HSC Congratulations

Year 12

Term 4 saw our Year 12 boarders studying hard and sitting their respective HSC examinations. This is always a challenging time for all Year 12 students but for boarders the stable, consistent environment of the boarding house can often have its advantages. We are very proud of how our Year 12's performed and for the doors that this will open for them in the future.

Particular congratulations must go to Amanda Burbidge, Camilla Barton, Jessica Carter, Shannon Hurley, Lauren Kelly, Jessica Symonds and Clare Watt for their individual performance within specific subjects and their overall result. Lyndon Wass deserves special mention for his first place in HSC Automotive. What a sensational result for our ASC boarders! Well done!

Semester 2 was another eventful and busy time for all our boarders.

We had our termly activities, with a day trip to Luna Park, a number of dinners including a trip to all you can eat Pizza Hut at Orange with the senior boarders, the Watson Senior House Dinner at Abercrombie House, the Marsden Year 12 Farewell Dinner, and a number of other celebratory outings. Our "Boarders' Christmas Dinner" was a great success. We said farewell to Luke Mulligan (Watson Tutor & OBU Class 2008) after 2 years of dedicated service to the boarders and to our Marsden Assistant Head of House, Ms Lucy Spora, who has proved to be an outstanding carer and supporter of boarding at ASC. We had Year Group Camps and Activities Week, the All Saints’ Carol Service and this was all concluded with Presentation Day. It was another long and busy semester leaving everyone feeling ready for the Christmas Break!

I hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and wish all our ASC boarding families a very successful and prosperous 2012.

Darrin Master's Catering Staff and the Boarders' Food Committee did a wonderful job with a tree & presents & everything!
Hi to everyone in the boarding community, I’m David Grant and I would like to introduce myself and the other boarding leaders for this upcoming year. Zaarkacha Marlan and I will be leading the team as House Captains, with Bill Hurley and Emma Roach as the House Vice Captains. We are all looking forward to the upcoming year in which we get the opportunity to fulfil our roles as leaders by providing guidance and service to the boarders of 2012. We are keen to organise a year full of exciting activities to be enjoyed by all year groups and hope that these will all be well supported. 2012 is a fresh start, which we are keen to use as a chance to promote a positive atmosphere throughout the ASC Boarding Community.

This year the boarding leaders are keen to work hard with the Heads of House to further improve the boarding experience for all. If anyone has concerns, something they feel needs clarification, any great ideas, or items for discussion in terms of the way things happen in boarding, please don’t hesitate to do so with one of the boarding leaders. If people talk to us, we are ready to represent you and your concerns to the Heads of House and work out the best way to respond to the situation.

Our final note is regarding our formal Sunday evenings, which have been revised in early discussions with Mr Sanger and Mrs McAllister; with the new arrangement coming into effect as of Term 1.

The new plan is as follows:

The routine has been altered slightly, with dinner being served at 6pm on the dot. Announcements will take place during dessert to accommodate for the earlier serving time, and this will be followed by our regular boarders chapel.

To make the evening more of an event, the boarding staff and leadership group will be working hard with the dining hall staff to make both the meals and the dining hall itself a step up from what we expect in regular weekday meals.

The dress code has been revised, and will be monitored by the student boarding leadership group. The dress code is as follows:

**Boys:**
- Tidy collared shirt
- Smart shoes (clean, enclosed)
- Suit pants or a good pair of jeans (under discretion of boarding leaders)
- Casual jackets are acceptable, but no hoodies

**Girls:**
- Jeans, Skirt or Dress
- A nice blouse or top (no spaghetti straps)
- Suitable enclosed shoes

Hope you are all having a great holiday and enjoyed your Christmas and New Years,

The Boarding Leaders.

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARDERS**

We have 28 new residential students commencing the year with us at ASC and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them to the All Saints’ boarding family. Maddie Sinderberry (Yr 6); Clare Carter, Heidi Stokes, Iwali Adie, Tasha Hurley, Isabelle Regan, Charlotte Trounson, Lily Fischer-Brown, Lachlan Silvester & Patrick Mitchell (Yr 7); Jacque Terry, Annabel Grant-Frost, Caitlin Shirlaw, & Claude Beitz (Yr 8); Elly Collie, Karla Terry, Amelia Bradley, Lachlan Porter, James Knight & James Latham (Yr 9); Oliver Adlington, Karl Hicken, Tasman Kuhn (Yr 10); and Caitlin Byrne, Hilary Orth, Marlee Langfield, Andrew Kelleher & Jake Beard in Year 11 will join us at the start of Term 1, 2012, taking our numbers in the boarding house to a very healthy 90. These boys and girls join us from a range of geographical points, both inside Australia and from overseas.

