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As we look through the pages of this year's Aquinian, let us all reflect on the fun times, the challenges, the delights and the moments that were shared as members of the Aquinas Community. As we all know, people define Aquinas. It is tempting to look at our academic, outreach and sporting successes as measures of a successful year, and even to personal goals that individuals have achieved, but it is in the Aquinas community that the soul of the College is found.

So much has happened in 2022 - from Leaders training, to the Welcome Weekend and Orientation Week, Collegiate Dinners, Pond Show, HTC Sports, Balance Weeks, weekly Formal Dinners, Seder Meal, Lawrie Smart Shield, Debating, Academic Panels, Marcellin Medallion Dinner, Focus Weeks, Mentoring Nights, Study Hall, The Annual, Art Show, Aquinas Ball, Music Night, Quiz Night, pub nights, Fresher Show, Battle of the Bands, World's Greatest Shave, Outreach, Sleepout, Chapel, Run 4 Mum, Leadership selections, Magnae Grates Dinner, Valette Dinner, SWOTVACs and Exams! What a jam packed and exciting year it has been!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our students, for being a part of the Aquinas Community. Without your contributions, either big or small, Aquinas would not be such a special and amazing place. A special thank you to the Aquinas Staff, who work tirelessly to keep the ship afloat, to our Student Leadership Team - both the Student Club, led by Noah Waters and the House Coordinators, led by Lily Bright and Joe French - and to all our Student Scholarship recipients: your engagement and efforts during 2022 have built such a superb community, and created a positive culture and wonderful vibe.

Whether you return to Aquinas in 2023 or leave us at the end of 2022 to begin a new chapter of your life, remember your times at Aquinas with fondness and happiness. Be grateful and thankful for the friendships formed and memories that have been made in this great institution!

Lucere et Ardere. Go Wolves!

**Sean Brito-Babapulle**  
Rector





*2022 House Coordinators, Front Row L-R Kaysha McGregor, Lara Falting, Carolyn Mee (Dean & Vice-Rector), Lily Bright, Neve Robins. Top Row L-R Bilal Rahman, Liam McEvoy, Jacob Skinner, Sophie Wallis, Emily Turley, Joseph French.*

Another academic year has concluded, and the community again has experienced a very busy and successful year. Students have found success and faced challenges with their studies, but it is also important to reflect on your year as an Aquinian. Some good questions to start with are: Did I take on opportunities? Did I make some progress? Was it perfect? Did I learn? Was it worth it? Can I do better? Do I love it? Will I do anything differently next year?

It also important that I reflect on my role at the College and my involvement with students and in particular the student leadership group. If I was to answer the same

questions, the responses would be something like this: Did I take on opportunities? Yes, with both hands. Did I make some progress? Yes. Was it perfect? Nope! Did I learn? Yes, a whole lot. Was it worth it? Of course!! Can I do better? Always! Do I love it? Absolutely! Will I do anything differently next year? Yes, there's always room for improvement!

I hope our students can take some time to reflect on their year, whether it was their first year or third, and be ready to return to do it all again with fresh eyes.

**Carolyn Mee**  
Dean and Vice-Rector



*From L to R Marni Clark, Raener Miller, Dr Sarah Moller (Academic Director), Caitlin McMahon, Constance McIntosh*

**S**emester 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 of our student body in their Semester One studies.

Under the leadership of the Academic Team – Senior Tutor Caitlin McMahon and Junior Tutors Marni Clark and Raener Miller, we introduced a number of new competitions to promote study. It was fantastic to see the hot competition sparked by the ‘Lecturefest 2022’, in which students competed to get up to date with their lecture viewing, while Hide and Seek with Dr Lucey and house-wide study efforts in ‘The Smartest House’ competition both proved popular.

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. The Future Educators program continued to offer students

a chance to learn more about teaching in the country with Catholic Education SA, and we enjoyed a visit from Bernadette Lucey and her team of educators from St Barbara’s in Roxby Downs.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of our Academic Team and all they have contributed to the academic program this year. I acknowledge the diligent work of Constance McIntosh, who organised over 230 Academic Panels over the course of the year, the ongoing library assistance provided by College Librarian Ashleigh McCallum, and the placement support and encouragement provided by Liam Wormald. 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.

**Dr Sarah Moller**  
Academic Director

## Semester Two Academic Results

The release of Semester Two results revealed an outstanding level of achievement amongst students at Aquinas.

Looking at grades attained in Semester Two, 40% of our students achieved a Distinction average or higher, with 10% of students achieving a High Distinction average. Over 70% of students achieved a Credit average or higher, demonstrating that persistent academic focus produces strong results.

We acknowledge the outstanding

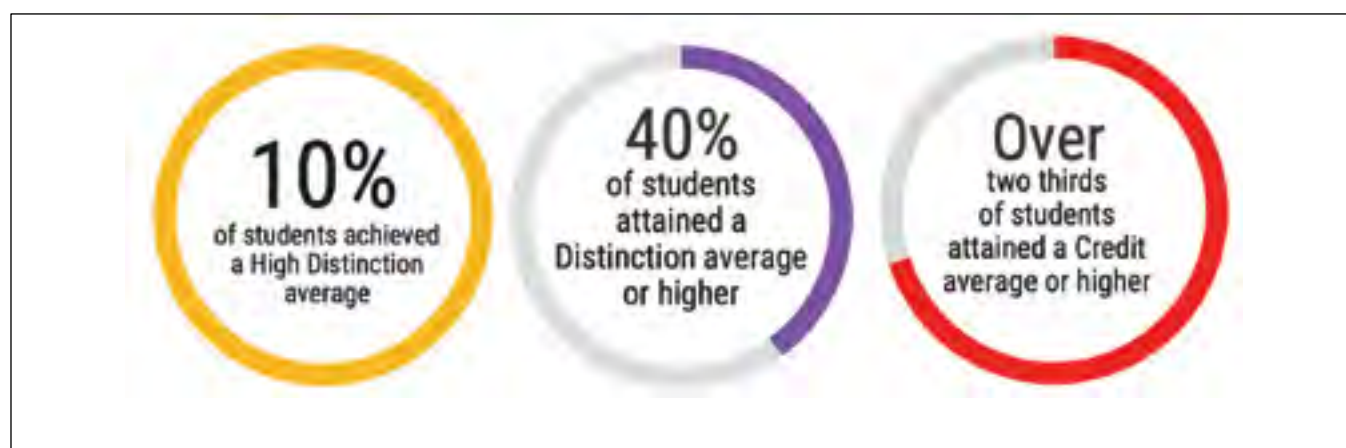
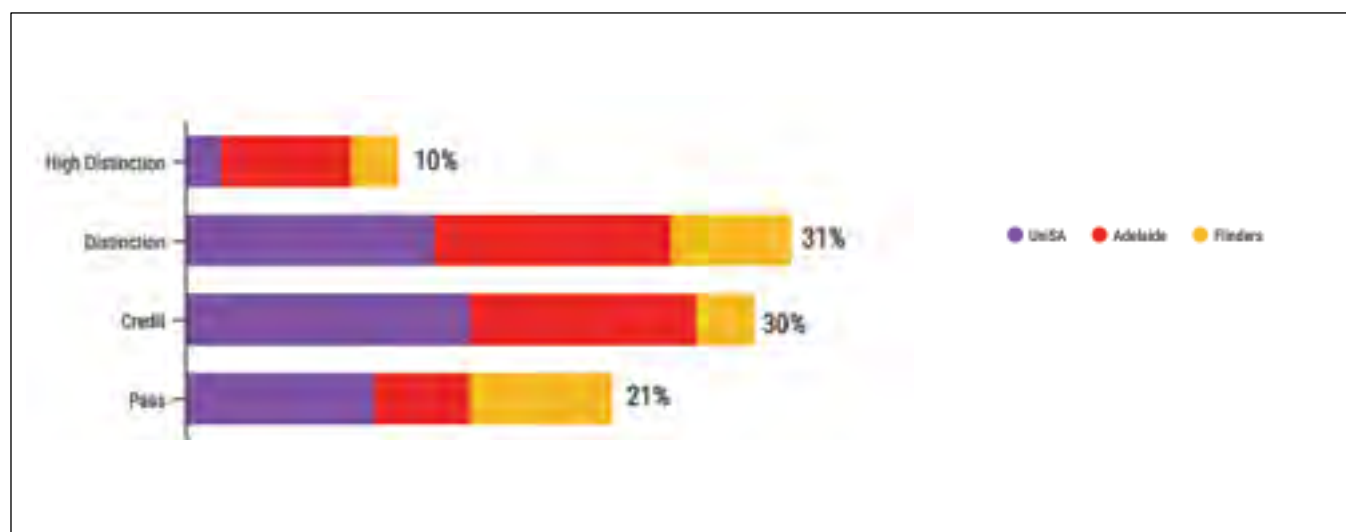
achievements of Amelia Smart and Michael Duffett who both attained straight High Distinctions in their Semester Two results. We also make special mention of our group of First Year Medical Students, who all received a High Distinction for their first year of Medical Studies.

