

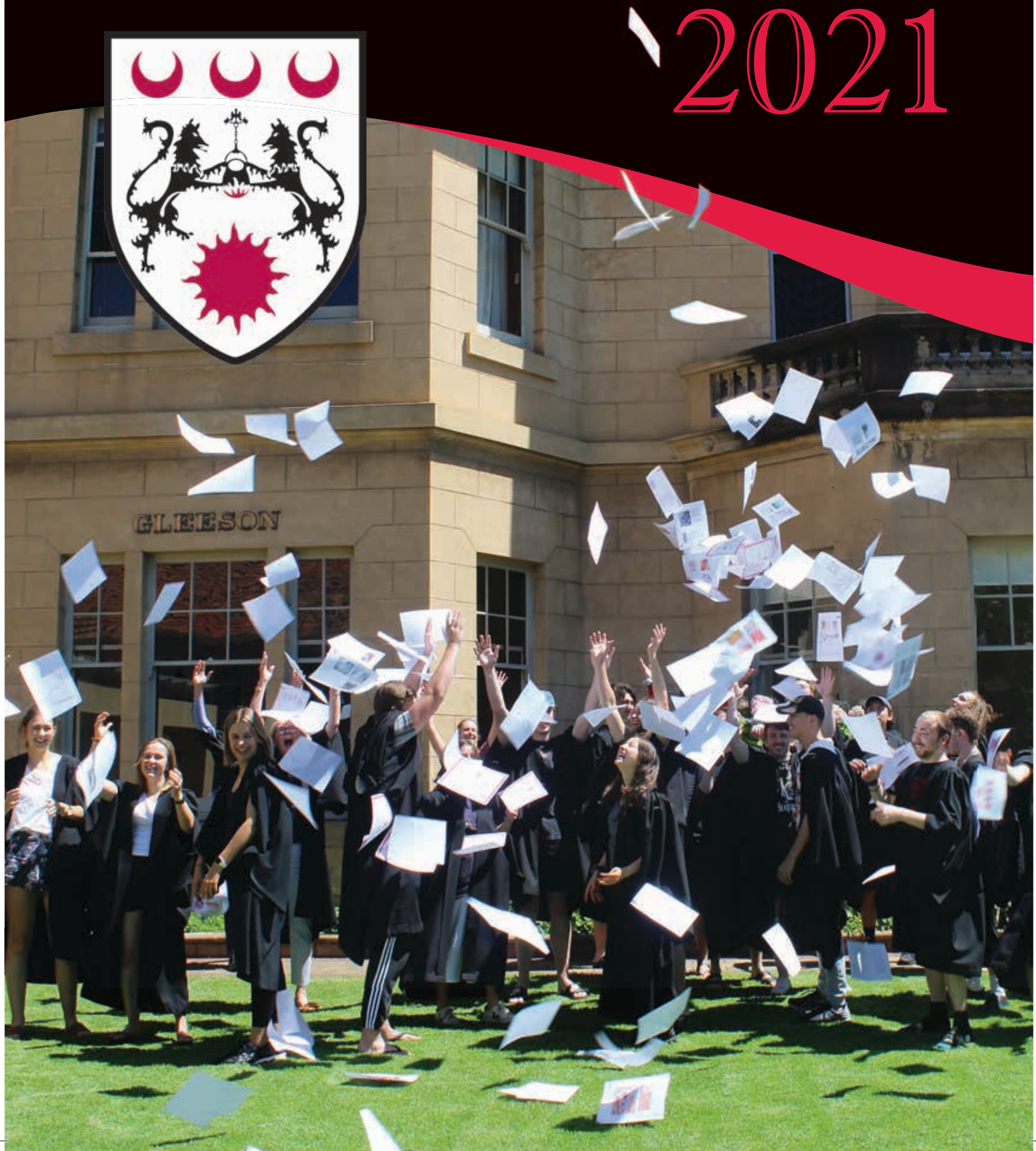
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Posted in the '2021 Aquinas Photography' Facebook group are thousands of photos. There are even more stored on the College's server. Scrolling through them, as we did recently when putting together a slideshow for the Magnae Grates Dinner, is a revealing activity.

What is revealed? Family and friendship. Purpose and endeavour. Variety. Celebration. Fun. Generosity. And all of them in such abundant measure.

At this year's Valete Service, the Chapel Band performed beautifully a song called 'I Lived!' Its lyrics captured much of what the collegiate experience has been at Aquinas this year – one that has been fulsome, engaging and wholehearted. Yes, there have been some tougher moments, some challenges and setbacks, but these also are part of the embrace of a full life. And we are there for one another at such times.

In my reply to President Ruby Yates' Toast to the College at the Valete Dinner, I spoke of the deep purposes of Aquinas, of our desire to accompany and facilitate the holistic growth and development of all who call this College their home for an important phase of their lives. Our hope is that their experience of Aquinas will not only assist students to achieve their academic goals and provide them with a place to live but will also help them to become more critically aware, more compassionate, and more empowered to be people faith, hope and love. And, along the way, to forge some great friendships and generate some wonderful memories. We have done that marvellously.

I express my deep gratitude for all that everyone has invested in 2021 to make it such a memorable year – to all the members of our staff team, to our leaders and those who have had special responsibilities and service roles, and indeed to all the students of the College. We have had a special time together.

**Brother Michael Green FMS**  
College Rector



## Dean's Report



### *House Coordinators 2021*

*Back; Jordan Tucker (Finn), Matthew (Marian), Jack Elsdon (MacKillop), Benjamin Harvey (Roma Mitchell), Felix Din (Catherine), Liam Wormald (Beovich). Front: Chiara Trevisan (Roche), Emma Livingstone (Hannan), Carolyn Mee (Dean), Maggie Daw (Gleeson), Shyla Lange (Marcellin)*

It is my great privilege each year to work with the House Coordinator team. They are a group of ten students, most often in their third year of study, who take on the responsibility of managing a house environment. The house holds on average 18 students (of varying ages) and the House Coordinator provides the first opportunity for our incoming students to belong to something.

This year, as a team, our HC's provided wonderful guidance, care, support, friendship, and love for not only the students in their houses, but also very importantly, to each other. Over the year, they displayed in many ways, that this role is important, not only to the college, or to the individuals in their houses, but to themselves. There have been some difficult, stressful, and trying situations to manage, but they did it and I am very proud of them.

Being a House Coordinator is the type of role that perhaps one will never encounter again but the skills and experience they have gained here, will stay with them

for many years to come. These skills include leadership, management (people, time, events and conflict), planning, communication, research, creativity, empathy, listening and the development of interpersonal skills. Also, the practical skills of mental health and physical first aid, fire warden training and managing an entire college out of office hours are all skills that perhaps cannot be gained and developed in a 12-month period. The role can be intense, but incredibly rewarding.

