



# – PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE – BOARDERS' HERALD

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## PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE BOARDING

### A place to create stories

Creating and sharing of stories is one of the greatest privileges of teaching, but especially boarding. Just within the last couple of weeks, I have enjoyed the opportunity to share stories with current boarders and families, future families and old scholars. Throughout my first 12 months as Director of Boarding, I have toured a range of communities across SA, NSW and the NT, led many tours for potential new families and connected with old scholars at field days, and reunions including the classes of 58, 62, 2001 and 2011. Two things that Prince's families have in common are the enduring memories and friendships developed through the College and the great stories that are shared. Over my 20 years working in education, one of the greatest rewards is being involved in the sharing and building of new stories and allowing each individual student and boarder the opportunity to do the same for others. The Old Reds touring the Boarding House were amazed by our facilities (particularly the room size and hot showers!), the academic support and the weekend activities on offer. Whilst they marvel at the difference to their own experience, this doesn't dampen the enthusiasm for sharing fond memories and stories from their school days. While touring they asked questions and reminisced about their own experiences, the good, the challenging, the rewarding and the moments that shaped their Prince's experience. Without an awareness of it, current Boarders are making their own memories every day, to proudly reminisce on in their future.

Any of my students will tell you that I like to tell stories and listen to others share their own experiences. In a classroom context, we discuss how these moments can be used to

shape and contribute to the lives of others. While each of us has different dreams, goals and life experiences, the one thing we all have in common is the ability to impact others and their stories and the boarding story is one that I love being a part of. It is important that we are mindful of this impact and always look to make those connections and lasting memories ones that we can be proud to share and have shared into our futures. Looking outwards, beyond our own experience and view of the world is an important part of learning about ourselves and the world around us. I regularly encourage our boarders to read, learn and engage in the range of opportunities available to them, and in doing so, they will make more memories with more people, creating rich stories of their experiences and adding value to the stories of others.

*"We reap a reward merely in the act of helping others. We never know how, or if, that reward will come back to us. Helping is the reward; none other is needed nor better."* (Terry Goodkind)

Boarding is a special experience, afforded to only a very small percentage of the population. The very nature of boarding requires bravery and a willingness to live beyond your comfort zone. At Prince's, we endeavour to promote a boarding experience that encourages everyone to seek opportunities to try new subjects, sports, events and skills, allowing them to maximise engagement with others, developing and growing their library of stories. We hope that all boarders take these experiences into their communities and into their future, to add value to their lives and the lives of others through the sharing of stories.

**Mr Phil Noble**  
Director of Boarding



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Phil Noble



Will Mercer



Dylan Pippett



Will Bittner



Tim Quinn



Heather Would



Scott Nystrom



Jenny Toh



Monty Mott



Matt Ahearn

## Meet our 2022 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 plays 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, **Assistant Director of Boarding (and Academics):** Mr. Will Mercer, **Senior Residential Assistant (International Students):** Mr. Dylan Pippett, **Senior Residential Assistant (Boarding Activities):** Mr. Will Bittner, **Senior Boarding Assistant (Indigenous, Remote and Isolated Students):** Mr. Tim Quinn, **Boarding House Administration and House Parents:** Ms. Heather Would, Mr. Scott Nystrom, and Mrs. Jenny Toh, **Residential Assistants:** Mr. Monty Mott, Mr. Matt Ahearn, Mr. Russell Williams, and Mr. Jeremy Edwards, **Boarding Assistants:** Mr. Nick Demianyk, Ms. Alice Brister, Ms. Ellie Stroeher, Ms. Sarah Habel, Mr. Henry Bittner, Ms. Robyn Blenkiron, Mr. Pawan Singh, Mr. David Finch, and Mr. Ben Lewis. **School Nurses:** Anna Thomson, Mark Marno, and Pauline Seaman, **Housekeeping & Laundry:** Branka Bogdanovic, Bronte Nicholas, Kamala Chapman, Adora Diloy, Simon Ollerenshaw, Betty Coppinger-Starkey, and Colleen Fagioli, **Catering Manager:** Mr. Simon Muir



Russell Williams



Jeremy Edwards



Nick Demianyk



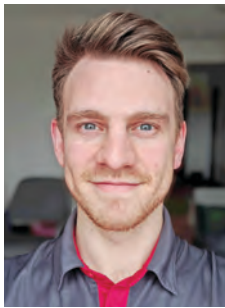
Alice Brister



Ellie Stroeher



Sarah Habel



Henry Bittner



Robyn Blenkiron



Pawan Singh



David Finch



Ben Lewis



Anna Thomson



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Pauline Seaman



Branka Bogdanovic



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Kamala Chapman



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Simon Ollerenshaw



Betty Coppinger-Starkey



Colleen Fagioli



Simon Muir



## College Tour

Join us for a campus tour

Wednesday 2 November, 2022 at 9.30am

Register at: [pac.edu.au](http://pac.edu.au)





## Farewell, darling of the laundry

In February this year, we officially said a heartfelt farewell to Pauline Coupe, following her retirement from the College after 35 years of service and commitment to our boarders (and their clothing) in our laundry. Since 1987, Pauline has dedicated herself to caring for our boarders, and is characterised by her smile and kind, caring nature.

The PAC boarders know Pauline as a very approachable person, and if you ever needed anything done, she would do it in a heartbeat. Pauline always liked to have a chat with the boys and asked them how they were getting on. Pauline would always drop whatever she was doing to help the boys out and make sure they, and their clothes, were ready to go for the days ahead. All the boys will miss Pauline, and we can't thank her enough for what she has done for some many of us over the years.

Pauline has been a very popular and engaging member of our staff and has developed strong connections with boarders and their families, as well as the rest of our boarding staff, throughout her time at the College. Pauline, you are dearly missed and we wish you all the best for your next chapter.



**Will Davey**  
*Year 11 Boarder*

A generous heart... Pauline gifting Mr Phil Noble with flowers on her own birthday.

## Farewell (for now) Ms King

We would like to take this opportunity to show our gratitude to Ms Deb King, who took up the role of International Students Coordinator in Princes Boarding in 2021. During her time in Boarding, Ms King always placed the international students' wellbeing as her first priority. The boys would always appreciate her happy and friendly nature, and we always liked to see her around every Monday to spend time with us and ask us how our school life is like, and to help us with any problems that we encountered in school. On behalf of the international cohort, we would like to thank Ms King for her hours of time helping us and wish her all the best for her time in the United Kingdom during 2022.

We look forward to seeing Ms King back in Australia and welcoming her back to the Prince Alfred College family in 2023.

**Martin Ng and Jerry Yip**  
*Year 11 and 12 Boarders*



Ms. Deb King

## Welcome to Boarding: New Staff 2022

We have been blessed with several new staff joining the Boarding team in 2022, and we are delighted to introduce:

**Mr Jeremy Edwards:** Jeremy comes to us from The Geelong College, where he previously fulfilled the role of Teacher and Boarding House Tutor. Jeremy is currently undertaking further study for his Master of Education at Adelaide University and is an avid Melbourne Demons supporter.

**Ms Ellie Stroehrer:** Ellie commenced her career at PAC in 2020 as an Outdoor Education Instructor at Scotts Creek

Outdoor Centre and is currently undertaking studies towards a Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Activity degree at Flinders University.

**Ms Sarah Habel:** Sarah is currently studying Paramedic Science at Flinders University and has also made her way to Boarding via the Scotts Creek pathway, having spent the past 3 years in her role as Outdoor Education Instructor.

**Mr Ben Lewis:** Joined the College at the beginning of the year in the role of Aboriginal Program Coordinator, and his integration into the Boarding

staff team illustrates his eagerness to connect with boarders at PAC.

**Mr David Finch:** David is our most recent addition to the staff team and brings a great wealth of educational and boarding experience, having held senior positions in numerous Australian schools, and most recently boarding roles at Anglican Church Grammar School in Queensland and Immanuel College.

We extend a warm welcome to these new members of staff. Please be sure to say hello when you next see them in boarding.

## Introducing Will Mercer: Assistant Director of Boarding

While I was able to provide a short introduction to myself and my family in the early weeks of Term 1, this year's Boarders Herald provides a great chance to give the boarding community a little more information about my background. Hopefully, this will continue to allow each member to come to understand me and my philosophy for boarding and education a little more clearly.

As a continuation to my earlier introduction, my wife, Megan, our two children, Samantha and Oscar, and our two dogs, Elsa and Gibbs, have now been able to settle into our new environment. Our children are attending Burnside Early Learning Centre, one suburb away from Kent Town, and are now established with the educators in this centre. Our eldest, Samantha, has just celebrated her third birthday and, like the casual flick of a switch, has somehow turned from our wonderful not-so-terrible two-year-old into a bonafide threenager. Oscar has ticked over his first year with us and continues to be an indestructible, incorrigible force of nature. With COVID restrictions slowly easing, it has been great to have my family, particularly the kids, in and around the boarding house a little more. Boys, if you see Sam in the house with me, feel free to come and say hello. She has been asking about her '151 big brothers' with increasing frequency.

The move to Adelaide has been somewhat easy for me as I have experience in all things Adelaide, having lived here for several years in the early 2010s while pursuing a career in Beach Volleyball. Following what I would class as a thorough journeyman's career in both codes of Volleyball, several University degrees, and a wayward journey into the military, I qualified as an English and History teacher in my home state of Queensland. There, I have worked in the State Education system and have most recently been an Assistant Boarding Housemaster and Teacher at the Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) in Brisbane. As a Churchie Old Boy who was also a boarder, I have had a unique insight into the staff and student perspective of boarding school. Thus, when the opportunity to join the boarding and teaching team here at PAC presented itself, it was certainly an offer I could not refuse, and I was lucky enough that my wife and young family were in a position to make the move south.

I firmly believe that boarding school can and should be an academically and personally advantageous environment where young men develop a sense of personal identity and pride, learn to care for those around them and participate in a community with shared values

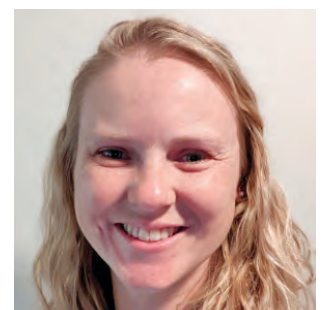


**Mr Will Mercer** with his wife, Megan, and their two children, Samantha and Oscar

and beliefs. To me, the most critical of these are the often-interlinked values of trust and integrity. Integrity is rooted in the value of honesty, but it is so much more than just telling the truth. Integrity is following through on what you say you will. Thus, those who show integrity can be trusted to act on their words and be relied upon even in the most challenging of times. Trust is critical to any boarding program, and there exists a 'triangle of trust' between boarding staff, students, and parents. Boys, you trust us to be fair and reasonable in our interactions with you, always prioritising your wellbeing and development; you trust your parents to have helped select the right boarding environment for you. Parents, you have entrusted us with your son's education and personal development, a responsibility no boarding staff member takes lightly; you put faith in your sons to capitalise on the opportunities – academic, sporting, and pastoral – that Princes has to offer. Staff, we trust the students to act with integrity, to be honest, respectful, and caring in all that they do – for we can ask no more than this – and we trust parents in the support and collaborative approach we all take to caring for your boys. Ultimately, we are all grinding the same wheel toward separating the developmental chaff from the seed and propagating this seed into conscientious, worldly, and productive young men.