Comparing achievement across the three universities, Adelaide University maintained its consistent performance with an impressive 18% students at Adelaide University achieving a High Distinction average. Flinders also stepped up

its percentage of High Distinctions, with 11% of students achieving an HD average.

At the University of South Australia, over one third of students achieved a Distinction average or higher, a figure which reflects one of the strongest performances by this sector for some years.

All our students can be very proud of their excellent academic achievements in 2022, and we look forward to announcing the Dux of 2022 at our first Collegiate Dinner next year.



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

Mark	Armstrong	4D
Anna	Ballantyne	D
Chloe	Beaumont	3D
Matheson	Bennett	D
Chandler	Borg	2D
Lily	Bright	3HD
Grace	Bubner	D
Niamh	Bullen	HD, 3D
Maya	Butcher	2D
Marni	Clark	HD, 2D
Ruby	Coote	D
Max	Coote	HD, D
Tom	Cormack	2HD, 2D
Chelsea	Crosby	4D
Jarrold	Cross	HD
Grace	Crowley	HD, 2D
Sharlee	D'agostini	D
Edward	Day	D
Hannah	Dinning	D
Tahlia	Drogemuller	2HD, 2D
Michael	Duffett	4HD
Grace	Dunbar	2HD, D
Joel	Duncan	3D
Abbey	Dyson	2D
Maeve	Elshaug-Betson	D
Lara	Falting	2HD, D
Ella	Falting	D
Montana	Foster	HD
Joseph	French	2D
Oscar	Gibson	2D
Molly	Giddings	2D
Meg	Grover	D
Alysha	Gurney	D
Gemma	Horstmann	D
Sienna	Haxton	HD

Alex	Jarnevic	3D
Molly	Jericho	2D
Alyssa	Jones	D
Jeffrey	Judd	2D
Brittney	Kaesler	D
Mia	Karlovasitis	2HD
Patrick	Klingner	2D
Lauren	Koch	2HD, 2D
Amanda	Krause	2D
Quinn	Lane	D
Abbey	Latta	HD, 2D
Elke	Lindschau	HD, 2D
Sophie	Lipman	HD, 2D
Zoe	Maloney	D, HD
Hannah	Mark	D
Ashleigh	McCallum	D
Liam	McEvoy	D
Ella	McIntyre	2D
Caitlin	McMahon	4D
Brodie	Milich	HD, 2D
Sophie	Millard	HD, D
Raener	Miller	HD
Grace	Moloney	HD, D
Alana	Mullen	D
Sequoia	Munday	D
Lucy	O'Dea	HD
Olivia	Patzel	2D
Oscar	Peltz	2D
Maya	Perone	D
Sophie	Perry	HD, D
Matthew	Phelps	2D
Maggie	Phillips	2D
Lilly	Phillips	2HD, 2D
Talya	Powell	2HD, 2D
Maddison	Redding	2HD, D

Tahlia	Reeves	HD, 3D
Alejandra	Retamoza	2D
Nash	Richman	D
Tayla	Roberts	2HD, 2D
Neve	Robins	3HD, D
Austin	Rossi	2D
Amalia	Rutzen	HD, D
Kayla	Sanders	2D
William	Scanlon	3HD
Elyssa	Schreiner	2D
Jade	Simpson	D
Jacob	Skinner	D
Amelia	Smart	4HD
Jessica	Snell	2HD, D
Rylee	Snook	3D
Ella	Tansell	2D
Scarlett	Tod	HD
Emily	Turley	3D
Angus	Turner	2HD, D
Charlotte	Turner	HD, 3D
Ruben	Van Eeden	3HD, D
Tori	Vasey	D
Jaimee	Venning	2HD, 2D
Evangelos	Wade	HD, 2D
Cambell	Waller	D
Noah	Waters	D
Sophie	Wilksch	D
Darcy	Wiseman	D
Liam	Wormald	D
Chelsea	Wright	D
Macy	Wright	D
Chloe	Wright	D
Chelsea	Wright	HD

## Campus Ministry Report



It was at Sacred Heart College Somerton Park on the 25th May 2022 that Grace Moloney (Outreach Coordinator), Lily Glover (Chapel Music Coordinator) and Ruben van Eeden (Youth Ministry Assistant) reminded me of how when we sing, we are praying, much like the saying by St Augustine “the one who sings well prays twice as long as it is from love.” We had been asked by the Marist Youth Ministry team to provide the music for a House Mass, a request that the Campus Ministry Team agreed to, even though it necessitated a change of lecture and tutorial times for some of the team.

Looking back, I can see that all this was done out of a sense of love rather than a sense of duty or obligation. This thought came back to me when I invited students to post a photo of themselves and their pets on our Facebook Announcements page. It came at a time when the COVID restrictions were yet to lift and so many of us were missing home. There were over 90 posts which half of the college body participated in. Amidst the cats and dogs were birds and fish and even a cow or two; all deeply loved and missed. This was eclipsed by almost two thirds of the College who posted pictures of their mums on Mother’s Day; all deeply loved and missed.

My first year at Aquinas has seen me focus on the idea that the mark of a true Aquinian is how we act out of love and not out of duty or obligation. This, I would argue, is because God loved us first. In 2022 I decided to sit back a little and to observe how a busy place like Aquinas works; it is fuelled by a good dose of love with an occasional pub night and arancini balls thrown in!

