I was doing a school tour the other day. We are in the season of enrolments and determination about places at the College. One family on the tour came with me to Salesian House. It was nearly tea time and the evening cold had settled in. Denise Arbon was just returning from dropping one of the boarders at sport and Pauline Broekx was fixing the tea time utensils and mats. It is that quiet time before the evening meal when our young ones are in rooms doing homework, daydreaming, listening to ipods, simply quiet and settled. Denise and Pauline both greeted my family with warmth and heartfelt welcome and that immediately eased the concerns of the parent. There is always a tension about the first time a parent enters Salesian House. We are, after all, talking about their most precious person in the world. We talked about that person and about preciousness because we think they are important. We talked a little about orientation and expectations. We spoke about the challenges of boarding and the tone of Salesian House. These were two competent women who have managed young people and guided them for so long with such success and they eased and inspired the moment. David Arbon was in the background and made his industry connection and had them all smiling in recognition of mutual interests like a football team, and rural life, and like it was raining at the moment. I took the family into a few rooms. We saw strewn uniforms and some hung up and decorations on walls and the stuff and clutter of adolescent life. We saw shoe laces not untied and other shoes desperately in need of a polish. There were bits of homework on a desk and electronic items that contain the mysteries of the universe. And there were happy people who greeted the visitors with innocent charm and delightful good manners. They spoke of their confidence in Salesian House. They spoke about friendships and support and most of them apologised for their bedroom. I couldn’t have been more proud and the best advertisement for Salesian House and boarding at St Mark’s were shy and gracious and ready to flood into the dining room for tea. Just another normal night in an extraordinary community and they were hungry.
Salesian House Report

We are now half way through Term 2. A few of the students are still experiencing some homesickness but are showing strength and being supported and encouraged to work through their feelings. Many of the students have adjusted well to boarding life and are very respectful in their endeavours while at the same time being constantly reminded that the Boarding experience is seen as an integral part of their education. The Year 12s continue to put in the hard work and hours studying to achieve their best results at the end of the year.

We welcome Samantha Jacka, Austin’s mum, to represent Salesian House on the College Board and thank her for her time given. We sincerely thank Mr Shane Fantinel who has continued to give his own time to bus the boarders to and from the Main Street and Kmart on Wednesday afternoons. School Counsellor Katrina Johns kindly spends time at the Boarding Home each week and we enjoy her friendliness to us. Chef has been very busy accommodating students with birthday teas and other dietary requirements and we appreciate the extras he does for the students. Sir (Mr Cronin) is a valued person in our Boarding community and we thank him sincerely for his time spent with us, helping the students with their education.

The two events which have been a lot of fun are the Quiz Night, enjoyed by some of the College teaching staff and students and staff of Salesian House and the Bowling night held at Pirie Bowland. One of our youngest boarders, Natasha Williams scored the highest score of the night. We all ventured to McDonalds afterwards on the bus driven by Mr Arbon. We thank Mr Hay and Mr Czechowski for visiting us on the night.

Liturgic presentation night is either Tuesday or Wednesday evening and we are very blessed to have our Principal Mr Hay, Deputy Mr Czechowski and other teaching staff from the College who give their own time to share a meal and lead us in a presentation for faith formation.

Samuel Jones, Year 12, is very much enjoying his School-based Apprenticeship at Nyrstar. Following on from all the after school activities that students are involved in that I mentioned in Term 1, there are a few achievements to be acknowledged — Year 10 student, Tahnee King, successfully obtained her yellow belt at karate. Ellen Bowley has been participating in the U17 Netball Academy training. Eliza Fromm and Will Geddes looked charming and did themselves very proud— taking part in the Crystal Brook Deb Ball.

The Year 12 Drama performance ‘Headspace’ was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff who attended. Congratulations to boarders who were involved, Teagan Hewett, Ellen Bunfield, Will Geddes, Hayley French and Kane Prior.

Denise Arbon
Boarding Coordinator
I attended my first Zen Do Kai class with Phoenix Karate early this year. When I first signed up I didn’t realise what I was getting myself into. I thought Zen Do Kai would be fairly simple and just a bit of extra fitness, well I was wrong. Zen Do Kai turned out to be the most challenging sport I have ever experienced. The sport takes a lot of dedication, determination and of course practise.

I attend classes twice a week for 2 hours each night. Each week I learn new routines and challenge myself to push further than I thought I could. My favourite classes are the ones in which we spar with shin pads, gloves, chest guards, helmets and mouth guards. Since first attending classes I have done my first grading in Port Augusta and successfully achieved my yellow belt. To get this I had to demonstrate several different routines and defensive combinations in front of several people. The next grading will be held in Port Pirie in 6 weeks.

*Zen Do Kai is something I love doing and is my passion. I wouldn’t give it up for anything in the world.*

Tahnee.L.King

Tenpin bowling was enjoyed by all. Natasha bowled the highest score, followed by Jade, then Kate & Wade. Afterwards we enjoyed a trip to Maccas; thanks to Mr Arbon who drove the bus.

Two weeks of every month I attend Nyrstar as part of my school-based apprenticeship. So far I have worked on projects such as copper anodes for the zinc plant and sacrificial burners. Skills I have used are; all types of welding, oxy cutting and grinding.

I am grateful for this opportunity and I am hoping that this will lead to a full-time apprenticeship next year.

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Unfortunately Matt Gove is unwell & absent from the photo

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- Favourite food: Fruit & Veg
- Favourite music: Country music, Celtic Thunder
- Sporting Hero: Aitch Cue (Our trotting horse)
- What is the nicest thing you did for someone? I give my clothes to Aboriginal communities
- Three people I would like to invite for dinner: Granny, Garth Brooks, Celtic Thunder
- Places I would like to visit: Ireland, America & Broome WA

Kate Hancock
- Home town: Jamestown
- Dream Job: International Finance
- Probable job: Accountant
- Favourite food: Mum & Callum’s cooking
- Favourite band/music: City and Colour
- My favourite boarding memory: The water fight
- Three people I would like to invite for dinner: Dallas Green, Grandpa & Kevin Hart
- Places I would like to visit: Africa & Singapore

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