I want to thank the Princes Community for the warm welcome we have enjoyed. It has been fantastic to witness the school's culture in its current form, and I look forward to working with the staff and boys toward everything the College has in its future.

**Mr Will Mercer**  
*Assistant Director of Boarding*



LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Mr Jeremy Edwards,  
Mr Ellie Stroehrer,  
Ms Sarah Habel,  
Mr Ben Lewis,  
Mr David Finch



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## Mr David Roberts, PAC's Twelfth Headmaster



Mr David Roberts addresses the College community at his Commissioning Service on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

When I spoke to some of our boarding parents at their committee meeting at the start of this term, I provided a little of my background that included seven years as head of a boarding house at Geelong Grammar and further experience in boarding at the Timbertop campus and Melbourne Grammar. I understand deeply what is required to ensure a successful and inclusive culture exists in a boarding house and I am committed to doing all I can to ensure our boarders can succeed during their time at the College.

We know that well-considered routines and structures support boys in the boarding house environment but the desire to do well and put in effort must first come from the boys, and be supported by family expectations. We must see from our senior boys the behaviours that support a culture where boys are admired for giving their best effort in and outside

of the classroom.

Boarding can be challenging as our boys can be away from their families for extended periods of time and can also be lonely; however, for others it is the opposite as they struggle to find time to themselves.

In the last 10 years, laptops and phones have fundamentally changed the social dynamics that can exist in a boarding house and as such the routines and expectations that manage these devices have become even more critical to ensure the boys develop the social skills and build the friendships that are ultimately what boarding is all about. I look forward to spending more time in the boarding house and getting to know more of our boarding families.

*Mr David Roberts  
Headmaster*

## Captain of Boarding



2022 has proven to be a catalytic year for the Boarding House. It was never going to be a small feat, regaining momentum after the setbacks and restrictions that COVID has posed, especially the following the late onset towards the end of last year. This year, however, has been the first full year with Mr Noble as Director of Boarding,

and his leadership has certainly contributed to this positive momentum.

A key focus has been promoting and building upon boarding culture, to deeply connect each boy with the character values of the college. Introducing new boys into boarding life, to give them a taste of this culture as early as possible was a key focus for the beginning of the year. The Boarders' Team Building day on February 6th allowed for this experience to be achieved and kicked the term off well with the boys getting the chance to start building relationships early.

Moving forwards, several changes to build on boarding life, which have been driven by Mr Noble, were implemented. This includes the regional themed formal dinners and more structured approach to Sunday wing clean ups. The regional themed dinners have been a resounding success, providing boys with the opportunity to learn about the different areas that boys in our community come from, in a formal setting which brings us together. The wing clean ups have built upon pride and respect for the boarding spaces we use and have maintained a higher standard of cleanliness which will preserve the quality of these spaces for future boarders.

Another key change in 2022 (at least since the start of the pandemic) is that the Boarding House has been able to close over the term breaks, giving the staff a chance to spend well deserved time on holiday. The International boys were also able to spend some time out of the Boarding House with local families, friends, and homestay families.

This year has also been momentous in the retirement of Mr Fenner, who was an especially passionate supporter of the Princes Boarding Program, and who we wish all the best for the next chapter of his life. We are also looking forward to working closely with Mr Roberts as the new Headmaster of the College, with his early interest in improving the boarding experience only increasing our optimism towards the future of boarding at PAC.

Term 3 is set to be the biggest for the boarding community, with Boarders' Week featuring the Young Boarders Challenge, Rushton Cup football match, Boarders' Assembly, and the Agriculture Careers Day. The Boarders' Herald will also be finalised and published over this term, and the Year 12s of the boarding house will be completing their revision for their final exams next term.

It has been an honour to work with the staff and Boarding Prefect body who have managed to work in harmony throughout this year to achieve some great outcomes. Particularly noticeable has been the work of Angus Hawkins as Vice-Captain of Boarding, who contributed a large effort in designing the Year 12 jumpers this year.

The Boarding House has become a home-away-from-home for me. It is difficult to not feel part of the community, and I wish the best for every boy undertaking their schooling here, whether they are current or future boarders. I hope this community continues to grow and that I get to leave it in an even better place than when I started here.

*Aedan Bolwell  
Captain of Boarding and  
College Prefect*

## A Final Word from Mr Fenner

As my time as Headmaster at Prince Alfred College draws to a close, it is appropriate to provide some parting comments about boarding at the College. As there have been boarders at PAC since the year the school began, it is fair to say that boarding is part of the DNA of the College. Moreover, we are now up to sixth generation boarders from some of our long-standing families, providing continuity and community.

My time at PAC has seen significant development in boarding in a number of respects, indicating the priority that the PAC Council and senior staff have placed on our boarding program. A statement that has been made regularly during this time is that we want to be a boarding school, not a school with boarders. This reflects the belief that everyone in the school benefits from a strong and flourishing boarding program.

We aim to have a student population that broadly reflects the overall Australian population. A diverse boarding house, with its mixture of rural and regional students, interstate and expat, indigenous and urban, as well as international students, assists us in achieving this.

PAC's commitment to boarding can be seen in the major investment in recent years in the construction firstly of new dining facilities and then a new, state-of-the-art boarding facility. This has also increased our capacity, making

us the largest boys' boarding program in South Australia by a significant margin.

The College's commitment to boarding has been seen in other ways, in the expansion of our boarding scholarships offering, supported by some wonderful benefactors. We have also seen the establishment of other endowment funds to support boarding activities and programs.

We have been blessed during this time to have had excellent leadership from successive Directors of Boarding, Darren Roylett, Zac Savage and Phil Noble. Each have made their own mark on boarding at PAC and have assembled a superb team of staff to supervise and care for the boys. A feature of their work has been an excellent activities program, which is enjoyed by the boys.

Another feature of our boarding program is the parent community, which I have always found to be highly supportive and engaged. Their organisation of some wonderful social weekends has contributed greatly to welcoming new parents into the fold and developing lasting friendships.

I believe that we have a boarding program at PAC that we can and should be proud of. But we are always a work in progress, and I have no doubt that there will be further refinements and improvements moving forward. I am sure that the new Headmaster David Roberts, with



Mr Bradley Fenner... PAC's eleventh Headmaster

his strong background in boarding, will support and encourage further development in this area. I wish him well, just as I wish well everyone associated with our boarding community.

*Mr Bradley Fenner  
Headmaster (2015-2022)*

## College Captains' Boarding Stay

For me, it has always been a dream as a day boy, to experience what life is like for boarders at the College. Earlier this term when Mr Noble approached me and told me about the tradition of staying in the boarding house, I was so excited that I proposed the idea that the vice-captains also stay in the boarding house with me.

On the first night as I came back from a school function, I was warmly welcomed downstairs by a couple of the Year 12 boarders (Max Malone, Will O'Brien and Rohan Bailey). They made me feel very welcome, helping me carry my bags and accompanying me up the lifts where I was greeted in my room by every beanbag the boarding house owns. A good bit of banter which carried on throughout the week with several other funny welcomes.

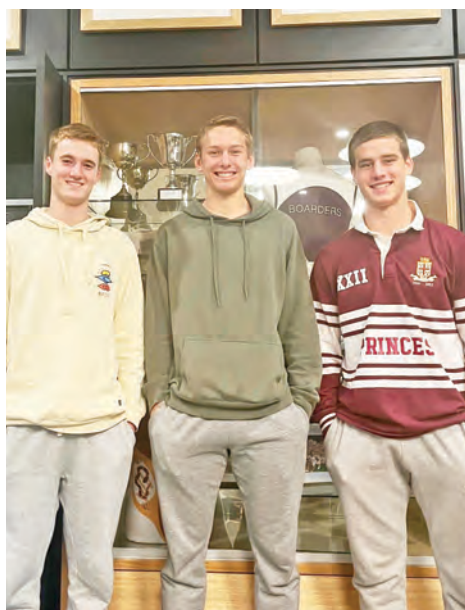
I loved the support within the boarding house from all the staff and students, which made my stay so enjoyable and memorable. There was always support, in whatever way was needed, with students always held at the forefront of the staff's priorities. As the College Captain, it makes me so happy to see that our boarders are so well cared for 24/7. The meals were amazing, and just the fact they were made for us made life so much easier.

I really enjoyed the culture within the boarding house where all the boys play pool and table tennis, as well as simply enjoying each other's company at the end of a busy day. The connection within the boarding house is something we strive to have within our whole school community. The boys get along so well, and I wish

we could incorporate the strong sense of community from the boarding house into the day side of the school too. I was fortunate enough to get to know some of the Year 12 boarders better throughout my stay in the boarding house, which I really do cherish because I am so fond of all the connections we make at PAC.

Overall, I loved my stay. The boys made Hughen, Josh and I feel so welcome, incorporating us into their 'home' as if we were all normal boarders. The staff were lovely, and to be honest, I couldn't have asked for anything different. The experience is a fond memory of mine at the college, and one that will last forever. Thank you to all that made it possible.

*Carl Arnold  
College Captain*



Just visiting... College Captain, Carl Arnold (centre) with College Vice-Captains, Josh Tamke and Hughen Wissman (left and right) during their stay in the boarding house.



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All good in the hood... Captain of Boarding, Aedan Bolwell, and Vice-Captains of Boarding, Angus Hawkins and Justin Cheung with the fresh delivery of Year 12 boarding jumpers.

## Boarding Prefect Achievements 2022

2022 has marked the first full year that Mr Phil Noble has held the role of Director of Boarding at Prince Alfred College. We also welcomed Mr Will Mercer as our new Assistant Director of Boarding as well as many other new staff members into the boarding community. Together, they each set the ball rolling and have formed a strong partnership despite the constant threat of COVID-19 impacting the boarding house this year. Mr Noble and Mr Mercer have both displayed that they will only strengthen the boarding community, which has been a key pillar of the College since its formation in 1869.

Along with these key appointments, the Boarding House elected a group of Year 12 prefects to lead and represent PAC Boarding for 2022. These positions were awarded after a rigorous interview process with Mr Noble and other key staff, as well as by the boarders themselves. At the beginning of the year, the prefects set out a plan, specifically aiming to improve the interaction between senior and junior boarders within the house. While initially we were restricted by COVID-19 restrictions, including separate meal sittings for different year levels and rules on how many boarders could be in each other's rooms, this goal has slowly been fulfilled, particularly through the revitalisation of formal dinners. Traditionally, these occurred each week on Monday night, however,

as a way of developing a more 'special event', they now take place once a term. Also, to increase the student interaction, a new model was implemented by the Prefect team, along with the guidance of the boarding staff, where students from a particular region host a dinner throughout the year which includes the selection of a two-course meal and a quiz about the region. While this has only occurred for a short time, these shared events together have proved popular amongst the boys and have improved the boarding culture dramatically. It is anticipated that events like these will only prosper further in years to come, which will be exciting for both current boarders and future students who will join the College's boarding program.

Along with this, the prefect group made the most of their leadership opportunities through the expansion of student held portfolios and boarder representation within the house. Each fortnight the prefects met in the Max Wellington Room to discuss the pressing issues in the house. This provided an invaluable opportunity for the boarding leaders to raise concerns with Mr Noble and Mr Mercer to make the house as exciting and friendly as possible. Also, throughout the year, the prefects were the key drivers behind many events and initiatives, such as the composing of the Boarders' Herald, Boarders Week celebrations including Young Boarders Challenge, Rushton Cup

football match and boarding assembly, Food Committee, Activities, Wednesday Sport Competitions, Boarding Activities, Agriculture Careers dinner, and Academics. While as a prefect group we carried on the initiatives of past leadership groups before us, we have tried to incorporate our own initiatives which will hopefully last for years to come and hold the boarding house in good stead into the future.

