Once again students from All Saints’ College have exceeded expectations and achieved extraordinarily well in the 2005 Higher School Certificate. There were 72 students in the class of 2005. The following summarises some of their achievements:

- 21% of students achieved a UAI of 90 or more.
- 49% of students achieved a UAI of 80 or more.
- Kylie from Bathurst was Dux of All Saints’ College with a UAI of 99.40.
- Kylie also had the distinction of coming First in the state in Visual Arts (out of 8,548 candidates). She was also placed on the Premier’s all-rounders list, with a Band 6 result (90% or more) in 10 units (5 courses).
- Students achieved 44 Merit Listings across a wide range of courses. All Saints’ College consistently achieves one of the highest proportions of Merit Listings amongst country schools and the highest in the region. Over one-third of our students received a merit listing.
- All Saints’ College presented students in 31 courses and, of these, 23 were above the state mean, some by astonishing margins. For example, the mean mark in Visual Arts was 89.88 (10.78 above the state mean), with six Band 6 (90% or over) and five Band 5 results.
- Because Band 6 results (Merit Listings) concentrate on the top students, some consider that a more meaningful statistic is the proportion of students in the top 2 bands (a mark of 80 or more in a 2 Unit course). The following courses all had at least half (and in some cases all) of the All Saints’ candidature in the top 2 bands: Agriculture, Chemistry, Chinese, Design and Technology, Drama, English (Advanced), Geography, Hospitality, Japanese Beginners, Legal Studies, Modern History, Music 1, Music 2, Software Design & Development and Visual Arts.
- Our students also performed well in Extension subjects, with at least half our students in the top 2 bands in the following courses: English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Music Extension. Noteworthy individual results in Extension subjects included Rosie (49/50 in English Extension 2) and Kristen (48/50 in Music Extension).

The above results are testimony to the dedication of the staff at All Saints’ and the commitment to excellence fostered amongst the College community. Attention to individual students and the encouragement of students to take responsibility for their own learning lies at the heart and soul of this success. We are particularly proud of our ‘average’ students who have achieved results that are anything but average. We wish all our students continuing success in the future.

UAI above 90: Kylie (99.40), Merryn (96.35), Aleesha (96.05), Rosemary (95.70), Matthew (95.30), Lu (94.80), Belinda (94.60), Samuel (93.60), Lauren (93.40), Dominique (93.25), Jackson (93.20), Johnathon (91.50), Matthew (91.30) and Sarah (90.55).

Merit Listings: Nicola (Agriculture), Jackson (English Extension, Modern History, Personal Development/Health & Physical Education), Belinda (Legal Studies, Modern History, Visual Arts), Molly (Visual Arts), Rosemary (English Advanced, English Extension 2, Visual Arts), Aleesha (Biology, Chemistry, Legal Studies, Mathematics), Kristen (Music Extension), Dominique (Legal Studies), Claire (Hospitality), Rong Ren (Mathematics General), Sarah (Biology), Samuel (Music), Merryn (Mathematics, Mathematics Extension), Kirk (Visual Arts), Kylie (Biology, English Advanced, Geography, Modern History, Visual Arts), Alastair (Visual Arts), Lauren (Legal Studies), Alice (Design & Technology), Lu (Chinese Background Speakers, Mathematics Extension, Mathematics Extension 2), Matthew (Mathematics, Modern History), Matthew (Visual Arts), Johnathon (English Extension, Modern History), Lucy (Design & Technology), Jia Wei (Mathematics), Jue (Mathematics Extension, Mathematics Extension 2).
Statement of the Right Reverend Richard Hurford, OAM, Bishop of Bathurst and President of All Saints’ College Council

Anglican Schools’ Commission (Diocese Of Bathurst)

The Anglican Diocese of Bathurst covers a quarter of New South Wales, extending from Cowra and West Wyalong in the South to the Queensland border, and from the Great Dividing Range to Cobar and Bourke in the West.

Although there have been many Anglican Schools operating within the Diocese over the years, in 2000 there remained only the one, All Saints’ College in Bathurst, a day and boarding school of about 600 pupils.

In 2001 a second school, Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo was established. It has about 350 students with an expectation of about 750 day students when fully developed. We have two more schools on the ‘drawing boards’, at Orange and Mudgee. Others may follow.

Last year the Bishop-in-Council of the Diocese confirmed the commitment of the Diocese to a strong and expanding school system as a significant form of ministry and adopted a model of school administration which was suited to the complexities of the twenty first century in which our schools will operate.

We have established an Anglican Schools’ Commission which will provide overall Diocesan direction as well as administration and financial support for our schools, and for their Councils and Heads of School.

I have appointed Mr Bruce Henderson to be Chief Executive Officer of the Schools Commission. Mr Henderson has successfully chaired a number of enterprises and has been Chair of our Dubbo School for several years. He has been a member of All Saints’ College Council since November 2005.

As part of his role he will become Executive Chair of each of our School Councils including All Saints’ College. We will restructure over time so that the Commission will look after a wide range of administration duties on behalf of the schools.

Each of our Heads of School will work with Mr Henderson in his capacity as Chair of the respective School Council.

There will be a single Business Manager for the schools and he will report directly to the Heads of School and to Mr Henderson. Mr Philip Small is the Business Manager and he will mainly operate out of the premises of All Saints’ College.

