

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Newsbreak

July 2023



It has been an action-packed semester at Aquinas College, highlighting new friendships, sporting rivalry, academic pursuit, and a mountain of fun. This Newsbreak offers a glimpse into all that has enriched our lives this semester at Aquinas, including student achievements, Collegiate Dinners, Outreach, Lawrie Smart and the High Table Cup. Enjoy reading about life at Aquinas in Semester One, 2023.

Orientation Week

Welcome to your new home away from home! Transitioning to university studies can be a daunting proposition. Orientation Week is therefore the perfect time to mix, mingle, and make new friendships. We started the academic year by welcoming the new students to our College family. Activities during Orientation Week included academic workshops, Adelaide and university orientation, formal dinners, life skills workshops, college orientation and fun social events and functions (including ice skating, an Amazing Race, coffee crawls, pub nights, the first Lawrie Smart event and clubbing). Thanks to the Student Club and House Coordinators for all their efforts and planning.



HTC Sport

If there is one thing Aquinians takes seriously it's HTC sport! Rain, hail or shine, the Aquinas teams soldier on. The coaches' efforts with each sport, the fighting spirit of our competitors and the loud voices and encouraging signs from our supporters does not go unnoticed! Go Wolves in 2023! Let's bring the Cup home!



Lawrie Smart Shield

Lawrie Smart is something students look forward to each year, a fun internal competition between the ten Houses. This Semester saw the Houses get off to a competitive start with Beovich winning tunnel ball and dodgeball and Catherine winning tug of war. A number of events are planned for Semester Two.



Marcellin Dinner

The 2023 Marcellin Medallion dinner was again a grand event at Aquinas. Commencing with a liturgical service in the Chapel, led by College Chaplain, Fr Paul Ghanem, special guests included Br Michael Green (former Rector), members of the Marist Community and College Council members.

Dean, Carolyn Mee was MC for the Dinner. Guest Speaker, Br Michael, explained the significance of the Dinner, with the Rector, Sean Brito-Babapulle responding and HC Noah Waters thanking our Guest Speaker.

Special congratulations to Medallion winners: Jordan Stephens (Finn), Emily Dawe (Marian), Lily Engel (Roche), Jess Tresidder (Gleeson), Mackenzie Pickering (Roma Mitchell), Eddie Grover (Hannan), Nash Richman (MacKillop), Ethan Sims (Marcellin), Elise Horstmann (Beovich) and Josh Cornolo (Catherine).



Music Night

The 2023 music night was held in the College Dining Room with the theme *The 90's*. The event was organised by our talented Musical Director, Chandler Borg. There were 12 performances including individual singers, acoustics, the College Band and a special appearance by the Fake One Direction Group! What a fun evening!



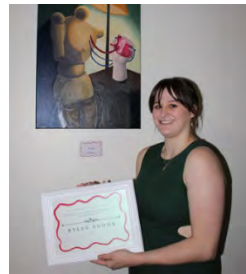
Outreach Activities

Kirsten Rolt and Callum Judd are doing an amazing job this year as our Outreach Coordinators. They're always working hard to provide College students with opportunities to help the community, through a range of charities, drives and events. This Semester has been a blast with students contributing in many ways. As a requirement of being an Aquinian, each student must complete a minimum of 10 hours of Outreach. Doing "good deeds" for others is our College mantra!



College Art Show

The Art Show in May, in combination with the Parents' Weekend, was again very successful. It was great to have so many parents and families come and enjoy the students' artwork and attend the Rector's Reception. Congratulations to Faith Monger, winner of the prestigious Rosie Pike Award 2023, Amanda Krause for Winning the People's Choice Award and Rylee Snook for the People's Choice Runner Up Award.



Pond Show



Pond Show took on a whole new vibe this year, with an acoustic area featuring old collegian music artists along with the main stage filled with many well-known DJs. Students mingled and met students from different colleges, creating bonds that will last forever. Maya Butcher, the Social Director of the Student Club said, "This year was a real success, everyone enjoyed the overall vibe and danced the night away".



Double Blues

Double Blues was a blast. Students mixed on the front lawns whilst chatting away to fellow and former Aquinians. This was a night to remember as the first cocktail event of the year.



From the Academic Team

It's been another big semester for academic life here at *Uni on the Hill*. Under the leadership of Senior Academic Tutor Amelia Smart, and Junior Academic Tutors Scarlett Tod and Tom Cormack, our group of 91 first year students have successfully transitioned into university life, while the rest of our student body has led the way in studying hard and achieving university success!

This year we introduced the House Points system to the academic program, where individuals can gain points for their house by simply attending Supervised Study in the Lucey. This semester-long competition has seen lots of positive encouragement from House Coordinators and house members to get the whole house up to Lucey. Congratulations to Catherine House which took out the prize for Semester One, and to Chelsea Wright who won the prize for attendance, showing up to 56 Supervised Study sessions!

