



– PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE – BOARDERS' HERALD

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OUR BOARDING COMMUNITY: Built through relationships, connection, and communication

I was thrilled last week to be given the opportunity to take the helm and lead the Boarding House moving forward. Throughout my career, I have focussed on relationships, people and communication and as the Director of Boarding, my vision is to continue to build our Boarding House culture as a world leader in boys' education and school of choice for parents from all over Australia and the world.

Growing up in rural SA my parents instilled in me from an early age the value of relationships, service and working for what you believe in. These philosophies have been central to my leadership journey through the fields of outdoor education, co-curricular, education and boarding. Knowing the challenges of living in small, isolated and regional areas, living interstate from my parents and making decisions to leave these places to pursue my dreams is a unique background that I bring to my leadership in boarding.

I want to build a Boarding House culture in which every boy walks into our building with his hopes and dreams and leaves ready to face the world with a better lifelong connection to our great school. I want our parents and families to feel connected and involved in their son's journey and schooling, with opportunities to contribute to the boarding experience.

My PAC journey started 19 years ago when I took a 12-week contract as a kayaking instructor at Scotts Creek, after graduating from university. Shortly after I became the 2IC teacher working with Wambana creator Dale Hobbs and in 2007 took over as Director of Scotts Creek. I loved every minute of working in the outdoors and watching boys from PAC experience challenge, teamwork, nature and expeditions. These great programs providing plenty of growth and development and character, but the downside was only having a week to share this experience with each group.

In 2010, after my first child, Toby, was born, I looked to a return to the city to be with my young family and took up the opportunity to move into boarding, charged with leading the activities and engagement portfolio. I also saw it as a wonderful opportunity to develop pastoral care initiatives and share the learning journey for longer than a week. 10 years later, with the support of my wife and three children, I am ready to lead our Boarding House.

With our strong Princes community and support from boarders, staff, families and the wider boarding community, I am confident that we can continue to build on our world class boarding culture with every new boarder who joins us.

*Mr Phil Noble
Director of Boarding*

RIGHT: Community... Boarding builds strong relationships for boys

INSET: Mr Phil Noble with Toby, back at Scotts Creek



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Phil Noble



Deb King



Will Bittner



Tim Quinn



Heather Would



Monty Mott



Matt Ahearn



Russell Williams



Alice Brister



Dylan Pippett

Meet our 2021 Boarding Staff

The Boarding Team at Prince Alfred College enjoys a great sense of unity and common purpose in caring for our boys.

These staff are the pillars of support that keep our Boarding House running smoothly, and each play an important role in enriching the lives and experiences of our boarders.

Please take a moment to see what we look like! We look forward to seeing you in person when you are next in the boarding community.

Introducing...

Director of Boarding: Mr. Phil Noble, **Acting Assistant Director of Boarding (and International Students):** Ms. Deb King, **Senior Residential Assistant (Boarding Activities):** Mr. Will Bittner, **Senior Boarding Assistant (Indigenous, Remote and Isolated Students):** Mr. Tim Quinn, **Boarding House Office Administrator:** Ms. Heather Would, **Residential Assistant:** Mr. Monty Mott, **Residential Assistant:** Mr. Matt Ahearn, **Residential Assistant:** Mr. Russell Williams, **Boarding Assistants:** Ms. Alice Brister, Mr. Dylan Pippett, Mr. Henry Bittner, Mrs. Jenny Toh, Mr. Scott Nystrom, Mr. Pawan Singh, Ms. Robyn Blenkiron, Mr. Sam Evans, and Mr. Nick Demianyk, **School Nurses:** Anna Thomson, Anita Greco, Mark Marno, and Shanna Dragovic, **Housekeeping & Laundry:** Octavian Nadu, Colleen Fagolini, Pauline Coupe, Branka Bogdanovic, Bronte Nicholas, Jacquelin Pel, Kamala Chapman, Simon Ollerenshaw, Norma Alcantara, **Security:** Mr. Shane Harris, **Catering Manager:** Mr. Simon Muir



Scott Nystrom



Pawan Singh



Henry Bittner



Jenny Toh



Robyn Blenkiron



Sam Evans



Nick Demianyk



Anna Thomson



Anita Greco



Mark Marno



Shanna Dragovic



Octavian Nadu



Colleen Fagolini



Pauline Coupe



Branka Bogdanovic



Bronte Nicholas



Jacquelin Pel



Kamala Chapman



Simon Ollerenshaw



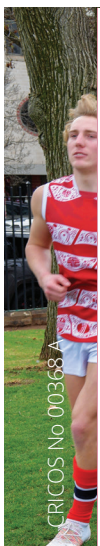
Norma Alcantara



Shane Harris



Simon Muir



College Tour

Join us for a campus tour

Wednesday 27 October, 2021 at 9.30am

Wednesday 16 March, 2022 at 9.30am

Register at: pac.edu.au





Introducing Ms Deb King

Hello! My name is Deborah King and through the role of *Senior Residential Assistant* (with a focus on the International Students), I was fortunate enough to join the PAC Boarding Community at the start of 2021. My time at Prince Alfred College officially commenced in 2017, when I was employed as an English teacher in the day school. At this time, I was also fortunate enough to be granted permission to continue my work in the Sacred Heart College's Boarding House, here, I worked closely with the Indigenous boys and the girls and continued in this role until the end of 2020.

My vocation for boarding was founded during my time at Sacred Heart which lead me

to tutoring English in the PAC Boarding House during 2020, before commencing my substantive boarding position this year, a role I was very much looking forward to starting. The boarders, parents and staff have made the transition so smooth for me that I honestly feel that I have been a part of the PAC Boarding community far longer than I have in reality.

I now also have the privilege of working with our boarders, both academically in the day school and pastorally in the Boarding House.

With boarders traveling from all around the country as well as from multiple international locations, I am on a constant journey of discovery; whether it be through food, lingo or the

correct farming methods for particular crops. I enjoy the energy and passion of the boys, their comradery, their resilience through all that the world has thrown their way in recent times and their ability to remain cheerful with their cheeky sense of humour, despite any obstacle.

With too many highlights to list individually, I am honoured to have been welcomed into the PAC Boarding House with such open arms and I'm looking forward to what may be offered up next to us in boarding.

Ms Deb King
Senior - International Students
Acting Assistant Director of Boarding



Ms Deb King

Farewell to Pam

I HAVE been boarding at this school for five years, and I would never have gotten through it without the help of Pam Oliver.

Pam came to the College in 2009 and has worked in both the day school and the Boarding House.

She has been involved in roles such as community service, taking care of the junior boarders (myself in my earlier years) and most recently had the role of being the Boarding House Parent.

Moving away from home at such a young age, I found it very difficult when I first arrived, but Pam made me feel right at home and took good care of me and all the other boys.

She always made sure I had a smile on my face and I strongly believe that she made the life of the younger boys much easier when entering this boarding environment.

She upholds a happy attitude every day and I never saw a frown on her face.

When asking any of the boarders to describe Pam, almost all of them will tell you that she was our "Boarding House mum".

My fondest memory of Pam was when I injured myself and Pam took me to the hospital.

There was a long wait before I could get in and Pam made sure that she stayed with me the entire time,

treated me to Macca's afterwards and took me to all of my follow up appointments. Pam is one of the nicest, most caring people that you'll meet, and she gets along with everyone.

She treated each and every boy in this Boarding House with so much care and words cannot begin to describe how thankful I am.

I wouldn't be the person I am today without her and I wish her all the best in the future and hope to catch up with her again one day.

Elijah Oswald
Boarding Prefect



Ms Pam Oliver

Farewell to Mr Savage

FAREWELL to Mr Zac Savage, gone from PAC but your legacy and spirit will not be forgotten. Your towering presence and friendly mannerisms took the Boarding House by surprise when your time with us started at the beginning of 2020.

2020, what a great year to start your role as Director of Boarding at PAC! A threatening global pandemic that threw not only a spanner in the works, but the whole toolbox. Things that were new and anxiety inducing for all, let alone the 150 teenage boys living under your roof: lockdowns, strict cleaning protocols, social-distancing, the changing landscape of border controls and the ever-present threat of a COVID infiltration. Not to mention working year-round keeping

the international students housed, safe and well looked after. That's not a usual first year in any role, but 2020 was certainly unusual.

Nevertheless, you took to it like you did everything else, in your stride and with a smile. Your professionalism, high standards, honesty and a sense of dignity that was unmatched helped us boys and the whole boarding community through a challenging time and that will not be easily forgotten.

Your high standards and 'cut the rubbish' attitude of accountability to help us develop into fine young men before heading out into the world were not always well-received at the time, but challenged us and helped us mature. With hindsight we can now

see you always had our best interests at heart and are grateful for that now.

Your respectful style of leadership has inspired me personally, and I see many of these attributes radiated by other leaders at school and beyond.

Mr Savage, you stood up to the challenges we faced against the odds. Just like the way that an old farm tractor would you did what needed to get done, toiling away until the job was done. From everyone in the boarding community at PAC we say thank you and wish you all the best for the future.

William Wheaton
Boarding and College Prefect



Mr Zac Savage

Farewell to Wales' Finest

OVER the past year we have had the pleasure of having our Gappie, Mr Sam Evans, stay with us and work for an extended period of time due to the Covid 19 pandemic not permitting him to go back home to Wales. I have personally got to know Sam very well during his stay, making him my personal driver to my squash trainings every Monday night. He would make me a latte for the drive and we would share stories with each other along the way. We would always stop for dinner somewhere along the way back to boarding, with some notable poor cuisine choices from Sam such

as Red Rooster and Hungry Jacks.

I have really enjoyed spending time with him. Sam has been a great addition to PAC by undertaking multiple roles including PE teaching in the Preparatory and Secondary schools, coaching U16 Rugby, manager for the First XI cricket team, assisting with Australian Rules Football(!), as well as working in the Boarding House. Sam has always been willing to help and interact with the boys while in boarding, kindly going out of his way to help anyone whatever the need.

Sam is now moving back to

the UK, having accepted a role at Brighton College, one of the finest schools in the UK.

On the behalf of the staff and boys I would like to thank Sam for his contribution to the Boarding House over the past year and a half. You will be missed but will always remain a part of the PAC community. We wish Sam all the best for his future endeavours.

Aryan Madan
Year 9 Boarder



Mr Sam Evans



Mr Matt Ahearn and Ms Alice Brister at the desk.



Mr Pawan Singh.

Welcome to the PAC Boarding Team

THIS year we have been pleased to welcome several new staff into our Boarding community. Having joined us from April this year, we are delighted to introduce Ms. Alice Brister, Mr. Pawan Singh, and Mr. Matt Ahearn as the most recent appointments to our Boarding staff team.

Alice is currently undertaking studies in Nursing and brings valuable skills in pastoral care developed through her experiences working at Scotts Creek Outdoor Centre, and as a Governess on a remote sheep station.