A big thank you to the Campus Ministry Team, the Outreach Team and the Liturgy Musicians who have so impressed me with their selfless attitude. And this is an example of Faith in Action which is something I am immensely looking forward to developing next year.

Blessings All

**Fr Paul Ghanem OFM (Order of Friars Minor)**  
College Chaplain



Outreach this year offered members of our College the opportunity to assist organisations close to our community here at Aquinas. With students volunteering their time and involvement at 34 different charities this year, the Outreach program is one that makes Aquinas so unique. We extend a huge thank you to our Outreach Coordinator for the year, Grace Moloney, who put in an incredible effort to get our community on board. With events such as Take 3 For the Sea, Step-tember, Catherine House and many more, Grace has created an environment here at Aquinas where we all strive to support, donate, raise awareness and contribute to many organisations and charities. We could not be more proud after raising just over \$15,000 for Outreach events this year.

Some of our major Outreach highlights for 2022 included:

World's Greatest Shave in which \$2100 was raised by people brave enough to go bald, wax their armpits or dye their hair.

The Breast Cancer 55 Squats a day challenge, which raised a hefty \$3270 and helped many face the stairs of Aquinas with confidence.

May 50k which encouraged many to go to their lectures in person, resulting in \$1590 raised.

Mullets for Mental Health which saw many men take a trip back to the 80's, raising \$1367.

Donating blood required some very sturdy soldiers to donate their blood, in which a total of 252 lives were saved.

With these numbers being only a stepping stone to greatness, it was amazing to witness everyone participating in Outreach. With almost all students completing 10 or more hours, together we reached an astounding total of 2252 hours for Outreach.

## The final Outreach leader board:

1. Gleeson: 276 hours
2. Beovich: 265 hours
3. Roma Mitchell: 263 hours
4. Hannan: 262 hours
5. Catherine: 251 hours
6. Finn: 233 hours
7. Roche: 196 hours
8. MacKillop: 190 hours
9. Marian: 186 hours
10. Marcellin: 127 hours

We congratulate everyone's efforts this year, and especially recognise our Outreach person of the year, Kirsten Rolt. Kirsten completed a total of 40 hours for Outreach, getting involved in Puddle Jumpers, Red Cross Blood donating, Wings for Life, Backpack 4 Kids, May 50k, Catherine House, World's Greatest Shave, Fred's Van and Run 4 Mum.

**Grace Moloney,**  
Outreach Coordinator

## Collegiate Dinners



The Collegiate dinners this year were an opportunity to recognise the academic achievements amongst the Aquinas Community. Our Commencement Dinner recognised the outstanding results of students from Semester Two of 2021. The Aquinas Medal and Bessie Greenland Prize went to Amelia Smart who was the top student of the previous year and the College Dux. The Kennedy Family Prize went to Patrick Klingner who was the top senior student returning to College. The Brother Austin Stephens Prize went to Neve Robins who was the top junior student returning to College. The Father C.P. Finn Prize went to Abbey Latta and Grace Bubner who were recognised for their exceptional achievements in their first year of university study.

### Semester One Faculty Prize Winners:

**Arts: Amelia Smart**

**Business: Eliza Staude**

**Education: Hayley Weatherald**

**Engineering: Michael Duffett**

**Science: Grace Bubner, Maeve Elshaug-Betson and Ruben van Eeden**

**Allied Health: Abbey Latta**

**Medicine: Lucy O'Dea**



The Semester Two Collegiate dinner was held in the middle of the year, and it offered an opportunity to officially welcome and commission the 16th Rector of the College, Sean Brito-Babapulle and a full Collegiate Dinner and Academic Awards Ceremony. The Vicar-General, Fr Dean Marin, officiated in the Commissioning of the new Rector and he was joined by the Deputy Chair of the Aquinas Council, Joanne Sawyer, Sean's wife Sara Brito and Council member, Br Paul Kane FMS.

The Collegiate Dinner and Academic Awards Ceremony celebrated the high achievers at Aquinas but also recognised that some students, for whom study does not come naturally, have also managed, through hard work and application, (plus the odd all-nighter), to get through. Academic Director, Dr Sarah Moller pointed out that one third of Aquinas students achieved a Distinction



average or higher in the first Semester with over two thirds of students attaining a Credit average or higher. Dr Moller said, "This statistic reflects both the hard work put in by each student, and the huge, positive impact that our tutors make: juniors and seniors who tutored their peers in over 40 different subjects across the three universities". There was a five-way tie for the Best Results for Semester One, and the Father Michael Scott Scholarship was jointly awarded to Abbey Latta, Sophie Millard, Amelia Smart, Michael Duffett and Ruben van Eeden. The recipient of the Father J.M. McNerney Scholarship for Highest Achieving First Year student was Tahlia Reeves. We marked the graduation of Emma Cole by conferring her Academic Hood.



### **Semester Two Faculty Prize Winners:**

**Arts: Amelia Smart**

**Business: Tori Cooper and Lara Falting**

**Education: Kayla Sanders**

**Engineering: Michael Duffett**

**Nursing: Lilly Phillips**

**Science: Ruben van Eeden**

**Allied Health: Abbey Latta and Sophie Millard**

**Medicine: Scarlett Tod**

## Passover Seder Meal



The Passover Seder is an important meal within the Jewish tradition, and in preparation for Easter this year, our whole college community participated in this ancient Jewish ritual. The meal commenced with the symbolic act of the Rector washing the feet of the House Coordinators, calling to mind the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper where he taught his followers to serve one another in love. The Passover Seder meal then followed, and we enjoyed learning more about this important tradition while participating in this unique cultural experience.

Brother Michael explained that the Seder meal was a celebration of gratitude, hope and promise, and something in which everyone could engage in their own way. "As the last formal gathering of the students before the mid-semester break, it is also an event that lends itself to a celebratory mood," said Brother Michael.





The 2022 Marcellin Medallion Dinner follows the Feast Day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, the Founder of the Marists. A highly anticipated event in the College calendar, the dinner is a time where ten Aquinians, one from each house, are recognised for their selfless service of others, and their contributions to the life of the house in the spirit of St Marcellin.

The 2022 Marcellin Medallion evening – always a gala event on the College calendar – was bigger than ever this year as it doubled as a farewell function for the College Rector, Brother Michael. The evening began with a service in the Chapel of St Thomas, led by College Chaplain Fr Paul Ghanem OFM, who was joined by special guests Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and the Marist Brothers' Provincial Superior, Brother Peter Carroll FMS. The music was rousing led by the Chapel Band which ensured that everyone in the Chapel was in full voice.

Other guests for the evening included the Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (and former Rector) Professor Denis Ralph, Director of Catholic Education SA Dr Neil McGoran, present and former member of Council, Principals of Partner Schools, and the Marist Brothers from Sacred Heart College. During the Dinner, each of the ten House Coordinators introduced the member of their House whom they had chosen to receive the Marcellin Medallion. All of them reported the difficulty in making their choices, given that so many students personify the values of St Marcellin.