Each school will contribute to the costs of the Commission but this expense should be no greater than the existing administration costs of the individual school.

Dr Peter Hodgson stepped down from his position as Chairman of All Saints’ College Council on 28th February 2006. During the past three years he brought a vision and breadth of experience to the direction and leadership of the Council, which has been invaluable. He leaves with our sincere thanks and gratitude for his contribution.
Welcome to 2006. It has been a pleasure to welcome all the new students, parents and staff who have joined our community this year.

It is good to report that our boarders and new students settled quickly into a routine and that our Year 7 camp at Dunn’s Swamp was a great success. The new parents evening was an enjoyable event and I thank the P&F - particularly Lesley Bland and John Hughes and the Hospitality students for their work. The Commencement Service at the Cathedral proved to be a lovely opportunity for the whole school community to worship together and I particularly thank Bishop Peter for his presence.

This year we have two very exciting overseas trips departing. The planning for these takes many days and preparation starts the year ahead. In April a tour group is heading to Japan, under the wise guidance of Mrs Reekie. Students, staff, parents and friends are participating in the tour that promises to be a cultural extravaganza. The tour also enables us to reinforce our ties with both our sister school (Yachiyo Shoin) and sister city (Ohkuma). The importance of these international links cannot be overstated and helps our community to look outwards to developed a ‘whole world’ perspective. As one of the accompanying teachers on this trip, I look forward to being able to report back in a future edition of VIM.

Our other trip this year is a rugby tour of New Zealand in July. This trip was first mooted two years ago and I know that many of the boys involved have been working hard to earn the money so that they can participate. The tour is about much more than rugby. The teamwork and co-operation needed and again the cultural perspectives of this trip all blend with the sport of rugby to give our boys the opportunity of a lifetime. Thanks to Mr Gardner and Mr Thornton for their efforts. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

2007 Scholarships
All Saints’ College participates in the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Scholarship programme. Academic, Music and ICPA Scholarships are offered to students entering Years 7, 9 and 11. Students sit an examination in the year prior to enrolment. Currently enrolled students are also invited to sit the examination if they will be entering the nominated years in 2007. The ACER Examination will be held on 13th May 2006. Scholarship Applications are now available on the College website at www.saints.nsw.edu.au. Please contact Helen Schwab, Registrar, if you are unable to register on-line. Applications must be received by 14th April 2006 to avoid a late fee. On-line applications close at 5.00pm on 21st April 2006.

Living Away from Home Allowance
Applications for the Living Away from Home Allowance for 2006 are now available from the Registrar, Helen Schwab. Ph: 6331 3911 or Fax: 6332 7322 or admin@saints.nsw.edu.au
Basic Conditions of Eligibility:
1. Family adjusted income for 2005 must not exceed $46,625.
2. Parents must reside in NSW and the student must board.

Sandy’s wedding
Congratulations to Sandy Tucker who married Gareth Bullock at All Saints’ Cathedral on December 23rd, 2005. The school community wishes the happy couple all the best for their new life together in the UK.

Grand Champion Steer
Lindsay and Tim with “Jack” who won Grand Champion Steer at the Oberon Show held on February 18th and 19th.

Captains’ Corner
This year has again started with a bang. The boarders settled into the new House arrangements quickly. This was helped by the trivia night and scavenger hunt organised by boarding staff. It was enjoyed by all and hopefully will become a more frequent event.

Year 7 went to Dunn’s Swamp for their annual Orientation Camp. After the initial shock of realising that they did have to use ‘Doug’ and live without showers for four days, it was an experience enjoyed by all. It was a week full of hiking (in 40°C+), canoeing, looking at and creating their own Aboriginal rock art and lots of get-to-know-you games. It certainly was a camp they will remember for the rest of their lives and it was a great way to ease their way into senior school.

The Swimming Carnival was an eventful day. Congratulations to the swimmers for their hard work and consistent efforts. Reports from staff who have been to many, many swimming carnivals said it was one of the best they had been to. The high level of non-swimmer participation in supporting their House is also to be commended. Everyone got into the spirit of the day, remembering that a healthy bit of rivalry doesn’t go astray. Well done to the age champions and the winning House - Long. It was one of the closest results ever, with only one point separating Long from Bean House. Congratulations again to the swimmers and thanks to all the staff for the organising and smooth running of the carnival. A special thanks to Mr Gardner and Mrs Nelson - well done on successfully running the Junior and Senior Carnivals on the one day.

Love was in the air on Valentine’s Day. Rutherford House ordered and delivered a record number of carnations this year. It’s great to see so many people giving to others, whether it was a carnation, chocolates or by a song. The boarding houses enjoyed a supper and as always serenaded each other at an uncivilised hour of the morning.

Also in February we had a very successful WAS Swimming Carnival and Commencement Service.
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New staff at All Saints’

Michelle Smith
Michelle lives in Orange but originally came from Narrandera in south-west NSW. Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Science) and Diploma of Education (Secondary Science). Michelle’s teaching career began as a governess in the Northern Territory. Then she worked in a number of environmental positions with Landcare and the Rural Lands Protection Boards system. While working with Landcare she assisted many schools with water quality and tree planting projects. Michelle previously taught Science to HSC level at James Sheahan Catholic High School in Orange.