Pawan is a qualified teacher and an avid cricketer – both valuable credentials for working with PAC boarders!

Matt has taken up residence in Level 3 of the Lord wing and brings several years of boarding experience with him, having previously held a significant role in boarding at Westminster School.

Please be sure to say hello to these key new staff when you next see them in boarding.



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Report from the Captain of Boarding

COMING into 2021, I was optimistic about the year to come. Feeling as though the chaotic year of 2020 and the Covid-19 pandemic would be a thing of the past and boarding and school life would be able to return to normal. This was the case for the first half of the year, with the resumption of boarding activities and having 8 to a table again, things that in the past we expected and took for granted. This was a welcome change and allowed us to enjoy the full PAC boarding experience again.

Term 3 started with a government imposed 7-day lockdown, boys and families were reactive and able to get out of the Boarding House and return home safely and efficiently. Although, some of our interstate and remote boys remained in the Boarding House with our international boarders and residential staff, as their homes were too far to reach before the start of the lockdown. Talking to some of the boys, this week locked down was made as enjoyable as it could be, with a big thank you to the boarding staff.

Thanks to the success of this lockdown, we will be able to go ahead with major events in the College's calendar including Winter Intercols, Year 12 Trial Exams, and Boarders' Week later this term. Boarders' Week will see the return of the Boarders v Day Bugs football match for ultimate bragging rights in the yard and fundraising for charity.

This year we have also had the arrival of many new boys who have been welcomed with open arms, making connections through Boarding Activities and the Team Building Day. We have also had several Year 12 exclusive activities including Go Karting and Paintballing, which our senior cohort deeply enjoyed.

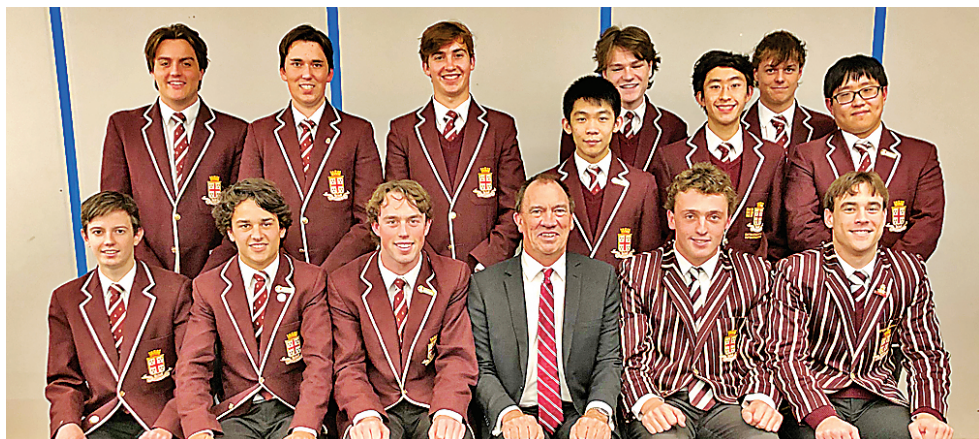
At the end of Term 2, we also saw the departure of our Director of Boarding, Mr Savage. I would like to thank Mr Savage for his contribution to the Boarding House in his time at Princes and wish him luck in his new role keeping a watchful eye



on the boys over at Saints.

As I continue through what is my final semester at the Prince Alfred College, I am finding myself reflecting on the many experiences I have been grateful to have as a boarder at Princes. I will always remember how nervous I was in my first night in the Boarding House, and some of the hard times of being a boarder. But what will stay with me forever is making some of my best mates here at the College in boarding. I will always remember the antics and the games that we played on Sundays in the Boarding House when we were trying to cure our boredom. I will miss the feeling of community and being so close to everyone. I will miss being a boarder at Prince Alfred College, but I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this great school's history.

*Will Charlton
Captain of Boarding*



Mr Treloar with the 2021 Boarding Prefects.

Celebrating Mr Treloar

On Thursday June 10, the PAC boarding community had the privilege of hosting Mr Peter Treloar MP (PAC 1978) and his family for dinner and a celebration of his outstanding contribution to PAC Boarding.

Annually since 2013, Mr Treloar, as a member of the Parliament for Flinders in the State's House of Assembly, has hosted the Prince Alfred College Boarding Prefects for dinner and a tour at Parliament House. Having experienced this earlier this year, the opportunity was great. It was great to see how the building is run and to learn about the day-to-day jobs of all the roles within the walls. It was an amazing meeting the Premier, Steven Marshall, and other members of the South Australian government. The chefs provided an amazing dinner, which I am sure the boys will remember for a long time. It is a great gesture from Mr Treloar and shows his commitment to leadership in the PAC Boarding House.

As Mr Treloar is retiring at the end of his term,



Will Charlton presents Mr Treloar with a print of the PAC Main Building.

we thought it would be fitting to invite him and his lovely family for dinner in the PAC Dining Hall to celebrate and thank him for what he has contributed to the boarding community at Princes.

Danny and the team provided us with a great meal; it was a wonderful night to thank Peter for all he has done for boarding at Princes, and for once, offer him dinner.

At the close of the night, Will Charlton (Captain of Boarding) and Mitch Searle (College Captain) presented Mr Treloar with a framed print of the Main Building, looking out from the Front Oval, which was really nice and something that Peter loved.

On behalf of the entire PAC boarding community, we thank Peter for everything he has done, and we wish him luck for his future back on the Eyre Peninsula on the family farm.

*Lachie Nolan
Vice-Captain of Boarding*

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

2021 has been another strong year for boarding at Prince Alfred College. Whilst it has not been without its challenges, it has also been a time of some noteworthy successes.

Late in 2020, our boarders celebrated the appointment of Mitch Searle as College Captain, the second boarder in three years to hold this distinguished position. Mitch has proven to be an outstanding choice as Captain, having led a number of key initiatives with his Prefect team aimed at improving further the life of the College.

Whilst Mitch's appointment speaks to the significance of our boarding community within the College as a whole, it also demonstrates the integration of our boarding and day communities, from which both groups benefit. Indeed, it is evident that, as the boys progress through the school, they increasingly become part of one another's lives and all share fully in the experience of being Princes men.

At the time of writing, our current international students have now been resident in the Boarding House for over 18 months without being able to return home. It is a credit to both the boys and the staff involved that this has worked as well as it has. I acknowledge the outstanding work of the key staff in ensuring the boys have been well cared for throughout the holiday periods and have been able to engage in a range of interesting and worthwhile activities.

At the same time, the boys themselves have done a superb job in coping with, and even flourishing under, these difficult circumstances. Again, we have seen excellent student leadership from our senior boys in maintaining a positive outlook to these challenges.

In the middle of the year, we farewelled Director of Boarding Zac Savage with appreciation for the leadership that he provided in this key role. Shortly after commencing at PAC, Zac had to deal with a range of difficult circumstances associated with the COVID pandemic and he is to be commended for the way that he led our boarding programs through this difficult time.

Deputy, Phil Noble has done a superb job



Headmaster Mr Bradley Fenner.

since taking over as Acting Director of Boarding. His energy, organisation and connection with all sections of the school community have been very much in evidence. He is fully committed to what is best for the students and has led the staff team in a very positive and proactive fashion. We are delighted that Phil has now been appointed as substantive Director of Boarding, having won the position through a competitive process with a strong field of candidates from throughout the country.

I visit the Boarding House regularly and it is always a very pleasurable experience for me. Having a long history in boarding myself, I can tell when a Boarding House is in good heart and that is certainly the case with PAC boarders in 2021. At dinner recently, I asked one of the new boarders on my table what he was enjoying most about PAC. He has been at the school for only three weeks, for one of which he had been at home in lockdown. And yet he quickly told me that the best aspect of PAC was the Boarding House and being part of the boarding community. He is already learning from his fellow boarders what it means to be a Princes man.

I congratulate our boarders and boarding staff on what has been a very good year and I wish everyone well for the remainder of the year.

*Mr Bradley Fenner
Headmaster*

Update from the College Captain

I have had the pleasure of serving as College Captain this year, however I am a boarder first and foremost, hailing from the state's north in Port Augusta. I have been a boarder at Prince Alfred College since joining in 2019 as a Year 10. I was given the honour of captaining the school in my final year, a memory and feeling I will never forget.

This year has been fantastic in all areas of the College. The Prefect team and I take great pride in what we have been able to achieve, not only as leaders of the school but as graduating students. Some of these fantastic achievements include the Year 12 formal we organised and ran, the amazing support we have shown to Old Red Jake Bilsborow after a terrible accident, and taking a stand on important topics that need to be addressed with young men such like the importance of respectful relationships and behaviour of men towards women.

Coming into our final full term at the College, we have events planned. Though, whether these go ahead may be a different story with all chaos caused by coronavirus happening across Australia at present. These pandemic-related challenges saw a very interrupted start to the third term, and upon resuming school all students have been required to wear a mask whilst indoors and in class. Knowing the culture within the school and how we treat each other, I have the utmost confidence that we can get through this adversity together and finish the year off in a very strong fashion.

Captaining the College is, and always will be, one of the greatest honours of my life. I encourage people of all different sorts to take leadership opportunities, as everyone is a leader, they just



go about things in different ways. You will be surprised with how much you will get out of the smallest of leadership roles; it familiarises you with working as a team, something that employers of any occupation would look towards positively.

As we near the end of our formal time here at Princes, I wish you all the best for the rest of 2021 and the future.

*Mitchell Searle
College Captain and Boarder*



Netball: PAC v Seymour

ON Tuesday 25th of June 2021, the Year 12 boarders from PAC made the arduous 6km trip (by bus) to Seymour College to take part in the annual Kade McDonald Foundation netball match. Both schools would compete against one another, raising awareness for suicide and men's mental health.

Kade MacDonald was a past member of the PAC boarding community and had siblings go through both the PAC Boarding House as well as Seymour. Kade's tragic passing due to suicide has opened the door for people of both boarding communities to come together and celebrate his life, while simultaneously raising awareness for a prominent issue throughout Australia.

Sensing the significance of this event, the Princes boys were eager to impress and

come away with the win over their sister school counterparts. The game started ferociously, as nerves got the better of both with an array of errors preventing anyone from scoring during the first few minutes. The swift ball movement and running of Max Cunningham through the centre third gave PAC the edge going into the quarter time break, as the Princes capitalised on late opportunities.

A switch up of the team in the second period gave the Seymour girls the competitive edge they were searching for, as errors from PAC led to the Seymour girls opening a hefty margin and they took the lead going into the half time break, leading 5 – 10.

The third quarter was off to a flying start, as Lachie Nolan led the defensive charge with some nice intercepts, and

Jaxon Schell dominating the goal circle to peg back the margin to just one goal difference going into the final term.