The academic year started off with the Collegiate Dinner and Prizegiving, where we recognised the academic achievements of 2022. Congratulations to Michael Duffett who was awarded the Aquinas Medal as Dux of the College. Students quickly settled into study routines, making use of the Lucey Centre and partaking in the various academic support programs, including Study Hall, the Senior Mentoring Program, the Future Educators program and Supervised Study. We gave away lots of Yo-Chi vouchers and the chocolate prize bowl needed constant refilling, so it was great to see our students taking their studies seriously.

Our results for Semester One were impressive. One third of students attained a Distinction average or higher, and the GPA analysis demonstrates that nearly two-thirds of our students are achieving GPA levels of 5 and over. Special mention must be made of Aquinians studying at Adelaide University, where 89% of students attained a Credit average or higher. The excellent academic results reflect how important it is to belong to an academic community which promotes and supports students at every stage of their undergraduate life. Well done Aquinas!

Dr Sarah Moller, Academic Director

Collegiate Dinner



The Collegiate Dinner was our first major dinner for the year. The evening involves the College celebrating the academic achievements of our returning students and acknowledging our High Distinction and Distinction students. Well done to all on their academic achievements last year!

Semester One High Achievers

Zoe Aberle 2D	Charlotte Linke D
Mark Armstrong 2D, HD	Sophie Lipman 2D
Bailey Badcock D	Zoe Maloney 2HD
Drew Baker 4D	Hannah Mark D
Amelia Ballantyne D, HD	Tess Matheson D
Lachlan Beggs D	Ashleigh McCallum 3D
Thomas Bignell 2D	Ella McIntyre D, HD
Chandler Borg 2D	Harriet Mee 2D
Bradley Braithwaite 2D	Brodie Milich D, 2HD
Sam Breuer D	Raener Miller 4D, HD
William Britten-Jones D	Eliza Monger 2D, 2HD
Niamh Bullen 2D	Olympia Mullany D
Maya Butcher D	Hollie Munro D
Claire Byrne 3D	Ane Nel 2D, HD
Toby Casanova D	Tove Nitschke 4D
Luka Chandler D	Abigail O'Sullivan 4D
Alice Circelli 2D	Mekele Olds 4D
Tori Cooper D	Estelle Paul 3HD
Tom Cormack 2D, HD	Sophie Perry HD
Chelsea Crosby 2D, 2HD	Lilly Phillips 4D
Summer Curran D	Makenzie Pickering 2D
Madeline Davenport D, HD	Alice Powell D
Emily Dawe 2D, HD	Charlie Powell 2D, 2HD
Edward Day D	Talya Powell 3D
Kate Dempsey 2D, HD	Jemima Puust D, 3HD
Tahlia Drogemuller 2D, 2HD	Sharnee Roberts 3D, HD
Michael Duffett D, 3HD	Tayla Roberts 3D
Ella Dubnar 2D, 2HD	Victoria Ross HD
Grace Dunbar D, HD	Austin Rossi 3D
Abbey Dyson D, HD	Kayla Sanders D
Maeve Elshaug-Betson D	William Scanlon D, 3HD
Kym Errity 2D	Elyssa Schreiner HD
Ella Falting D	Taylah Searle 2D
Esther Falting 2D, HD	Jade Simpson 2D
Bree Farrugia HD	Ethan Sims D
Sophie Farrugia D	Amelia Smart D, 3HD
Montana Foster D, 3HD	Tasmin Smith D, 3HD
Taya Foster 2D, 2HD	Jessica Snell 3D
Oscar Gibson D	Rylee Snook 3D, HD
James Gourley 2D, 3HD	Max Sturman 3D, HD
Dana Gronbach D, 3HD	Scarlett Tod 2D, 2HD
Edward Grover D	Jessica Tresidder HD
Sienna Haxton 3D	Jack Turnbull D
Danielle Hill 2D, 2HD	Angus Turner 3D
Jacinta Hodge D, 2HD	Wil Vaughan 3D, HD
Mia Hollingworth D	Jaimee Venning 3D
Elise Hortmann 3D	Evan Wade 2D, HD
Alex Jarnevic D, HD	Cambell Waller D
Molly Jericho 3D	Charlie Webb D
Alyssa Jones D	Claira Weiss 3D
Jeffrey Judd 2D, HD	Isaiah Wilksch D
Esther Juebner 2D	Darcy Wiseman D
Cadence Kalling 2D	Chelsea Wright 2D
Deniz Karakaya D	Macy Wright D, HD
Isabella Kenny D	
Lauren Koch D, 2HD	
Amanda Krause D, HD	
Caitlin Letizia 2D	
Elke Lindschau 3D, HD	