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Kyoko Ito
Hello. My name is Kyoko Ito. I’m from Nagano, Japan. I’ll teach Japanese as an Assistant Teacher for two terms. I’m happy to have an opportunity like this. I hope the students enjoy learning Japanese and that they will develop a greater interest in Japan.

Quarry Dust

We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us’. 2 Corinthians 5:20.

At the beginning of a new year, here is a vision for us that raises us above our own small ambitions.

All baptised Christians are called to be such an ambassador. This means that we keep in touch with the ‘nation and leader’ we are serving, that we represent them properly, while in a land which may have different values. There is the other aspect, too, which is that God, Creator, Sustainer and source of all love, uses our furtive attempts. ’Without us God will not and without God we cannot’, commented one Christian author, St Augustine. So for me, as I live out these words from 2 Corinthians, the thought is: Are my words, actions and planning ambassadorial?

On Sunday February 26th we witnessed a full Cathedral for the College Commencement Service. Our Diocesan Assistant Bishop, Peter Donaher was the visiting speaker. On Thursday 16th March I will be seeing Peter again, at the opening of the new buildings for the Macquarie Anglican Grammar School. I wonder what links we can develop between our two Diocesan Schools.

Our Day Chapels will explore the theme: From the Wood to the Weave - aspects of the Cross. If you are in the vicinity, why not join us for the Wednesday 8.15am Chapel. ’More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of’, wrote Tennyson.

I am negotiating with our Hospitality Department to do a Passover meal at the end of term. More news through Revelations - let’s make it happen. Yours in service,

Father Paul

New Business Manager

Philip Small was appointed Business Manager at All Saints’ from the end of 2005.

New College Registrar

Helen Schwab has recently been appointed Registrar of the College. She is looking forward to assisting families in their decision to become a part of the All Saints’ community.

Study Skills Workshop

For Years 10 and 11 and interested Year 12 students.
Wednesday 22nd March 7.00-9.00pm in the Library
Late last year a garage sale advertisement in the Western Advocate indicated the availability of one of the original cast iron fireplaces from the Sir Francis Suttor residence, Bradwardine (now known more familiarly as Britten House). The fireplace was removed before the College used the historic home (built in 1872 and used during the 1930s and 1940s as the principal residence for the Edgells family) as a boarding facility. It is an interesting coincidence that this fireplace has "seen the light of day" at a time when the College is reviewing a change of purpose for this property. Needless to say, the fireplace, its authenticity and its value, was carefully assessed with the assistance from Mr Christopher Morgan, parent and President of Bathurst Historical Society.

The College Parents & Friends Association saw not only the value of the acquisition but also appreciated the importance of such a restoration to what is one of the most significant historic buildings in Bathurst. With thanks to Mr Christopher Morgan and the P & F the entire ornate fireplace is now ready for refurbishment and replacement. It is important that the College keeps in touch with the tradition of history of our 132 years.

Japanese Exchange

"The limit of one's language is the limit of one's world". Going to Japan certainly made me realise how much I didn't understand about the world. During my stay I lived with three different host families. The high school I went to, Yachiyo Shoin, was situated in Chiba - approximately 20 minutes north of Tokyo. I attended school six days a week. Every Thursday and Friday I went to Club. Club is the only thing that Australian schools are missing. Students choose a pastime: anything they want to do - from judo to basketball to card making and flower arranging. I took on the complex art of Tea Making. I also had the opportunity to visit Kyoto, Nara, Tokyo Disneyland and Mt Fuji. It was the experience of a lifetime and I strongly recommend it to anyone who loves language, culture and meeting new people.

Jessica Bond (Year 11)

Bean throwing festival

Japanese people celebrate Setsubun on February 3rd. In a ceremony called manemake, families throw roasted soya beans inside and outside their houses to celebrate the coming of spring and to drive out evil spirits. They make lots of noise and shout ‘oni wa soto, fuku wa uchi’, which means "bad luck outside, good luck inside". Usually a family member wears a demon mask and has beans thrown at them. Transition children took part in this tradition by putting on Japanese Oni demon masks.

Mrs Yasuyo Narushima

Historic reunion

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The Junior School has started the year particularly well. We have had a modest increase in our enrolments, and both students and staff have made a very positive start to what promises to be a busy and fruitful year. ‘New’ students are well settled, Information Evenings are behind us, our sporting programme is well established, especially with great success at the Bathurst PSSA Swimming Carnival, our leadership team is keen and much has already been achieved both in and out of the classroom.

In Chapel the students have learnt about two Australians with amazing stories of selfless determination and generosity. Mary Reiby and John Flynn can be found on either side of the $20 note and provide for us fine examples of model citizens. Ask a Junior School student about these two Australians. All of us, both young and old, need role models in our lives and perhaps in our imaginations.

We all, both young and old, have a most significant responsibility to live our lives as if someone is watching us, someone is assessing us, for as surely as the sun rises each morning we are all role models. What an opportunity!
Boarding gets off to a great start

Boarding is off to a great start at All Saints’. Year 7s have returned from their week at Dunn’s Swamp, they had a great time, although it was very hot.

The first weekend of the year was a great weekend. On Saturday night after dinner the students enjoyed a fun filled trivia night, singing, dance moves, loud burping and lots of noise was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday a scavenger hunt as well as old favourites - egg and spoon race, charades, wheat-bix eating, basketball throwing - were a few of the things organised.

