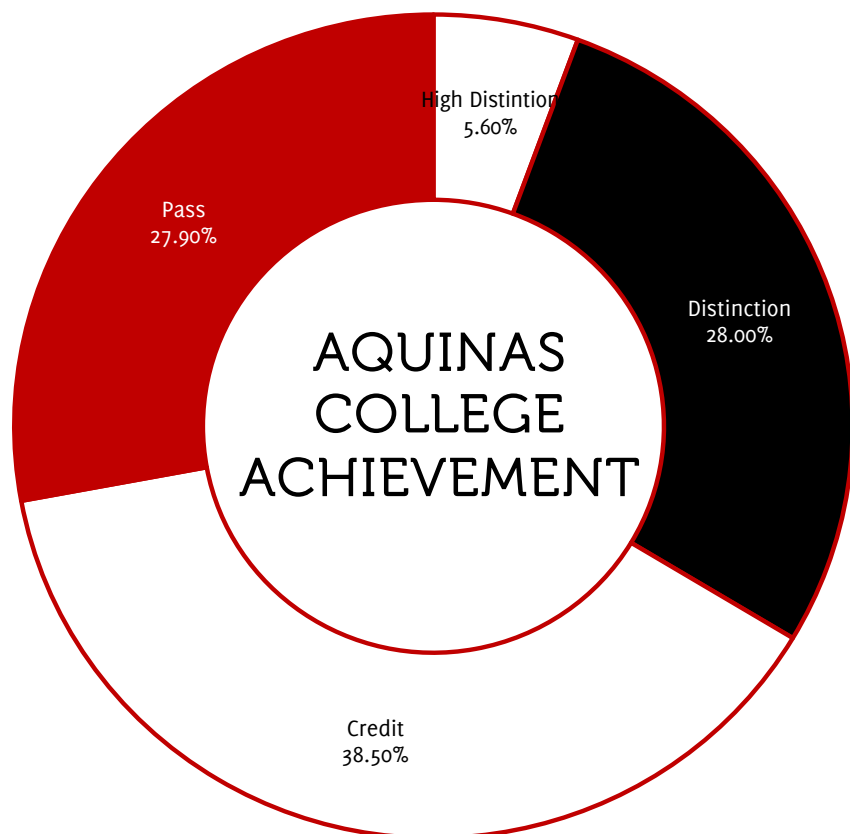
'Our Senior Tutors, and indeed the whole group of more than 40 Tutors employed by the College, were both generous with their time and help-

ful with their guidance. The tutorial system and our structured study are two of the great benefits of the collegiate experience.'

Dr Moller said that the College was especially pleased to see how well the graduating students fared in the final year of their undergraduate study.

'They have all done well, and they all have positions and directions for next year,' she added. 'In fact many of them have begun their employment already.'

Dr Moller pointed to the benefits of the College's Senior Mentoring Programme, which was introduced in 2019, and will be expanded in next year.



MUSIC NIGHT SEMESTER 2

During the evening on August 28th the dining room was decorated and transformed to host our much-loved music night. MC Duo Benjamin Harvey & Felix Ding kicked off the night by introducing Fletcher Thomas, Stephen Sochacki, Lachie Warhurst & Sam Statman to play an opening improv performance. Second to the stage was Oscar Ricardo performing two songs on the acoustic guitar, following was Kate Spuler playing a skilful song on the ukulele. Before the interlude, the fourth performer James Fry showcased his final spectacular karate performance, where he devastated pool noodles with duel wield katanas. After the break, Luke Rigden played a couple songs on his electric guitar accompanied with vocals. Next, Lachie Warhurst & Sam Statman returned to the stage, accompanied by Nick Cooper, to jam some groovy tunes until Fletcher and Steven joined them to play a second improv performance. Following the beloved band TUBS including Fletcher, Stephen and Declan McCallum played a few of their original songs. To conclude, I performed two originally produced tracks followed by Benjamin and Felix wrapping up the night with a few jokes and thankyou's. This music night was special. The talent showcased was the best Aquinas has ever produced, a strong indicator of the ever-growing music culture on campus.