"The All-Star team," a phrase coined by Head Coach Phil Noble, comprised of the strongest performers over the previous quarters took the court. The constant pressure and elite defensive tactics and skills of Charlie Adams through the mid-court thrust PAC into the lead towards the dying stages of the game, with Ben Schaefer converting on the scoreboard. As the final siren rang, the Princes men rejoiced, as they basked in a narrow 4 goal victory. A fitting end to a very special and important event in the PAC/Seymour boarding calendar.

Vale Kade McDonald

*Harry McInnes
Boarding Prefect*



Here if you need... The 'A Team' gears up for the clash with Seymour



Burning rubber... the Year 12s battle it out on the track.



Winners... FAST BOIS on the top of the podium.

Mega FAST BOIS!

THIS year, the group of year 12 boarders were given the opportunity to participate in year 12 only activities. This was a great idea as we were able to bond with our mates and create memories that will last forever. An activity that was offered to us boys was Go Karting out at Richmond Mega Fast Karts.

Lachie Johns and I were partnered up, and in our minds, going in red hot favourites, confident and with one eye on the prize, and of course, bragging rights. It began as a 120-lap relay, 60 laps each, changing each 30 laps. We were off to a red-hot start, and our lead extended as the laps went by. By the 118th lap, we were celebrating, not knowing that the race was actually 120 laps each, we had to stop the early celebrations and hop back on the horse and continue our great run through to the finish line.

Both completing the fastest lap times in the group, our lead grew, and we continued gaining laps on the other racers. The 238th lap came around, and the celebrations

begun. Lachie Johns being Lachie Johns became cocky on the track on his final laps. Coming into the pits we knew that we were laps in front but were cautious that the penalties may play a part in the result. When the FAST BOIS were called out for 1st position, it was pure elation. Not only proud of our efforts, but happy that we came away with the win for bragging rights.

To top the night off, Nobes gave in and allowed a cheeky stop at Dirty Bird for food to reward the boys' hard efforts. A great night enjoyed by all, with all eager to visit back soon, especially for the FAST BOIS to defend their title.

A special thankyou to Mr Noble, Mr Savage and Mr Bittner for organising these events, and Ms Brister for coming along, who I'm sure surprised a few boys with her speed on the track!

*Lachie Nolan and
Lachie Johns
FAST BOIS Racing
Team*

Friendly Fire

AS part of the new Year 12 boarding activities, paintball was an exciting event available to us. On the morning of Sunday 20th June 2021, 25 of us journeyed down to Monarto, with Lurch driving us on the Roundabout Bus, to Delta Force Paintball. It was a cool, overcast day: perfect for running, dodging, and shooting your mates!

As we arrived, we had a brief wait before receiving the gear required before receiving instructions and joining another group and heading out on the course.

The staff also joined in with Mr Savage graciously sitting back to look after the basecamp, and Ms Brister joining in on the paintball action.

With a wide range of courses available,



Year 12s gearing up for the afternoon skirmish.

we took to 3 different maps across the day with different game modes on each one. Throughout the day, many were very trigger happy resulting in many having to refill to keep playing. One of the biggest spenders requiring extra paintballs was the overconfident Lachie Nolan who couldn't seem to back his talk, though many pellets were also wasted with lots of 'accidental'

friendly fire occurring within both teams.

Overall, it was a great day with many boys coming home with bruises (mostly from their own teammates), and with happy and full bellies thanks to a quick stop in at KFC on the return trip.

*Henry Turner
Year 12 Boarder*

Prefects at Parliament

AS has been an annual tradition since 2013, our boarding prefects were lucky enough again this year to visit Parliament House for dinner and a tour on May 12th, 2021.

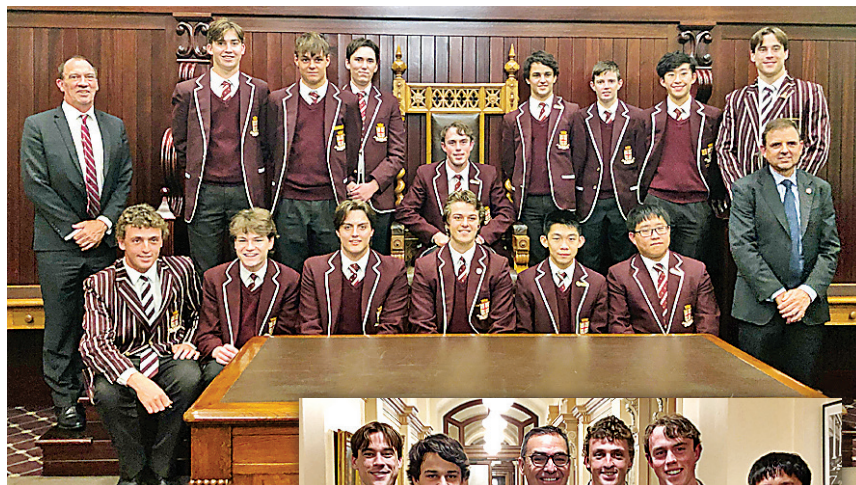
The boys were invited by Mr. Peter Treloar (PAC 1978, Member for Flinders), who initiated this wonderful occasion eight years ago as a way of recognising leadership within the Boarding House at PAC.

During the dinner, the boys, along with Mr. Cornish, Mr. Savage, Mr. Noble, and Mr. Atterton, enjoyed mouth-watering steak and chocolate pudding in the company of Old Red members Mr. Nick McBride (PAC 1986, Member for Mackillop), Mr. Fraser Ellis (PAC 2010, Member for Narungga), and Hon John Dawkins (PAC 1971, President of the Legislative Council).

The group was also fortunate enough to be introduced to the Premier Mr. Steven Marshall, as well as the Speaker Mr. Josh Teague.

Throughout the evening, the Prefects got to witness Ministers for Parliament in their place of work as well as learn about the day to day of Parliamentarians and the history of the Parliament of South Australia.

The Prefect group was allowed access into the original parliament building as well



INSET: Mr Premier...
Boarding Prefects
meeting Premier Mr
Steven Marshall

as the current House of Representatives and Senate.

Throughout the tour, it was explained to our Prefects what it is like to be a member of Parliament and more specifically what it is like to represent a rural electorate.

The tradition of our Boarding Prefects visiting Parliament House is long standing and hopefully boys will get to experience such a great night for many years to come.

*Fred Bruce
Boarding Prefect*

Red and White Formal celebrates A Night Around the Globe

MY name is George Atmadja-Sharp, and I was a boarder from 2017 to 2020; I became a day boy in my final year at PAC. At the end of Term 3 last year, I was given the great privilege of being named as one of the College Prefects for 2021, under the School Life portfolio. As a result, I became one of the people responsible for the planning of Year 12 culture, including the planning of the Red and White formal.

This year's Red and White Formal was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Saturday March 27. Continuing on from last year in line with pandemic advice, the night was solely for our Year 12s. The theme of "A Night Around The Globe" was enjoyed by the boys and their guests, with plenty of fun had at the tables, on the dancefloor, and at the photography booth.

Whilst there were challenges along the

way, seeing how much the boys and their dates enjoyed the night was immensely satisfying, knowing that the work that we had put in as a part of the formal committee paid off. Being a part of the formal committee for 2021 was an unforgettable experience and something that I will always be grateful for.

*George Atmadja-Sharp
College Prefect*



The Transition to Boarding Life

THIS is my first year at PAC and so far, I have found it an incredible adventure with many ups and downs. I live on the Yorke Peninsula about 8km east of Maitland on a 10-acre block in the region of Cunningham. I am in a family of five with a younger brother and sister, and my parents as well.

When I'm not at PAC I love motorbike riding, fishing at Balgown, water skiing down the Murray at Morgan, shooting, and helping on the family stock farm down at Naracoorte. I love being around my mates at home, as well as hanging out with my new mates at PAC. I love being at home with my family and friends and just living in the country. When I first started at PAC, I found it quite hard to start off as it was difficult moving to a new school, let alone living in a Boarding House as well.

For future boys starting at PAC I have some words of wisdom to share: keep busy and occupied, it will make you feel better through the harder times. The other boys are a great support and make life easier too. As a Year 9, I got to go to Wambana on Yorke Peninsula in Point Turton for the five-week experience. I felt at home there, going to familiar places and showing others what life is like on the YP.

Here at PAC, you get to be involved with many opportunities that you will be grateful for in life. I love it here at PAC in boarding and hoping for many good years here to come!

*Henry Southwood
Year 9 Boarder*



Hooked... Henry happy with his catch.



Henry (right) hanging out on the wool bales with his cousin, Tom Ellis (Year 10 PAC boarder).



Team Building... boys having fun and working together. Check out the height of that shoe tower!



Team Building Day 2021

THE PAC Boarding Team Building Day was held on the first Sunday of the year. Boarders pitted against boarders, house against house, in a series of team building exercises, or more accurately, a series of races and tournaments.

The exercises varied greatly, from races where we had to carry each other on our backs,

to shoe tower building, and tournament style rock-paper-scissors. All of these activities aimed at helping us to get to know those around us. They were all engaging, very competitive and good fun for all who were involved.

In the RED Centre, following the team building exercises on the back oval, the Boarding

Prefects ran five activity stations: Basketball, Handball, Indoor Soccer, Pool Inflatable Obstacle Course, and People Bingo with Pictionary. These activities made for a great afternoon of getting to know each other through sharing a fun experience to start the year.

Being new to PAC and boarding, the team

building day introduced me to most of the boarders and really helped me to feel as though I belonged, even though I had been there for less than a week!

*Hamish Penhall
Year 10 Boarder*

Academic Achievement

OUR aim is simple, provide structure, support, access to experts and opportunities to learn across all subjects and learning abilities. Our academic program once again had lots of success with supporting the academic journey of our boarders. Our 2020 senior results were very pleasing with some excellent individual performances. Firstly, Bill Chen was awarded the joint Dux of school with 5 Merits (Chemistry, Economics, English B, Mathematics and Physics) and score of 99.55. The following boys also received Merits for individual subjects:

Zac Palser – General Mathematics and Legal Studies

Angus Combe – General Mathematics
Kallis Freer – Materials Solutions
Lucas Schultz – Material Solutions.
Dominic Ng – Chinese B (Mandarin)

We also improved our overall results across the year level from 2019, closing the gap between boarders and the PAC cohort. In 2019 the difference between a PAC student ATAR (85.7) and boarder ATAR (71.63) was significant at 14.07 points. However, after some careful and meticulous structure, early proactive intervention and support we closed the gap to only 5.09, PAC (82.73) and Boarders (77.64). This was a much better representation of our hard work and willingness of our boarders to make the most of the support on offer. A number of boys have shared their future directions which include study, trades and work.