While all this was going on there were lots of water fights and people being thrown in the pool. Needless to say students as well as all the staff ended up very wet.

The day ended with delicious ice blocks and a swim in the pool.

We would like to say thank you to the staff who organised the weekend’s activities. Both staff and students had a great time.

Mrs Glenda Isbister

Deputy’s Desk

with Mr Marcus Croft

I would like to congratulate our Year 12 class of 2005, and their teachers, on their excellent HSC results. Once again All Saints’ was the top ranked school in the Bathurst region. Of greater importance, many individuals who are not “high fliers” performed wonderfully well and gained entry to the courses of their choice. Almost half of our students (49%) gained a UAI of 80 or more. Combined with the mark bonus offered by some universities for country students, these marks open up a great range of opportunities. I wish our former students well as they take up Gap positions overseas, travel, or embark on study, apprenticeships or employment. Stay in touch!

I would like to acknowledge the work of all staff at the College in helping our students to achieve these results. Our teachers are extraordinarily dedicated, running extra revision classes, meeting with individual students, marking practice essays, and helping to guide the students through periods of difficulty. Because this occurs on a regular basis at All Saints’, it would be easy to take it for granted, but this work and care is beyond what is required and I thank the staff for it. I would also like to recognise the contribution of staff throughout the School, including Clinic staff, kitchen and ancillary staff, and all who have contact with our students.

Key words from our College mission statement are: “Caring”, “Community”, “Respect” and “Individual”. Some of these concepts are a little out of step with current trends in our society. The “user pays” principle seems often to take precedence over caring for the less fortunate among us, and when a large surplus is achieved, governments of all persuasions seem much more keen to give tax cuts rather than to increase, or even maintain, spending on welfare. Hopefully All Saints’ College can continue to swim against this tide in all aspects of our operation.

Be my Valentine!

Love was in the air on February 14th and the heart of Bathurst’s celebrations was at All Saints’ College. People expressed their love in different ways, from cards and chocolates to large painted signs. However, one of the most popular ways to spread the love was to support the Rutherford House Carnation Drive - a successful annual tradition for raising funds for the House.

Over 250 carnations were ordered and delivered anonymously to people in the school by Year 11 Rutherford girls. The flowers were ordered and wrapped by “Pick of the Bunch” florist and messages were added to give them a personal touch.

Many thanks must go to Mrs Dundon for her help and support, as well as all the Rutherford girls for helping to organise and distribute flowers on the day.

Rutherford House appreciates the support given by the school community and hopes that everyone enjoyed Valentine’s Day as much as we did. All you need is love.

Felicity (Year 11)
Activities Week 2005 - Camp Reports

November 28th, 2005, greeted Year 7 with a beautiful, sunny morning. We were cheery and enthusiastic and completely prepared for our six hour bus trip to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. The trip didn’t seem too bad after watching a couple of videos and stopping at McDonalds for lunch. We arrived at about 3.00pm and we were straight into activities. Bec’s group went to the ‘Leap of Faith’ (better known as the ‘Leap of Death’) and LJ’s group went to the giant swing. What a great way to start a week of fun in the sun (and a little bit of rain).

Many of the activities were very challenging and we learnt a lot about ourselves - we stepped out of our comfort zone and had to deal with feelings that we had never really had to deal with before. Some of the activities that did this included the Vertical Challenge, the High Ropes and the Alpine Rescue. We also enjoyed archery, fencing, canoeing and a dolphin cruise.

We also went to Jimmy’s Beach and Hawks Nest Beach. We visited some Aboriginal middins and played on some great sand dunes. LJ started a game of ‘Lions and Gazelles’ with the teachers joining in. There were many night activities including a ‘sing-down’ on Wednesday. The teachers were the judges - the only one not to give us a thumbs down was Mr O’Neill. We played Commando out in the bush on our final night and again we beat the teachers.

Thank you to all who were responsible for making the camp happen, especially Mr O’Neill who organised it and the staff who came along: Mr Hegvold, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Dundon and Tom the Gappie. Thanks also to Bec and LJ and all the staff at the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

Shannon and Stacey

We left bright and early in the morning on Monday, November 28th to embark on our four hour trip to Kangaroo Valley where the Kirrikee Camp was located next to the Penrose State Forest.

On arrival we played some heart pumping games and then had some lunch. Soon after we set up our tents just south-east of main camp. For our afternoon activity we did some low ropes, which challenged us physically. Dinner soon followed and afterwards we learnt how to read a map and use grid references for our next day of rogaining. At about 9.30 we all deserved a nice long sleep.

This sleep was rudely interrupted at 7.00am when we were told to get up and be ready for six whole hours of finding markers in the Penrose State Forest, which each earned us points, which went towards a total score. The groups consisted of four people and a supervisor. Unluckily for our group, Andrew, being himself, fell in a creek with our backpack on but luckily nothing in our bag got wet.

On Thursday we got up and packed our backpacks with the bare necessities and some food. We were driven 45 minutes away from main camp and hiked from the top of a hill for 14 kms, including having to walk though a river to our campsite for the night. The next morning we packed up camp and we walked not very far to the edge of the dam where we were to canoe to another camp spot.

The next day we were supposed to canoe to our pickup point but we did all the canoeing the day before. Both the last two nights we cooked our own food - some were disasters but some were delightful. We were very lucky because on the days the two girls groups had been out camping it had heavily poured each night but it was the opposite for us. I guess it was just the luck of the draw.