I extend a huge thank you to our 2021 House Coordinator team. Without you, the college simply would not function and thrive.

**Carolyn Mee**  
College Dean





*Kaysha McGregor with mentor Ellen Cobbledick who were both part of the Senior Mentoring Program*

2021 has been a year of study and academic achievement at Aquinas. Under the leadership of Senior Academic Tutor Nathan Pinchbeck and Junior Academic Tutors Georgia Cash and Sara Smith, our academic program continued to expand and develop to better support the needs of our students. Our group of over 45 tutors helped to guide and mentor our first year students through their initial year of university study, and it was wonderful to see that, once again, Aquinas students excelled academically.

This year saw the launching of the Future Educators Academy, a series of seminars run in conjunction with Catholic Education South Australia specifically for our students studying Education. Imogen Hall, our inaugural Placement Support Officer, did a great job making sure all of our students on placement were supported and kept in the loop. The Aquinas Senior Mentoring Program, now in its fourth year, continued to prepare senior students for professional life, and we are particularly grateful for all past Aquinians who so generously agreed to act as professional mentors. Under the efficient leadership of Neve Robins, four rounds of Academic Panels took place over 16 different sessions, involving a large number of alumni in the interview process.

The Lucey Centre was once again a hotspot for study and learning around the college, as, day and night, students used the space for study halls, tutorials and private study. Our Academic Team ran a range of exciting competitions to keep everyone on their study toes, which included games of Hide and Seek with Dr Lucey, Hunt the Digestive and the quest to find Aquinas' King and Queen of Notetaking. Academics at Aquinas is alive and well, and we look forward to another year of learning and achieving!

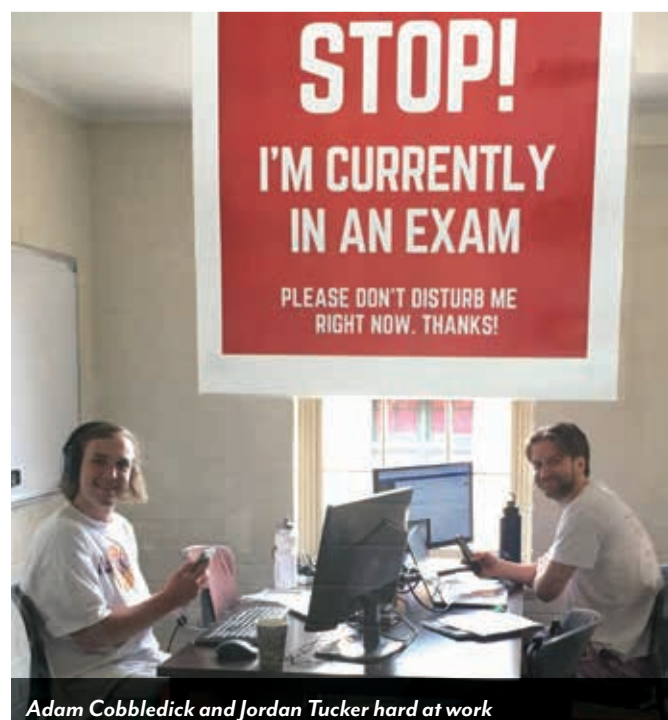
**Dr Sarah Moller**  
Academic Director



*The Academic Team of 2021*



*Bernadette Lacey from St Barbara's Roxby Downs speaking to students as part of a Future Educators event*



*Adam Cobbledick and Jordan Tucker hard at work*

## Semester Two Academic Results

### Consistent results at Aquinas complete a year of strong academic achievement

This year's results demonstrated consistent high achievement by students across all three universities. An analysis of Semester Two results highlighted the fact that 60% of Aquinas students achieved a GPA of 5 or higher, an impressive statistic given the uncertainty of the Covid study climate.

Looking at grades attained in Semester Two, one third of our students achieved a Distinction average or higher, with 12% of students achieving a High Distinction average. Over two-thirds of students achieved a Credit average or higher.

We acknowledge the outstanding achievements of Amelia Smart, Michael Duffett and Abbey Latta, who all attained straight High Distinctions in their Semester Two results. In fact, close analysis of the distribution of Grade Point Averages reveals that a very high number of students who achieved a GPA of 6 were in their first year of study. We congratulate our first years for this outstanding achievement in what is traditionally the most challenging year of university!

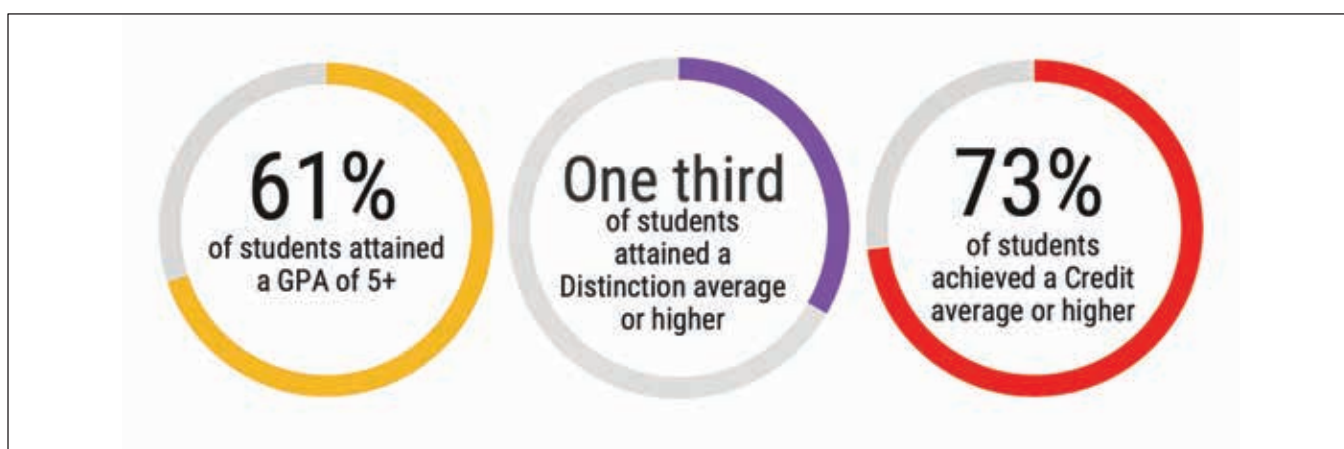
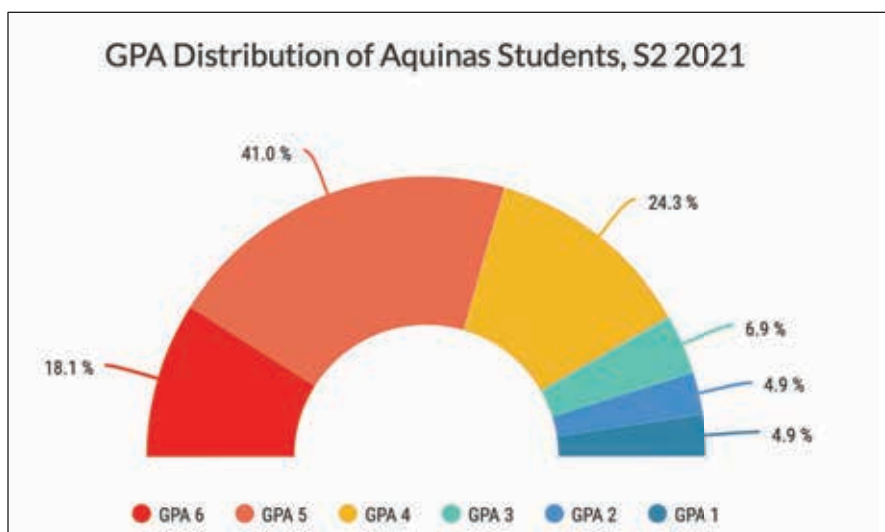
Comparing achievement across the three universities, an impressive