Leading the boarding community as a prefect has been an honour, and I would also like to commend the work of other prefects and Year 12's who have played a part in the success of boarding for 2022. To any younger boarders who are unsure whether to apply for boarding prefect, I highly recommend it as a way of giving back to the community in their final year.

Also, as one of the Vice-Captains of Boarding for 2022, I was also allocated the job of designing the Year 12 boarding hoodies. This included assembling initial designs with help from the clothing company and College uniform shop and seeking feedback from other Year 12's. While the jumpers took slightly longer to arrive than first anticipated, the boys were very pleased with the outcome and will serve as a memento for years to come once we finish our time in the boarding house.

**Angus Hawkins**  
Vice-Captain of Boarding

## Rural Reach: Broken Hill Agfair and Field Days



Angus Dunn joins Mr Noble on the stand at Eyre Peninsula Field Days in Cleve.



Charlie and Ned representing PAC Boarding at the Broken Hill Agfair.

From the 27th - 28th May, the Broken Hill Agfair took place. This was the first one in 4 years because of COVID restrictions. Three PAC boarders: Harry Siemer, Ned Davies, and Charlie Siemer attended this event to represent the College in their local communities.

The fair was full of life this year with lots of local and national businesses setting up their tents and stands for showing their products. This led to a record number of visitors filling up the show grounds. Some of the activities that were on offer were a 5-minute helicopter ride over the show grounds, petting zoos, and livestock auctions. This was a good opportunity for all the local people to catch up after restrictive COVID times and for businesses to display

their product.

Overall, it was a successful year for the PAC tent with many young families and old scholars coming around to have a chat with Director of Boarding, Mr Phil Noble, and the boys.

PAC Boarding's strong tradition of attending regional field days continues through 2022, with Mr Noble having attended the South East and Eyre Peninsula Field days earlier in the year, and Mr Will Mercer set to represent boarding at the Riverland Field days later in Term 3. We appreciate the time and effort of all boys who assist in representing the College at these events.

**Charlie Siemer and Ned Davies**  
Year 10 Boarders



Run for cover... Year 12s with Mr Mercer and Mr Mott after their day at paintball.

## Locked. Loaded

This year, the Year 12 boarders' cohort decided to organise a year level bonding activity as the group approaches its last months in boarding. The chosen event which took place on June 26 was paintballing. The boys left at 10:30am and headed to Delta Force Paintballing, Monarto which was a short bus ride from the Boarding House. Once arrived the boys were excited, however, started to get concerned when the purchase of 'special protection' was necessary.

Once the boys were fully equipped, they were split into two teams. Mr Mercer led one team with extreme military tactics in capture the flag, while the other team were more worried about 'friendly fire' from Will O'Brien, Angus Nolan and Stu Liebich from the back of the group. Next round, protect the President, had boys shaking in their boots and guarding the package. Poor Dexter Schultz and a stranger were the helpless presidents requiring protection, but both teams succeeded their mission of saving them. Finally, the quick fire began with a betrayal of Mr Mercer switching teams, with all hope lost the newly equipped squad destroyed Mercer's old team.

Highlights included Angus Hawkins being constantly worried of getting pinged after annoying the year level for 4 long years, the boys complaining about their own teammates shooting each other, as well as watching Lachie Lines run at high speeds as boys decided to shoot on the walk back to the reload station. All together the activity proved to be an enjoyable day out and one for the year 12s to look back on in years to come.

**Lachlan Lines**  
Boarding Prefect

## Remembering Ken Lord (1944) 1926-2021

With the death of Ken Lord the College lost a visionary member of its community. In 2009 Ken conceived the idea of a scholarship for boys for whom remoteness had been a factor in their education, as it had been in his own seventy years earlier. Thus, the Ken Lord Family Boarding Scholarship was established, and the first of twelve recipients commenced.

As the scholarship grew Ken knew he was making a difference. But what transpired was that whilst he knew the boys were the beneficiaries of his generosity, he realised how much pleasure he was gaining from knowing the boys and their families. He fondly referred to the recipients as 'My Boys' and nothing gave him greater pleasure than hearing of their achievements, an email about life on the land from their parents, or an update from a past recipient on their post-school life.

During Ken's last visit to the College

for his 94th birthday, he recited these words by Banjo Paterson to 'his boys', and so it is fitting that we farewell him with words he'd appreciate:

*"And the bush hath friends to meet him, and their kindly voices greet him In the murmur of the breezes and the river on its bars, And he sees the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended, And at night the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars."*

Through the Ken Lord Family Boarding Scholarship endowment Ken's successes in life will be shared by boys from the bush for many years to come. Lads like the young Ken who came to PAC in 1940.

Thank you, Ken.

**Mr David Cornish**  
Executive Officer - Prince Alfred  
College Foundation



Mr Ken Lord with some of 'his boys'



## Transition to being a Boarder

When I came for transition day, I was both nervous and excited. I was eager to make new friends and experience what the boarding house had to offer. All the boarders and staff were great in making myself and my fellow new boys feel welcomed into the boarding house.

Transition day was a great experience. It allowed me to meet everyone and get a taste of the school grounds and learn my way around the school. Becoming a boarder at PAC was a challenging experience compared to my old school. Previously, I did School of The Air, where I would do all my learning online, so the change to a bigger environment with many more students was very different.

Some great things I enjoy about boarding at

PAC are all the new friends, and opportunities, as well as getting to be brought out of my comfort zone. The boarding house is great at keeping me busy with all the things you can do like go to the gym, play basketball, use the ovals or tennis courts, and lots more. On the weekend you can go to the Parade and city and go on activities that are available every weekend such as going to the footy, golf, go karting, socials with other schools, and lots of other things.

Princes has given me lots of new opportunities from sporting to meeting new people and so far, I have enjoyed every moment.

**Jack Siemer**  
*Year 8 Boarder*



Your break... Jack watches on while Will Johnson lines up his shot during Transition Day



Making new mates... George Butler (second from right) with fellow Year 8 Boarders and Vice-Captain of Boarding, Angus Hawkins.

## Team Building Day 2022

The Boarders' Team Building Day is an annual event designed to allow new and old boarders at PAC to build relationships and share in some fun to start the year. On Sunday February 6th, 2022, the first weekend that I started boarding school at PAC, the boarders went to the RED Centre and participated in a range of activities to get to know each other.

We were split up into our year levels and then we rotated through different activities. The first activity for my group was to run

the gauntlet with inflatable obstacles in the swimming pool. This was a very fun game to play and gave our group a few good laughs.

For our second rotation, we went to the McBride room above the RED Centre to do a quiz and "people bingo". This allowed me to get to know some new things about my peers. It was also a fun activity to do, and I really enjoyed it.

Our group then went to the main basketball court in the RED Centre and played ultimate frisbee: a great team

sport that got everyone in my group involved and working together happily. We then went to our final activity, which was indoor soccer in the other basketball court, which included everyone again, and was all round an enjoyable experience.

Overall, the Boarders' Team Building Day was an extremely fun day which allowed us to get to know each other, learn new sports and make new friends.

**George Butler**  
*Year 8 Boarder*



JJ (far left) and his team pose in front of their European-inspired dish.

## Cooks and Karts: Year 8 Rotations

In Prince Alfred College, there are four rotation activities annually for the Year 8s. All of the activities helped me to form good relationships with my friends. EduCook and EduKart were the two activities of the four that were my favourite and most enjoyable. They gave me new experiences and knowledge of cooking and fixing karts.

On the EduCook weekend, we learnt about cooking and knife techniques, and on the Monday, we learnt about foods and nutrition. After we learnt knife skills, we cooked a main dish and dessert. We then needed to think about a menu to cook for Friday which we could serve to our parents or guardians. Because

of teamwork and harmony, we cooked delicious meals.

On the EduKart week, it took us roughly 3 days to assemble the kart and batteries. When we finished, we were able to take it for a test drive. Before we entered the race, we learned about the flag colours that are used to control the speed of the car. Another thing that we learned from EduKart was car repair because we knew every component of the kart. I think EduCook and EduKart are good ways to make friends and learn something new that is not in the classroom.

**JJ Soralekkitti**  
*Year 8 Boarder*



George Butler gets ready to test the handling of his kart.

## Hurtin' at Turton: My Wambana Experience

On Sunday, May 1 I began my Wambana journey by sailing away on the One & All. Our weather was decent, the seas were not too big, but it was not quite windy enough, so we were motoring the whole way. Despite this, we still made rather good time arriving at Wambana around 4pm. When we arrived the Point Turton Progress Association had prepared a lovely Lasagna for everyone – what a start!

The next day we were right into the fitness testing and riding bikes around Point Turton. The first week of Wambana consists of the Cycle Tour where we rode back to Point Turton from Minlaton, through Innes National Park at the bottom of the Yorke Peninsula which provided us with some amazing views, and then riding from Point Turton to Edithburgh. After sleeping in tents for 5 nights we were all then excited to move into our wardlies with 7 or 8 other boys.

Following the cycle tour, we were then straight into our surfing session, which was my personal favourite activity as well as many boys. During the first few days surfing, many boys got the satisfaction of standing up on a board for the first time. We then did our rotations of either leisure options, farm-visit, visiting the kindy kids and doing work with the council. It was also rewarding to get involved



Setting sail... the boys head off on the One and All.

in doing some community service for the Point Turton community.

Our other rotations at Wambana were wood oven pizza, adventure class, and a visit to the Bublacowie Military Museum, which is the 2nd biggest in Australia. We were then doing more surfing, the other rotations, and all our running. Many boys were very pumped and proud of themselves after completing the 11km and seeing all that training pay off.

After our Melrose trip being delayed due to harsh weather, we were off and did our hike which

was incredibly challenging up the hills with our 25kg rucksacks. We were then into our solo, which was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on your time at Wambana and think deeply about ourselves. Having completed this challenge, it was then time to hike back to Melrose and travel back to Point Turton for the end of the Wambana extended stay.

It was a wonderful experience, and everybody really enjoyed it and were grateful to have such a fantastic time.

**Sam Davey**  
*Year 9 Boarder*



Oakley (second from right) and the gang ready to take on the high ropes climb



Peter Dai with his crabby catch.

## Fantastic Vacation at West Beach

During the last Christmas term-break, the international students staying in boarding were lucky enough to have a chance to stay at West Beach Shores for a local getaway holiday from January 9th to 11th.

This three-day adventure was extremely interesting with several different activities, including "West Beach Adventure Climbing", "The Big Wedgie Water Slide", golf driving range, and catching crabs on the beach. The Adventure climbing was quite a challenge with the height influence and requiring abilities in balance and muscle endurance. The boys were also keen for golf at the driving range, though Mr Bittner and Mr Quinn smashed all of us.

On one of the hot afternoons, with tonnes of effort and hard work with support from Mr Mott and Mr Pippett, we finally caught a blue crab with our fishing net. Unfortunately, it was illegal to carry it back because of its size, so we released it again.

The landscape at West Beach was always sunny and amazing, as beautiful as an art painting. The warm weather brought us to the water, and the boys had set up their own tent for shade across the beach. However, the hot weather burns and most of the boys peeled after.