On Friday we were picked up and taken back to the main camp where we said our thanks and goodbyes and travelled back to a stormy Bathurst.

Roy
On Sunday, November 27th, the anxious and eager Year 9s of 2005 were finally at the start of what was to be an unforgettable, challenging and eventful week at Kosciuszko National Park.

At first, many of us were dreading what was to come after several school camp meetings where Mr Thornton would describe hypothermic conditions and almost vertical climbs with loaded hiking packs to carry. Despite this, our determination to get through this camp did not falter and upon arriving at our destination, after a gruelling 7.5 hours bus trip, we rested in preparation for the week ahead.

Emma Hallstrom’s group had a devastating loss in the first moments with Rachelle falling over her backpack and twisting her ankle. That night we stayed at Island Bend, divided into boys and girls groups in preparation for an early start.

In the following days both the boys and girls groups hiked over 50 kms with heavy backpacks traversing through wet, rocky and ankle rolling terrain on the steep slopes of the Snowy Mountains.

Just as expected, we faced unimaginable conditions that would test our endurance. The weather on the second day delivered horizontal snow carried along by bitter chilly winds. We cooked in freezing conditions and some of our groups discovered what ‘wind chill factor’ actually means.

At times, later in the week, it would be scorchingly hot with a menacing sun bearing down on our bare necks. The food was not much better either as we settled for squashed loaves of bread and spreads. Some of the more creative made the most of the experience cooking in caves, on snow and in the most difficult places – a sport we labelled ‘extreme cooking’.

Our hikes proved taxing and a huge gap in our fitness was revealed. Our leaders encouraged us to climb, one step at a time, steadying our fears that we would not make it through to the end. Some of the teachers handed out barley sugars to give us a little more energy as the afternoons drained our last ounce of strength.

Although it was tough, it was all worth it as we took in the fantastic views as we drew closer to Mt Kosciuszko. There were looming mountains with bright patches of snow (which we had fun sliding down) and rushing creeks flowing with clean crisp cool water (which we would drink). Being on the top of Mt Kosciuszko was probably the highlight of the camp. It was like being on the top of the world (at least the top of Australia). The views from that height were spectacular. It was such an awe inspiring experience that the following morning some of the groups walked up in the darkness to see the sunrise – a once in a lifetime experience.

We then headed back down the mountain and continued our trek. It was worth wearing garbage bags on our feet and having to use the dreaded ‘Doug’. By now we were fitter and toughened from these experiences and the once menacing hills and slopes were taken in our stride. The girls enjoyed their last night on the mountain, doing their hair and eyebrows while laughing with each other about the past week. It was a relief when we made it back to base camp alive and well. None of us could suppress our joy of achievement as we headed home to have a long hot shower.

On behalf of Year 9 we would like to thank Miss Emma Hallstrom, Mr Richard Eagleton, Mr Peter Mitchell and Mrs Bronwyn Blattman for suffering, enduring and encouraging us throughout the week as did the leaders from Ed Out. We have all taken away fond memories and we have learnt much about each other on this amazing journey to Mount Kosciuszko.

Compiled from reports by William, Gaby and Kalinda

2006 Bathurstian Sponsorship

Would you like to sponsor a page in the 2006 Bathurstian? Do you have a business that you would like to promote? The cost of sponsorship is $66 (including GST). Business sponsorships are also a tax deduction.

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If you would like to sponsor a page please email Mr Robert Poole on b.poole@saints.nsw.edu.au or phone 6331 3911. Sponsors receive a complimentary copy of the Bathurstian.
Our first day started as we climbed aboard our coaches for Katoomba. Everybody was excited and anxious about the next five days. This camp was about how we would cope out of our comfort zones - which meant not always being with our closest friends. Most of all the camp was about leadership. On arrival we were put into our groups and saw some fresh new faces amongst us. We then headed over to the sports field for some tabloid sports games.

At lunch we heard about our itinerary for the week, which included abseiling, trekking, a performance and canyoning. Afterwards we travelled to the Edge Cinema where we watched The Edge movie which showed some of the magnificent views which the Conference Centre overlooked. Also featured was some extreme canyoning and afterwards everyone was a little uneasy about the canyoning that we would encounter.

When nightfall reached us we received our performance tasks and music compiled by Mr Buckley which we were to perform on the final night. Later we scrambled off to bed still buzzing about the week ahead.

Day 2 - Bang! Bang! on our cabin doors. “6.30! 6.30!” Mrs Narushima exclaimed. We learnt to live with this wake-up call from Mrs Narushima as she would resurrect us each morning, exhausted from the previous day’s activities. We rose, washed and filled our tummies and lunch boxes before we headed out to Mt York. We enjoyed some games which were physically and mentally demanding and a 30 metre abseiling drop which most of us endured and thoroughly enjoyed. We learnt that communication, teamwork and encouragement and leadership were the keys to successfully completing the tasks.

As we retired to our lodgings for the night we prayed for the weather to be warm on our skins, and for the icy water in the canyons not to be.

