

# HEROEM

## TRINITY GRAMMAR BOARDING

### Welcome Back (Semester 1, 2012)

After a year away in the United Kingdom my family and I were looking forward to returning home to Trinity Grammar School Boarding House. We were very fortunate and grateful for this opportunity. The Christ Hospital (in Sussex) is saturated in tradition with its origins going back to 1552. Many of the school's traditions have remained intact through to today with Joshua wearing a traditional tutor uniform with mustard coloured socks and marching into the Harry Potter style dining hall for lunch every day. It was wonderful to be part of an all boarding school that offered seven days per week education (although I never got used to teaching lessons on Saturday mornings). As a family we also got the opportunity to explore much of Europe during our breaks and for leave weekends we took the opportunity to catch a short train ride from the school's station to London. Even our journeys to and from the UK were enriching. On the way over we managed to explore Thailand and were very generously hosted by the Mauleekoonphairoj Family (John (2008-9) and Jack (2009-11)). On returning we stayed and worked in a Cambodian orphanage over the Christmas break which was a special experience we will never forget. Our time away gave us the perfect opportunity to sit back and really appreciate all the things we have in our lives.



Boarders' First Day at School

One of the things we are truly grateful for is our job here at Trinity Grammar School Boarding House. It is a great job, challenging at times but always rewarding. We have the opportunity to see boys grow and become more mature. Whether the boys have been with us for one year or five years, the changes we see develop over time is special. On our return we were greeted with the familiar faces and met all the new members of our community. To everybody's credit they have adjusted easily to one another and have built great connections already.



Roger Wee Past-Boarder (2004-6)

We try very hard in the Boarding House to emphasize the importance of building connections. It's connections with people that make us happy and feel good about

Former Editors' of the Heroem (2007-11) Will Stanistreet (2007-2008), Patrick Elliot (2009-10) and Jack Mauleekoonphairoj (2011)

ourselves. On our return it was great to see past boarders, Jack Mauleekoonphairoj, Keeden Blow, Will

Stanistreet, Patrick Elliott, Nick Hillier, Tommy Tan and Roger Wee who have all come to visit us at the Boarding House . They are all doing well and are happy with the choices they have made in life. We hear from past boarders regularly and it is always a joy to hear how they are going. As a family we want to keep these connections as we feel it is important. A quote that our family uses often is "Ask yourself often.....what can I give here; how can I be of service to this person, this situation?"

The start to the year has been sensational; we hope you enjoy reading our magazine.



Returning Boarders' Honglin, Tom, Dane and Jay

## Boarding House Dominating Trinity Sport:



The boarders play a crucial role in Trinity sport, as they regularly represent the school First teams and play crucial roles in those teams' success and failure. To anybody who has had the opportunity to watch First sport this year there is a good chance you are watching a boarder. The boarders played First sport in tennis, badminton, touch rugby, volleyball, futsal, soccer and Australian Rules. It

Dane playing First Volleyball against Camberwell Grammar School

has been great to watch all the boarders become involved especially in the underage teams. During the summer many of the boarders hit the basketball courts and would come home with regular accounts of how they managed to score that almost impossible basket. The racquet sports were equally popular led by Tom Zaleski (First tennis and AGSV representative) and Sam Chen (First badminton). The feature was, however, Dane (also selected for the AGSV team) going through the regulation season in volleyball without dropping a match until they were unfortunately narrowly beaten in the final against Yarra Valley. In the winter there have



Henry playing soccer for Trinity

been endless highlights. Tom Zaleski's Seconds soccer team has been improving weekly to produce some excellent form at the back half of the season.



Henry Li has been a stalwart in defence for his soccer team whilst James Kim has produced some excellent goals in attack. At futsal the rivalry has reached fever pitch with Sam's team equal first against Michael's team. Michael often comes home with positive tales of his team's outstanding play. Hank has found form in winter tennis producing some great results. Matt has produced an excellent first season with Trinity in Australian Rules presently undefeated Intermediate A team. The feature this

**Henry competing for the soccer ball**

winter season has been the dominance of the

First XVIII football. With still a round to go Trinity has already qualified for the final defeating all teams by comfortable margins. Dane has thoroughly enjoyed the change of sport and has quickly become a solid member of the team. Jay has been amazing, producing countless opportunities for his fellow teammates. Jay has been instrumental in the success of the team. We wish him and Dane well in the upcoming final and enable Trinity to enjoy their 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Rules premiership since 1976.