### This year's medallists were:

Oscar Peltz – Gleeson  
Grace Moloney – Catherine  
Cambell Waller – Finn  
Sophie Falting – Marian

Austin Rossi – Roma Mitchell  
Sophie Millard – MacKillop  
Sam Breuer – Marcellin  
Sam Clark – Roche

Chandler Borg – Hannan  
Ashleigh McCallum – Beovich

## Magnae Grates Dinner



The 2022 Magnae Grates dinner was a fun occasion where everyone showed their appreciation of their fellow members of the College. Dressed up in the theme of 'My Favourite Aquinian', this night was filled with smiles and a spirit of joy. It was a time to recognise and congratulate members of our community who held service and leadership roles throughout the year, as well as chance to thank everyone who contributed to the life of the college in big and small ways.



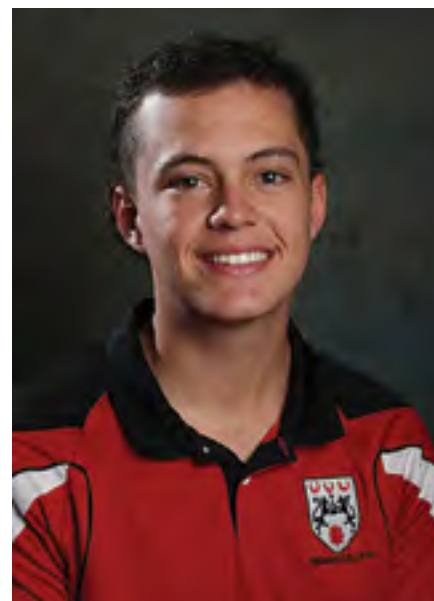
I would first like to say thank you to all Aquinians for their involvement this year and making it the best year that I have had at College so far. The attendance and participation from the student body into all the events that S Club organised was some of the best I have seen and is what really made everyone's year so enjoyable.

We started off the year with Orientation week themed as 'Casino Week' where we welcomed new students with a range of old and new events, which included Double Blues, a Latitude session, Casino Night, and a classic pub crawl! We then moved on to our House Table Cup (HTC) campaign, where we performed astonishingly this year, taking away a total of 9 trophies but finishing second to St Mark's who robbed it with a total of 6. All athletes, coaches, helpers, and

supporters should be commended for such an outstanding performance on the sporting fields and providing everyone with such enjoyment through playing and watching.

Our biggest event of the year, Pondshow, was back again this year and it was bigger than ever. With a sold-out crowd of over 600 people, the night was a huge success as it featured a new look and vibe with headlining DJs Dave Winnel, Checkers, Tymmons, Waxxoff, and Lachy Bahnisch. A huge thank you goes out to S Club and everyone else who helped make my vision of a new-look Pondshow come to life!

Some of the other memorable moments from this year included our Netball and Football Double pub nights, Exie Music Night, Seder meal, Art Show, Exec Dinner, Aquinas Ball, HTC Show, and Valette. There were



many more events that made up the year and countless more random nights, study sessions, and late-night bakery runs that have all contributed to the success of the year and I could write for hours about the fun we've all had during these times.

I tried to have a bit of a theme for this year which I pulled from a song by Macklemore: "I wish somebody had told me babe, that someday these will be the good old days." I can now guarantee that in the future every single Aquinian will look back on this year and think wow, they were the good old days, and if that is the case then I have done my job. These words don't do justice to the year we've had but I hope it can provide some insight into the culture we've fostered and ultimately, the fun we have had as we look to the future where we can build on these experiences and grow as a college.

Thank You.

Noah Waters



**2022 Student Club.** Bottom Row L-R Anna Ballantyne, Gabrielle Deacon, Abbey Latta. Middle Row L-R Estelle Paul (Vice President), Sophie Wilksch, Maggie Phillips. Top Row L-R Oscar Peltz, Noah Waters (President), Michael Duffett, Sam Clark, Ross Armstrong.

## Orientation Week



Kickstarting this year with bounce, the Student Club organised an action-packed Orientation Week which started at Latitude trampoline centre and followed with a casino themed event. New students were welcomed and everyone enjoyed having the chance to make new friends and settle into 2022 at Aquinas.





An atmosphere of immense anticipation surrounded one of our major events for the year. Pondshow 2022 took on a techno approach and had a line-up of live DJs feature such as Dave Winnel, Tymmons, Checkers, Waxxoff and Lachy Bahnisch. With drink specials and hot finger food going around, Pondshow was most definitely a highlight for many and a welcome chance to dance!



## Art Show



Each year we have extraordinarily talented students at Aquinas and the Art Show is one of many ways these talents are exhibited. Held as part of Parents' Weekend, the Art Show is a night filled with live music, parents and friends. Gleeson House was transformed into a gallery for the weekend, and it was wonderful to see the talents of Aquinas on display. Special mention goes to Emma Waters, the winner of the Rosie Pike Prize, and Amanda Krause, who won the People's Choice Award.





Aquinas College Ball was a wonderful night filled with style. The event was held at the Adelaide Zoo this year which was something different and elegant. A special thanks to our Ball Committee for organising the night, which, offered a great chance to dress up and dance the night away.

The Aquinas Ball was held on Saturday 6 August at the Adelaide Zoo. The organising Committee, consisting of Estelle Paul, Grace Moloney, Jaimee Venning and Tahlia Drogemuller did a great job with the decorations, flowers, the DJ, roaming photographer and all the details that go into holding such a gala

event. The essential photo booth was heavily patronised, capturing the fun and glamour of the night. "We were extremely pleased with the large turnout for the ball and that everyone came to party," said Estelle.

A bonus was the return of dancing this year, following the dark years of COVID restrictions and "face-masked" balls. The dance floor was the centre piece of the night, with everyone burning up the soles of their shoes despite the fire alarms.





A large turnout of students enjoyed the sunny Labour Day Public Holiday on the lawns of Aquinas by attending The Annual, a traditional fundraising afternoon involving an amazing Live Auction, games, fancy dress and FUN. Remembered fondly either for the items bought at auction or the ripping debt that came with it, this year's Annual was run by our Equity leader Sophie Wilksch, with Aaron Siebert acting as auctioneer. Sophie was thrilled with the \$5200 raised for charity. "I am so grateful for all the contributions by Aquinians and our supporters, both those who donated items and services and those who bid. I didn't think we would raise so much money!" Sophie said after the tally.

The proceeds of this year's The Annual are being donated to ifarmwell, a free online service designed by Australian farmers to help other Australian farmers cope effectively with life's challenges and get the most out of every day.

## Executive Dinner: Op Shop Prom



Our executive dinner this year was unforgettable. Themed as 'Op Shop Prom', guests dressed up in their most cringeworthy, cheap and embarrassing op-shop purchases. We welcomed guests from the other Colleges' Student Clubs, and everyone enjoyed the chance to look their best (and their worst!).



## Fresher Show



This year, instead of our annual Dynamic Duos nights, the Fresher Reps decided to introduce a bit more volume to our annual Fresher Show with the always-popular karaoke. For costumes, students were required to dress up as someone or something that started with the same letter as their name, which saw a host of creativity. Students had a great night, where some unexpectedly showed off their singing voice for karaoke.





Covid restrictions meant that both Music nights at Aquinas are always fun. Faith Monger, our Music Coordinator went through thick and thin to pull the shows together. The theme for Semester One's Music Night was 'dress up as your favourite band', and we had our College Band perform some absolute bangers, getting everyone pumped and in the mood to dance. The Semester Two Music Night was held at Lion Arts. This proved to be an astounding show where our College Band, Exie College Band and even some new faces got up on the stage to perform.