Day 3 - We woke trying to anticipate the day ahead of extreme abseiling from a crane and canyoning. We packed our bags with our lunch packs, swimming gear and sturdy water shoes. Once again boarding the coaches to our destination, a few drops of rain slid down the windows of the bus. When we climbed off the bus and were told it was ‘just a couple of kms down the track, a 10 minute walk’ off we trekked with enthusiasm in our hearts. Alas a few drops of rain turned into a monumental downpour and when we reached the meeting place 20 minutes later we were soaked to the bone. Action had to be taken. Not all of the group could go canyoning and the abseiling had to be cancelled. Regrettfully, or perhaps relieved, half the group set off back to the buses and the rest of us stayed behind. The rain ceased and we changed into wet suits and hard hats. In groups of seven or eight we headed into the bushland. We clambered through rocks, slid each other over the slime, crunched over the sand, fell and got back up again with everyone’s support and squeezed our way through the canyon, suddenly stopping and admiring what we had just achieved. Through teamwork and leadership we made it through the newly deepened ice cold water and consequently increased the danger of the course.

Returning battered and bruised we heard of the other group’s extremely spontaneous and fun day down the 1000 stair walk and back up on the skyrail marvelling at the views. We shared all our stories over our evening meal and quiz night then hit our pillows and fell straight to sleep.

Day 4 - D-Day! Today was when our leadership skills would be put to the test. Breakfast was gobbled up and off we went to the base of Mt York. We slogged it up the mountain trying our best to stick together and getting a little lost along the way, but finally we made it. After an introduction we began to learn our specialist skills that would help us complete our ‘mission’, hopefully without a hitch. Our usual group was split up into three and from these we learnt compass skills, knot tying for the abseiling ropes and tree climbing using ropes. Once these were accomplished our normal groups were reformed and we were given a clue, such as a bearing or task from which one of the skills had to be applied. Whichever one of us knew the skill had to lead the whole group. All groups eventually made it back with the treasure, a packet of Mars Bars!

We returned to camp and prepared our final acts that were based on an idea or stimulated by the music given to us. All performances were inspirational and original. Of course only one group could win and everyone agreed the best was saved until last with simple but effective costumes and a winning storyline, Group 7 were the champs. Afterwards we had supper and a bit of a boogie in the hall. Unwillingly we strode off to bed at least comforted by the opportunity for a sleep in.

The Last Day - Bang! Bang! “7.30! 7.30!” Mrs Narushima beckoned, one last time. We were packed before breakfast. Before we left we were entertained and moved by the Hero play which really wrapped up our time there. In our groups we had a final briefing and talked about our experiences, what we had learnt and we drew together our strengths and weaknesses. At lunch we said goodbye to the friends we had made and ‘auf wiedersehen’ to our German visitor Fabien.

On the bus trip home it was obvious that we had all become closer. This had been a truly enjoyable camp, but it couldn’t have been that without the exceptional organisation by our teachers and Gappies and the amazing co-operation of us all to overcome the challenges we had to face. This week would hold many laughs and memories for us all. Thank you to everyone involved.

Ella
Year 7 Camp 2006

On Tuesday January 31st, 2006, some very excited Year 7 students arrived at All Saints’ College to be welcomed by members of staff in the Bickerdike Centre. Students were given a brief overview of the College year, but most students had one thing on their minds - Camp!!

At 2.00pm students boarded the bus and set off for Dunn’s Swamp where they would spend the rest of the week involved in a range of fun and challenging activities. Year 7 were divided into three groups and participated in hiking, canoeing as well as being given plenty of time to swim in the lake. There were lots of initiative games including raft building and students enjoyed creating their own Aboriginal paintings at base camp. The highlight of camp was a concert on Thursday evening where students performed a series of skits to an appreciative audience.

On Friday students returned to All Saints’ College a little tired, but having enjoyed the experience.

Ms Jo-Anne Bickford

Careers with B.C. with Mr. Bruce Clydsdale

Are you the driver or passenger in your life? Have you locked yourself in the boot!

- I have met briefly with Year 12 students and have requested they return a proforma to assist them in making choices about next year. Most of the class of 2005 achieved the goal they set and I commend them upon their dedication and hard work during the year.

- Arrangements can be made for parents and students to visit institutions to find out about courses and accommodation. Please contact me if I can be of assistance in setting this up. Open Days will be advised later in the year. NSW High School Medicine Career Day will be held in Bathurst on March 10th. Any interested Year 11 or Year 12 student please see me.

- “Enrichment Days” (or similar) are advertised by universities at considerable cost. The staff at All Saints’ are well skilled in advising HSC candidates in their subject areas.

- Careers market will once again be held at CSU in June and is an ideal opportunity for students to obtain information about courses, accommodation and financial assistance. Scholarships and other financial assistance is advertised during the year.

- UAIs (University Admission Index). I have compared 2005 and 2006 cut offs. There is little change except for the following. (Remember, the UAI cut-off is determined by the student demand for that course).