For the holiday, the Boarding Staff had organised us a huge villa with 13 rooms and 3 bench tables. At night, the international students gathered to play cards together, and everyone felt very satisfied after Mr Noble's impressive barbeque dinner.

Finally, I felt very thankful of the huge effort of Boarding House staff and especially Mr Noble, so we can experience such a unique and unforgettable memory.

*Oakley Shi  
Year 10 Boarder*



Boys walk down on the sands of West Beach, SA.

## Great Ocean Road Trip

During the Term 1 holidays, Toby Zhao and I went on a 3 day and 2 nights trip on the Great Ocean Road. To both of us it was an excellent opportunity to get away from the city for a few days during the busy Year 12, and to explore the spectacular landscape of Australia. The trip, though short, was an action-packed 3 days, where we began the trip by exploring the Southeast side of the state, including places like Robe, Beachport and Mount Gambier. We then continued to head south and crossed the Victorian border, stopped by Portland, and enjoyed a great sunset there. The 2nd day saw us at the Great Ocean Road, where we visited loads of landmarks including the 12 Apostles, Great Otway National Park, and more sites along the Great Ocean Road.



Picture perfect... a beautiful sunset from Jerry's trip on the Great Ocean Road.

We never got bored of the view that was on offer. Day 3 was another long day of driving back to Adelaide and that concluded our trip.

*Jerry Yip  
Year 12 Boarder*

## Food Committee Initiative

This year the food committee portfolio which consists of Justin Cheung and Gavin Centofanti was very successful in improving the dining experience as well as expanding the food options for the boarding community. After collecting feedback regarding the food from boarding students, the committee arranged a meeting with Simon Muir, the head chef and catering manager at the college to discuss improvements that can be made to enhance the overall food experience for the boarders.

Some of the changes that were made, based on suggestions from the boarding students, are the introduction of waffles and porridges for breakfast. Also, the addition of fish and chips for lunch and yiros meat and chips for dinner were big ticks of approval by boarding students as well as the improvement of favourites such as the beef burgers.

Above all, the most notable change was the option for boarding students to choose any two-course meal of their choice when their region

is presented during formal dinner each month. The food choices are limitless as the kitchen staff are prepared to cook up most meals the boarding students would ever desire.

Finally, the food committee on behalf of all boarders would like to thank all the kitchen staff for providing the boarding house with such diverse and nutritional food all year long.

*Justin Cheung  
Vice-Captain of Boarding*

## Chinese New Year in Boarding

Our Chinese New Year dinner was held on 6th February in the dining hall. It is a special dinner for celebrating the Chinese New Year. Our International Captain, Toby Zhao, gave a short speech about Chinese New Year, and the kitchen staff prepared the traditional Chinese dessert 'tangyuan'. Although it was during the time of COVID restrictions, our Chinese boarders still felt the atmosphere of Chinese New Year.

It has been a tough year until now. Many of our international boarders got either COVID or the flu recently, and they all have been isolated during school time. They are working hard and being patient, while trying to understand the content from classes. It is a tough time and they have tried

their best to not fall behind in their courses. Also, this year, many new international boys came to Australia. They have adapted quickly to both school life and daily life in Adelaide. However, some of them were very unfortunate. For example, Scott Jie got COVID immediately when he was only in the boarding house for two days. In week 3, we had a big social night with Seymour College, St Peter's Girls, and Wilderness School. It was a fantastic night, and every participant met some girls and made some new friends.

*Toby Zhao  
International Student Captain*



Toby speaks to the boarding house about the significance of Chinese New Year.





## Reds again support Red Shield

The Prince Alfred College boarding community has a long tradition of supporting the Salvation Army through its annual Red Shield Appeal. In 2022, 24 Year 12 boys donated a portion of their time on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th May to assist in collecting donations from outside the Parade shopping precinct.

The boys who participated enjoyed a nice and calm event, and it was encouraging to see people's willingness to help a good cause. Whilst standing in front of the Red Shield's sign, quite a few people came and talked to use before leaving a donation for the Salvation Army to help provide relief and support for those in our local community. Amongst the donations, it was interesting to chat with passers-by and hear their stories, with even a few PAC old boys stopping in to talk to us about their time supporting the Red Shield Appeal during their time at the College.

Whilst standing there with the collection jars, a much larger group of people than expected gave donations, either with cash or the convenience of the eftpos machine (something that came in handy, as many were ecstatic to find out that they could donate without having physical cash on-hand).

The event was a worthwhile and rewarding experience, with the boys managing to help raise in excess of \$1000 across the two days.



**Dexter Schultz**  
Boarding Prefect

Year 12 boarders with their certificates of appreciation from Red Shield Appeal.



Mr Will Mercer (front left), and Gavin Centofanti (front right), with the June group at Forktree.

## Planting the seeds for change

Over the last 2 years, Prince Alfred College has participated in supporting a local re-wilding initiative. This service activity sees boys learn about the environment and how to re-use materials in an educative sense, but also through physical activity. The school has attended Forktree 3 times where Captain of Boarding, Aedan Bolwell, and I offered many of the boarders and day students an opportunity to give back to the local community.

On the 5th of June Mr Mercer and I attended Forktree with around 15 other people from the PAC community. Throughout the day we were introduced to the Forktree property and were able to see all the efforts from other previous groups. We started the day by taking out old fence posts, where the boys worked in teams of three to try removing the posts, however, the weather was not on our side. When it started to rain, we were introduced to the nursery, where

many boys assisted with small plantations which get sent off to local areas, and to re-wild surrounding properties with local native trees.

From these activities, the boys were able to understand that climate change is an issue that can be combatted by small groups and individuals around the world taking action, and not just by governments and organisations. Forktree is a representation and a leader in South Australia and stands as a visual representation that small collaborations can make a large difference.

Overall, all boys that I have seen participate in this initiative have come back to school with an open mind about what they can do to combat climate change, and how they can better influence these ideas into others in the community.

**Gavin Centofanti**  
Boarding Prefect

## Hope Lives Here: Princes Relay For Life 2022

On April 9th to April 10th 20 boarders from all year levels volunteered their time to Relay for Life which is a community fundraising challenge raising vital funds for those impacted by cancer. Each Relay event is organised by passionate, local volunteers, and is an experience that will stay with you forever.

The event brings communities together to celebrate Survivors and recognise the unsung heroes - their Carers. We honour those we've lost during our candlelight ceremony, and we continue to raise funds to support people affected by cancer, and fund research and prevention programs. Teams' complete laps around a track throughout the Relay to signify that every day, we're making strides towards a cancer free future.

The boarders participated in all the activities which were on offer throughout the day, including the Year 12 tug of war team coming second place.



All the boys took turns in carrying the baton around the 400m track over 19 hours as a representation of the long nights which cancer patients and carers constantly undergo. I attended as a survivor, and I walked with 20 other survivors and carers and spoke with them about their experiences and lost loved ones. All people have very different experiences but overall, we all have the same wish for a cancer free future.

The event was a great way to increase our community involvement, by donating our time and support in fundraising such an impactful cause. Well done to all the boys involved in this year's relay, together raising over \$2,000 for Cancer Council.

**Gavin Centofanti**  
Boarding Prefect



LEFT: The PAC Boarders 2022 Relay For Life team. ABOVE: Thumbs up... Angus Hall and Tom Dolling gearing up for Relay.

## The Importance of Being Euler: mathematics' double lives

I sit in the library, and my mind is running through all the different ways that I could try to convince boarders and their parents the importance of studying mathematics. It's not an easy job, and I wonder if I'm even qualified to answer the question, but I'll do my best, as I couldn't feel more passionately about the cause.

My knee jerk reaction is to jump into a sports metaphor or lay out the benefits using peer reviewed research papers and statistics, but there's a much more important question I have to answer first; what actually is maths? If I asked you the question you might say it has something to do with numbers, letters, equations or shapes, but I asked my peers and professors in the engineering and maths faculty at uni, and we all came to a quick consensus.

*Maths is solving problems*

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{(s + \zeta\omega_n) + \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1-\zeta^2)}$$

The reason we all arrived at this conclusion so swiftly, is that we have had the unique experience of pushing maths beyond the limits of just numbers to unfamiliar and ugly places....

Below left is a basic transform function, applied everywhere in automatically controlled systems (the computer in your car uses this for cruise control and your phone uses it to automatically adjust the brightness). When we encounter maths like this of course our inclination is to turn around and run the other way, but with practice, we find solace in the basic problem-solving skills we've been developing since reception. Identifying patterns and moving things around, organising different components of the problem.

Of course, you're wanting to scream at the paper because almost nobody will ever need to solve a transfer function. You're right. Nor will anybody ever use Pythagoras after school. You definitely won't need quadratics either. But what you're really

learning in maths class isn't quadratics, it's a way of thinking. It's a way of looking at information you know, extrapolating, and using it to solve as varied problems as possible.

The same is true for every other subject at school but it seems so much more obvious. English isn't all about Sylvia Plath and Shakespeare, it's about learning to communicate and express your thoughts, and about better understanding other people when they're trying to talk to you. History isn't all about WW2, or the fall of the Holy Roman Empire, it's about looking through evidence and stories, making sure that you analyse them and assess their credibility before employing them in an argument. Physics isn't about projectile motion or magnets, it's about studying the way the world interacts with itself, proposing hypotheses and trying to disprove them.

Maths is so much more than numbers and equations. It's so much more than compound interest

and logarithmic curves. Maths more than any other part of school should celebrate the journey rather than the destination. I guess my final point, is that when you get back a bad test result in maths, or you're struggling with your homework, as tricky as it is, you should try and push through. Not because it's really important that you learn the topics, but because maths develops your resilience and problem-solving skills better than anything else. While you won't likely encounter any hardcore maths equations after school, you will invariably encounter a slew of problems that all need solving. And just like transfer functions, when you get to these ugly problems in life, you can find solace knowing that you've practiced your resilience, and you know how to solve unfamiliar problems.

**Mr Nick Demianyk**  
Boarding Assistant



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## Flying high in the Aldinga sky

On November 14th, 2021, seven boys had the opportunity to participate in Trial Instructional Flights with Adelaide Biplanes in Aldinga. The session incorporated flying theory, practical learning in-cockpit, take off, flying experience, and landing; and the boys were provided with information about studying for aviation certificates and licences, if they desired to pursue this.

Boys that attended thoroughly enjoyed the session. Here are some remarks from Will and Jack who participated on the day:

"The feeling of being in control of the plane was indescribable. You are fixed into a seat, but you still feel like your free. The opportunity to be able to fly a plane is unreal and the people at the Aldinga airfield helped run us through the whole process of advancing in the aviation world. We got an hour in the air flying and experiencing the world from above, and my instructor gave me much freedom and encouraged me to be confident in

myself to be in control of the plane. This experience was eye opening and made me consider pursuing future opportunities, especially how developing these skills can be beneficial at home in the Mid North." – Will Manuel, Year 10 Boarder.

"Just three words: Freaking. Amazing! The experience was incredible from the moment we arrived and were able to watch all the planes taking off and landing. Carl, the pilot who took me, was deeply knowledgeable and made it a comfortable experience for me by showing me what buttons and switches did what and pointed out the landmarks when we were flying over. When I took over the flying, it was like driving a car along a bumpy road, but in the air across the coastline. The trial flight was amazing, I learnt a lot even in the 1-hour and am keen to look at continuing if I can." – Jack Hobbs, Year 11 Boarder.