18% students at Adelaide University achieved a High Distinction average. Amongst these was Junior Academic Tutor Georgia Cash, Senior Patrick Klingner, and first years Faith Monger, Raener Miller, Maeve Elshaug-Betson, Claire Day and Grace Bubner.

At the University of South Australia, over two-thirds of students achieved a Credit average or higher, a figure which reflects ongoing and consistent improvement amongst Aquinians at that institution.

Students at Flinders University, making up one-sixth of our student population, continued their tradition of attaining strong results with the lowest rate of withdrawal and failure.

All our students can be very proud of their excellent academic achievements in 2021, and we look forward to announcing the Dux of 2021 at our first Collegiate Dinner next year.



## Semester Two Academic Results

**We congratulate the following students on their outstanding academic results**

Anna Ballantyne	1D
Kate Blacker	1D
Lily Bright	1HD
William Britten-Jones	1D
Grace Bubner	3HD, 1D
Indigo Calhaem	1D
Joshua Carmichael	3D
Georgia Cash	2HD, 2D
Luka Chandler	2HD, 2D
Jack Chiswell	1D
Marni Clark	1HD, 1D
Samuel Clark	1D
Grace Crowley	2D
Maggie Daw	2D
Claire Day	2HD, 2D
Katie Dent	1D
Jack Dickeson	1D
Hannah Dinning	1HD, 2D
Michael Duffett	4HD
Jack Elsdon	2HD, 2D
Maeve Elshaug-Betson	3HD, 1D
Kym Errity	2D
Sophie Falting	1D
Joseph French	1D
Julie Gerber	1D
Molly Giddings	1D
Ellie Gould	2D
Georgina Grossman	1D
Meg Grover	1HD, 2D
Bailey Hamilton	4D

Bailey Hateley	4D
Gemma Hortsman	1D
Brailey Jachmann	2HD, 2D
Grace Jackson	1D
Austen Kenny	1D
James King	2D
Patrick Klingner	2HD, 1D
Abbey Latta	4HD
Emma Livingstone	2D
Imogen Marshall	1HD, 3D
Filippo Martinotti	1D
Kiera McCarron	1D
Liam McEvoy	1D
Kaysha McGregor	1D
Tori McIntyre	1HD, 3D
Louis Merrett	1D
Sophie Millard	3HD, 1D
Raener Miller	2HD, 2D
Grace Moloney	1HD, 1D
Faith Monger	2HD, 2D
Alana Mullen	2D
Lucy O'Dea	1D
Ruby Orchard	1HD, 1D
Ethan Packer	2D
Olivia Patzel	1D
Oscar Peltz	3D
Sophie Perry	2HD, 2D
Maggie Phillips	1HD, 2D
Nathan Pinchbeck	1D
Talya Powell	3D

Jodie Price	2D
Maddison Redding	1HD, 1D
Joshua Richards	1D
Gorgia Robbie	1D
Zali Roberts	1HD
Neve Robins	1HD, 3D
Alexandra Scott	2D
Isaac Scott	1D
Caitlin Sigston	2D
Amelia Smart	4HD
Sara Smith	1D
Rylee Snook	1D
Matthew Sochacki	1HD, 3D
Eliza Staude	1D
Portia Tomich	1HD, 3D
Jordan Tucker	2D
Emily Turley	2D
Ruben Van Eeden	3HD, 1D
Tori Vasey	1D
Jesse Venn	1D
Airlie Walters	1HD, 3D
Noah Waters	2D
Ted Wearn-Jarvis	2D
Hayley Weatherald	1HD, 2D
Nebraska Wilkie	1D
Sophie Wilksch	1D
Liam Wormald	2D
Alana Zubrinich	1D



## Campus Ministry Report



*The Campus Ministry team for 2021: Annie Maloney, Emily Turley, Youth Minister Cassie Wilmot and Outreach Coordinator Ellie Gould.*

Annie Maloney, Emily Turley and Ellie Gould joined me in making up the Campus Ministry Team (CMT) for 2021, and what a year it was. The CMT created many spaces for students to grow in their faith, self-awareness and spirituality, to understand their Catholic Identity, to understand social injustice and engage in community outreach.

A highlight for the CMT was seeing our College Masses come to life thanks to the music provided by our Chapel Band. The music became something that students looked forward to – allowing a space for all students to pray through song. We thank the Chapel Band for sharing their gifts and talents with the community and for adding to our spiritual experiences at college.

Tackle Tuesdays continued this year, allowing students to tackle the social injustices the world and our community face, by watching a documentary on a specific topic and then unpacking it and relating it to our everyday lives. Topics such as understanding refugee

status, homelessness, living with disabilities and the war on waste were broken down, giving students the chance to understand the injustices others face in our world and look at how we can support those who are less fortunate. A highlight of Tackle Tuesday was having a guest come to teach us sign language as we discussed what it is like to live with a disability. We also enjoyed participating in op-shop dress up as we discussed the effects of fast fashion on our environment.

Another highlight for the year, was the Mount Lofty Walking Retreat which focused on mindfulness, bringing attention and awareness to our surroundings, strengthening relationships with other students, and allowing space for shared conversation. The day was enjoyed by all those who attended, with a reminder that stopping to smell the roses is an important practice to engage in.