ANU
B.Human Nutrition - 2005 (77.7), 2006 (81.5)

CSU
B.Pharmacy (Wagga) - 2005 (96.7), 2006 (92).
B.Appl Finance - 2005 (89.1), 2006 (86.3)
B.Busines - 2005 (80), 2006 (75.1)
B.Medical Sciences - 2005 (85), 2006 (80)
B.Technology (Optoelectronics) - 2005 (75.7), 2006 (84)

Macquarie University
B.International Communications - 2005 (90.2), 2006 (85.3).
B.Appl Finance - 2005 (89.1), 2006 (86.3)
B.Business - 2005 (80), 2006 (75.1)
B.Medical Sciences - 2005 (85), 2006 (80)
B.Technology (Optoelectronics) - 2005 (75.7), 2006 (84)

Canberra University
B.Science (Psychology) - 2005 (75.7), 2006 (80.5)
B.Human Nutrition - 2005 (77.7), 2006 (81.5)
B.Forensic Science - 2005 (75.1), 2006 (81.5)
B.Arts/B.Communications - 2005 (81.9), 2006 (77.6)
B.Ed. (Early Childhood) - 2005 (73), 2006 (81.5)
B.Software Engineering - 2005 (94.4), 2006 (75)
B.Business Infomatics - 2005 (82.6), 2006 (75)

UNSW
B.Economics - 2005 (90.05), 2006 (85)
B.Engineering (Environment) - 2005 (78), 2006 (85)
B.Horticultural Science - 2005 (73.1), 2006 (81.5)
B.Science - 2005 (81), 2006 (96.4)

University of Newcastle
B.Business - 2005 (84.15), 2006 (75.3)
B.Economics - 2005 (83.2), 2006 (75)
B.Finance - 2005 (82.5), 2006 (72)
B.Information Technology - 2005 (77), 2006 (72)
B.Speech Pathology - 2005 (91.5), 2006 (72)

University of Sydney
B.Horticultural Science - 2005 (73.1), 2006 (81.5)
B.Science - 2005 (81), 2006 (96.4)

University of Technology
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Senior School Swimming Carnival

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Prefects’ Morning Tea

Coming to a new school can be a daunting experience so the Prefects and House Captains had recess with the new students and staff to get to know some more faces, eat some good food and hopefully make it a little less scary. It was started by last year’s Prefects but this year we included the Sporting House Captains as well.

Thanks to Mrs Jones for making the sandwiches and also the Prefects who set up everything on the day. During the year the Prefects will be having a recess with all the year groups so keep an ear out for when it’s your week.

Prefects leadership training weekend

In mid-February the Prefects experienced a full and challenging day of leadership training at “Boxgrove” holiday cottages in Eglinton. We were fortunate to have Mrs Ann Gribble and Mr Anthony Head from St Paul’s Grammar in Penrith, both experienced teachers and leaders in the field of leadership studies. Ann talked to the group about what it meant to be a leader within a Christian school, about the moral and ethical decisions that leaders face, and about the need for courage and integrity. Anthony talked about the need to work as a team and organised some lively and challenging ‘games’ to see the co-operation and assistance required to accomplish the tasks. After a substantial morning tea and an even better lunch, the group talked through some scenarios and possible solutions and then listed things they could do as a group in their Houses for the school.

Many interesting and achievable ideas came out of the day. The task now is to make sure in the busy time back at school that the ideas and charity fundraising are not forgotten. Already some ideas have been discussed and confirmed with House Heads.

I would like to commend the Prefects for their enthusiasm and attention on such a long and hot day, and thank Ann and Anthony for giving of their time and expertise.

Mrs Tessa Jones
(Prefect Co-ordinator)

Year 11 & Year 9 Social Day

The 2005 Year 11 Social Day was held at Ben Chifley Dam on the last weekend of school, where we booked out all the cabins and partied the night away. Approximately 90 parents and students attended, spending the Sunday on or in the water. We had a fantastic weekend, with great plans being suggested for further events in 2006. The present Year 12 have been having two social events every year since Year 7.

Due to the closure of Ben Chifley Dam, the Year 9 social day was spent in town, with approximately 60 parents and students enjoying a pool, spa and picnic lunch. It was a wonderful day, allowing old friends to catch up and new friendships forged. We plan a winter “get-together” later in the year.

Mrs Glenda Isbister

Dance course commences

HSC dance has now commenced at All Saints’ College as an elective subject for Years 11 and 12. Jodie Griffin is teaching this subject. The dance course offers a number of dance styles including Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary and Funk.

Students also learn how to practise safe dance and how the body works when dancing. For any enquiries on the course please contact the College on 6331 3911.
You’ve no doubt heard that some schools send their students on an Outward Bound course, into the bush. All Saints’ has their own version, only it’s called Outward Bond, and we didn’t send students, we took staff…voluntarily!

Recently seven intrepid staff members set out early, armed with cafe lattes, canoes and sunscreen to paddle through the wild waterways of Dunn’s Swamp. We set out with Hiawatha Jones and Pocahontas Thornton in the lead vessel, Tom (Iron Man) the Gappie in a one man canoe minus its bung, the two Jennys (Williams and Lavoipierre) in the middle of the convoy and the patriarch and matriarch figures of the two Isbisters (Glenda & Ian) following watchfully from the rear… and the reeds…and some other zig zagging perspectives.

Paddling deftly upstream against wild currents we arrived at a magnificent rock upon which a gourmet, low G.I. lunch was had by all, amid athletic displays of safety river jumps by various members of the group. Spurred on by the athleticism of the lunch entertainment, the trip back down to our landing site involved exciting water sports in which Tom, the Iron Man, excelled. With Pocahontas Jones and Hiawatha Thornton landing in the drink (canoe upturned), the two Jennys awash but still afloat and the Isbisters sitting a semi-safe distance to the rear it was a clear victory for youth.