There was plenty of discussion amongst the group about their various motivations for partic-



ipating: connecting these skills to farm work, family history of flying and piloting, or simply keen for the experience. With support from the College Mundulla Fund, we look forward to continuing to offer opportunities like this to boarders for years to come.

**Mr Will Bittner**  
Senior Residential Assistant  
(Boarding Activities)



ABOVE LEFT: Flight crew... Dexter Schultz, Hayden Wong, Henry Southwood, Will Manuel, Hayden Longbottom, Jack Hobbs, and Dekoda Irvine outside Adelaide Biplanes. ABOVE RIGHT: Henry Butler in the air!

## Roseworthy Ewe-niversity; Wool Classing and Shearing

Towards the end of last year, a group of boarders travelled by bus 50km, north of Adelaide to Roseworthy Ag College, Australia's oldest agricultural college established in 1883. I was very excited to visit the campus as a lot of boys' fathers had gone there. We were very lucky to be offered this opportunity from the boarding house as a weekend activity, with funding provided through the College's Mundulla Fund.

When we arrived, we learned how to do all the jobs in a shearing shed, from maintenance on a handpiece to operating a wool press. Following a demonstration from a member of the Ag College, each boy got to rotate through the different roles in the shearing shed. My favourite task was shearing a Merino sheep because it was fun, and I can keep practising it on the farm with Dad. On our properties between Gulgare and Booborowie in the Mid North of SA, we run around 12,000 Stud Merino and Poll Merino sheep at Ashrose.

This experience at Roseworthy was valuable as I was able to get another perspective on how other people might run their shearing sheds. I think it's important that the boarding house continue this annual activity to extend boys knowledge while they are away from home. I will definitely be signing up again next time.

**Dougal Ashby**  
Year 10 Boarder

The Wool Classing course was a great opportunity to get out of the boarding house and do something that showed us skills that we might not have been shown before. There were roughly eight of us that attended. During the day we learnt how to set up a handpiece and its basic maintenance requirements. We also learned to decipher the different areas of a fleece by placing labels on the fleece. Some other skills that we were taught were how to title a bale of wool and understanding how to load the wool press.

The shearing started off by distinguishing the two breeds of sheep that were present in the

shed and how to manoeuvre the sheep onto their backs ready to be dragged out and shorn. We were then given a short demonstration before we were allowed to shear with some guidance. Once a sheep was shorn one of us would pick the fleece up and throw it onto the table where it then had the skirtings taken off, and the fleece was then ready to be pressed. Once all the sheep were shorn, we then said our goodbyes and headed back to PAC. The skills that we learned will come in handy as they could be pursued in the future.

**Joe Grundy**  
Year 10 Boarder



Click go the shears, boys... Dougal and Joe display their shearing skills at Roseworthy.



Bump in the road... Gus Dolling tests the off-road capabilities of the Mitsubishi Triton.

## 4WD Training at JAKEM Farm

As part of the weekend boarding activities, the boys have been given the opportunity to undertake a Recreational Defensive 4WD Course on three occasions throughout the past twelve months. Funded by the College through the Mundulla Fund, 9 PAC boarders have participated in this valuable training opportunity.

On Sunday August 21st, 2022, four other senior boarders and I made the short trip to JAKEM Farm 4WD and camping property. The ride there proved time for the boys to catch up on the sleep from the early morning, but what a magnificent place it was once we arrived.

The 4WD course started with various theory-based learning where they showed the epic fails of other less experienced 'weekend warriors' and used these to spark discussion about better and safer practices when driving. Following this time in the classroom, we were able to get out onto the tracks and undertake the practical learning of the 4WD course.

I personally learned it was not in your best interests to take the course at speed, as things could get ugly. It was interesting to see just how far you can push modern day vehicles with their technologies, achieving strenuous

tasks with relative ease. The automated hill decent was confronting, as they taught us to take our feet off the pedals and let the vehicles handle the near vertical decent. Will Pinton was especially eager to take on the notorious 'S' climb with its holes and extreme ascents and managed to get up in a breeze. Eventually the fun had to come to an end as the day ended and we made our way home.

However, the adventure wasn't over for our group! As we entered the city the tyre of the boarding bus picked up debris completely flattening the tyre within a hundred metres of the targeted Maccas. It was up to the boys to use their recently learned skills to replace the tyre as the night swept in. After much time was spent locating the tyre replacing kit, the challenge proved easy for the newly equipped problem-solving students.

Thank you to Mr Noble and Mr Bittner for organising the driving course, as well as Ms Strocher for coming along. I'm sure she got her fair share of excitement driving, but mainly as a passenger with the boys.

**Gus Dolling**  
Boarding Prefect

## Barista Coffee: A Calculated Addiction

"Coffee. The greatest addiction ever" - CGP Grey.

2021 was a massive year for me personally. Notably, I commenced my schooling at Prince Alfred College. More importantly, I had access to the finest instrument known to mankind; a coffee machine. It all began with a single shot drowned in way too much milk. However, it was the beginning of a now integral part of my life.

Each morning as I hear the sound of my alarm blaring, I am filled with a little joy, a little anticipation, as I realise I am mere minutes away from

a cafe quality latte. With time, my relationship with coffee fostered, gradually, one shot became one and half, then two. The fairy-tale came to a halting stop, as I remember, it was early in Term 1 and the coffee machine needed maintenance. That morning, I was forced to go without. And I felt it, by the time school was over I realised, I had much more than a relationship, I had an addiction.

It was somewhat belittling having a hot drink dictate the productivity of my day. But perhaps, that is the very beauty of coffee. No matter the consumer, it can stimulate the brain and provide

not only a fine taste, but also day to day utility.

With time, my relationship with coffee healed, and I now work on a 4-week cycle, in which every 4th week I consume minimal amounts of coffee to ensure I can feel its effects for the next 4 weeks. The coffee machine and its brilliant coffee has become a central part of my life and one which I am sure I will stay with me for a very long time.

**Sidhak Dhingra**  
Year 11 Boarder



Mr Noble pulls a shot on the Boarding coffee machine



## Valuable Experiences: Boarding Activities

Over the past 7 months that I have been at Prince Alfred College, I have participated in over 10 boarding activities. When I first applied for the school, I was immediately drawn to the activities that the boarders got to experience, and for good reason. All the activities I have participated in so far have been a blast. It has led to me getting to know other boarders and having fun with friends. Some activities felt like they were designed for my interest, others have gotten me addicted to new hobbies. For example, I have never properly surfed before, but I was glad that I had chosen to sign up for surfing in one instance. The beach was amazing, the coaches were helpful, and I quickly got the hang of it.

One of the most memorable

activities I had was scuba diving. I always had an interest in scuba diving, but never got the chance to do it. I did the scuba diving training in the RED Centre and was ready to take on the real challenge. The instructors made sure we were safe when under the water and were patient when we struggled. The view under the water was surreal, and I got to see amazing coral reefs up close.

Going to the movies was one of the most bonding activities with my friends. It was always a fun time chilling out with them in the cinema, watching great movies, and eating snacks together.

*Ivan Ng  
Year 10 Boarder*

Introduced in 2012, the Boarding Activities Program is in its 11th year. 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. All PAC boarders are encouraged to engage with the Activities Program to enhance and enrich their boarding journey.

*Mr Will Bittner  
Senior Residential Assistant  
(Boarding Activities)*



Boarding Activities... boys tackling new challenges and connecting through shared experiences.



LEFT: Delicious... some fine examples of the boys' gingerbread houses. ABOVE: Build complete... Hugo Knight stands proudly over his gingerbread construction.

## Gingerbread Houses

On the last Sunday of Term 4 each year we hold our Gingerbread House decorating activity. Boys receive a gingerbread house kit and spend the afternoon assembling and decorating with icing and lollies, just in time to take them home to their families for the Christmas break. 2021 marked the 11th year of this event – how time flies!

The Gingerbread House activity is one of our largest in terms of participation from the boarding community – not only

from the boys, but from staff and families as well. In 2012, 25 boys participated, whereas we had 60 boys plus staff and families participating in 2021. Prizes are also awarded for the best decorated house and presented at the Boarding Christmas Dinner on the final Thursday of the year. The boys always do a fantastic job and make this activity a highlight in the boarding calendar.

*Mrs Jenny Toh  
Boarding Assistant*

## Art of Creation: Friday Night Tech

Friday Night Tech is on every 3 weeks on Friday night at 7pm. This activity is supervised by Mr Balestrin, one of our experienced Tech teachers. When you're there you can go into the metal or woodwork room and work on any school projects you have, or you can make something brand new from scratch. When I was there, I worked on my school projects so I could catch up or get ahead of the class. I enjoyed doing this activity because it gets you out of the boarding house and allows you to do something enjoyable. I would recommend this activity to other boarders that like doing wood and metal work and want to have a bit of fun to start the weekend.

*Riley Vivian  
Year 10 Boarder*



Riley checks the quality of his handiwork at Friday Night Tech.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Build your own pizza class is always popular with the boarders.

256, 257... Max Garnett preparing a huge batch of cookies.

## Cooking Classes and Finger Food with Mrs Toh

The boarding house offers a range of various activities throughout the year with one of the favourites being the cooking classes put on by Mrs Toh. The cooking classes give the boys a chance to learn different skills outside of the school which extends the boarders beyond making a ham and cheese toasty. This program consists of 4 classes a term and gives the boys an opportunity to learn a wide variety of skills. Some of these are based on baking and cooking, which allows the boys to cook recipes that they can treat their family and

friends to in the future or gives the boys a delicious snack. In most cases we would not have tried or experienced cooking, so it allows us to improve our skills in this area.

There are a wide variety of goods to choose from and cook: from sweet dishes such as cookies and brownies, or more savory items like dumplings and fried rice. Personally, my favourite class this year has been baking biscuits earlier in the year in which I baked a massive 257 biscuits for our team to enjoy at Relay For Life.

In Term 4, the much looked forward to Gingerbread House Making gives a chance for the boys to test their skills in some friendly decorating competition. Boys can take part and show their families what they do in the cooking activities in the Boarding House. These are put together and then judged, with the results being announced at the much-anticipated yearly Christmas Dinner.

*Max Garnett  
Year 9 Boarder*



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## A Deep Dive into Scuba School

On an early, cold morning, the scuba boys set off for Pt Noarlunga in the hopes to move one step closer to gaining their scuba license. Once the boys arrived, we each set up our tanks and BCDs, utilising the skills we had learnt in the pool from our instructor, Mr "Scoobs" Nystrom, then paced down the jetty. Although the water was frightfully cold, the boys enthusiastically entered the water, including myself, using the techniques taught to us prior. Once everyone was in the water, we did a check of all the gear, and once satisfied, went below.

On first impression, the water was beautiful and clear, and we were surrounded by fish located near the posts of the jetty. We then lowered ourselves to the bottom by deflating our BCDs and swam towards the reef. Once on the reef, we swam parallel and took in the scenery. Positioned along the reef were several information boards which provided information on the particular sections of the reef and its history. We also saw a variety of fish and even poked our heads in a few caves. My highlight of the dive was on the way back up in which we had to swim through a tight gap to reach the surface, and I'm sure many of the other boys would agree. This dive was another step in fortifying our skills and moving ourselves closer to getting our licence.