We all know what a wonderful environment we have at ASC for our boarders to grow, learn and develop as both individuals and as members of a supportive community. I know that we will take great efforts to ensure that our new team mates feel welcome and very quickly ‘at home’ in our boarding houses.

“A very warm welcome to our 28 new ASC boarders for 2012. This gives us 90 boarders to whom All Saints’ will become a home away from home.”
REMINDERS....

In an effort to ensure parents are informed of systems and procedures and to help efficient processing of requests, the following information maybe useful.

**TERM DATES:** Please be aware of the Term Dates when planning family holidays. The College has the expectation that boarders will be present for the full duration of the Term. Any exceptional leave requests must go through both the Head of Senior School and the Head of House. NB—Term Dates are published in the ASC Calendar (also available on the website)

**LEAVE REQUESTS:** All requests for leave from the boarding house must be directed through the Head of House. Day leave may be granted by the staff on duty. All leave is subject to the discretion of the staff on duty based on safety of the individual.

**DAY SCHOOL vs BOARDING LEAVE:** Please be aware that if a boarder requires leave from the Day School this can only be granted by the Head of Senior School. A request, provided in writing should be made to the Head of Senior School as early as possible. Requests for leave from the boarding house are to be directed to the Head of House.

**WEEKEND LEAVE:** Leave requests are processed by the Heads of House on Thursday. It is therefore helpful for all requests (from parents/hosts & boarders) to be submitted by Wednesday night to ensure we can support the requests.

**SPORT & LEAVE:** Please be mindful that the College expectation is that all boarders will be available for all sporting engagements. All leave should take into account this expectation and enable boarders to play with their team each week.

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THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD

The safety of your child whilst they are in our care at All Saints’ is paramount. We have a range of systems and protocols in place that enable us to look after each and every individual, and ensure that the ASC Boarding environment complies with Occupational Health and Safety requirements. Sometimes this means that normal everyday items that may be found around the average home may not comply with OH&S guidelines and therefore can not be kept in the boarding house.

Items that use aerosol propellants (such as aerosol deodorant and hair spray) fit into this category. For the on-going safety of your children, aerosols will no longer be permitted in the boarding houses. Any aerosol based items being used or found stored in the boarding houses will be confiscated.

Whilst these may seem to be harmless, everyday items in the family home, please understand that the different dynamic that exists in the boarding houses along with the needs of a larger, more diverse group of young people requires different measures to ensure safety.

Please assist us in ensuring the safety of all boarders by helping your child obtain a suitable non-aerosol alternative to any that they may currently be using.

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ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS!!!

If you are highly organised and have been planning your year ahead, you will be aware that Anzac Day falls on a Wednesday this year. As a result the public holiday will be observed on the Wednesday. The added complication to this is that Term 2 commences with boarders returning on Monday 23rd April and classes commencing on Tuesday 24th April.

The Boarding Houses will open as scheduled on Monday 23rd April and remain open for the term, including the public holiday. All students are expected in classes on both Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th April 2012. Contracted buses and other normal public holiday travel will not be available. Normal leave procedures will be in place for Boarders who wish to celebrate ANZAC Day off campus.
To enable us to provide an appropriate laundry service for your child, including the safe return of all clothing it is vital that ALL items of clothing are labeled clearly. Iron-on labels and those that can be stitched to items of clothing can be acquired from the School Uniform Shop at very reasonable prices. We highly recommend that you make use of this service.

Please give Mrs. Fitzsimmons a call and order your labels today!

Boarding is the backbone of our wonderful school and it always has been. We continue to work hard to make it the best environment for your kids to grow, learn and build relationships.

I very much value our parents' involvement and encourage all parents to be in regular contact with their child’s Head of House. Please raise any concerns or praise that you have, and keep us informed of any relevant information that will help us to give your child the very best care.

Yours sincerely,
Eliot J. Sanger