## Whole College Photo





## Tennis

Coaches:

Griffin Andrews and Lily Bright

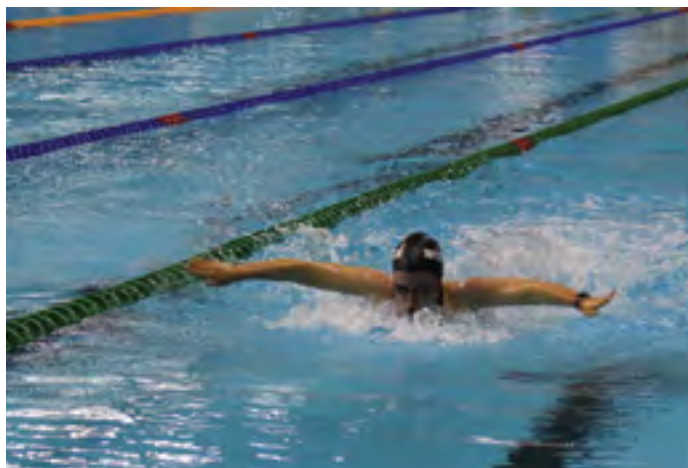
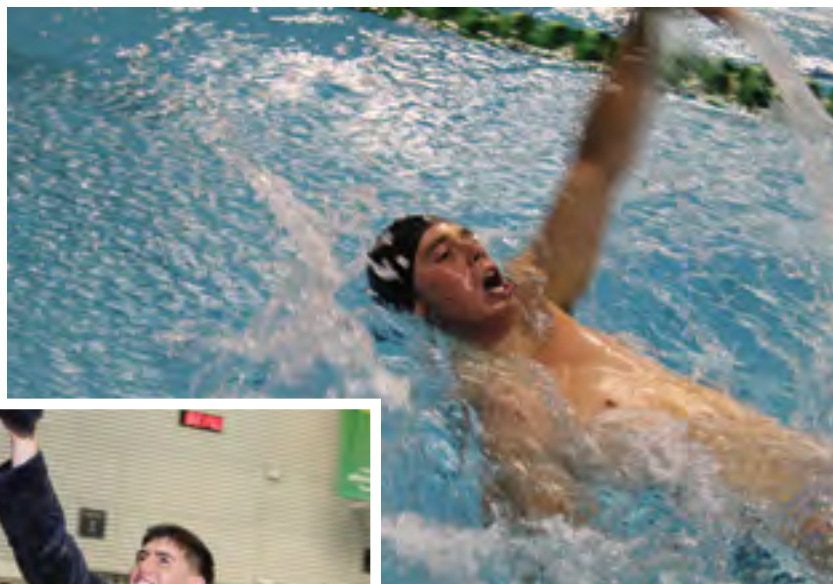
The first sport to kick off our successful campaign of HTC in 2022 was tennis. During tryouts in O-Week we were sure it was our year to win tennis with our amazing enthusiasm and attendance, from which we picked our talented squad of 14. We commenced the first half of the day by playing Lincoln and Flinders, securing our first two wins of the day. From here, the second

half of the day proved to be a challenge, however, but nothing we could not step up to. We played St Ann's and fought hard, coming away with a 3-2 win. Our last opponent for the day was St Mark's, 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.



Coach: Abbey Latta

Leading up to swimming there was, yet again, an air of optimism that we could improve our swimming performance compared to other years. We faced many COVID related setbacks, meaning that we lost members of the squad to isolation, and last-minute positive RATs resulted in a large virtual crowd for support. Despite this, those that were able to swim on the night all put on performances to be proud of. The many laps and talent of Elyssa Schreiner and Joel Duncan were particularly outstanding. While the end result of 4th overall didn't reflect our efforts, both those who swam on the night and those who came to tryouts should be thanked for everything they put in and for the enthusiasm and spirit with which they approached swimming this year.



# Netball



Women's Netball:  
Coaches: Maggie Phillips and  
Marni Clark

This year's netball started extremely strong with an incredible turn out to trials. It was very hard to decide on a final squad as the competition between girls this year was tougher than ever. The first night of competition saw a clean sweep from the girls, beating Lincoln, Flinders, St Ann's, and St Mark's, placing us on top of the leader board for the minor round.

We competed against St Mark's in the grand final where we fought

for the Netball HTC Cup. The first quarter was a hard and physical fight which displayed the competitive nature of both teams. The girls were determined to win going into the second quarter as we wanted to show we could fight back. By the third quarter, it was a tie, but we had the momentum and the crowd behind us which ultimately led us to lead going into the last quarter. The team took control of the game comfortably by three quarter time and held strong to win the women's netball cup for another year.





## Men's Netball:

Coaches: Oscar Peltz and Marni Clark

The men's netball was highly anticipated as the boys have been rather competitive in the past few years. The trials were very tough, making the job for the coaches very hard deciding on a final squad. The determination of the boys was displayed by their ability to listen, learn and their dedication for many early training sessions. Having several players from last year was a good motivator for the boys as they were ready and prepared to bring the Netball Cup back to the top of the hill. The first round of competition saw another clean sweep, defeating St Mark's, St Ann's, Flinders, and Lincoln leaving us on top of the ladder going into the finals.

The grand final was played against St Ann's and was a harsh fight to the end. The first three quarters were tough and saw a tug

of war between the two teams to fight for the lead. The boys were frantic and playing a faster game than what they were prepared for, sometimes resulting in mistakes which they wouldn't normally make. After making a few changes going into the last quarter the boys were unstoppable, the defence was our strongest asset, stopping numerous goals through agile intercepts and clever rebounding. This ultimately led to the boys coming out on top and being named the men's netball champions, achieving the double win for Aquinas.





## Men's Football

Coach: Oscar Peltz

With last year's amazing efforts from the men's football team bringing home the gold, the expectations remained high for the Aquinas 2022 football team. Trainings started early and it was already pretty evident that this year had brought in some extremely handy footballers to the already strong



returners group. Heading into the first week, we saw ourselves against Lincoln and Flinders, to which the boys were feeling pretty confident. However, a close call against Lincoln quickly gave the whole group a reality check that football isn't always easy. Not to be daunted, the boys switched on in the second game, comfortably taking care of Flinders which saw our very own Liam Wormald kick his first HTC goal of his illustrious career. Two wins is what we wanted from the first week, but we played nowhere near the standard of football that the group was capable of.

In the second week, with roughly a third of team coming back from injury, Aquinas once again showed why they remain at the top of HTC Football. Coming up against our major competition in St Ann's, the boys were pumped, and it showed, as we quickly kicked our way to a 6-goal lead in the first quarter of the game. But it didn't stop there. The boys continued to assert their dominance never letting Ann's back into the game. With the Cup not quite locked in yet, only our main rivals, St Mark's, stood in our way. We knew coming into the last game it was going to be tough, hard, contested footy. Once again though, Aquinas proved to be too good, kicking our way to an 8-goal win and securing the double for Aquinas. Best players went to Sam Breuer who showcased his unbelievable talent as footballer all day, Dannen Blacker who was instrumental, providing a spark up forward and Joel Duncan who was rock solid in the half back line.