*Mr Phil Noble
Senior – Academic Support*

Extraordinary Life of Boarding

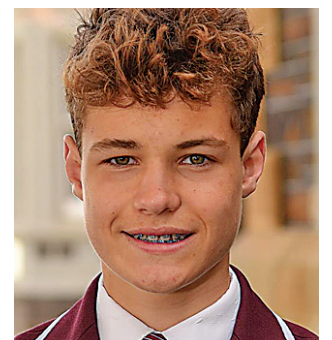
LIVING on campus within my school community has showed me the true benefits beyond the classroom setting and helped me develop important life skills including organisation, collaboration, and great friendship – skills that will carry me through the rest of my life.

Boarding school is not to be looked down upon, as a camp or somewhere people throw their kids into. Instead, it is a place for like-minded people to band together and enjoy life in a school environment. This allows students like me to

explore interests (like my love of rowing) that would not have been possible if we had stayed in a country town, the family farm, or, like me, a station in regional New South Wales.

Through the boarding community, with the on-hand boarding "family" to build upon my strengths and weaknesses, I can explore and thrive, finding my way through the world. Living in boarding school has opened a wide range and variety of activities and opportunities to discover and explore.

Finally, for anyone who sees



Charlie Siemer.

boarding school as a something out of the ordinary, I could not encourage you enough to come try it. It has guided me to new opportunities and shown many others what is truly out there. It is out of the ordinary; extraordinary!

*Charlie Siemer
Year 9 Boarder*



Boys to Men: The Wambana Experience

THROUGHOUT the course of Year 9, all PAC boys go on a 5-week camp at the College's Wambana campus at Point Turton on the southern Yorke Peninsula. During the 5 weeks, boys become men by learning important life lessons about cooking, social skills, household living and setting goals.

The first week is the cycling tour, boys will sleep in a tent with three other boys and have to cook their own food on a Trangia. Throughout the cycle tour we would ride 40kms per day. Usually in a long round trip to a nice spot for lunch then taking a different route back to where we left off.

After a week of riding, boys then got to move into a wardli (house or dwelling in the Narungga language) for a taste of independent living. Fitness was an important part of the program where

we learnt important healthy lifestyle ideas. Part of this was getting up each morning for a run, and working towards a final 11km beach run from Hardwick Bay back to Wambana on the beach; a challenging and rewarding way to finish off the program.

Day to day living in the wardlis involved working around the local community through service activities or learning about the local area. Each day we did activities like going to a gym playing games, rock jumping, surfing or nature walks.

After three weeks in the wardlis boys then go up to Melrose in the Flinders Ranges to complete a 10km hike to Rankin's Hut. Our journey ends with a paired solo then a lone solo; out in the wilderness and need to navigate their way back to camp. This is a time

for self-reflection on how we have changed from boys to men over the course of five gruelling but immensely rewarding weeks.

Wambana is a great time for building friends that you will have for life, and the experiences you have will shape you as young men.

*Tom Dolling, Joe Grundy and
Dougashby
Year 9 Boarders*

RIGHT: Wambana 2 boys
all together on the way to
Wambana.



All aboard... The
One and All departs
Port Adelaide
and sets sail for
Wambana.



Chinese New Year Dinner

ON 11th February 2021, our international students celebrated Chinese New Year in the Dining Hall with our boarding community. Chinese New Year is the most important and widely celebrated festival of all in China. This is time for family reunions, visiting relatives and friends, and exchanging greetings for the coming new year. However, it is hard that our international boys cannot go back home because of COVID-19 and travel restrictions. This festival is important for our boarding community as we were keen to make

some fun activities for our international students.

At the Chinese New Year dinner, boys all watched a video about Chinese New Year gaining a deeper understanding of what Chinese New Year is and why we celebrate this festival. Our kitchen staff prepared a delicious Chinese meal and cake for us, which everyone enjoyed. After dinner, boys were doing both Chinese and Aussie Culture Quiz. It was great to see international and local boys working together and sharing our cultures. After the quiz, four international students; (Hayden

Wong, Justin Cheung, Jerry Yip and Martin Ng), performed a lion dance which believed is to bring good luck and fortune to the new year.

Overall, it was an unforgettable dinner for me and everyone involved. Special thanks to our boarding staff and local boys who joined us for celebrated this special festival with our international boys.

*David Sun
International Student Captain
and Boarding Prefect*



Two shots... Melique (left) and Tristan (right) enjoying a game of pool in the Boarding House.

Go Karts and Cooking: Year 8 Rotations

THE Year 8 rotations have been a fun and memorable time during this year. Being able to further bond and have greater connections with our peers, in ways we may have not done otherwise. The Year 8 rotations consist of EduKart: building and racing a go kart, Adelaide Week: exploring Adelaide, EduCook: a cooking school experience at Sprout, and Camp at Scotts Creek: kayaking and camping on an expedition.

EduKart was my personal favourite of the rotations, as we were given the opportunity to build an electric go kart with peers and race it. It was great to work with friends making connections with peers whilst building the working kart in our groups. It was fun to do all of the tests along the way, learning how to make the karts go as fast as they could. Taking our karts out to the track to race against the other karts and seeing what we had accomplished in our teams by working together was very rewarding.

EduCook was my other favourite rotation. Learning new cooking skills every day that we could use in our life and trying new foods. We started the week learning knife skills, how to use a hotplate, and what different cooking utensils are for. Whether it was savoury or sweet, grab and go, or bigger meals, we continued to learn and gain experience. The week finished with our final day spent cooking for our family and friends, showing off what we had accomplished and learnt



throughout the week.

Just like EduKart, the final product of a week of EduCook's work was very rewarding.

*Max Garnett
Year 8 Boarder*

LEFT: Bon appétit... Max (right) poses proudly in front of his culinary creation

BELOW: Ready to race... Sam Davey performs a pre-race vehicle check



Life in Community

MELIQUE is from Top Camp in the north part of town, Tristan is from Sunrise in the south, we are from Barunga, Northern Territory. When we are at home in our community, we love staying active, there is so much to see and do. Whether it is fishing for cray at Old Crossing and New Crossing, can't swim though because of the crocodiles. There's also camping out and hunting for feral cattle, and if we're lucky maybe a bush turkey. We love searching for bush tucker, green plums, bush honey and rosella.

There are many differences from our home in Barunga to PAC, with more people at school than our whole community. Going from one class to another is the biggest challenge, something that takes a little getting used to. For all the challenges though, there is a lot to like too. Most importantly, sport! Melique plays rugby for the school but will do and play anything and everything when the opportunity arises. Tristan loves basketball and tennis, and as a new boarder for Term 3 cannot wait to get into the swing of things at PAC.

*Melique Andrews and Tristan Martin
Year 8 Boarders*



Boarding House Open Over Summer

ACROSS the summer holidays, for the first time since the founding of PAC, the Boarding House stayed open for all the International Students, including myself, who were not able to return home due to COVID. There have been few (if any!) times through the history of Prince Alfred College where the Boarding House has stayed open over summer, so this was an interesting, new, and historic experience for all of us in the boarding community.

During the time in the Boarding House, the staff members and the school organised lots of different trips and activities to keep us happy and stay away from the negativity of homesickness. The activities and trips include: Wambana at Point Turton, Scotts Creek Outdoor Centre, Adelaide and Monarto Zoos, and Christmas Lunch.

At the start of the summer holidays, all the international students have not been home for 10 months, which I believe is the longest time every one of us has been away from home for. We could only contact our family through messaging,

talk to them through the phone and see them via zoom. I contacted my family at least twice a week during the holidays. Although no one was extremely struggling from homesickness, everyone missed home and needed a mental boost. The two trips to Wambana and Scotts Creek gave us all that boost by taking us away from the everyday life and four walls of the Boarding House.

During the two trips, we had lots of outdoor time and activities. Activities included surfing, kayaking, canoeing, and high-rope courses. Other than different activities, at Wambana, I also realised the importance of fresh water. As we have always lived in cities with sufficient water supply, we were able to use basically as much water as we liked. However, in Wambana, as water supply is limited to rainwater, we could not waste any water. We had to take short showers, and wash dishes without using lots of water. At Scott's Creek, I was shocked when I discovered that all the water we use except for drinking came from the river, which was brown



Hayden Wong inspecting the Pointon family's yield for 2020 on the Yorke Peninsula.

in colour. At first, I was not confident in using it, but after seeing some other boys use it without problem, I gathered my mind and got over it.

Other than the two trips, Christmas was also really special. I believe that same as myself, this was the first time ever, that any of the International students had experienced a Christmas during summer, as it has always been in winter for us living in the northern hemisphere. Mr. Savage and Mr. Noble's families prepared a Christmas lunch for all of us, and it was fabulous. We also had Secret Santa and exchanged presents

in secret, which was lots of fun, as no one knew what we would be receiving.

I would really like to thank all of the staff members who gave up their holidays to take care of and continue to support all of the international boarders who are still unable to return home. We look forward to a day where we can travel home normally again, without the fear of being unable to return, but are grateful for the care we are receiving from the PAC Boarding House.

Hayden Wong
Vice-captain of
International Students

Boys enjoying a snorkel in the clear waters at Wambana.



A lion sighting at Monarto.

Escaping the Boarding House!

THE summer holidays saw the international boarders headed up to Scotts Creek Outdoor Centre on the mighty Murray River on January 5th for a 4-day adventure. It was an extraordinary experience to enjoy the great outdoors, especially as most of us had now been stuck in the Boarding House for the best of a year.

Although it was only a 4-day trip, lots of things were done including a kayak

trip out to the Murray River, taking on the high ropes course, bouldering, fishing, and even a short trip in to Morgan. Some of the activities were quite challenging, but lots of boys were brave and determined enough to try activities like the Leap of Faith and Flying Fox.

The boys were also very lucky to enjoy lots of mouth-watering food at Scotts Creek. This included DIY pizza making, slow cooked pork belly, Mrs.

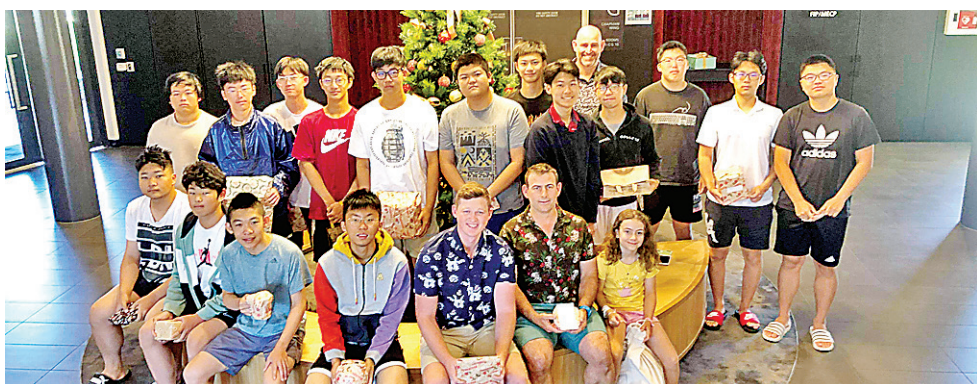
Noble's special fried rice, and cooking hotpot for our last dinner in Scotts Creek! The trip was set to be amazing with lots of brilliant activities, spectacular outdoors, and delicious food.