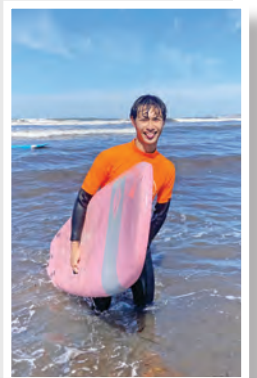


**Charlie Mitchell**  
Year 11 Boarder

Dive, dive, dive... Will Manuel, Harry Piggott, and Charlie Mitchell (left to right) prepare to explore the depths at Pt Noarlunga.



Harry Bowman, Will Johnson, and Judd Smith pose for a photo after a good session on the water.



RIGHT: Martin Ng enjoying the surf.

## Fun in the Fleurieu

Once or twice a term, the boys get the opportunity to head down south to Middleton for a spot of surfing. Kombi Surf, run by Dan and Meg, provide both the equipment and expertise needed in order to get out on the waves. For most of us, surfing is a new experience and is not something that can be mastered in a day, but it gives everyone a chance to learn something new and provides a challenge. Under Meg and Dan's guidance, PAC boarders have the best chance of 'standing up' to the challenge of surfing the waves.

Even if surfing is not your thing, the opportunity to visit the famous Port Elliot Bakery might pique your interest. With its huge selection of items, including the donut of the month, it is a great way to finish a tiring day of surfing, or just wash the salt out of your mouth. Some may even argue that they come for the bakery and stay for the surfing. After 5 years of attending and going from falling off every time to standing up every time, I can safely say it has been a great experience and something everyone should try once in their life.

**Thomas Catford**  
Boarding Prefect



PAC Boarders are always happy to be back at Echunga. RIGHT: Gus Dolling takes a swing on the first tee.

## Ambrose at Echunga GC

On a crisp Autumn Sunday morning, the boarding house took a group of boarders out to the Echunga Golf Club to play a round. The boys chose to play an Ambrose round meaning that for each group all members would hit their ball then they would choose the best ball to play from after that. The friendly day was destined to turn into a showdown for the ages, when the

Broughton Boys (Gus and Tom Dolling) paired up to take on the Maitland Men (Zac Jarrett and Henry Southwood).

After some great play from both teams, it was the Broughton Boys who took the trophy by 1 stroke to the Maitland pair. It was a tough fight out, seeing both groups play some great golf shots, but at the end of the day, the better team



won. The other playing groups also enjoyed a good round of golf, with both groups finishing around 10 shots over the course par for the day. A traditional Maccas run on the way back to the Boarding House capped off a great day.

**Tom Dolling**  
Year 10 Boarder

## How are sporting activities critical to boys' success?

In previous years, Wednesday night activities and competitions which take place after homework have been a fun and a hot hit in the boarding house. This year, myself and Kane McAuliffe held this portfolio as boarding prefects and the atmosphere in each of these competitions proved no different. While coronavirus restrictions caused the earlier events in the school year to be postponed, throughout the year we have been able to hold dodgeball, table tennis and 8-ball pool competitions that the boarders have enjoyed.

In the dodgeball competition we had 8 teams participate in two divisions: junior and senior boarders. The teams who were victorious at the end of the finals were senior team, Patty's

Players, and in the junior competition, Garnett's Boys. However, at the time of this article being written we are yet to have finalists in the other competitions.

Activities such as these are some of the exciting occasions which occur in the PAC boarding house. They provide an opportunity for the boys to let off some much-needed steam after a big night behind the books. I encourage future boarders who enter the PAC boarding community to make the most of these exhilarating events and get involved in anything that interests you, even if it is something you are not familiar with.

**Jack Davidson**  
Boarding Prefect

## A Mountain Bike Adventure

As a new boarder at PAC, I was quite surprised by the mountain biking activity in Term 1. I didn't really expect there would be an activity that aligned so well with my interests, at least at that moment. Leaving at 8 in the morning that day was quite tiring, but I had a good sleep on the way to Fox Creek.

It was cold that morning when we arrived. I got the bike after getting off the van, but I felt that I didn't really like the pedals, I mean, that piece of plastic. It was not grippy at all. My feet kept slipping away during the ride, so I didn't have much confidence at first. After building up confidence and warming up, it was an amazing experience. Tackling some corners, sending some jumps, and

climbing hills. I enjoyed the amazing view from Fox Creek during the ride as well. I loved that so much. However, the bad things turned up. My chain came off after a short climb. Also, the back tyre got a puncture after sending some jumps and found that out when I was running downhill. Kinda dangerous, right? I was forced to stop riding, but luckily, it was closed to the end.

Overall, it was a really good experience for me who is a "passionate mountain biker." I still can't forget the joy and the "lessons" I learnt. I think it's hard for me to forget this valuable adventure and memory.

**Tristan Wong**  
Year 9 Boarder



# Reds prevail in epic Fishing Intercol

Depending on who you ask, you'll get a different answer to the question "Which intercol is the most important?" Some might say that the football is, with its 150-year history. Others may claim the cricket as it holds the record for the longest running annual test cricket match in the world. Others would proudly tout the importance of the chess intercol and maintaining our undefeated streak for the last decade. But for me, the boarding fishing intercol stands out above the rest in terms of excitement, skill level, and prestige. This naturally leaves some high expectation heading into the weekend's competitions, and these were well and truly met.

Arriving at the Scott's Creek campsite Saturday morning, the sun was out and shining. Boys took the first opportunity they could, to dive into the icy waters of the Murray to scope out any hotspots of Murray carp. Their investigative efforts were unsuccessful, but nevertheless, Princes took a 3-0 lead while waiting for their tardy opponents to arrive. About an hour and a half later when the boys in blue finally showed, they got to work quickly and brought the score back to 3-3 within an hour. The remainder of the first day moved slowly, with St Peter's bagging two more, and Reds with one to leave the score at 5-4 overnight.

A BBQ dinner, game of football, and a quick bouldering session kept us entertained in the evening, but boys were quick to bed for rest with high hopes for the deciding day of fishing.

St Peter's were unfortunately off to a lightning start in the morning, reeling in an extra two before our boys left dreamland. Word travelled fast, and within seconds a hoard of our best and brightest fishermen were on the dock, eager to make up the 3 fish deficit. The day that followed was a game of cat, mouse, and fish. In his debut intercol, Lachie Davidson came to the rescue with two back-to-back catches, each north of 2kg on the scale. This secured Davo the title of biggest catch, whilst also levelling out the score at 8-8. Hours went on, and it seemed as though a hard weekend of fishing had come to a deflating stalemate, until the clock struck 9:55, 15 minutes before regulation fishing would conclude.

In the wide world of sport, some moments stand out above the rest, and earn themselves a place in the history books for generations to come. Jesse Owens' triumph at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Steven Bradbury's gold at the Salt Lake 2002 Olympics. Michael Jordan's Title-Clinching Jump Shot - Game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals. All of these events were completely eclipsed by what was to follow.

12 minutes before times-up, none other than veteran Toby Noble, declares loudly and proudly; "Fish on the line!" which was met with euphoric Princes Men, and disheartened Blue Boys. Safely reeled in and netted with text-book technique. The sun peered out from behind the clouds, as it seemed

that princes had clinched their fishing victory. DISASTER! 10:12 on the clock and St Peter's fisherman casually lifts a carp onto the pontoon, leveling the score at a heartbreaking 9 all. The seconds slowly count down, and every man has a line in the water, praying for a fish that seemed it would not bite. Regulation time vanishes.

"Reel in your lines, if there's a fish on the hook..... it counts"

One by one, the lines come in empty... until Rupert Fletcher says with a cool, calm demeanor, "Fish on the line". I was standing right next to him. I didn't believe him. There's simply no way. He says again, this time with more certainty, but still his ice cool nature. "Fish on the line, grab a net please." Three boys come running up with a net, and out of the water, climbs a gorgeous 1.8 kg carp." From all the way back at the campsite it was clear, not only did Roo reel in a fish, he had also reeled in the trophy.

Huge thanks go to Micha, Mem, and Sarah for having us at the campsite, looking after us, and congratulations to the St Peter's fishing squad for their valiant efforts. A tail to tell the grandkids for sure, but soon it will transcend into intercollegiate mythology.

*Mr Nick Demianyk  
2021 Fishing Intercol Spiritual Leader*



Trophy fish... Rupert Fletcher with his Intercol-winning carp.



PAC First XI with the Intercol shield.



Pat Weckert releases a quick one. LEFT: Poetry in motion... Hamish Case shows his class with the bat.

## PAC takes 3-day win at Cricket Intercol

The Cricket Intercol is always a big draw-card in the summer sport program. For 2022, boarders made up nearly 50% of the 1st XI Cricket Team: Deakin 'best on' Murphy, Patty 'young Jamo' Weckert, Hamish 'Marnus' Case, and Jared 'Kuhly' Kuhl.

Carl 'handsome Carri' Arnold won the toss and opted to bowl on a fast lively pitch which was going to give enough for the bowlers early on. 'Young Jamo' Weckert made the most of the hard new pill with a short quick one to the jaw which resulted in a brilliant catch at short leg from Kane Halfpenny the day bug. 'Young Jamo' proceeded to rock the remaining Saints opener castle. 'Best on' Murphy had the ball on a string in the first innings, claiming 5 wickets and cleaning up the tail, with the remaining wickets being taken by the day boys of the team. Finishing figures for the first innings were 'best on' Murphy with 5/41 off 18 overs,

and 'young Jamo' Weckert taking 3/17 from 11 overs. After seeing Saints fold in the first innings, PAC went into bat. The day bug openers of Kane & Luke proceeded to put on a 90-run opening partnership to finish off what was a very good day for the PAC 1st XI. All signs were pointing towards this being a mismatch in cricketing mastery in favour of the Reds.

However, the early Friday morning pitch offered some promise to the St Peters bowling attack, as PAC suffered a batting collapse losing 7 wickets for 59 runs. The salt in the wound was one of the PAC day boys putting 'best on' Murphy on the barbeque for 4 runs. With the tail just wagging enough to scrape to lunch, we went out to bowl for the last session, with 'young Jamo' Weckert claiming one wicket to end the day.

The Intercol match headed into the 3rd day with Saints having 9 wickets left in the shed.

PAC, led by 'best on' Murphy taking 4 for 71 off 25.1 overs, claimed the remaining wickets in two sessions with Saints Captain being burnt on 90\* being run out from gully by 'best on' Murphy. With Saints making 237 in their second innings, PAC were left needing 137 to win. It didn't take long to reach the winning target, with 'Marnus' Case showing his prowess with the bat and belting the St Peters bowlers around to finish with an unbeaten 69\*.

The shield stayed at home, and the boys were stoked with a three-day win against the rivals. Special mention to Shannan 'cya buddy' Tubb, Sam Knight, and Mitchell Thiele for their input and support for the team over the three days.

*Deakin Murphy and Patrick Weckert  
Year 12 Boarders*

## Amazing Water Polo Win

The 2022 Water Polo Intercol turned out to be an all-time classic for the Saints-PAC rivalry. Starting out with frustration, PAC hit the crossbar four times in the first quarter, missing out on some genuine opportunities to take the lead. Instead, Saints made the most of their chances and headed into the second half leading 5-2.

PAC supporters got what they were hoping for in the third quarter, with the Reds boys increasing the intensity to keep Saints goalless and scoring two of their own to reach the final break 5-4 to Saints.