Women's Football  
Coach: Neve Robbins

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 coach and captain's job of picking the team 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 and a solid game against Flinders that saw our girls find their rhythm with another win. Our second weekend started with a quick warm-up game against St Ann's with the team looking better than ever, St Mark's were shaking in their boots. The final game of the day saw us take on St Mark's for the Cup, with both teams without a loss. With a very close score line and some great footy, the match came down to the final minutes but the girls held out and secured the win, making sure the Women's HTC Footy cup returned home where it belonged.

# Hockey



## Men's Hockey

Coaches: Hannah Dinning and Noah Waters

Our Aquinas Men's hockey team embarked on our campaign with a positive attitude and smiles on their face despite the torrential rain and gale force winds on the day. We came away with a 2-1 victory over Flinders despite a shaky start and then continued our winning form, coming away with a comfortable 3-0 win in a very fun and wet game



against St Ann's. Our penultimate game against Lincoln was a little closer but we still managed to get a 1-0 win. For our fourth game in a row in some of the worst conditions in HTC history, our fatigued lads came

up against a rested and well-oiled Mark's side who got up on us 3-0, handing us second place for the day. All the lads had a great day and enjoyed learning and playing what was for many, a brand-new sport!



## Women's Hockey

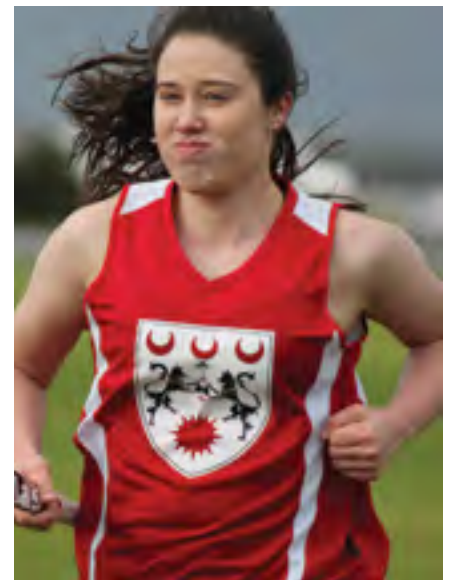
Coaches: Constance McIntosh and Hannah Dinning

The Aquinas Women's HTC hockey team was back in full force this year with a very successful campaign restoring the trophy back to its rightful place at the top of the hill. We were lucky this year to have a team that consisted of many experienced and skilful hockey players. We began with a solid win against Flinders followed by a close game with St Ann's. We played a cracker against Lincoln and finished off by doing what we didn't do last



year, defeating St Mark's to bring the Cup home. The success of this team was defined by the teamwork and pure grit every girl on the squad showed even in the trying conditions the weather presented on the day. Hannah and I would like to say a massive thank you to all the girls who came out and gave a new sport a crack as without you, we would

not have been able to put a team together. To the girls who had played before, thank you for your leadership, patience and willingness to teach the girls new to the sport. The future of Aquinas hockey is looking strong, and we both can't wait to be sitting on the sidelines cheering you on next year. Congratulations girls and good luck for 2023!



# Basketball



## Men's Basketball

Coaches: Griffin Andrews and Oscar Peltz

Coming off a disappointing loss in last year's basketball, the boys were out to seek revenge. With trials showing plenty of talent, cutting the team down to a final squad of 9 was extremely difficult. The final team had a combination of size, speed and shooting which lined up to be one of the most impressive basketball teams Aquinas has seen. However, the first game against the biggest competition, St Ann's, saw a very sloppy game from the Aquinas boys. With poor defence and shots just simply not dropping, Aquinas

lost the first game of the basketball campaign. The boys' heads remained high however, with the next game seeing Aquinas wipe the floor with St Mark's, winning comfortably by over 30 points. Next saw a very surprising Lincoln team battle hard against us, but at half time the boys switched into gear and again took care of Lincoln. This placed us into the grand finale against St Ann's, a tough matchup once again. At half time it was neck and neck with both teams playing extremely well. In the 2nd half, Aquinas turned the tables and took home yet another HTC sport trophy. MVP went to Dannen Blacker, who showed out the entire tournament, lighting it up behind the arc.





## Women' Basketball

Coaches: Oliva Patzel and Alyssa Jones

We are so proud of our basketball team for putting in endless hard work and dedication. This squad was truly one of a kind, each girl played their role and approached both the trainings and games with a positive attitude and winning mindset. After losing only one minor round game and securing a place in the grand final, we, unfortunately, came home with second place after losing to the talented St Mark's team. The girls did an amazing job, giving their all until the final whistle, doing us coaches and the whole College proud. Special mention to Jorgie Lawrence, our MVP who absolutely smashed it and shot the house down.



# Volleyball



Coaches: Lily Bright and  
Tiarna Inglis

**H**TC Volleyball was our 8th sport out of 11 for the year. As a large squad we trained hard all of August up until the day of the competition. Going into volleyball we knew that if we won, it would help to secure our spot in the top two placings on the HTC ladder. Our day started off with a convincing win against Lincoln College. Following, we played St Ann's college, where it came down to the final set, Nash Richman's spikes proving an unexpected challenge to Ann's and pulling us through with the exciting win. Next, came the

game of the day against St Mark's College. Josh Bright had a powerful consistent serve the opposition couldn't meet, while Sienna Haxton's setting was exceptional. The team put every ounce of their energy into this game, and there was no way we were losing. We won the first set, while Mark's just beat us in the second. It all came down to the third set where Aquinas came out as the better team and proudly took home the win. For our last game of the day, we faced Flinders Hall, where we pulled through and secured another win. Overall, we came first and won HTC Volleyball of 2022. Lily and I are extremely proud of the whole squad!

Coaches: Bilal Rahman and Ross Armstrong

Once again debating came round and this time it was worth double the points. With the first competitive team Aquinas College had produced in years, we were ready to conquer the rest and bring the debating cup to the top of the hill. Alas! the adjudicator had other plans.

In Round One we argued well against Mark's, only narrowly losing, and we came up victorious against Lincoln. Coming into Round Two, it was still any College's game with each College on one win each. We debated bravely against Ann's with a close loss, which we took as our motivation to defeat Flinders and show the



other colleges that we don't go down without a fight. Unfortunately, even though we won the same amount of debates as Marks and Lincoln, we came fourth overall due to individual scores. This result did not ruin our

spirit and with our usual Aquinas pride we celebrated well that night! We could not be prouder of everyone who debated and came out to support and look forward to seeing what Aquinas can do in 2023.

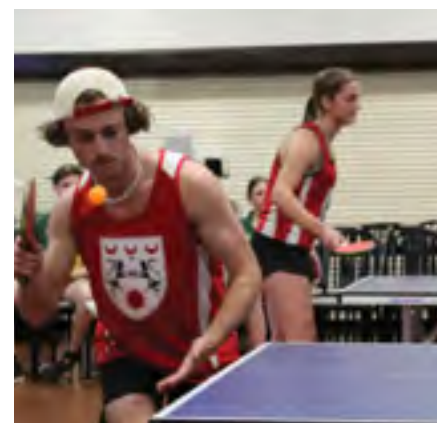
## Table tennis

Coaches: Ruby Coote and Griffin Andrews

Coming into the second to last CHTC event of the year it was crucial to get as many people as possible at try outs to give us the best chance at winning the High Table Cup. We were super impressed to see so many faces at the first try out in the dining room. After a couple more try outs it came time to picking the team and this decision was a difficult one with so many great players to choose from. With everyone hitting and practising lots before the event we were looking good for the big night.