A big thank you to Mr Noble, Mr Quinn, Mr Evans, Micha Jensen, and rest of the Scotts Creek team for providing us with a wonderful experience.

Jerry Yip
Year 11 Boarder



Men in boats... Justin Cheung enjoying a paddle on the Murray River at Scotts Creek.



Merry Christmas... Our international boarders with Mr. Savage, Mr. Noble (plus Zali), and Mr. Evans around the tree on Christmas Day.

A Merry Boarding Christmas

IT'S safe to say that it's not every year that you have boarding students spending Christmas in the Boarding House... Though, this was the case in 2020, with 19 of our international boarders 'signed in' during this time.

The morning of Christmas was exciting for me, not only because I was guessing who might be giving me a gift (and what kind of gift it would be) in our secret Santa, but also because I had really only seen the most classic Christmas food of turkey on the internet, I had never actually eaten it!

We were all very excited knowing that we were going to have a Christmas lunch with Mr. Savage's and Mr. Noble's families. This lunch was a very traditional Christmas meal, with delicious turkey, mouth-watering ham, roasted vegetables, and gravy on the menu. Plus table decorations, crackers and a Christmas tree, it was all there. At the same time, we were also preparing to receive gifts from other students, which we have never experienced in China, because we do not celebrate Christmas in China.

In the afternoon, we started

to collect our Christmas gift, and I was happy to receive a *Steam* gift card. I was surprised because I thought I would get a mini basketball or something else, so it was a nice surprise for me. The lunch we ate was delicious, and we were very appreciative of Mrs Savage and Mrs Noble especially for cooking for all of us.

At night, we were able to enjoy each other's company by having a normal dinner, and I played video games with my friends. A Merry Christmas!

Toby Zhao
Year 11 Boarder

Summer in the Sun



Surf's up... Harry prepares to catch some waves.



Exploring the coast of Yorke Peninsula.

THE 2020 Christmas holiday was a very memorable one, because our international students could not get together with their families due to the novel coronavirus. However, the Boarding House and staff prepared many activities over the summer break, and we also felt the warmth of home.

One of my favorite activities was the trip to Wambana at Point Turton on the Yorke Peninsula, from December 14th to 18th. I still miss participating in some of the activities at Wambana in Year 9. For example: surfing and running

in the morning. So, spending time at Wambana in the summer holiday also satisfied my memory of these activities.

The days were filled with organised activities, like surfing, swimming, fishing and biking. The staff prepared the dinner for us and I thought it was very delicious. After dinner was our free time, where our international students gathered to play cards or pull out their guitars and play a beautiful song. I think what I remember most is playing on the beach, where we made up a number of games to keep us

having fun. There was also a unique starry sky, and lying on the lawn together to see the stars was another way to relax.

Those are the things I remember. In fact, I am very grateful that the Boarding House was able to help us arrange such interesting activities. I think not every school could do this, which also makes me feel that the PAC Boarding House is definitely the best around.

Harry Xu
Year 10 Boarder



Forgotten Borders of the Pandemic

FOR the past two school years, the closure of Australian interstate borders has caused massive disruption to interstate boarding families, with students facing several challenges travelling between home and the Boarding House.

With 19% of all boarders living interstate, and hailing from all states and territories except for the ACT, the coronavirus pandemic has caused uncertainty within the boarding community due to the harsh restrictions put in place by different state governments to avoid the spread of the virus across the nation.

The everchanging restrictions nationwide caused insecurity, particularly due to the speed that lockdowns have transpired with little notice, as well as border closures.

Just because a border was open in the morning didn't mean that it would be open in the evening. With only a few hours of notice given before some of these border closures, interstate families were easily caught out and boarders left isolated, as they were not able to organise travel for their sons due to the lack of clarity until it was too late.

Despite education acknowledged as "an essential service", this led to a majority of PAC's interstate students being forced to self-isolate for 14 days at some stage through the pandemic after crossing borders into South Australia from different states during the severest of restrictions. Sometimes this was at home after the term had begun.

Students were forced to miss days and even weeks of school during their mandatory quarantine period as well as spend limited time with their families



Cross-border restrictions... a true concern for many boarding families

during school holiday periods when they instead normally would be relaxing and unwinding in the comfort of their own homes.

Luckily, the upgraded boarding facility allowed a number of boarding students to complete their isolation periods in the building safely by having a bedroom and bathroom to themselves in

a separate wing of the building to stop the spread of possible exposure.

At a time where Australia has felt like eight different countries rather than a federation, it has also meant that interstate families of boarding students have been significantly more isolated from their sons.

The confusion and difficulties of the



ABOVE AND BELOW: SA and Vic Police guarding their respective sides of the border... 200 metres apart!



large capital cities rather than regional communities where majority of interstate families live.

The lack of regional representation in the State and Federal Parliaments has meant that country communities with zero cases have been treated the same as metro areas with cases.

The most extreme case last year occurred with South Australian and Victorian police guarding their respective borders with checkpoints only 200 metres apart. This can be seen in the photo below of the Frances checkpoint on the border in November of last year.

Ironically, while difficult last year with state border restrictions, the regulations have become more challenging in 2021 with the Delta strain. Fortunately, Mr Noble has more recently gained better access with SA Health as rules have become more onerous.

Considering the pandemic has been in occurrence for over 18 months, it should be questioned whether Australia will ever return to how it was in the past and whether it will align as one nation ever again.

As the general adult population is vaccinated and also students as required, boarding schools with interstate and international students should have less difficulties.

Boarding schools like Prince Alfred College are vital education institutions and, for students from interstate regional communities, they are a necessity, not a luxury.

Angus Hawkins
Year 11 Boarder

Lockdown Olympics

AFTER arriving back with enthusiasm for the start of Term 3 2021, the boarding community was met with surprising news at recess on the first day back: South Australia was going into lockdown... effective from 6pm!

As the lockdown commenced, many boarders and their families decided to make the dash to spend the lockdown at home. However, a small group of 26 boys, consisting of the international students as well as a handful of local and interstate boarders, remained to spend the 7-day lockdown period in the Boarding House. For the majority of the boys, this was much of the same as they approached nearly 2 years of continuous stay at the Boarding House.

Although there were many restrictions, the Boarding House was able to organise some fun events to help us cope with the lockdown and made it feel a little more like home. The marquee event of the week was the *Lockdown Olympics* organised by Mr Evans and Mr Quinn. Complete with a 'torch' and Closing Ceremony photo, the boys participated in 10 events with 10 medal ceremonies, in a well-spirited and friendly competition between five teams.

The outline of events for the *Lockdown Olympics* were as follows: Fastest Shoelace, Shot Put, Stationary Long Jump, Three-legged Steeple Chase, Mental Mind, Challenge Quiz, Improvised Javelin (Paper Plane), Le Tour de Sack (Sack Race Relay), Basket Ball, Hula Contest, and Skittle Sort.

Boys were delighted with a special appearance from Headmaster Mr Fenner to help with some tight adjudication and medal presentations, and the night was filled with enjoyment and a great



Peter Dai (gold), William Zhou (silver), and Tianyu Sun (bronze) on the podium

INSET: Tom Catford and Justin Cheung completing in the 3-legged steeple chase.

show of sportsmanship from all boys participating.

Final podium positions for the overall teams' event were:

- Gold: Level 4 (15 points)
- Silver: Level 2 (14 points)
- Bronze: Level 1 (13 points)

Tom Catford and Justin Cheung
Year 11 Boarders



Jerry, Rico, Martin, and Justin pose with Macca the Alpaca.

Getting Amongst the Wildlife!

IN last year's holiday, we international students could not go back to China and couldn't see our parents. Despite this, our summer holidays were very full. The Boarding House held many interesting activities, such as taking us to Wambana, where we spent five wonderful days, we went to surfing, rode bicycles, and played a very interesting mini golf course.

During the holiday, many interesting things happened to us, for example, we went to visit the Adelaide and Monarto Zoos. The zoos are very famous. In the zoos, we saw many animals and were able to get up close and interact with these animals. For instance, while we sat

on the observation buses at Monarto Zoo, we could often be found to have animals right at our side, though we would also need to look closely for the hidden animals. When arriving at a new place or enclosure, the volunteer tour guides would tell us about the habits and characteristics of the animals we could see. At Adelaide Zoo, some of the boys were even able to feed some of the animals! It was a great experience to go to both of the zoos and to view many animals that I had not seen before.

Peter Dai
Year 10 Boarder



Boarding Activities: A World of Opportunities

LIVING on a remote sheep station in NSW on the Darling River, I have been home-schooled most of my life. Coming to PAC in 2021 as a Year 7 boarder was a great opportunity to come and learn new things, with a variety of different experiences and subjects available to me.

The activities offered through the Boarding House on weekends have been a great help to me settling in and taking my mind off leaving home for school in Adelaide.

I've gotten more confident talking to people and have gained more friends since arriving at PAC, both in the day school as well as the Boarding House. A large part of this has come through getting out and participating in activities with other boys.

Some of my favourite activities so far (and why I like them) are:

- Tree Climb - for the thrill and adventure, zip lines and obstacles.

- Cooking Classes - because Mrs Toh is there! Making something delicious from scratch gives you a good feeling of accomplishment.

- Relay For Life - a great experience and event to support such a good cause. I also got to meet other boarders, including boys from older year levels, and got to know them better.

- Movies - something different for me, coming from a home in remote Australia!

When first arriving in the big city, it can be hard to work out where everything is. Having opportunities to go out on planned activities helps you to learn where you are and what is available to do around Adelaide.

If you were to come to PAC as a boarder, I encourage you to make the most of the activities available through the Boarding House to get the most out of your time at Princes.

Judd Smith
Year 7 Boarder



LEFT INSET:
Adrenaline rush... Judd Smith tackling the zip line at Tree Climb.



BELOW:
Masterchefs... Judd in kitchen, flanked by brother Dusty and Mrs Toh.



INTRODUCED in 2012, the Boarding Activities Program is in its 10th year, and provides students the opportunity to engage with structured group activities in four key areas: new experiences, community and service, qualifications, and adventure. These activities aim to be meaningful and add purpose to the boarding experience at Prince Alfred College.

Boarding Activities run every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during term time, and play an essential role in the engagement and development of boys, complementing our strong pastoral and academic programs. With approximately 150 opportunities to participate throughout the year, we encourage all boarders at PAC to engage with the Activities Program to enhance and enrich their boarding journey.

Mr Will Bittner
Senior Residential Assistant
(Boarding Activities)



Sushi with Dusty... Dusty Smith gives Mrs Toh a sushi-making demonstration.



Happy bakers... Max Garnett, Noah Oswald, Jack Stockman, and Angus Hodges mix some brownies.