The excitement continued into the final quarter, with PAC taking a 6-5 lead with only minutes left. Then it was Saints who scored to level at 6-all and called a timeout with 20 seconds remaining. Incredibly, a Saints turnover with 8 seconds left gave the Reds one final opportunity. 8 meters from goal and with one second to go, Jake Martin threw a lob shot over the goalie's head and scored the winning goal, grazing the crossbar as it went in. What an unforgettable victory, and one that we will remember and talk about for years to come.

Well done to all the boys involved in the win, and thank you to Mr Parker, Will Daymon, and Sam McKenzie for their support over the season.

*Charlie Roberts  
Year 10 Boarder*



Unbelievable... PAC Water Polo team celebrates in the pool after their incredible Intercol victory.



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PAC's victorious Drive Tennis squad, featuring Zac Jarret (second from left) and Max Malone (far right)

## Game, Set, Match: Tennis Intercol Win

Hi, my name is Zac Jarrett, and I am a year 12 student and boarder at PAC. This year I was fortunate to be a part of the Drive tennis squad and lucky enough to play in the Tennis Intercol.

This tennis season was a success for the boys on the court, particularly as we built towards the 125th Tennis Intercol match between Princes and St Peters. The battle took place on the PAC supergrass courts on the 31st of March with some great tennis to be seen

across the course of the day. The cold autumn morning saw the singles matches take place first up with a ferocious reds line-up looking to do some damage early. After the completion of the singles, PAC took a commanding 8-0 into lunch with the doubles still to come.

After lunch, the sun came out as we witnessed some great doubles on display by both teams showing the true culture of Intercol fixtures with each team clinching two rubbers on the doubles. However, it wasn't enough for

the boys down the road, handing PAC their 17th consecutive Tennis Intercol win. Both strong Intercol spirit and great sportsmanship were displayed throughout the day by both players and coaches making it an enjoyable fixture for the spectators. An Intercol victory was a fantastic way to end my three years of tennis at Princes.

*Zac Jarrett  
Boarding Prefect*



Zac Jarrett plays a forehand during his Intercol match.

## Swimming for Intercol Glory

After losing 4 of our top swimmers to covid in the lead up, PAC just managed to get a team together for the final mini meet and 2022 Intercol Swimming fixture. This was a particularly important meet for the boys, as it marked the final Swimming Intercol for retiring Headmaster, Mr Fenner.

The squad displaying great fight and determination throughout the meet, despite being without some key swimmers. Martin Ng and Angus Hall both swam well representing boarding, but it was Captain Fergus McLachlan who led by example, putting in an excellent performance in what was his 6th and final Intercol for Princes.

The result saw PAC win the meet and the Intercol, finishing 26 points ahead of Saints who took second.

A special thank you to Mr Bubner and Ms Liddy for their support and encouragement of the swimming team.

*Martin Ng  
Year 11 Boarder*



Number one... The winning Swimming squad featuring boarders Martin Ng (front left) and Angus Hall (front right).

## Tough battle in Badminton

This year, the badminton team has improved a lot compared to the previous seasons. This year we lost to St Peters by 9-3. However, this was a significant improvement from the previous Intercol. This season, we mainly trained on improving our physical endurance and technical skills which heavily assisted in where the shots landed. As a result, it made it harder for the opposition to retrieve the shuttle in a game situation. Although, this has not been successful in all games due to the high pressure, and sometimes the atmosphere of the court intimidated us. As a result, in some

games, we were not able to perform to the best of our abilities. In doubles, our team did not really spend time practicing our chemistry. Therefore, there were a copious number of mistakes with the ability of both players. Consequently, this heavily impacted us in the Intercol. Moving forward, I think that with more practice games and more technical skill practice, the badminton team would be able to thrive more and will hopefully be able to win against St Peters in Summer Intercols for 2023.

*Timothy Cheng  
Year 11 Boarder*



Boarder, Timothy Cheng, moves to retrieve the shuttle during Badminton Intercol.



Hugo Knight (second from right) and the 10A rowers after their U17 quad State Championship victory.

## PAC Rowing Success in 2021

This year, the Boarding House continued to provide a strong rowing opportunity for the boarders. This encompassed boys across two year-levels participating in the rowing program.

The boarders continued to provide a dominant performance this year, as 3 out of the 4 rowers took home Head of The River wins, four state titles, as well as weekly regattas being consistently smashed with strong performances over the season.

More on the Intercol: The First and Second VIII saw their fastest time in 7 years since winning in 2014, under the coaching of Brian Richardson (Ex PAC boy, Ex GB, South Korea, Australia, and Canadian Head Coach), and Andrew Stunell (Ex Australia Coach and current Australian selection board). Also in acknowledgment, the 9/10As, 9/10Bs and the 8/9As who

also saw Head of the River wins. A special mention goes to the program's only international student rower, Oakley Shi, for joining the program: the first time an international student has joined since 2013!

The 2022 season led to two of the rowers, Otto Wendt and Hugo Knight, participating in the Rowing National Championships held in Nagambie, Victoria. The efforts throughout the season (up to 9 trainings a week, early mornings, and long hours on the water) saw us placing a comfortable fourth in the country.

Boarding works together with the rowing program to produce a great environment for success. Whether it's a big feed after a session or access to the facilities on-campus, there is a clear correlation between being a boarder, and rowing well.

*Hugo Knight  
Year 10 Boarder*



# Dominant display in Football Intercol

The 2022 Football Intercol fixture marked the 151st match between PAC and St Peter's. With less-than-ideal playing conditions for the week prior to the game it was pleasantly surprising to have a relatively warm and sunny day, providing great conditions for the rivalry game. For the first time in two years there would be no crowd restrictions and it would allow for one of the greatest atmospheres at an Intercollegiate fixture in recent history.

The Intercol team for 2022 comprised eight boarders across years eleven and twelve. PAC set the tone from the first bounce, winning the opening centre clearance and sending it inside the attacking fifty to apply the pressure on the shaky Saints defenders. Luca Slade then tried his best effort to emulate his father as he made half a dozen Saints defenders miss, then slot a classy goal from 40 metres out. Concluding the first term 19-38 in the favour of PAC, the main message was to continue what we were doing: applying pressure and winning the contested ball.

It was a game of tug and war during the second quarter with PAC and Saints going goal for goal for most of the term. We headed into the half time break 33-55 PAC's way, with Jaden Ward leading the way down forward with three first half goals.

The second half was when the game turned, and PAC put their foot down holding Saints to a singular behind in the second half, eventually running away with the win 121-34. The team was led by Patrick Weckert kicking five second half goals, and the rest of the boarders playing integral parts throughout the game. Collectively, we would all like to thank Sladey, Taz, and Steiny for their efforts and sacrifices throughout the year to try and make us the best team possible.

*Kane McAuliffe*  
*College and Boarding Prefect, First XVIII*  
*Football Captain*



Convincing winners... PAC First XVIII after their Intercol victory. LEFT: Year 12 boarder, Oscar Kregar, breaks through a tackle.



PAC and Saints battled hard in the Soccer to open the Winter Intercol fixture for 2022.

## Soccer kicks off Winter Intercol 2022

On Wednesday 24th of August Prince Alfred College and St Peter's College went head-to-head in the 151st intercollegiate soccer match taking place at St Peter's. Being the first of the Intercol fixtures and not being ticketed like the previous 2 years, it was sure to draw a large crowd. It was sure to be a good one leading into the game as when both teams had met each other earlier in the season, the score was a tied at 1-1 until St Peter's kicked 2 very late goals to take the win. Although coming off a loss to Saints earlier in the season, the boys went into the game with great spirits.

Following the kickoff, the tension in the crowd grew as there was little action in the first 5 minutes. However, this was quick to die as the boys in blue piled on 2 goals in the span of 3 minutes to take a 2-0 lead. The boys locked up on defense from this point on and the score was 2-0 in favour of Saints going into the halftime break.

From the beginning of the second half, it was easy to tell that the boys were ready to get back into the game. The crowd watched on eagerly as PAC seemed to have the momentum with the ball mostly on their half of the pitch. However, after some great passes from Saints they were able to score another great goal to take the lead to 3-0. There was still lots of time left on the clock so the boys on the field and sideline still had hope that we could come back and retain the trophy from last year. After more dominant play by the Princes team, we had set ourselves up for a shot on goal which was nailed through with a lovely kick. The boys on the sideline went crazy as they could sense a comeback. Just minutes later, a beautiful pass went over the heads of many of the saint's boys and sat perfectly for one of the boys in red to put another score on the board, which he did. At this point, everyone in the crowd was going mental as the score was now just 3-2 with around 15 minutes left.

The PAC boys had all the momentum and seemed to control the play for the rest of the game with a handful of missed shots on goal. However, after some controversy in the dying minutes of the game, the final whistle blew with the score reading 3-2 to the favour of Saints, in what was a great game to open the Intercol fixture for 2022.

*Angus Nolan*  
*Boarding Prefect*

## Princes present a strong case for Debating

A weakened PAC team stepped up against a well-rounded St Peter's team to make the debating Intercol a must watch event. Although the team boasts outstanding talent, the lack of superstar Max Thomas left a glimmer of hope for the St Peter's team.

The secret topic for the night revolved around the abolishment of retribution as an aspect of the criminal justice system. In a coin toss done before preparations began the PAC team were allocated the affirmative and their rivals the negative. Upon the termination of their 90 minutes preparation time the stage was set, and the respective teams entered through a guard of honour set by the prefects.



PAC's winning Intercol Debating team.

1st affirmative effectively outlined the PAC case, and the team were looking strong heading into the first rebuttal. The PAC team cruised

along to a comfortable advantage due to stellar performances by each of the speakers. Notably, Thomas North, 3rd affirmative was outstanding at

concluding the PAC case and went on to win 'speaker of the night'. However, the 3rd negative put on a mighty performance for St Peter's to drag the case back towards equal ground. The three adjudicators were left with a tough task to distinguish the better case, taking 15 minutes to evaluate each side. In the end, it was the boys in red who were able to win the debate by unanimous vote. They truly seemed the better side on the night and were able to provide some rectification of last year's controversial outcome.

*Sidhak Dhingra and Tianyu Sun*  
*Year 11 Boarders*

## Checkmate: Twelfth straight title for Chess



Even dozen... PAC Chess team with the Intercol trophy after a 12th straight win in 2022.

Chess. The oldest and most noble game. When our Wintercol squad walked into Saints on Thursday, we were carrying the weight of not just an 11-year win streak, but also the thousand years of sacred tradition that preceded us. Having had two weeks of intense training, as well as some last-minute preparation of our opponent's past games, we were geared up for what was sure to be an explosive series of matches.

Coming off the back of PAC's 10-13 loss in the rugby, expectations were high, and everyone had dreams of a 10-0 victory, but Mr. Thorne and Dr. Kerrigan kept us focused, reminding us not to underestimate our opponents. This turned out to be sound advice, as the Saints team fought valiantly, giving

our players quite the challenge. The game between Ethan Liu and Ethan Leo ended in a fitting draw, while Sean Ran defeated Caleb Tang on board 10 and Luca Paull beat George Bartley in a stunning upset. With these matches garnering Saints 2.5 points, a tie or even loss was looking increasingly likely, and it was Oliver Fenton who secured our win on board 8, his endgame maneuvers bringing us up to 5.5/10. Alastair Whyte dispatched Adam Li soon after, and Gunin Singhal ultimately flagged, after having held on for an impressive amount of moves under time pressure, resulting in the final scores of 7.5-2.5, with PAC bringing home the trophy for the 12th consecutive year.