**Cassie Wilmot**  
Youth Minister





*Marni Clark, Outreach Person of the Year with Outreach Coordinator, Ellie Gould.*



*The Winter Sleepout*



*The Outreach Fair held during Orientation Week*



*Ellie Gould with the Catherine House rose, one of the charities which Aquinas supported this year*

The 2021 Outreach Program at Aquinas was an opportunity for the College once again to volunteer and help organisations surrounding our community. Outreach is such an important and beneficial experience that sets us apart as a college. We strive to give back, raise awareness, volunteer, and donate to charities that have such significance to those around us and within our community.

Although not the sole purpose of Outreach, this year we were extremely proud of the funds we were able to raise, with the total money raised collectively reaching \$21 165. Highlights included:

- **The Breast Cancer 55 Squat Challenge** which kickstarted the Outreach program for this year where we raised \$6588. A big congratulations to Imogen Hall for raising a staggering \$1500.
- **MS Research Australia May 50k** which raised \$5394 and saw 87 Aquinians take part in

the fundraiser with a total of 6086km recorded.

- **The World's Greatest Shave** held at college raised a total of \$4788, with Lily Glover raising \$1812, Tony Elias raising \$1,728 and Bilal Rahman raising \$1007.
- This year we added a new organisation to our fundraising, the **Black Dog Institute's Mullets for Mental Health** for which the Men on the Hill raised an incredible \$2609.

It was truly amazing to see the number of Outreach hours that was achieved by the college this year. Almost all completed at least 10 hours of volunteering and fundraising and in total 1,793 Outreach hours were recorded as an entire college.

This year, the Outreach Person of the Year Award was awarded to Marni Clark. Marni achieved a staggering 38 Outreach hours with her involvement in a range

## The Final Outreach Leader Board for 2021:

1. 217 hours: Roma Mitchell
2. 206 hours: Beovich
3. 188 hours: Catherine
4. 187 hours: Gleeson
5. 176 hours: Finn
6. 175 hours: Roche
7. 173 hours: Hannan
8. 171 hours: Mackillop
9. 170 hours: Marian
10. 130 hours: Marcellin

of fundraisers including the Squat Challenge, Mercy Links Refugee Festival of Food, Mother's Day Luncheon and swimming day, the May 50k, Walk-a-mile for Hutt St, the Aquinas Sleep Out, Vinnie's bin collection, September, blood donations, Christmas boxes and finally Bikes for Refugees.

## Collegiate Dinners



*Joint winners of the Father Michael Scott prize for Best Overall Results in Semester One, Tori McIntyre and Grace Bubner with Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) from the University of Adelaide, Professor Jennie Shaw.*

This year's Collegiate Dinners provided an opportunity for the Aquinas community to come together to celebrate our academic achievements. Our Commencement Dinner, held at the end of Orientation Week, provided the chance to acknowledge the outstanding results achieved by many of our students in the previous academic year. Special congratulations to Georgia Cash who was awarded The Aquinas Medal & Bessie Greenland Prize for College Dux of 2020 and highest achieving first year student. Recent graduate Brennan Lockwood received the Kennedy Family Prize for highest achieving senior student, while Patrick Klingner took out the Brother Austin Stephens Prize for the top junior student in the previous year's results.

Aquinas marked the start of the second semester with its customary gala event – a full Collegiate Dinner and Academic Awards Ceremony. Special guest for the evening was Professor Jennie Shaw, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Vice-President of the

University of Adelaide, who was joined by the Chair of the Aquinas Council, Professor Christopher Symes. There was much to celebrate, given the outstanding results of the first semester, where nearly two-thirds of our students attained a GPA of 5 or greater, which equates to a Distinction or High Distinction average. Special congratulations to Grace Bubner who received the Father James McInerney Prize for being highest achieving first year student, and to Tori McIntyre, who joined Grace Bubner in sharing the Father Michael Scott prize for best overall results for Semester One, 2021. Faculty prizes were awarded to the following students:

- Engineering - Michael Duffett
- Arts - Georgia Cash, Amelia Smart
- Business - Claire Day
- Education - Ruby Orchard
- Science - Grace Bubner
- Allied Health - Tori McIntyre





*Participating in the Passover rituals*

On the 31st March the College celebrated the Passover Seder meal which was unable to be held last year due to Covid restrictions at the time. Held during Holy Week, the event was an opportunity to take part in an ancient Jewish ritual of sharing the Passover meal as a College family.

Beginning with the Rector's washing the feet of a group of students, as Jesus did at the Last Supper which was also a Passover Seder, the meal followed the full Jewish ritual with all its symbols, foods, texts and the traditional the four glasses of wine.

The meal was a unique cultural and social experience, as well as a religious one in preparation for Easter.



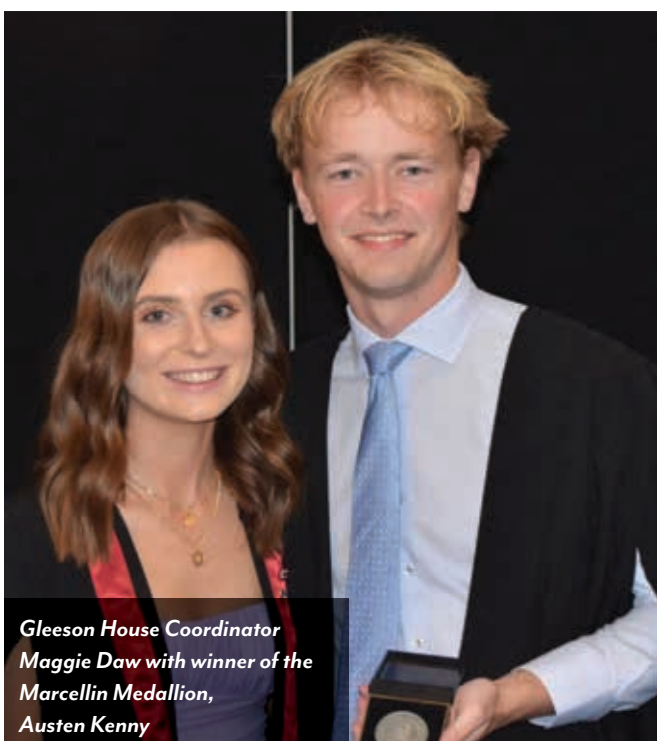
*The washing of the feet at the beginning of the meal*

## Marcellin Medallion Dinner



*Senior House Coordinator Emma Livingstone with Br Michael and Tiarna Inglis, winner of the Marcellin Medallion for Hannan House*

The 2021 Marcellin Medallion Dinner was held at the College on Sunday 6th June, the Feast Day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, the Founder of the Marists. Always a much-anticipated event, ten Aquinians – one member of each House, chosen by the House Coordinator and affirmed by the Rector – were announced during the Dinner as recipients of the ‘Marcellin Medallion’. Special guests for the evening were the Marist Brothers from Sacred Heart College and Cara McLaughlin, the Regional Assistant for Marist Youth Ministry in SA. They were joined on the High Table by past Medallion winners and members of staff with their families. Student President and past Medallion winner, Ruby Yates, in her introduction to the liturgy in the Chapel before the Dinner, reminded the College community that the evening was about honouring people who help to create the special culture of Aquinas by the way they live out the personal qualities espoused by Saint Marcellin.