Cool refreshments on the shore and the commitment to some firm plans to launch more intrepid Outward Bond staff trips tied up the day as we headed home.....tired and wet.

Mrs Jenny Lavoipierre

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After last year’s tragedy of Kelso High School being destroyed by fire, Rutherford House hosted a “Wear Green for Kelso High” disco. The evening was very successful and we raised $1250. A cheque was presented to Mr Paul Stirling, Principal of Kelso High School, on Friday 3rd March. We were warmly received by Mr Stirling and would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the disco a success.

Keisha Hope & Ashlea Fulton
In January 2005 I headed off to Japan on a working-holiday visa to travel, study and work in a country that I had been learning about from a textbook for many years. I wanted to get to know what life was like for the average person and immerse myself in the rich culture of Japan. It was only after I arrived at the airport to meet up with my hosts (Mr Iizuka - a long-time friend of Mrs Reekie who owns a company in Chiba prefecture) that I realised I had just jumped in the deep end.

No one at my new home-away-from-home (company boarding house), at my part time job (local restaurant), or at the language school I was attending spoke any more than a few words of English. So for the first few months of my stay I made sure I carried around my trusty Japanese-English dictionary everywhere I went.

Each weekday I commuted by train to Chiba to study Japanese in Japanese at an international language school where not only did I learn many new kanji characters and grammar structures, but I also met people from all around the world - Korea, Russia, Peru, China, Africa, Thailand, Ukraine etc. - and made friends, and learnt about their cultures and countries, and shared about mine.

At work each night I learnt how to greet customers and take their orders, how to prepare traditional Japanese meals and serve sake. On the weekends and in holidays I grabbed my camera and travel guide and headed off exploring in Tokyo and Chiba, Mt Fuji and Nikko with friends, and in the summer holidays I headed down to Kyoto, Osaka, and Nara with Amy Dundon to meet up with Shiho Fujii (an assistant teacher at All Saints’ in 2004/5) and to visit sights such as the famous Golden Temple. Before I knew it December was here, I couldn't remember the last time I spoke English, and my dictionary was well-thumbed, torn at the corners, and under a pile of much more important books.

I was surrounded by friends from all around the world, and a huge group of Japanese people I now classed as my second family. Sometimes I even got a fright looking in the mirror wondering who that crazy Caucasian was staring back at me and even more so when I got teased for not knowing quite how to write a customer's name because they forgot I wasn't Japanese.

To say I had the time of my life would be an understatement, I came to know a totally different way of life and of living.

I would like to thank Mrs Reekie for organising my stay and encourage all students studying or thinking of studying Japanese to give it a try - you never know, in a few years time you might be having an overseas adventure of your own.

Jemma Ritchie (Year 12 - 2004)
College’s Commencement Service

On Sunday February 26th we witnessed a full cathedral for our Commencement Service. During the first hymn, the music of which was *Jupiter* by Holst, the Rugby theme tune, signature pieces from each House were brought up and laid in the sanctuary. The musicians did a grand job in leading us and our Diocesan Assistant Bishop, Peter Danaher, was the visiting speaker. He had travelled all the way from Bourke that day, and returned that night with his wife Carolyn to their home in Dubbo. Thank you, Peter.

*Father Paul*

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WAS Hockey selections

Congratulations to the hockey players who travelled to Orange recently for WAS selections. Molly, Amelia, Anna and Melanie were selected in the WAS Under 16s side while Casey, Molly, Catherine, Sarah, Chloe and Kate were selected in the Opens side. These girls will go on to represent WAS at the AICES Carnivals later this term. Well done and best of luck at AICES.

*Mr Ian Jones*
Described by the Sunday Telegraph as “a soulful tribute,” God Bless’ The Child - The Songs of Billie Holiday pays homage to the music of the legendary jazz singer. Featuring the “angelic grace and voice” (Los Angeles Times) of one of Sydney’s most in-demand singers Rachel Gaudry, and accompanied by her superb jazz band, ‘The Songs of Billie Holiday’ includes renditions of classic songs made famous by the First Lady of the Blues.

Rachel will be bringing The Songs of Billie Holiday to Bathurst, for performances at The Carrington on Friday March 24 and Saturday 8 July.

The Carrington is situated at 99 Keppel St. Bookings can be made by phoning the venue/restaurant on 6332 5492.

Tickets are $5 for the show on March 24th, and $20 for July 8th.

Further information is available at www.rachelgaudry.com.

On Monday February 13th, the Year 12 Geography class embarked on an excursion to assist in our learning about ‘Ecosystems at Risk’. The group travelled to the Bicentennial Parklands in Sydney Olympic Park to study wetlands. We got off to an early start (5.45am) and arrived at the wetlands at 10.00am, after spending some time in Sydney traffic.

On arrival we were greeted by our enthusiastic, friendly and learned guide, Danielle, as well as Geography students from La Salle Academy in Lithgow. Danielle led us along a boardwalk through the wetlands where we did field studies and had a closer look at the mangroves. After lunch we tested the mud, water and air amongst the wetlands and discovered more about human impacts and management strategies.

Our guide was very helpful and we discovered a lot that we will use for our exams and assignments this year. Thank you to Mr Poole and Mr Feebrey for organising the trip and transporting us. The trip was worthwhile, enjoyable and appropriate to our studies.

Elyse Robertson