*Tianyu Sun*  
*Year 11 Boarder*



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Year 10 boarder, Cody Corbett, drives through the mid-court.



Rogan Kennedy looks for an opportunity to pass during the Intercol match.

## Basketball Intercol: a close contest

There was a lot of excitement for the 2022 basketball season, especially for the First X Intercol game. During the season, we finished with a win-loss of 9-2, with the only two losses coming from St Peters in overtime, and Concordia in a semifinal. After the regular season finished, our biggest focus was Intercol, and we knew this would be a tough game.

As the day arrived, it held the feeling of the biggest game of the year. There were plenty of nerves coming into the game, but the atmosphere of the riled-up crowd before the game made it a whole lot better. During the warm-up, the crowd watched us throw down some dunks, and the cheers

gave us a boost in our confidence. Next came the introduction for both teams, and the national anthem was sung. Some quick final preparations and a pep talk from coach at our bench, and we were ready to play.

The game started with a tight contest, with Saints getting ahead of us by 3 points at the first quarter break. In the second quarter, the PAC boys lifted, and we took the advantage by 6 points going into half time.

After chatting in the changing rooms and reviewing what had to be done in the first half and how we needed to play in the second, we went back out for another quick warm-up and were back into it. The third

quarter continued the tight contest, with neither team able to stretch out a lead. However, the fourth quarter saw Saints begin to take control by hitting some tough shots. Though they had the momentum, we still hung in there. Unfortunately, our determination was not enough in this match, and we ended up going down by 7 points to finish the game 53-46.

The result was disappointing for the team, and it was very quiet in the changing rooms after the match, but PAC still has one more chance left in 2022, with the focus now turning to knockout in Week 7.

**Rogan Kennedy**  
Year 11 Boarder

## PAC First XI Hockey 2022

The 2022 hockey season was filled with excitement and anticipation. To start this season, we found out about the new synthetic supergrass pitch to be installed at PAC, replacing the now 10-years-old existing surface. The new supergrass was completed through the mid-year break and has been used and throughout the end of the 2022 season. The upgrade brought challenges in the way of alternative training locations and availability, but the team was happy to settle into their new ground by the time August arrived.

Throughout 2022, the First Hockey team saw many new faces as the reigning Year 12s from the year before departed the College. This shone

a new light on many new younger players within the 9/10 year group, many being their first time competing in the First XI competition. Although we were a younger side, we were hungry as we came second in the state knock out competition and second in the SAAS division pool, and unfortunately continued the second-place pattern with a loss at Intercol against Saints. It was a closely fought contest where the final score of 4-1 to Saints doesn't truly reflect the great effort the boys gave on the day. We look forward to continually developing and coming back stronger for another run at Saints in 2023.

**Jack Sharman**  
Year 9 Boarder



PAC First Hockey team celebrates after a goal in Intercol.

## Tight Tussle in Table Tennis Intercol

The age-old rivalry continued its journey into the lesser-known realm of 'competitive' table tennis. Arguably the closest contest of the entire Intercol, the backyard classic brought out the fighting best within each side. The PAC first team going down by the narrowest 9-11. The match entertained a large gathering of students along with headmasters of the respective colleges.

Both myself and my brother were fortunate to take part in this year's event. The scintillating contest began in fine fashion with the top seed doubles match coming down to the wire in the 5th set. Where the combination

of state champion Isaiah and myself were able to mount a miraculous comeback from 3-8 down to 11-9 to clinch the win and set the fighting atmosphere found abundant amongst the PAC team on the night.

Ultimately, it was not to be as the Saint's team was once again able to one up us. However, being the underdogs, no one can fault the determination, grit and fight the boys put on against a fine team. This is the closest PAC has come in the recent future to winning this event.

**Sidhak Dhingra**  
Year 11 Boarder



The gentlemen's game... PAC First XV Rugby squad following intercol, featuring boarders Jack Hobbs (front third from right) and Dexter Schultz (back second from left).

## Tackling Saints at Rugby Intercol

Rugby is difficult at the best of times. But when we, Princes, stand together to face the mighty opponents of Saints, we stand proud and true to our values. The 2022 Intercol was set to be one of the classic games, with both teams entering the match with a genuine belief in claiming victory.

Some heavy rainfall in the week prior meant the game was hard-fought in ankle-deep mud; but hit after hit, tackle after tackle the game raged on. Saints

made the most of their opportunities in the first half and went to the main break leading 13-0.

However, the boys in red came out energised in the second half and scored two tries that gave you goosebumps; Captain Carl Arnold being instrumental and leading bravely from the front. Inspired by the arrival of Springboks players to watch the second half, the boys' skills started to shine, but it wasn't enough to peg back the deficit that

Saints had created through the rest of the match. Missing both our conversions, and Saints missing only one, proved to be the difference. Devastated, the mighty Princes had fallen short of the goal to become the best for next year but were beaten by a strong Saints team this time around, 13-10.

**Jack Hobbs**  
Year 11 Boarder



Boarders, Rijak Dhingra (front left) and Sidhak Dhingra (front right) with the PAC Open A Table Tennis team. LEFT: Sid Dhingra plays a backhand in rally against his Saints rival.



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## Boarders feature in 10A SAAS Championship

On Saturday 13 August, the 10A Football Team played in the SAAS Grand Final and were crowned victorious against the favourites, Sacred Heart College. The boys were up early with an 8:15am game time and were met with extremely wet and cold conditions. The boys went into the game with high hopes after a strong regular season with Sacred Heart being the only school to knock us off.

In the first quarter, Jay Polkinghorne kicked the first major for the 10As. This provided a spark as the boys went on to kick the only two goals in the first term. Sid Malone slotted a beautiful check-side, putting the boys up by 12 points going into the second term. The weather came into full effect

as the rain hit hard, which led to the game evening out and Sacred Heart kicked their first of the game halfway through. The third quarter was just as hard as the second with the game still anyone's to grab. It was in the fourth where Wil Thomas kicked two game winning check-sides from the boundary to open the lead, but Sacred Heart continued to attack. The Reds' defence held up and played a big role in securing the win. PAC 6.8 (44) defeated Sacred Heart 4.10 (34) with fellow boarder, Kalen Russell, being awarded the Best on Ground medal after a strong performance.

**Rome Burgoyne**  
Year 10 Boarder, Year  
10A Football Captain



## Giving Back

This year has been an uncertain and confusing time for all. We have had our share of confusion and uncertainty with the Boarding House, but at the heart of it all, we have been in a safe and privileged position compared to many others. Because of this, we decided to give something back and help. Back in March, in conjunction with the Central Adelaide Local Health Network, Aboriginal students from across the College came together to create cards, artworks, and painted knick-knacks for Aboriginal people in hospital with COVID. The boys were guided by Kaurna Elder Uncle John Lochowiak, with their 'small acts of kindness' (the name of the activity) being appreciated by those isolating away. The boys involved did a great job, and even if they might not say it outright, had a good time showing some creativity as well.

**Mr Tim Quinn**  
Senior Boarding Assistant  
(Indigenous Students)



PAC Boarding Parents enjoying each other's company at the 2022 Riverland Weekend.



Giving back... Harry Sage creates some art for those in need.

## Boarder Parents Weekend 2022

We have been very fortunate through COVID for all of the Boarders Parents Weekends to have gone ahead as planned. They are a great way to meet the parents of the friends your boys make at PAC.

This year we held it in the Riverland with the most fantastic weather possible. With about 75 people in attendance, it meant that it was a great meet and greet.

The Friday evening started at 23rd Street Distillery with finger

food (that was amazing) and drinks. Everyone was just glad they were able to make it and get away finally due to COVID.

Saturday morning started with brandy and wine tasting at Angove's winery; still a Family owned and operated business. FACT: Mr Angove invented the wine bladder in casks, affectionately known as the "Goon Bag"? We headed off to The Woolshed Brewery and set up on the lawns with Salt and Pepper

Catering lunch packs and enjoyed the afternoon weather on the lawns.

We were honoured to have Mr & Mrs Fenner attend the Saturday night and Sunday morning breakfast and were able to present them with their farewell gift.

We tried something different on the Sunday morning with BBQ breakfast on the Riverfront in Paringa, with the local Rotary Club being involved. This proved to be a great way to say goodbye to

people that you didn't quite catch the night before.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Liebich and Kregar families for all their help in preparing the event.

If you haven't attended a Boarders Parents Weekend and keep saying "we should go" or "we don't know anybody", as Nike says: "Just DO It"! You won't be disappointed.

**Alex Centofanti**  
Boarding Parent

## Men's Mental Health Cricket Match

In November 2021, boarders helped to organise a cricket match to raise awareness for men's mental health. The T20 game was to be played between two Year 10 teams, boarders v day boys, with a purpose of bringing men's mental health into our conversations with each other.

Also, on gameday, preparation was in place behind the scenes by staff and students to run a sausage sizzle to fundraise for men's mental health. Boarding Prefects worked the BBQ while the Year 10 day boys padded up, with the boarders' team ready to knock them over. The great PAC Back Oval was looking immaculate and provided the perfect backdrop for supporters to buy a sausage and drink and watch an entertaining game of cricket on behalf of men's mental health.

Bringing in a great crowd the atmosphere was set. With staff, parents and students waiting for the first ball, the game held immense pressure for the batsmen looking to make their first runs. The day boys started off strong, but the middle order fell like dominoes. Now with the boarders ready to bat, each were confident they were going to send the ball down the Parade. An honourable mention

in the boarder's team was the great performance by Hamish Case after hitting five consecutive 6's while the rest of the boarders were sitting back, knowing most of them had gotten out first ball.

After a great game with the boarders coming out on top, everyone gathered around each other and celebrated together what was a beautiful sunny day for cricket, being a great and meaningful game. This brought the Year 10s closer together, as well as the wider PAC and boarding community, and helped support all those in need through tough times.

One in seven Australian men experience depression or anxiety or both in any year. That's 13.3% of Australian men aged 16 to 85 having experienced an anxiety and/or affective disorder in the past 12 months. This is equivalent to at least 1.26 million Australian men today. It is still an issue, but we can continue to support. Come out to the 2022 men's mental health cricket match and support the boarders in what will be another glorifying game of cricket.

**Gus Liebich**  
Year 11 Boarder



BELOW: Together for a cause... Both teams together before the start of the match. LEFT: Hamish Case shakes hands with the captain of the day boy team.



### Message from the Editors

The 2022 Boarders' Herald was brought to you by Boarding House Prefects Angus Hawkins and Thomas Catford with the assistance of senior boarding staff member Mr. William Bittner.

Edition 13 promises to be a real page turner and the Boarding Herald Committee and Boarding Prefects are proud to share a glance of what goes on behind the scenes in the Prince Alfred College Boarding House and get a snippet of the unseen lives of 150 boys. We particularly would like to thank all the boarders who have also contributed articles within this publication.

We hope that you enjoy reading this whatever your connection to the Boarding House or wider College Community. If you have any feedback, comments, or ideas for future editions of this newspaper, please email through to [wbittner@pac.edu.au](mailto:wbittner@pac.edu.au) or [boardingadmin@pac.edu.au](mailto:boardingadmin@pac.edu.au). Thank you, and happy reading.

**Angus Hawkins, Vice-Captain of Boarding and Thomas Catford, Boarding Prefect**