*Gleeson House Coordinator Maggie Daw with winner of the Marcellin Medallion, Austen Kenny*

### This year's medallists were:

Abbey Latta  
Alice Hubert  
Lily Glover  
Austen Kenny  
Tiarna Inglis  
Nathan Pinchbeck  
Sophie Wallis  
Bailey Hamilton  
Noah Waters  
Jesse Martin



*Roma Mitchell House Coordinator Ben Harvey, with Banuka Ralapanawa and Marcellin Medallion Winner Jesse Martin.*



## Magnae Grates Dinner



*Rachael McKay dressed as Tony Elias,  
Tony Elias dressed as Brother Michael*

The 2021 “MG” dinner was hosted by incoming Student President, Noah Waters, and was a celebratory occasion where everyone had the opportunity to express appreciation to their fellow students for the year, and all that they had created together.

As is customary, it was a themed event with everyone dressing up as “My Favourite Aquinian”. The whole evening had a people-focus, recognising that Aquinas is essentially a community built on the relationships of people, their generosity and care for one another.

Gratitude was the central theme which ran through all the speeches and presentations. During the meal, there were individual presentations made to the House Coordinators, the Student Club Executive, the Academic Team, the Outreach Coordinator and the Social Media and Marketing Assistant. Special mention was made of all the students who had had leadership and service roles through the year.

The Outreach Person of the Year (Marni Clark), the Sportsman of the Year (Joshua Carmichael) and Sportswoman of the Year (Marni Clark) were announced and presented. Additionally, those students who were finishing their time at Aquinas were farewelled and thanked.



*The Student Club of 2021*



*Ella Tansell, Aisha Gynell, Jorgie Lawrence and Hayley Weatherald*



*The Gleeson Ghosts*

## Student President's Report



Firstly, thank you to all Aquinians for the best college year I ever could have imagined as President; I am very grateful and proud of all we have achieved together. This year I was determined to create events that were unique, as well as re-ignite old events, which I can confidently say we did!

Starting our year off strong we saw O'Week, themed 'Rodeo Week', with three new events including the Adventure Park, Hoedown Throwdown, and an outdoor cinema, as well as a very unique 'Office' introduction video to our Leadership Team. Our HTC campaign also started strong and the enthusiasm and grit in sport throughout the year was admirable, allowing us to take out second place overall! Unlike last year, Covid restrictions allowed more flexibility meaning Pondshow made a very exciting return. Headlined by the Grogans, the line-up followed with The Effends, Mum Thinks Blue, Mum's Favourite, Curious Palms, Georgia Pratt, Sam Statman, Bri & Banuka, and Lachie & Yemaya. A very big congratulations to S-Club for organising a festival they had never seen before, and a very big thank you to the Leadership team, staff, and many other collegians for supporting and helping along the way. This year we also saw the introduction of Dynamic Duos night, an incredible evening filled with original and creative costumes, and some very impressive inflatable boxing skills; thank you Tony and Tiarna for your organisation. Efforts by the Ball Committee should also be acknowledged which provided us with an incredible evening at the Pavilion; the photobooth was a hit! Following this evening was the highly anticipated Super Sunday, where Aquinians wrestled through litres of jelly whilst listening to our top 100 hits. The perfect cure we all needed!

Other highly successful and memorable events included the second annual Art Show, Back to School Music Night 1.0 and 2.0 'concert edition', Christmas in July, Nerds and Jocks, internal 5-a-side soccer, World's Greatest Shave, Op Shop Prom Executive Dinner, Family Feud, The Annual, HC Quiz Night, HTC Show, Favourite Aquinian, and of course Valette. I could write for hours about the enjoyment I had with these events, but I have a word count (lol).

This report does not do justice to the success we had and memories we made. I hope beyond these events mentioned people enjoyed random nights of fun, productive study sessions, ridiculous amounts of coffee from Cher Lloyd, early morning MMM, the sporting pres parties, the all-nighters pulled, the beautiful music played by our talented choir, the frisbee and footy throws after dinner, shower parties, and whatever other mischief each of you got up to.

Thank you again to everyone who has left very thoughtful messages in my guest book, I can't wait to read these again in years to come.

**Ruby Yates**  
Student President



## Rodeo week

The year got off to an action-packed start at Aquinas College with RodeO, our Orientation Week with a difference! Student President, Ruby Yates, reported that student involvement and feedback was very positive. 'We had a great week,' said Ruby. 'The program was a mix of new and old, with each of the fresh initiatives and activities being embraced by everyone.' In evaluation of the week, new students emphasised that they felt welcomed and that they had already made lots of new friends. One of the most frequently received pieces of feedback was how the students valued the balance of the week, with its mix of academic, social, sporting, spiritual and personal development activities. Ruby was full of praise for the efforts of the Student Club Executive, House Coordinators and other Student Staff in ensuring the week was fun, informative, safe and well-run.





## Pondshow



There was much anticipation surrounding Pondshow 2021, and it wasn't for all the usual reasons. Because Covid caused the cancellation of Pondshow in 2020, many students had not yet personally experienced this iconic Aquinas festival, including almost all the



Student Club Executive who were organising the evening.

Despite the fact that many on the organising team were flying blind, Student President Ruby Yates couldn't have more pleased with the way things went. Tickets sold out in just a couple of days, and most were grabbed by current Aquinians, exies and friends, which helped the atmosphere of the night.

The S-Club had to think outside the box to design an event which adhered to requirements for social distancing, but the smaller footprint and tight organisation created a memorable night. Students attributed the success of the night also to the quality of the bands – both those on the main stage, headlined by The Grogans, and those who performed on the acoustic





## Pondshow



## Art Show

In May this year, Art Show ran for the second time at Aquinas College. This year's Art Show was held as part of Parents Weekend, allowing parents the chance to experience the creative talent Aquinians displayed.

Held in the new venue of Lower Gleeson this year, guests made their way through each room, taking time to examine the range of exhibits which included paintings, glasswork, textiles, photography, and multimedia. The talents of both staff and students were on show once again, attracting many admiring comments. A polaroid camera captured many smiling faces throughout the evening. The night was filled with parents mingling, rich discussion about art and many Art Show participants feeling proud. Special guests for the evening were the Pike family, with Lauren



presenting the major prize named after her late sister and much-loved Aquinian, Rosie.