Cooking and Culture: Giving Boys Skills for Life

THIS is my 11th year working in the Boarding House and I feel privileged to have coordinated some weekend activities, particularly cooking classes. Offered twice per term, the boys get to learn about new foods by cooking dishes like Chinese dumplings, special fried rice, Vietnamese cold rolls, banh mi, and sushi. We have also introduced baking classes for the boys where we create brownies, ANZAC biscuits, honey joys, and gingerbread men.

Foods and other cultures are also introduced to our boys through excursions to the Central Markets, going out to dinner together at restaurants, and sharing Chinese Yum Cha for a special Sunday brunch. Many of our local boys particularly love Yum Cha, and this is a great way to introduce them to popular Chinese food and assists in bridging the gap between our Australian and International boys through a shared meal.

Cooking classes teach boys an important life skill and create a positive atmosphere with plenty of laughter. Our special thanks go to Mr Will Bittner, Mr Phil Noble, and Simon Muir (catering manager) and kitchen staff. We also appreciate the Boarders' Parents Consultative Committee for providing us with funds to buy cooking equipment for this purpose.

Mrs Jenny Toh
Boarding Staff Member

LEFT: Gnarly... Angus nails a technical section on the bike, the impact of the 2019 bushfires can still be seen in the background.

A Day at the Links

IT was a cool spring day with some wind in the sky on Sunday 18th October, 2020. Eight boys, with two staff, took the hike out to Mt Compass to tackle the challenging, but enjoyable, golf course. The early morning was well worth it because the scenery was unreal, the course was in spectacular condition, and the occasional wildlife stopping by to visit the course was a sight to see.

The course produced some difficult challenges like bunkers, water, long grass, trees, and for me, hitting over the roof of a house. Mostly, there were good shots being played with the occasional bad miss, but the spirits were always high. For anyone who felt that they played poorly, the wedges in the clubroom just behind the 18th hole were just what was needed to cap off

a tough day out on the course. Plenty of fun and laughter filled the day, with highlights including Deakin Murphy accidentally breaking a 3-wood, as well as Brock Wise winning the day, shooting a stunning 80 off the stick.

This is just one of the many golf-related activities that the Boarding House has to offer with others including the West Beach Driving Range, the golf courses at West Beach and Echunga, putt-putt, and Par-3 challenges.

On behalf of all the golf-loving boarders, we would like to say thanks to Mr Bittner for putting this activity together as part of the Boarders Activity Program.

Zac Jarrett
Year 11 Boarder



Next on the tee... Gus Dolling looks on as Zac Jarrett aligns himself for his opening tee shot.

Mountain Bikes Return to Fox Creek

IN December 2019, a major bushfire went through Fox Creek, and much of the surrounding Adelaide Hills area, destroying trees, plants and wildlife along the way. Fast forward to Sunday June 6 2021, and a group of PAC boarders went on a boarding activity to Fox Creek, not to check out the fire damage but for a bit of mountain biking.

It was amazing riding through the places that had been burnt, as it was surprising how quickly it has grown back. It was inspiring to see how the community has built back the mountain biking trails, as they were really well made and great to ride on.

As I was riding along the trail, I noticed some birds and wildlife that have returned to the area. This was encouraging, as even though their homes had been destroyed through the devastating bushfires, the wildlife are returning to the area now that the land has had time to regrow.

Thank you to our guide, Ben, from Beyond the Classroom, and the Boarding House for taking our group of boys to Fox Creek. I had an amazing time there and so did all the other boys.

Angus Hodges
Year 8 Boarder





Lapping for a Cancer-Free Future

THE Relay for Life is a community event to support the efforts of Cancer Council and to share in the hope of a cancer-free future. The relay happens every year and usually lasts for 24 hours; however, it was only able to run for 8 hours in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The PAC boarding community participated in this auspicious event, running laps of SA Athletics Stadium continuously from 1-9pm.

The event initially started with a Welcome to Country performed by a representative of the Kaurna people. This was followed with an opening lap with cancer survivors and cancer healthcare workers being the only ones running. The scene was very inspiring. After this, all the other teams involved were able to join in, beginning the relay.

As the day progressed different events were announced. These events ranged from what you wear to sleep, to fancy hat contests. PAC managed to win a prize within the wacky hats event, thanks to the opportunistic Dekoda Irvine commandeering a large orange witches' cone for a hat. The annual tug of war competition was also keenly contested by two teams from PAC, along with a volleyball match organised between Immanuel and PAC, with PAC being the overall winners in this makeshift competition.

Later in the evening when the sun was leaving the sky, all teams at the event came together for



Dexter Schultz and Edward Payne
carrying the flag on the opening lap.

the Candlelight ceremony, where we honoured and remembered those who have been lost to cancer, and look towards the possibility of a future free of cancer.

We thank everyone in our community for their support and donations to Cancer Council as part of the event. Relay For Life is one of the most popular events in the PAC Boarding Activities calendar, and we look forward to being a part of this again in April 2022 when it returns to its traditional overnight format.

Dekoda Irvine and Dexter Schultz
Year 11 Boarders



The PAC Boarders 2021 Relay For Life team.



Head to head... Tom Catford and grandma, Mary, take on Will Wheaton with grandmother, Meredith

Battle of the Rolling Pins

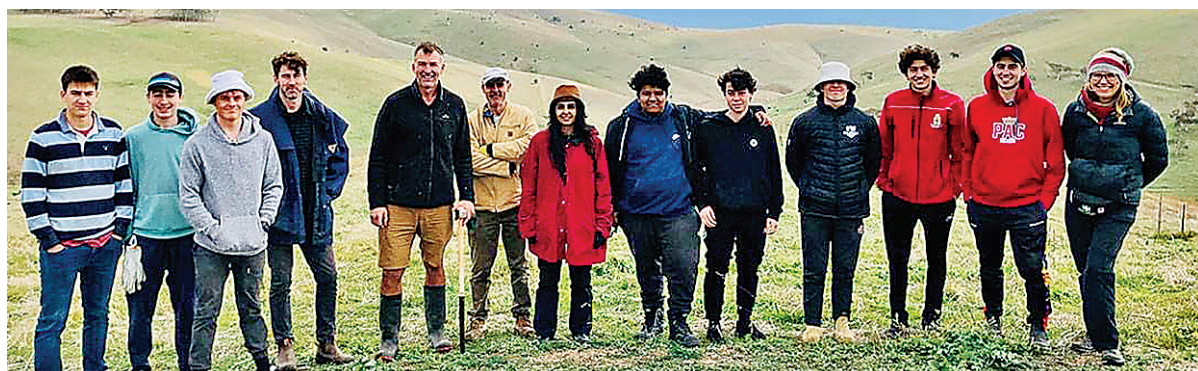
Friday 30 April 2021 brought the PAC Grandies Club Annual Morning Tea. Commencing with a leisurely tour of the Boarding House, the grandies then made their way to the Dining Hall, where the true action was about to begin: The Battle of the Rolling Pins Scone Bake Off!

The cooking veterans, Catford and Patterson/Wheaton families faced off in the showdown of the century. It looked like something straight out of a Michael Bay movie. The intensity of the scone baking was truly a sight to behold as the two behemoths of the kitchen battled it out in a blur of flour and swinging of scone cutters. With an indecisive ending to the tremendous battle and both parties leaving with chocolate and flowers I would still say that's a victory in

my books!

The scones from both sides were very closely matched, especially when supplemented with Mr Cornish's fig jam. They were definitely a hit with the judges Pauline and Mrs Toh. We also had some relics of the kitchen come out on display with Mary's home-made scone cutter and Mrs Patterson's antique whisk, which granted an edge for both sides. You could easily see that the grandmas still had the moves on the day, executing the mixing and measuring with surgical precision. Definitely a great day for everyone involved, and I can confirm that it was scone a be a good one!

Thomas Catford
Year 11 Boarder



FROM LEFT: Gavin Centofanti, Hamish Penhall, and Aedan Bolwell with the rest of the PAC crew on the Fleurieu Peninsula property.

Giving a Little Back to the Environment

THE Forktree project is a voluntary land remediation project spearheaded by Tim Jarvis, an accomplished environmental scientist, author, filmmaker and adventurer. The goals of the project include restoring and re-wilding a 133-acre property in the Fleurieu Peninsula which has been severely degraded from multiple generations of unsustainable farming.

Boarders Gavin Centofanti, Hamish Penhall and myself took part in the program on June 6, along with a group of other students from PAC where we raised over \$1000 sorting and recycling building materials which were illegally dumped on the property by one of the past owners. The profits were reinjected into the project to help achieve the goals which include planting around 20 000 trees, re-establishing native biodiversity, creating a native seedling nursery and establishing an educational resource to encourage wider action against climate change.

The day proved to be highly insightful as Tim shared his knowledge about the importance of preventing the loss of biodiversity in Australia. Australia is one of the seven countries contributing to global extinction rates of animals and plants at a rate of 100 times more than that of what occurs naturally.

The work we did was greatly rewarding as it showed the difference that individual actions can make in contributing to the fight against global climate change. Gavin and I are further pursuing PAC's future involvement with the project and we encourage anyone to participate as the work accomplished in the Forktree project is worthwhile and contributes to a healthier world and a brighter future.

Aidan Bolwell
Year 11 Boarder



That's one big pile of bricks!



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Princes Ace Tennis Intercol

THE 124th Tennis Intercol was a great success for Prince Alfred College, winning twelve rubbers to three against St Peters. The matches were played at St Peters on a mild day with occasional showers on the 26th of March.

The morning began at 9am with the single matches, with each side playing their top ten. I unfortunately didn't make the cut, but was nevertheless happy to be out there. There were some great performances in the singles round, with a fellow boarder and gun tennis player, Blake Hanlon, playing a great match in his first Intercol for the Prince Alfred College.

After a meal in the Saints dining hall and waiting for the courts to dry after some rain, we headed out to play the doubles round. We also had great performances in the doubles, with the dream team Henry Cleland and Henry DK winning a nail-biting tie breaker. I got to play in the fifth doubles with the school Vice-captain and legend, Tom Searles, narrowly going down in three sets.

It was a great day and end to the competitive season. Spending one last day on the courts with the lads, and having a strong team win, was a great finish to my involvement in tennis at Princes.

*Brad Daniel
Year 12 Boarder*

Winners are grinners... PAC's intercol winning tennis team.



Ace... Brad Daniel sends down his serve during his intercol doubles match



Swimming Intercol Success

ABOVE: Champs... Martin (front, third from right) and Ms Deb King (back right) with the PAC SAAS Championship winning team.
BELOW: Martin Ng in action in the breaststroke

THIS year's swimming season was back to normal after the pandemic in 2020, and all Princes swimmers were lucky enough to get back to normal training routines. Despite numerous challenges with training and competitions, PAC swimming team was able to bring out a very successful season.