On the night we were so proud of everyone for giving it their all; however, unfortunately it was a bit disappointing, and we came up against some tough competition! A big thank you to everyone for coming and supporting the team.

The best on the night was awarded to Cambell Waller and Lily Bright. Well done wolves!





### Men's Soccer

Coaches: William Britten-Jones and Nebraska Wilkie

Soccer was a fantastic day for Aquinas college. The squad of about 15 boys took the field and remained undefeated throughout the day, winning 4 of 5 games with a stale 0-0 draw stopping us from winning 5 from 5. The highlight of the day consisted of a huge 5-0 win over college rivals St Mark's, much to the delight of the players and the ever-so energetic crowd. MVP of the day was our rock-solid centre-back Evan Wade who should take full credit for the impressive feat of 5 clean sheets in 5 games.





Women's Soccer  
Coach: Raener Miller

As with every year, Jacob and I were extremely impressed with the soccer talent of our Aquinas women. The girls put their absolute all out on the pitch and we came away with a well-deserved second place. Our first match against Flinders saw a 1-0 victory for the Wolves, which kickstarted our campaign for the day with a bang. The second match against St Ann's ended in a nil-all draw, in an impressively fought and equally matched game. By the time our third game against Lincoln came around, the weather started to look quite threatening. Nonetheless, our girls gritted their teeth and bared through the rain and wind to come away with a 1-0 win against Lincoln. As we came into the last match against St Mark's, we were up against our best competition of the day. Nevertheless, the team fought right until the end, when we unfortunately conceded a goal just before the siren. Overall, the day was a fantastic show of the talent our girls have at Aquinas and what I consider to be a brilliant success.





Women's Cricket  
Coaches: Sam Clark and Molly Seppelt



There were high hopes with having Low Table Cup Cricket the day after Pondshow. The girls' coach rocked up on crutches with a 'broken' ankle and St Ann's were all wearing full cricket whites. We got told the night before by the coach Sam "no sleeping tonight girls, sleep is for the weak, St Ann's sleep because they are weak". Despite the sore heads, we won the toss and chose to bat first!! We knew we would be looking good as we have a few gun batters in the line-up: just to name a few Niamh Bullen, Lily Glover (our openers), Hannah Schlink and Claudia Eastburn. We smacked St Ann's bowlers around for 86 runs. Lunch break was rather quiet as a few of the team was sleeping. St Ann's went out to bat, chasing 86 runs. The Aquinas girls got off to a good start with a few quick wickets from Niamh Bullen and some lovely clean fielding by the other girls. The day went on and we were looking pretty good. Emma Waters did well to hold St Ann's off from scoring when they needed 5 runs off the last over to take the win. As a team, we bowled and fielded extremely well in the last over and managed to keep St Ann's to 4 runs off the over, ending the day in a draw!



### Men's Cricket

Coaches: Sam Clark and Noah Waters

The team had a combined 6 hours of sleep the night before but were excited at the opportunity. Openers Connor Prior & Gus Burner headed towards the middle; with a huge crowd watching, we needed to get off to a good start. Unfortunately, Connor was caught in the second over, being dismissed for a very disappointing 3. This gave arguably our best player, Carmy, an opportunity to get us back on track. He smoked his first two balls to the fence but was caught for 12. At this stage we were 2 for 18; Rostrevor prodigy Nash Richman was in next but didn't last long, being bowled for 10. While the wickets were falling, Gus managed to find the odd boundary and keep us in the match. There was hope when the big rooster Clark came in, but after hitting two huge boundaries he departed for another disappointing score. The wickets continued to fall, and the runs weren't coming, we were in some serious strife. It all changed when the self-proclaimed king of cricket, BJ, entered the pitch: he worked the gaps well, ran hard between the wickets, puffed out



his chest and even managed to hit a couple of boundaries. 20 overs came to an end and our total was a disappointing 8/90. The boys headed out to the field, Carmy took the first over and claimed our first wicket of the day. From the other end, Mathieson Bennett was taken to the cleaners and certainly wasn't as good as he had promised. Play of the day goes to the St Ann's boys when



they sent out their worst player at number 3. To sum up our day, he and the rest of the batters took the wind out of our sails. Sad to say it wasn't a memorable day for the Aquinas boys' team, as we went down by 7 wickets. In saying this, congrats to the girls who drew in a cracking match!

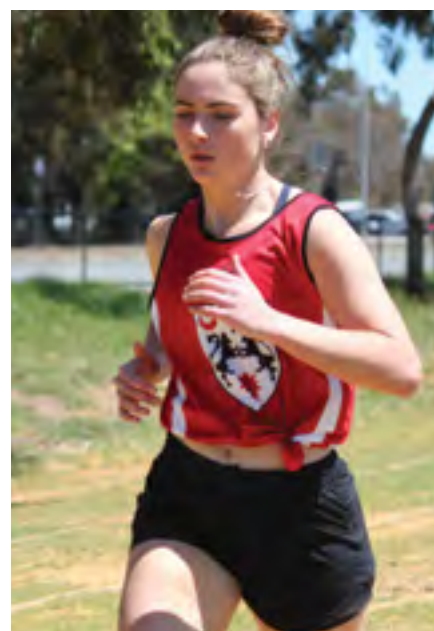
## Athletics



Coaches: Abbey Latta, Oscar Peltz, Alyssa Jones and Nebraska Wilkie



Coming off a disappointing table tennis campaign, HTC wasn't going to finish the way we exactly hoped it would. Nonetheless, there was still one sport to go. With good turnouts to trials, the events were extremely competitive. In saying this, heading into Athletics we were confident that we could still end the year on a positive and come home with the Athletics Cup. The day started extremely well with the girls demonstrating their awesome ability in both the track and field events, with 1st and 2nd across the boards in all events. The day continued to travel in the right direction with the boys beginning to accumulate some wins. With much importance on the relays being worth double points, we knew Aquinas needed to cross the finish line first in both the boys and girls. And this was exactly what happened. With wins in both relays, Aquinas secured the Athletics cup, totally the tally to 9 for the year. MVP's for the day went to Connor Prior, who took any challenge on the whole, showing us his lightning quick pace as well as Gab Deacon who absolutely smashed both the 800m and 1500m. A special shoutout to Alyssa Jones who also broke the record for the female 100m sprint.







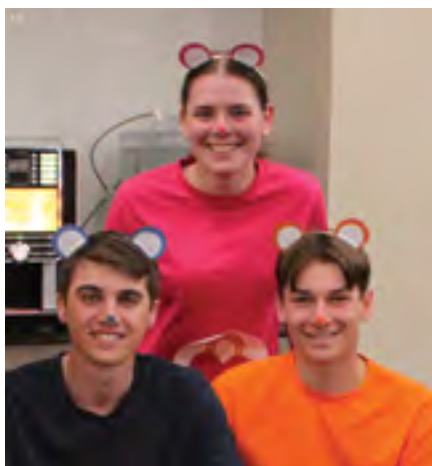
On a warm night during Orientation Week the Houses came together to contest the trophy for tunnel ball, with Beovich showing their form and teamwork. Our next Lawrie Smart event was the renowned classic, tug of war. With some immense muscle in our Houses, it certainly proved it was a challenge to take the medal home, but Roche showed their combined strength by conquering every House they faced. Finishing off the semester strong was Gleeson who showcased their artistic abilities in Pictionary. In Semester Two, Roche again dominated, this time taking home the highly-prized dodgeball honour. To finish the year off we did something different – an Olympics! Houses worked together in a relay-like contest with an egg and spoon race, a three-legged race and puzzle solving, and once again, Gleeson rose above the rest and took home the trophy. Congratulations to Beovich who ended the year strongly, taking home the Lawrie Smart Shield for 2022.