Special congratulations to Marni Clark for receiving The Rosie Pike Award for Artistry, Airlie Walters for receiving the People's Choice Award and Jesse Martin for receiving the Runner Up People's Choice Award.





## Aquinas College Ball



On 4th September we were fortunate enough to be able to hold our annual Aquinas College Ball at the Adelaide Pavilion. As is our custom, pre-dinner drinks were held on Gleeson lawns, before we caught buses down to the venue for the Ball. The venue was breathtaking, as the garden provided a vibrant natural backdrop for photos, and the hand-chosen décor inside allowed for professional photos to be taken during the evening. The formal theme allowed for everyone to look their best, and by goodness everyone did! A two-course meal was enjoyed by all, and through the evening we were blessed with the presence of Brianna Scanlon and Jacob Skinner as MC's for the night. Novelty awards are always a highlight, but the best one of them all was received by ours truly, Brother Michael "Bussin" Green. As Ball concluded further celebration for some meant for heels to be changed into "town shoes" to send the night off. We'd like to thank S Club's contribution to the evening, and everyone that played their part in a successful night had by all. I look forward to next year's ball until then!

Ball Committee: Annie Maloney, Grace Moloney and Estelle Paul



## Aquinas College Ball





## The Annual



The last term of college got off to a great start with The Annual.

This was a successful day raising \$4267 for an important local cause, BackPacks4Kids SA, an organisation that helps children who, through no fault of their own, had to leave their home with little to no essentials. We wanted to support children and families who are vulnerable and need opportunities to create change and bring hope to their life.

In addition to supporting this cause, \$1500 of the money raised will go towards funding a student in East Timor to continue with their studies at teachers college. This is something we support every year as a college, keeping in touch directly with the student. There were multiple donations of goods and services from both local businesses and many Aquinians; such generosity helped the day run smoothly. Special mention goes to Bailey Hamilton for organising our largest item for sale on the day, which raised a total of \$1400, an incredible achievement. Airlie Walters and Austin Kenny compered the day, doing a fantastic job of running the auction while creating an atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.





## Executive Dinner: Savers Prom



Our Executive Dinner was held on 17th August, with this year's theme being 'Savers Prom'. It was a great night with great food and great company. We hosted four guests from the other colleges' student clubs and encouraged them to dress up as well. The theme of Opshop Prom was a great opportunity to dress up in the wackiest, most tasteless, old-fashioned attire, although some still managed to look stunning despite their heritage frocks! This provided everyone with plenty of laughs and memorable photographs! After dinner had finished, everyone was invited to kick on at the Cumberland Hotel for a few drinks to complete the night. We got to know our guests better in a more casual environment and enjoyed the end of a lovely evening.

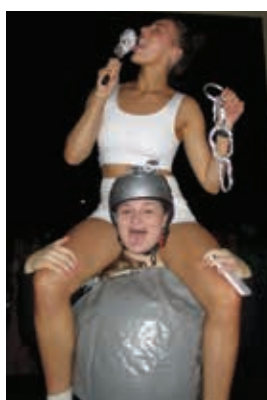




## Dynamic Duos



Each year the Fresher reps are tasked with organising an extravagant event for their fellow Aquinians. This year's Fresher reps Tiarna Inglis and Tony Elias created a 'Dynamic Duos' themed event which was arguably one of the best parties of the year. Moved to the Dining Room at the last minute due to temperamental weather, this change of plan did not affect the quality of the night as S-Club quickly worked together to move the event indoors. Highlights of the night included giant beer pong, the photobooth and best of all wrestling in the inflatable wrestling ring. Many iconic duos such as Bert and Ernie, Woody and Buzz, a cop and robber, Troy and Gabriella, and Miley and her wrecking ball made an appearance on the night.





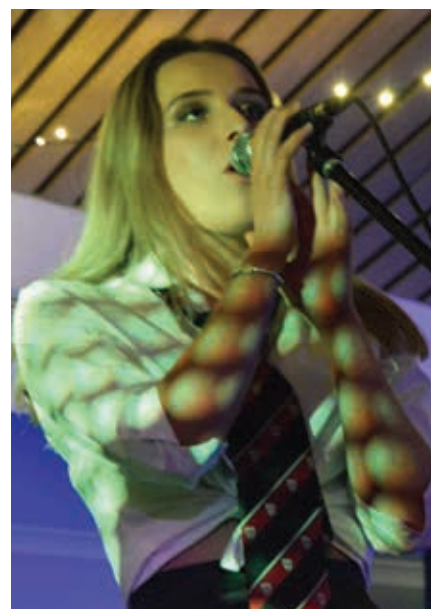


Covid restrictions meant that both Music Nights this year had to be held on campus, but it turned out that relocating events to the Dining Hall resulted in an atmosphere which was almost as good as the real thing. Semester One Music Night was a real showcase of new talent at Aquinas, and we enjoyed a great range of acoustic and unplugged songs from some familiar faces and some new performers.

Semester Two Music Night was a chance to turn the volume up somewhat, with many talented Aquinians taking to the stage to perform the night away. And what a night it was – starting strong with Breakeven performed by Breanne Marks and Grace Moloney and followed by a magical duet by Banuka and James King. Tony impressed with his loop pedal skills which accompanied Breanne's vocals amazingly. Ruben's Band got the dance floor moving with an ABBA classic before Brianna Scanlon amazed everyone with her vocals which accompanied Banuka's 'behind the back' guitar playing.



Adam 'can't drum but I'm just happy to be here' Cobbledick took the stage with Oscar Peltz and played some sing-along classics to work up the crowd, before the Aquinas 2021 Band took the stage and performed a setlist like no other. A night to remember!





## Whole College Photo









## Tennis

Coaches: Jordan Tucker and Lily Bright

The first sport to kick off our campaign for HTC in 2021 was Tennis. During tryouts in O-Week we were sure it was our year to win tennis with our amazing enthusiasm and attendance, from which we picked our talented squad of 14. We commenced the first half of the day by playing Lincoln and Flinders College, securing our first two wins of the day. From here, the second

half of the day proved to be a challenge, but it was nothing beyond our capabilities. We played St Anns and fought hard, coming away with a 3-2 win, an improvement from last year. Our last opponent for the day was Saint Marks, and despite giving our all, we went down 2-3 to the

undefeated team. Our team came an overall second on the day, however, the true Aquinas spirit was displayed, and our heads were held high and the amazing efforts of the day were celebrated.





## Tennis



## SWIMMING



Coaches: Bailey Hamilton and Annie Maloney

The whole College made the trip to the Adelaide Aquatic Centre to support Aquinas' swimming team for the second sport of the year. There was an air of expectation, with the team hoping to perform better than

previous years. Abbey Latta stunned the crowds through her butterfly performance, and Eliza Staude swam well in the 50m backstroke. Jarrod Cross made a return with a healed shoulder for the 50m breaststroke. While the final results saw the Aquinas team retain fifth spot, it was still a night of fun and involvement from all.