Lacking numbers in swimmers, head of swimming Ms King decided to reduce from two teams last year to a single team for 2021. The team has improved significantly and were able to develop a positive mindset, which were demonstrated in all the races, including the regular mini-meets on Wednesdays. Both teams were able to win most of the races.

The most exciting competition of the season was the SAAS A Grade Championships and the Summer Intercol, where the best schools in the state compete against each other. Reds ultimately came out victorious with 105 points win over Saints and 116 points over Immanuel College to claim our 5th consecutive Championship and the take home the 35th Swimming Intercol.

Hopefully Reds will once again come out victorious in our next season and continue this high level of success.

*Martin Ng
Year 10 Boarder*



Gavin Sim smashing an overhead during his singles match against Saints.

My Third and Final Intercol

BADMINTON has been a sport offered in the summer seasons by the college ever since my father, David (Class of '87) proposed to have it offered as a school sport. Like father like son, I continued the tradition, beginning my badminton journey in 2016.

As an open A player, we train on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays with matches on Saturdays which are played for the South Australian Adelaide Schools Badminton Cup. While badminton is not a very common sport within the Boarding House, the boys still get around us. It may not have the crowd or hype of football or basketball, but an intercol is an intercol and the pressure is on. Unfortunately, we came up against a formidable Saints team in 2021, and we found ourselves in a demolishing 1-11 defeat. Nevertheless, it was still an enjoyable game, and for the future would love to see is for more boarders find an interest in the sport that is both challenging and immensely rewarding.

Representing the college and being captain for two and a half seasons feels like a huge chunk of my life, and as such, holds a very special place in my heart.

*Gavin Sim
Boarding Prefect*



Boarders Feature in Cricket Intercol Win

THE boarders made up nearly 50% of the 1st XI Cricket Team in 2021, with Will 'sheep' Charlton, Deakin 'best on' Murphy, Archer 'bottomless' Rowntree, Patty 'young jamo' Weckert, Hamish 'Marnus' Case, and myself all representing PAC at intercol.

Harry Mathias lost the toss on a slow pitch with a bit in it for the bowlers on a fresh Friday morning, and Saints sent us in to bowl. Sheep took full advantage with the fresh rock and took 2 wickets in the first over. Pledge chipped in 3 balls later with one more leaving the home side 3 for none. With the fellas being up and about and vibes being immaculate, we pushed on.

Taking wickets in solid intervals after the perfect start eventually left Saints with a below par 102 on the board. Stand out bowlers included 'Sheep' with 2/45 who ran in with the wind through what's left of his hair. Case took 4/11 in his debut, and the rest of the bowlers took singles.

After seeing Saints fail with the bat, we lost Rowntree and Case early leaving Matthias and the specimen that is Carl Arnold to dig their heels in and put on a combined 62, leaving us at 3/72. The rest got starts with 15s and 20s, and the tail wagged well with 'Sheep' surpassing his season

personal best of 3 to score 20 (maybe this says a bit about the Saints bowling line up).

In return, we posted 182 with slow-paced cricket. Saints changed their batting line up for a second dig, but it had no effect on the way they played, crumbling to the immense pressure applied by all the seamers, and tweaker Deakin Murphy.

However, giving credit where credit is due, the Saints gritted out 84 overs for a second innings score of 164. Deakin Murphy got his first intercol wicket in over 50 overs of bowling across 4 innings and two games, and Arnold and Case had 6 between them.

Needing 82 to win, we could taste the victory against an expectedly underwhelming Saints team. Next generation Australian pair Matthias and Case (Marnie and Smudge) carried the team to 86 for 1, Saints even put their wicket keeper on for a trundle and he was pick of the bowlers!

The shield came back home, and the boys were stoked with the result. Special mention to Shannon Tubb (coach), Sam Knight (cricket coordinator) and Mitchell Thiele for their inputs over the three days.

*Max Cunningham
Year 12 Boarder*



Got 'im!... Will Charlton celebrates with teammates after taking a wicket.



Wait there!... Hamish Case shows his prowess with the bat



Nice Gary... Deakin Murphy comes in to bowl.



Will Wheaton (second from back) with the PAC 2nd VIII ahead of their intercol race.

Head of the River 2021

THE 2021 Head of the River was one event not to be missed, so much anticipation for rowers, families and schools, keen to get back into it after the changed program of 2020 due to the pandemic. In 2021, HoR was back! With fresh blood and enthusiasm in the senior boats at PAC going up against our rivals was always going to be a challenge. Saints had a wave of momentum, winning the schoolboy First VIII the previous five years. With strong regattas for both teams throughout the season, this was sure to be a tight round of racing for all crews involved.

Month after month, rowers from years 8, 9 and 10 train four to five times a week, and seniors training ten or more times per week, all

about to come down to 6 minutes of hardcore racing. 6 minutes of tit-for-tat racing that was not to be missed.

As each crew rowed down to the starting line, there was a sense of confident angst and determination as each crew did not want to let their school down. The starter buzzer sounded and from there it was helter-skelter as the PAC boys gave it their all in a desperate attempt to provide the goods. PAC had a fantastic day overall, winning 9 of the 15 races it contested. The junior rowers were dominant, meaning there is a bright future ahead for rowing at PAC.

Once the junior crews were done, the seniors awaited. Senior schoolboy and schoolgirl VIII

races finished off the day's program.

Scotch College won a tight schoolgirl First VIII, their second HoR victory in three years. Unfortunately, it was not to be PAC's day, coming second to Saint Peter's in the First VIII and Second VIII races, thus securing their sixth straight Intercol and Head of the River. Saints later became national champions at the end of the season, and there is consolation in knowing we were beaten by the best schoolboy rowing team in the country. We will be back in 2022, hungrier than ever.

*William Wheaton
Boarding and College Prefect*



Victors... PAC played a tough brand of water polo to beat Saints 18-12.

Reds Go Back-to-Back in the Pool

WATER Polo has become one of the most popular summer sports at PAC in recent years. Feilding 5 Senior School teams and 5 Middle School teams, the Princes boys thoroughly enjoy joining in on the team spirit, fun, and fitness. During the summer seasons of sport, the Water Polo program achieved success with the Open A's backing up their win over Saint Peters College in last year's intercol. In the Term 1 summer intercollegiate match, PAC's Open A team dominated throughout all periods, eventually winning 18-12. Sam McKenzie starred scoring 9 crucial goals helping to claim the shield and bring it home for the second time in a row.

*Matt Gould
Year 11 Boarder*



Historic 150th Football Intercol Victory

2021 WINTER Intercol fixture marked the 150th Intercol Football match between PAC and St Peters. With perfect weather and sun shining, you could not have asked for a better setting for the historic football match. A limited crowd of friends, family, students, and staff lined the PAC Front Oval, awaiting the action for the final Winter Intercol match. Plenty of boarders were included in the 2021 team, from both Year 11 and 12.

PAC enjoyed a dream start, coming out of the gates flying to kick 9 straight majors in the first quarter to take a 7-goal lead into the first break. Saints were completely blown out of the water, and it would be a tough ask to come back from such a large early deficit. Saints did show effort in the second quarter, but PAC's speed of ball movement was hard to match.

The second half of the game provided a close contest, with some great passages of play including the highlight of a Tyrell Sgroi screamer on the wing. Heading into the last quarter with an 11-goal advantage, PAC had all but sealed victory, with a late charge from Saints only enough to bring some respectability to the scoreboard for the visitors.

In all, it was an emphatic victory for Prince Alfred College, winning 16-10 105 to Saints 11-10 76, and with Jake Walker and Charlie Adams giving strong performances from the boarders.

Harry Tunkin
First XVIII Football Captain
Year 12 Boarder

RIGHT: Harry Tunkin takes possession.



Jake Walker breaking through a Saints tackle.



Archer Rowntree, Kyton Rayner, Brock Wise, and Jack Sharman with the Hockey Intercol Cup.

A Dominant Season in PAC Hockey

THIS year marked the 40th Hockey Intercol between Prince Alfred College and St Peters College. On an untypically warm August evening, the PAC First XI team put on a clinical hockey performance, defeating Saints 9-1.

The game was played at 6:30pm on Thursday 18th of August. Strong boarding representation came with the inclusion of Year 12 boarders, Archer Rowntree, Kyton Rayner, and Brock Wise, as well as intercol debutant Jack Sharman in Year 8.

PAC come out hard scoring the first goal in the first 30 seconds of the game. This set the tone early that PAC was here to ensure a victory, and the rest of the game from here on brought a steady flow of goals from a variety of players. Archer Rowntree and Kyton Rayner were both able to join in getting on the score board, slotting two goals each. Archer was a key target in the striker line for the entire game, while Rayner and Wise worked hard to keep the strength



Kyton Rayner working the ball across the midfield.

and pressure across the midfield. Both areas worked hard and proved to help the PAC get through with a convincing victory. Archer's final goal for PAC in the last five minutes of the game was all that was needed to wrap up the 40th intercol, and cap off a stunning season: winning a fourth straight intercol title after a sixth straight Open Boys Knockout State Championship earlier in the week.

Brock Wise
Year 12 Boarder



ABOVE: Checkmate... PAC Chess continues its dominant run.



LEFT: PAC Debating team presents their argument.

Chess and Debating Intercols

THOUGH without representation from boarding students in 2021, both Chess and Debating make up important events in the Winter Intercol fixture.

PAC continued its dominant chess performance from previous years to win an eleventh-straight Intercol title for the college, with a convincing 7.5 to 2.5 victory against the Saints team. The fixture was closely contested, and the Princes team showed discipline and poise to ensure a number of close boards resulted in a win.

The Debating intercol was another closely contested affair, with the PAC team negating the moot "This House regrets the widespread belief that motherhood is a rewarding experience". Both PAC and Saints teams fought hard, presenting strong arguments and rebuttals, with the adjudicators finally awarding the debate to the Saints team in a 2-1 split decision.

We congratulate all PAC students and staff involved in these two competitions.



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Winners... PAC First XV Rugby team with coaching staff.

PAC stuns in Rugby Intercol

THURSDAY the 19th of August saw the third event of the 2021 Winter intercollegiate against rivals St Peters College. The day produced a masterclass of conditions fit for the First XV. The game commenced at 4pm, with spectators more than 300 all gathering in accordance with COVID restrictions to watch the much-anticipated game of rugby.

The team consisted of multiple boarding students: Angus McBride, Blair Johns, Jude Piper, Wez Paulett, Will Wheaton, and Flynn Moore fortunate enough to play on intercol day, and with many more boarders filling in throughout the season.



PAC and Saints in a scrum.

The match started with the two sides battling in an evenly weighted contest, though it was not long before the PAC First XV started to assert their dominance. Led by an outstanding individual performance by Carl Arnold, the PAC team were relentless in their approach to the game. A strong defensive effort all game made it difficult for Saints to convert onto the scoreboard, and PAC eventually came out with the win 29-17, giving PAC a 3-0 lead in the 2021 Winter Intercol series.