**Jay playing 1st XVIII Football for Trinity**

## Sutton House Lion King falls just short:



Jay performing Lion King on stage

Sutton House has in the past struggled in House Music but this year it all changed. We were doing the musical *The Lion King* and all the boys approached it with great enthusiasm. The boarders had significant representation including Ben and Kelvin as important members of the band. The stage dancing was mesmerising and included some of the boarders whilst Jay was at his charismatic best taking an important lead role on stage.

Unfortunately the judges were also impressed by Roberts House's performance forcing Sutton House to finish second.

However, from eight houses this was still a fantastic result and one that the boarders were extremely proud of achieving.



Jay performing Lion King on stage



Combined Trinity/Ruyton Orchestra

## Combined Trinity/Ruyton Concert – Kelvin Lee

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The combined concert with Ruyton was a fantastic experience for me. Everybody was a great musician in the concert and it is my honour to play with them. It did not matter which year or school we belonged to we were all working together. I think everybody was enjoying the moment we were performing. It was actually not just the moment we were performing but also all the moments we were with each other, talking to each other, playing together or even having dinner with each other. We supported each other like teammates on the soccer field. But most importantly it was a good opportunity to meet some girls from Ruyton who were playing the same instruments. We can talk about it like we were having the same language. Unlike the normal Trinity orchestral concert, we had a chance to really do something different on that night, and we did it! The combined concert played by the combined orchestra was so brilliant and much more colourful than if we were



Ben and Kelvin performing in the Trinity/Ruyton Orchestra

just playing alone. The whole hall was full! All the audience was so pleased and they loved the performance. Every parent came to support their children and I saw lots of grandpa and grandmas coming to support their grandchild. I had no parent to support me because they were both in Hong Kong but I still got lots of boarders and staff coming to see me and the other boarder, Ben's performance. The whole night was full of supportiveness, enjoyment and happiness. It was really a very great experience in my life.



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# Boarding House Dinner Party– Sam (Honglin) Chen

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On the evening, 5<sup>th</sup> of May, the Boarding House had an annual Boarding House Dinner Party. It was the second time I'd been to a "casual" formal.

Before half past six, every boy was so excited about seeing their potential female partners. As people can see, the reason why we were so excited was that we didn't usually see girls at a boys' school. Staying in the bathroom for half an hour washing every inch of our skin, just like we hadn't had a shower for years; drying hair with a hairdresser; waxing, which reminded me of a funny (a bit stupid) Japanese advertisement that could make me laugh for a whole night, "I.....can give you Gatsby....Gatsby.. Gatsby....."; standing in front of the mirror sizing up our expensive suits worn on our body very conscious of how we looked. It was quite a view!

As for me, I did the right and respectful thing and I went to Box Hill to pick up my just-met partner, Jessie Ho. We both came from Canton so I thought we would have a great deal in common. When we got there, most of the pairs were already standing and chatting liberally. The atmosphere was pretty nice, dark lights, drinks and little finger food. We had a great, thick cooked beef steak as our main course and apple pie as our desert, which brought praise from everyone. We were grateful for the cooking efforts from Sylvanna which matched the views of Melbourne from the room.



Sylvanna, Angelina and Jack cooking and preparing the meal at the Boarders' Dinner Party

The next stop was Melbourne Central Tower, the tallest tower in Australia. The night was not very cold, the wind brushed on our faces, relaxing, comfortable. On the eighty-eighth floor which is the top of the whole building, outside the glass, yellow twinkling streetlights lit up Melbourne's evening, a lengthy winding coastline separated the high buildings and the sea. It was quite a view! Especially when we got out to the edge, standing on lucid glass, the cars under our feet were just like insects running rapidly. What a wonderful night!



View taken from the Eureka Tower

Life experiences are important to everyone; those first-hand experiences cannot be learned from books or from others. As an international student, something like this I might only experience once in my life in a foreign country, just like this time. I cherish that and I will never forget those unforgettable nights that the "T" boarders have been through together. Life is short, but the value of life has endless significance to every living human and that should be earned by ourselves.

## Table Tennis in the Boarding House- Tom Zaleski



Tom's surfing lesson

The beginning of the year saw the emergence of the renewed Boarding House phenomenon of table tennis, with the usually neglected table being punished every day. The table had seen better days; with its water-soaked, cracked and bubbly surface and corners rising to steep mountainous peaks providing a challenge to even the skilled of players. The absent of rubber on all the bats and the obvious slack in the net always gave some twists and turns in our already action packed games. The first matches proved to be blockbusters as everyone tried to adjust to the table. I managed to convert some of my tennis skills to take out most of the earlier rounds only to fall to Peter (I'll be able to beat you on this table) Lewis in my retirement match. The