## Women's Netball



Coaches: Ellie Gould and Ruby Orchard

**T**his year netball started extremely strong with an incredible turn out to trials. The first night of competition saw a mixture of results for the team:

**Lincoln:** All girls hit the court and came together to record a convincing win that helped us build in confidence for our upcoming games.

**St Marks:** A very tough game where we came together in the second half from being down and were able to win the game by a goal.

**Flinders:** The girls then faced off against Flinders and unfortunately the team was exhausted by the previous game and couldn't record the win.

**St Anns:** Once again another tough game for the team. The final



result caused confusion for all; although each college recorded a draw, the official scorers announced Ann's to be the winners by a single goal.

We competed against Flinders in the Grand Final, vying for the Netball Cup. The first quarter was

tough and ultimately finished in a draw. From here all girls united and worked together, to be accountable and reward each turnover made. The team took control of the game comfortably by three quarter time, holding strong and winning women's netball for another year.



## Men's Netball



Coaches: Nathan Pinchbeck and Ellie Gould

The men's netball was highly anticipated as the boys have been rather good these past few years, winning the double last year. We started training early with some athletic freshers to take the court. We had a good showing against Marks, beating the Lions. Next up was the Boons. St Ann's were strong with their twin towers and they won a hard-fought game. Taking on the Flinders Sharks next, the boys got a bit of a rest (sorry Flinders) and a win, and were confident heading into the last game against Lincoln. The Stags however sadly won, and we finished in third place. The final game was decided against Marks in an intense back and forth that saw the Wolves get the dub and celebrate accordingly. It was a great showing and I'm sure The Men of The Hill can get the gold next year.





## Men's Football



Coaches: Jack Dickeson and Matthew Sochacki

The men's 2021 HTC football campaign commenced with a strong starting team. We won our first match against St Ann's, 47-21. Next up we had Lincoln, and this is where we definitely showed our talent as a side, running away with a 103-15 point win which we had not predicted to be the case. Pretty handy having young Sam Clark and veteran Josh Carmichael kick five each off their own boots. We won our fourth game against Flinders 133-2 in quite a dominant fashion.

Our biggest game was against St Mark's which shaped up to be a great contest, as we stayed within a couple goals for the majority of the four quarters. Through the whole game everyone was solid and contributors were everywhere, but what was vital for us was that our back 6 were elite, with Oscar Peltz turning into Jeremy McGovern for a day with 20 intercept marks. All in all, this game capped off a great couple weekends and the score ended up 63-38 with us breaking away in the last quarter.







Coaches: Adam Cobbledick and Neve Robins

The Women's HTC Football campaign saw a big focus on inclusiveness and positive outlook right from the start. It seemed the 'Footy Girl' hype had been well and truly passed down to the Freshers, with an overwhelming crowd attending the tryouts and making the coaches' job a hard one. Going onto the first weekend team spirit and excitement was high, which translated into a dominant win against Lincoln to start our competition. However, St Ann's proved too strong in our second game and the Aquinas women found themselves having to refocus going into the second weekend. The game against St Marks saw the team lift once again, playing an entertaining match to start the day that saw us come out on top against last year's rivals. Going into our last game against Flinders, second place was in the balance and the Aquinas women showed a strong start. Unfortunately, with too many points and not enough goals on the board we suffered a narrow defeat, ending our campaign at a strong third place.





## Men's Hockey



Coaches: Felix Ding and Noah Waters

The well-oiled machine that was the Men's Hockey Team arrived bright and early on a crisp dewy morning at Grange Hockey Fields to scope out what would soon become the scene of devastation for many of our opponents. The first game was against the Flinders Sharks which we drew. Our second game was against St Ann's where local legend



Jack Dickeson tore up the field and by full time, we had demolished those monkeys by a whopping 1-0. Our penultimate match was against Lincoln, where we walked away from a rough clash with a ground-breaking 1-0 win thanks to some magic from Hamish Newman. Our final game was fought hard against

St Mark's; we gave their team of state hockey players a reality check when we drew with them 0-all, with much of the credit going to our goalie, Nathan 'Bricklayer' Pinchbeck. Overall, we had an amazing day and managed to walk away with second place, having not conceded a single goal.

## Women's Hockey



Coaches: Noah Waters and Constance McIntosh

After a one-year hiatus, HTC hockey was back in full force this year accompanying a very successful campaign by our girls' squad. Starting off the day with a win over Flinders set the tone for what was going to be a tough but rewarding day. We followed this up with a solid win over St Ann's and then a very



convincing win over Lincoln. Finally, we had the long-awaited match against Marks. We fought to the last second (literally) but unfortunately, we went down by one. The success of this team was not defined by the score line, but rather from the leadership of the experienced players

teaching those new to the sport. Without this contribution we have not been able to secure second place overall. Thank you to those who came out to give a new sport a go, and the future of hockey at Aquinas is looking strong.



## Men's Basketball

Coaches: Adam Cobbledick and Matthew Sochacki

The men's HTC basketball campaign began with the first game against St Ann's who were a tough opponent. Despite an exciting opening and a great effort from Josh Carmichael from the three-point line, we were unable to triumph. Shortly after, the Lincoln men's team gave an excitingly close finish with a 2-point victory which began our race to the grand final. This brought the first round to an end with the men's team finishing with one win and one loss. The second round brought Flinders' and St Mark's which saw both teams defeated by our Aquinians. Entering the grand final hopeful, a strong St Ann's team swiftly showed the game would not be easy. The men's team put in a determined effort however could not come away with the win placing second overall. Oscar Peltz was awarded best player with an outstanding performance in all games playing a strong and consistent form of basketball.



## Women's Basketball

Coaches: Shyla Lange and Jess Venn

With the pressure of keeping the girls' basketball cup on top of the hill for the eighth year in a row, round one set the tone for an amazing girls basketball campaign. Coming off two big wins against St Ann's and Lincoln College, the girls really showed how to play as a team. We started the second round on a high note winning against Flinders, unfortunately we couldn't maintain the winning streak in the game against Marks. Lucky for us we had a second opportunity to redeem ourselves in the final against St Marks. The final got off to a rocky start, with the Aquinas girls being down for most of the first half but when the final siren sounded the Aquinas girls were declared victors for the 8th year in a row. The final score of 26-19 proved that there was no way the girls' team was ever going to let the cup leave the top of the hill.