*Jude Piper
Year 12 Boarder*



Victorious... the intercol-winning First V basketball team.

Electrifying Basketball Intercol

ON the 20th of August 2021 the stage was set for one of the biggest and most intriguing matches of the whole Winter Intercol fixture. The in-form St Peters team took on the mighty Reds, who had lost 2 of their star players right before the game and 1 at the start of the season through injury. Despite this, the Reds where still came into the game as favourites but knew that anything can happen during intercol. Stakes are raised at every intercol fixture, but even more so on this occasion as the match also counted as a SAAS Knockout Semi Final.

Although crowds were lower than previous years with restrictions on spectator numbers, the atmosphere was typical of a basketball final with the available stands packed with students and family who had come to watch. The game opened excitingly as Saints scored the opener, however, PAC captain Luca Barei took it personally and scored 18 points in the first quarter firing up the Reds crowd and giving PAC an 8-point lead heading into the first break.

Saints opened the second quarter firing and closed the lead to 5 heading

into the half. The third quarter is where Princes took off, as we then blew the game out to 15 points heading into the final quarter. The final quarter was nothing short of electric, as the mighty Reds fended off a Saints attempt to claw back into the game with some early transition baskets. This was overturned by some spectacular plays, including Robbie Brennan hitting a step-back 3 in the clutch which helped the Reds secure the victory by 8 points. 49-41.

*Alex Curtis
Year 12 Boarder*



Rohan Bailey passes the ball through the midfield.



The PAC First Soccer team with the intercol trophy.

Reds Will to Win in Soccer Intercol

ON Wednesday August 18th, Prince Alfred College and St Peters College came head-to-head in the 150th intercollegiate soccer match. In accordance with tradition, soccer was the first of the many Intercol clashes occurring during the week and big crowds were expected. Though, the game was watched with restrictions in place, supporters from both sides including student and parents created a crowd of about 600. This was easily the biggest soccer game I have been part of and fully appreciated that we were lucky enough to play, considering everything that's happening with Covid.

Leading into the game, PAC were the underdogs after playing Saints twice this year, losing 4-0 in the first then 3-1 in the second. Even though we had lost twice to Saints, the team went in with good spirits and thought we were every chance to win it.

Following kick off, it took the first

10 minutes for everyone to settle into the game and relax. Saints pulled it together earlier and scored, going up 1-0. But Reds were ready for a counterattack. Harry Thomas and Tom Visser were exceptional, creating opportunities for the home side, but the equaliser came from Ethan Unekov with a fantastic header that would see the ball in the back of the net. For the rest of the first half, most of the ball was played in the middle of the park coming to a stalemate 1-1 at half-time.

As the second half came, PAC were simply better in all sections of the game, and it felt like the Reds just wanted it more. This showed with a second goal coming from Harry Thomas coming from a blocked shot from R Bailey. The PAC outfit did not stop trying to put the nail in the coffin, and we wanted the third goal. It looked like we had it from Harry Thomas, but a controversial

off-side decision was called, and play continued from a freekick. After this, it seemed that something switched and Saints lifted, having all the possession for the minutes remaining. Saints started to create chances, and this as when the Reds would be tested most in the game to see if they wanted it enough.

In the 90th minute, Saints were given a corner – maybe their last chance and even their keeper came out of goals and was in the mix to take a shot. The ball was cleared from the corner and the final whistle went. All the boys started cheering and after shaking hands with our opponents, The Red Army stormed the pitch. This match has created a memory I will never forget, I am very appreciative that I got to be a part of it.

*Rohan Bailey
Year 11 Boarder*



Sidhak in the zone during intercol doubles match.

Table Tennis Intercol: A Great Experience

I RECENTLY moved to PAC from the Northern Territory. Through amazing luck and even better people I was presented with the opportunity to represent PAC's first table tennis team. At the time I took on the opportunity, not entirely understanding the implication and significance of playing in a first team. As the event drew near, I began to understand the rich culture that was the intercollegiate fixtures.

In the week before I could feel a great sense of anticipation for the Intercol. The trainings were intense, and there was constant chatter about the upcoming fixtures. The stage was set.

Personally, it was an amazing experience, I got to play side by side

with a player I adored at nationals some years earlier, Isaiah Lee. The day was amazing. Although, we did not overall win the fixture, our team went out there and gave it everything we had, coming closer to winning than we had in a long time by going down to Saints 12-8. The boys ended the matches proud of our effort and the spirit in which we fought. There were memories made that day which will stay with me forever. The experience caps off my introduction to PAC, I hope next year we go with the same spirit and bring home the trophy.

*Sidhak Dhingra
Year 10 Boarder*



The Inaugural Intra-boarding Cricket Match

ON a glorious day in South Australia, the beginning of the now dubbed 'Gappy Cup' was up for grabs in the annually planned T20 boarders-only cricket match. Team Red was valiantly captained by Lachie Nolan, whilst Team White was led proudly by Jaxon Schell. The teams were split evenly with a distribution of boys on either side ranging from year 8 to 12.

Team White won the toss and elected to bat first with a wicket they felt would score more runs early on. The boys got off to a strong start with Will Charlton retiring after a quick half century (21 balls) which was further bolstered with a healthy run rate through the first 10 overs. However, in the second half of Team White's innings, Team Red pulled off some spectacular catches led by Lachie Nolan himself. Thus, ensuring that Team White's batting partnerships could not kick on. A great late bowling spell from Henry Butler and Harry Siemer assisted in keeping the chase respectable, whilst Team White finished with a decent total of 169 from 20 overs.

Team Red went into bat knowing they had to get off to a hot start. Nolan and Siemer entered and started well but wickets started to tumble when leg spinner Yarra Mickan entered from the dining hall end, taking 2 wickets in the over. Captain Nolan kept his composure fighting on after being struck to the elbow, but had to retire graciously at drinks. His brother Angus then appeared from the health centre end and took full advantage, taking 2 wickets in his over and a run out to send Team Red into unvendible despair. Magnificently, in came Tom Dolling, cometh the man cometh the hour, the



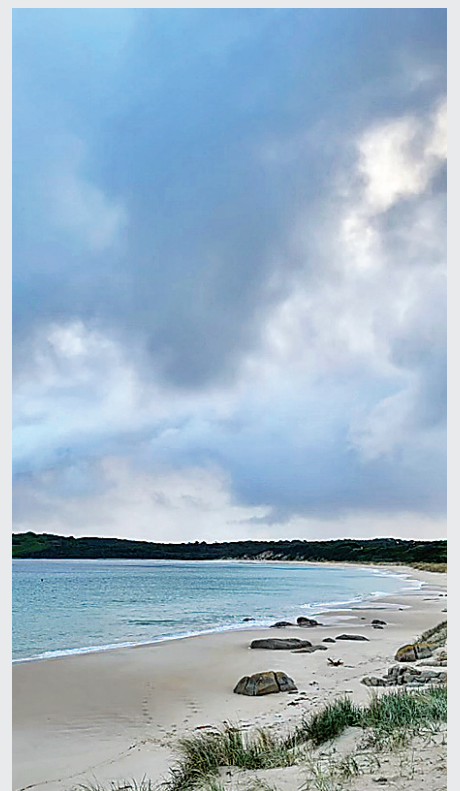
ABOVE: Community spirit... Mr Sam Evans with both teams after the match.

INSET: A perfect Sunday... pitch and weather conditions were impeccable for the inaugural boarders T20 cricket match.

game's eventual BOG hitting 48* to punish the white team and reaching 170 with 2 overs to spare. Credit is also due to Will Charlick after smacking three 6s in the last over to ensure victory was even more sweet for the Red's.

A great day for cricket and the Boarding House. The level of cricket and community spirit on display provided an absolute humdinger of a Sunday arvo at Princes.

Sam Evans
Boarding Staff Member



Island life... one of the many stunning beaches of King Island in Tasmania.

KI vs KI

Two new boys, one Year 8 the other Year 9, one is South Australian the other Tasmanian, both live on KI, how is this possible? Whilst it is common for PAC boarders to come from Kangaroo Island, it is less common to have boarders from King Island located NW of Tassie in the Bass Strait. Whilst both boys are proud of their homes, there are some distinct similarities of island life that the mainland boys just don't understand...

PETE: When travelling around King Island, if you follow any road for at least 10 minutes you will end up at a beach. Some of my favourite things to do when I am home is Spearfishing and exploring around the reefs, hunting the fish for dinner and diving down to see if there are crayfish in the holes. I also enjoy going on the farm with my dad, especially moving cattle on the quadbikes. It is very wet and muddy on King Island, so it's so much fun riding fast and tearing up the paddocks. When I am at home I go swimming with my sister in the dam and enjoy eating mum's delicious cooking. Plus can't not mention KI's famous cheese!

OTTO: Living on Kangaroo Island is like having a private beach in almost every direction you walk if you walk long enough. One of my favourite things to do is riding motorbikes with my best mates because the land is just amazing. The colours and the scenery are amazing and you can literally make jumps coming out of dams and hills. Fishing on Kangaroo Island is just so amazing, there is always plenty to catch and they are always biting. One day my mates and I caught a shark and two sting rays just off the American River jetty and boat launch. And that is just a taste of my KI home.

Otto Wendt (Year 9 Boarder) and Pete Cole (Year 8 Boarder)

Music man... Will Pointon performs in the vocal ensemble (below) and drum corps.



Boarding and the Arts

FOR 95% of the Boarding House, The Arts are not fully understood or appreciated. My name is Will Pointon, and every week I average about 15 hours' worth of rehearsal time for all my areas, plus the regular Year 10 Football program. Yes, it's very full on, yet so rewarding.

For the college, sports generally take the best time slots, so most of the rehearsals for music and the Arts are at lunchtimes, or before school from 7:30am until the first bell. The Boarding House and staff are great at helping with the early mornings and late nights.

The regular Tuesday would start off with a 7am wake up for breakfast then singing lesson. At 8.30, I sneak in a drum lesson before the school day.

After school, there's football training, immediately followed by musical rehearsal in Anzac Hall. Only at 8.30 do I get back to a late tea supplied by Scuba Eats, and then attempt any homework that needs to be done by the next day.

Well, that's my Tuesday... but there's still another six days in the week! The arts has so much to offer, and runs all year-round. Unlike football, you don't have a week-by-week score line, and our performance is reliant on constant rehearsal and many hours put into practise at home. In the words of Eminem, "You only got one shot". Take it. That especially applies to the arts.

Will Pointon
Year 10 Boarder

Will's co-curricular contributions:

Drum corps
Senior concert Band
Musical - Blood brothers
Princes Seymour Voices
Princes Voices
Singing tutor
Drum tutor
Football
Cricket



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Thank you, and happy reading.