SAM THOMPSON
MUSIC COODINATOR





BATTLE OF THE BANDS



Battle of the Bands was hosted on September 19th by the Lion Arts Factory, where Adelaide's 5 University Residential Colleges battled it out with covers of 4 songs to claim the Low Table Cup. This year Aquinas would be fighting for a chance to be the first college to claim the title of Battle Champions three years in a row. Our band, 'Big Pelican' included myself on lead vocals, Fletcher Thomas on drums, Stephen Sochacki on lead guitar, Jack Armfield on rhythm guitar, and Declan McCallum on bass. Starting at 9:00pm, Big Pelican was challenged with being first up to perform. Big Pelican opened with Gina Works at Hearts by DZ Deathrays, bringing an energy to stage that would soon prove to spearhead the competition from the beginning. Next we played a powerful singalong song, 7 by Catfish and the Bottleman. Following this, we played a favourite Up In The Clouds by Skegss. Finally, we had the whole room bouncing to Jump The Gun by Hockey Dad and finished with a strong instrumental outro. From the screaming and cheers of our fellow Aquinians as we left the stage, the band knew that we had absolutely blown heads off. After some hours of the other competitors, it was time for the winning announcement. At 12:15am, it was judged and announced that Aquinas College would be the raining champions of Battle of the Bands for the third year in a row. A very special victory for not only this year's band, but for the previous 2018 & 2017 bands. To wrap up the night, Big Pelican returned to the stage for a much-deserved encore that continued into the night. Thank you to all those who have supported me and the other musicians over the years, and a special thank you to everyone that has helped out in anyway over the years since 2016. It has been an absolute pleasure to be music coordinator from 2018 - 2019.



ATHLETICS

KALE OLDS & MORGAN FISHER (TRACK)
DANIEL PUCKRIDGE & LENAH RASMUSSEN (FIELD)

With athletics being the last HTC sport for 2019, it was great to see everyone out at Santos Stadium supporting the team in a sea of black, white and red.

Although being unsuccessful in winning any of the track or field events, our Aquinas group came together strong at the end of the day, displaying great team spirit which led to victory in all three novelty events.

Well done to everyone who participated, it was great to see such enthusiasm and determination shown through tryouts right through till competition day.

We would also like to congratulate Simone Weinberg, for receiving the track coaches award and Lachie Warhurst for field. It was a privilege coaching the 2019 Athletics team and we were all proud with the results from the day.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

MATTEO ROWSE & STEPHEN SOCHACKI

This year's basketball started out strong, our team was training as regularly as possible and learning new things every day. In the first round we struggled to gain some energy but by half time we had claimed the game, beating St Marks. After the first game there was lots to learn to take into the next game, which was against Lincoln. We again struggled to gain some energy, but as a team we pushed through to take a comfortable lead. Winning this game then got us into the grand final against St Ann's. The game against Ann's went the other way, we came out with a lot of energy and were competitive in the first quarter. Unfortunately, after that their talented team was easily able to take control and there wasn't much we could do. As a team we did the best we could and definitely learnt a lot along the way.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

KALE OLDS & STEPHEN SOCHACKI

The Aquinas Girls Basketball Team ended coming out victorious against Flinders Uni Hall by a point to go back to back as basketball champions. The team had many strong performances throughout the first round, defeating Lincoln 68 - 12 and Marks 30 - 23. The team remained undefeated after the second round, defeating St Anns 35 - 27 after some good shooting in the second half. The stage was set and the girls were to face Flinders Uni Hall in the grand final. The team did everything they possibly could to lose in the first half, but after some good defensive efforts and strong finishes at the rim, they pulled ahead to beat Flinders by a point. There were many impressive performances throughout the tournament, but Keely Venn was awarded the sports champion award for her strong rebounding, reliable shooting and effort throughout the games.





SOCCER

PATRICK HORKINGS, LACHLAN WATERS & ERIN LAAS

Soccer was played over two weekends in September at West Beach and Flinders University. The Aquinas teams showed a lot of enthusiasm and energy throughout trainings resulting in a great display of talent on game day. Despite many never having played the sport before and the strong opposition, every player put in a great effort and both teams finished third over all! Coach's trophies were awarded to Tahlia Cua and Zac Mead.





VOLLEYBALL

ELLIE BREUER & CEEJAY INGLIS

Volleyball took place on the 11th of August in front of an impressive crowd of Aquinians. Whilst we couldn't come away with the win, the volleyball campaign was a great success with many new faces joining the team. Each game was well fought with a great display of digs, sets and spikes. Everyone tried their best and the coaches award was given to Harry Wiseman for his great commitment and good vibes.



TABLE TENNIS

MATTEO ROWSE

With minimal time towards the end of the year with exams and final assessments it was difficult to get much commitment, although a few people took it upon themselves to get in some training. Harry Coote and Olivia McEvoy starred for our teams both playing in div 1 and fighting hard to win! Our div 2 and mix teams were continuously shuffled around. Mikaela Richardson came into the team never playing before and when she tried, her forehand was too quick for anyone to hit back! Overall our team gave it their best but unfortunately getting unlucky losing a couple very close games. They should all be proud of their efforts.





Valete was held on the 2nd of November at Aquinas College to celebrate the 18 students who completed their degree at College in 2019. It began with a service at Christ Church followed by a 2 course meal. The parents of the Valetants attended and a speech was given for each one by a fellow collegian. The night ran smoothly, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks, must be given to the Aquinas College Registrar, Steph Hamra, who was able to transform the dining room and make it a special and memorable event for everyone. Congratulations to the 2019 Valetants, I wish you all the best with your endeavours.



Makayla Siegert, Secretary



VALETE