## Volleyball



Coaches: Lily Bright and Shyla Lange

**H**TC Volleyball was our eighth sport out of eleven for the year and we went into it on top of the HTC leader board with 78 points. We had trained as a large squad during the busy month of August and had a very competitive match against some of our exies, which was an entertaining night for all. On the day, we started off strongly with a convincing win against Lincoln College

where Tiarna Inglis served down some bullets. Next, we faced St Ann's college where we unfortunately lost, before playing Flinders after the break and securing another win. For our last game of the day, we were in for a challenge playing St Marks, but we were feeling good knowing we had Nathan Pinchbeck's height and Jack Dickeson's solid digging in the backcourt. However, after a close game we unfortunately were beaten. Overall, we came third for the day and Shyla and I are super proud of the whole squad!

## Debating

Coaches: Isaac Scott and James King

**O**nce again, the HTC debating was filled with tough topics, great arguments and questionable adjudicating. The Aquinas debating team did nothing but put forward well thought out, intelligent and rational arguments against the opposing side. The ambiguous questions allowed for many different angles for our debaters to argue. It was impressive to see the variety of arguments our teams made. However, the combination

of tough topics and fair opponents and an interestingly opinionated adjudicator, meant we lost most debates by one or two points with a combination of a couple of close wins. Regardless of the outcome the College is proud of the efforts put into HTC debating. All returning debaters are encouraged to try out for the team again and go for gold in 2022.



## Men's Soccer



Coaches: Jordan Tucker and Noah Waters

The Men's Aquinas Soccer campaign began with four games in a row with no rest. The first was against Lincoln, a tough outing that had our men competing with not only the opposing team, but gale force winds and rain that was coming in sideways! After hitting the ground running and scoring a

quick goal in the first half, Lincoln managed a sneaky goal in the second half resulting in a 1-1 draw. Next was a tough game amongst St Anns but thanks to some great teamwork on the pitch and patient play, we managed our first win of the day by a margin of 1-0! Riding high we played Flinders next, who put on a strong show and unfortunately, despite our best efforts and strong defensive line, we went down 2-0.

Our final bout was against St Marks, where more rain and hail fell upon our pitch. Marks scored a goal early in the first, however this did not deter our men as we managed an equaller shortly after. Unfortunately, this was not to last as in the dying minutes we conceded one more goal resulting in a 2-1 loss. We concluded our campaign in overall fourth for the day.

## Women's Soccer

Coaches: Jordan Tucker, Banuka Ralapanawa and Samuel Statman

The Aquinas Women's soccer team began their campaign with a tough game against Flinders where we unfortunately lost, 3-1. This was followed by another close match against St Ann's College however, after a strong showing of the soccer skills we pulled off an almighty victory 2 goals to none. We not only had to contend with Lincoln in the next game, but the weather was a strong opponent also. Battering our women with wind, rain and hail, Mother Nature was determined to be involved in this year's HTC soccer tournament. Despite this, we still managed to put on a strong show, pulling off a 1-1 draw. Our final game for the day was once again against old rivals, St Marks. We fought with all our might and presented with some wonderful goal scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, none of these could be converted and we ended the day with a 3-0 loss to a strong Marks side. With a final scorecard of 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses, we managed to finish one better than the male side with a placing of third.





## Table Tennis



Coaches: Jack Dickeson and Lily Bright

Coming into our second to last sport, Table Tennis, Jack and I along with the rest of our college had high hopes and were extremely excited as winning the HTC cup was very much still in sight. We came into the night with a three-way tie for the top of the ladder with St Mark's and St Ann's on 94 points. The team played consistently and won majority of the games overall coming second on the night, which was very beneficial

to our HTC campaign. We had a strong support crew who cheered on our awesome team which was great considering there was a capacity of 50 people due to COVID. A highlight of the night was when Jack and I redeemed ourselves in the mixed doubles against St Marks after our sad loss at tennis, serving point for point and winning 19-17 after a long first set and then convincingly winning the second set. Well done to everyone on the night we are very proud of you all!

## Athletics



Coaches: Adam Cobbledick and Ellie Gould

Athletics: the sporting day which brings the High Table Cup competition to an end for another year. The day was truly fantastic, with each athlete doing the College proud and performing incredibly well. The support from the College was evident and it truly identified how united we are in the support for each other, our College, in its entirety.

A big thankyou goes especially to Ruben Van Eeden who agreed to run

in the 1500m literally minutes before the commencement of the race. He not only filled a missing spot for the day but also ran a fantastic race!

Alyssa Jones and Nebraska Wilke were awarded and recognised at the HTC Show in acknowledgement for their commitment, performance, and most importantly their highlighted 'Aquinas Spirit' at both trials and on the day. Alyssa competed in high jump, long jump, 100m, 200m and the woman's relay. Nebraska also entered the 100m, 200m, 400m and men's relay team. Overall, we placed second as a College for the day, literally points behind St Ann's.



## Lawrie Smart



On the very first night of O'Week of 2021, the Freshers were introduced to Lawrie Smart, with Tunnel-Ball up first. The intense competition allowed Freshers to immerse themselves in the competitive and fun spirit of Aquinas. Despite their small size, Marcellin were the winners of the evening. Marcellin won yet another event with Pictionary, as each House's artists showcased their skills.

The second Lawrie Smart event was Tug-of-War where each house showed off their muscular strength.

### Final Ranking

Mackillop – 45  
Roche & Marcellin – 44  
Beovich – 35  
Hannan – 31  
Finn – 30  
Gleeson – 29  
Catherine & Marian – 28  
Roma Mitchell – 26

Hannan starred the night despite their size, but ultimately Mackillop were the winners of the evening. Mackillop went on to win Prisonball

and continue their winning streak by winning the newly introduced and final Lawrie Smart event Fishbowl.

Overall, Lawrie Smart was a fun, exciting and competitive experience for all involved. All the Lawrie Smart events were well-organised by the House Coordinators and enjoyed by all who participated. Mackillop House won the 2021 Lawrie Smart Shield, after they completed a great number of Outreach Hours and displayed consistent and strong efforts in all the Lawrie Smart events.

## HC Quiz night

On Wednesday 6th October, the HC team hosted the annual Aquinas HC Quiz Night which saw students dressing up in teams and competing against one another to be crowned Quiz Champions of 2021. From M&M's to Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, students went all out to create the perfect costumes in hopes of winning several prizes available on the night. Trivia questions were split into a variety different categories and rounds.

Scores were neck and neck for much of the night with two teams coming out equal first following the completion of all five rounds. These were The Charlies Angels



and The Tradies who competed in a tie breaker which determined The Tradies as the victors!! The best dressed title was hotly contested this year, however, at the end of the

night the prestigious award went to the X-Men, putting together back-to-back wins following their strong Peaky Blinders costume the previous year.



## Valete