## Final Ranking

Beovich	50
Gleeson	49
MacKillop	46
Hannan	43
Roche	42
Marian	39
Catherine	39
Marcellin	34
Roma Mitchell	33
Finn	31



## House Coordinator Quiz Night



House Coordinator Quiz Nights are always an event to look forward to. Organising a team and a theme to dress up in, it's the whole College against the House Coordinators. The winning table who knew the Aquinas community the best was our Total Drama table. The best dressed for the night was our Mario Party table who brought the lovable Nintendo characters to life.





Saturday 29 October was another memorable date in the College calendar with the Valete Service and Dinner. The celebrations commenced with the Valete Service in Christchurch. Attended by all students and staff along with the parents of Valetants and Council members, this year's service was led by College Chaplain, Fr Paul Ghanem, and the music provided by the Chapel Band. The Valedictorian, Jodie Price, spoke touchingly of her time at Aquinas and the enduring friendships made over her years at College. Jodie shared that she had only intended on staying one year at Aquinas and was so grateful that this was not what eventuated.

Following the service, the unseasonably wet Adelaide weather held off long enough to have the whole College photo taken on the Gleeson lawn and for all to then enjoy pre-dinner canapes and drinks. The Dining Room was transformed into a candlelit banquet room with white linen and blue flowers and lighting, with everyone enjoying a five-star dinner prepared by the amazing catering team.

The traditional farewells to each Valetant were emotional highlights of the evening, followed by a moving Toast to the College by the Student President, Noah Waters, the Rector's Reply and the naming of the Aquinian of the Year, Brianna Scanlon.

A new tradition established arising out of COVID restrictions from last year, the Dining Room was the preferred venue for the "after-party" rather than going off-campus, with students, parents and staff dancing until early morning.





<b>BEOVICH: HC Liam McEvoy</b>	
Alejandra	Retamoza
	Modoo
Evan	Wade
Lily	Phillips
Callum	Judd
Mia	Smith
Ashleigh	McCallum
Tahlia	Drogemuller
Ella	McIntyre
Aaron	Siebert
Kirsten	Rolt
Jade	Simpson
Emma	Cole
Maya	Perone
Kym	Errity

<b>CATHERINE: HC Lara Falting</b>	
Alex	Jarnevic
Jorgie	Lawrence
Joseph	McNamara
Aisha	Gynell
Angus	Turner
Jaimee	Venning
Estelle	Paul
Chloe	Beaumont
Alexandra	Scott
Grace	Moloney
Maddison	Redding
Jackson	Ling
Brittany	Kaesler
Luka	Chandler
Ashley	Reddy
Talya	Powell
Tom	Cormack
Mai	Morrison
Isis	Pemberton
Florian	Cornellisen
Indigo	Calhaem

<b>MARCELLIN: HC Kaysha McGregor</b>	
Ruben	VanEeden
Raener	Miller
Emilie	Dowling
Faith	Monger
Sharlee	D'Agostino
Skylar	Agars
Samuel	Breuer
Alysha	Gurney
Maya	Butcher
Jodie	Price
Samuel	Burgess
Jimmy	Lam

<b>HANNAN: HC Sophie Wallis</b>	
Emma	Waters
Kayla	Sanders
Corey	Gow
Sienna	Haxton
Trent	Hamilton
Scarlett	Tod
Nash	Richards
Megan	Simpson
Tayla	Roberts
Charlotte	Turner
Niamh	Bullen
Chandler	Borg
Chelsea	Wright
Amanda	Krause
Oscar	Gibson
Kate	O'Donnell
Sophie	Wilksch

<b>ROMA MITCHELL: HC Lily Bright</b>	
Matthew	Phelps
Mark	Armstrong
Tahlia	Reeves
Grace	Dunbar
Sophie	Lipman
Austin	Rossi
Lauren	Koch
Elyssa	Schreiner
Macy	Wright
Zoe	Maloney
Zoe	Pomeroy
Emily	Dawe
Darcy	Wiseman
William	Scanlon
Breeanne	Marks
Adam	Cobbledick
Elke	Lindschau
Amelia	Smart

<b>ROCHE: HC Jacob Skinner</b>	
Darcy	Wain
Hannah	Dinning
Ashlee	Leonard
Molly	Seppelt
Maggie	Phillips
Alyssa	Jones
Samuel	Clark
Griffin	Andrews
Ruby	Coote
Gabrielle	Deacon
Karim	Hadland
Lucy	O'Dea
Olympia	Mullany
Olivia	Patzel
Lily	Glover
Joshua	Cornolo
Dylan	Forge

# Aquinians of 2022



<b>GLEESON: HC Joseph French</b>	
Caitlin	McMahon
Brianna	Scanlon
Noah	Waters
Tiarna	Inglis
Marni	Clark
Sequioa	Munday
Claudia	Eastburn
William	Britten Jones
Oscar	Peltz
Ella	Falting
Josh	Bright
Jessica	Snell
Rylee	Snook
Mia	Karlovasitis
Quinn	Lane
Montana	Foster
Dannen	Blacker
Liam	Moulden
Summer	Curran

<b>MacKILLOP: HC Emily Turley</b>	
Sophie	Millard
Grace	Bubner
Eliza	Staupe
Nebraska	Wilkie
Sophie	Perry
Nigella	Osman
Rhustie	Adona
Max	Coote
Matheson	Bennett
Benjamin	Millen
Chelsea	Crosby
Jazman	Glover
Grace	Crowley
Constance	McIntosh
Alana	Mullen
Victoria	Ross
Eddie	Day

<b>FINN: HC Neve Robins</b>	
Hannah	Mark
Oliver	Corfield
Maeve	Elshaug Betson
Sophie	Farrugia
Abbey	Dyson
Amalia	Rutzen
Gemma	Horstmann
Connor	Prior
Filippo	Martinotti
Campbell	Waller
Jeffrey	Judd
Molly	Jericho
Ross	Armstrong
Meg	Grover
Lara	Evans
Molly	Giddings
Liam	Wormald
Taylor	Barnes
Emillie	Gould

<b>MacKILLOP: HC Emily Turley</b>	
Jarrod	Cross
Abbey	Latta
Patrick	Klingner
Sophie	Falting
Michael	Duffett
Tori	Cooper
Chloe	Wright
Joel	Duncan
Sophie	Goode
Krystal	Landorf
Brodie	Milich
Ella	Tansell
Tori	Vasey
Anna	Ballantyne
Hannah	Schlink
Annabel	Hayes
Hayley	Weatherald
Charlotte	Wooley