Tom enjoying beach flags with Jay and Dane



Tom on Orientation Camp

first day was like wildfire and set a trend of boarders coming home and rushing to the table. The only thing that seemed to be deteriorating was the condition of the bat and table as well as our ever-dwindling supply of balls. Disaster struck when the first of the rain came and our precious table was left uncovered. We awoke to the horror that this was no longer our table, the bounce non-existent and the table reduced to play-dough on toothpicks. This brought the 'hacks' of the game into the equation with the likes of Matt (I wear an AIS shirt when I'm not in the AIS) O'Kane and Dane (Tomic) Fencaros taking charge of the pack. Soon the skies had cleared and our fortunes improved with Mr Lewis 'acquiring' a new, better quality table. The presence of a new table had everyone back into the swing of things and

we had new challengers milling around the table waiting for their chance to face the reigning champ. Kelvin (Chinese Bat) Lee was a storming success with his 'no backhand' style of play and Jay (Swiss Cheese Master) Kennedy-Harris with his cunning slice and 'eyes closed' forehand winners. The new table even managed to lure some of the cave-dwellers out into the sunlight. The appearances of Sam (I have the best bat in the Boarding House) Chen, Liam (Electric Guitar) Zhong and Ben



Tom and Matt after Snorkelling in Port Phillip Bay

(Whatever's left really) Chaffey shocked everyone as Ben went on to annihilate the competition with his huge left handed forehand. The appearance of the Trinity table tennis representatives James (Every day is a fashion show) Kim and Henry (I laugh a lot but don't say anything) Li also managed to stir up the pot as we saw them swing for fences. The Boarding House table tennis competition has been a raging success through Term One and has been enjoyed by all Boarders, and although lacking in quality bats and surviving on as little as one ball for weeks, we battle and prepare for anyone brave enough to face the challenge.



Matt on the Orientation Camp

## My Move to the Big City – Matt O’Kane

When I was given the opportunity to come to Trinity Grammar I did not really want to come because I did not know what it would be like to live in the city. I found it very hard to get around compared to my old life in the country, on a farm where everything is wide open spaces whilst the city seemed to be so confined for me. It was a huge change for me to come to Melbourne because I love working on the farm at home. The city was such a change for me at first because I did not know what to expect and did not like it at all when I first began here. My parents and everyone else tried to convince me how good boarding school was and that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity, I was still not convinced. The boys at the Boarding House have helped me adjust by being friendly, and showing me around my new school. Whilst Boarding

House Master Peter Lewis is very good at his job as boss of the Boarding House, he also loves to keep telling us how good he is at all sports - he is yet to prove any of them. Jay (thinks he is going to play AFL) Kennedy Harris is always a live wire in the Boarding House with his freakish skills and exhilarating pace, he is also always telling us how good he is. While Tom (Roger Federer) Zaleski never seems to be around for he trains at least 5 times a week, although he still finds time to be undefeated at table tennis. Al Nicolson tells us his ancient stories of how he was a dual Norm Smith medallist in his back to back premierships cricket wins for the local cricket club. Dane (Ronald McDonald) is proving to be a real master, not only academically but recently he made the AGSV volleyball team. Sam Chen is known for famously creating laughter with his Australian accent. Whilst, Henry is well known for being quiet as a mouse, but still achieving well at school. Kelvin Lee is always going to the school weights room for what seems no gain whatsoever. Ben Chaffey is always studying but still finds time to play soccer, despite Mr Lewis' effort to convert him to Rugby. Overall the boarding at Trinity is a fun and exiting environment, with everyone involved and always enjoying themselves.

## Boarding House Basketball- Liam Zong

Basketball is a popular game at Boarding House. When we finish dinner we always play basketball together. Sometimes we make groups; it is a good game to have fun with our boarders. We love basketball because basketball is good for our health. It will make us become taller and stronger. We also can learn teamwork with our partners. Also, the basketball stand can drop down and we always dunk it for fun. In China I know a lot of people love to play basketball. As one



Liam with James and Ben on the Orientation Camp

of the most important sports in the world, basketball is more

and more popular in China, especially among teenagers. Why is basketball so popular? I think the first reason must be the media; there are many TV programs about basketball, such as The Basketball Park and the Super Weekend. They highlight the value and the sporting spirit of basketball and give a wide range of people the chance to fall in love with it. Secondly, playing basketball is good for your health, both physically and mentally. Nowadays almost all the teenagers are under pressure - from school, our parents, society, you name it. Under these conditions, basketball serves the best way to release the pressure and find some pleasure at the same time. Just imagine that you are in a bad mood, you go to the basketball court, dribble heavily on the ground, slam the ball to the board, do a fade-away jumper, layup - everything you want without hurting anyone. After you finish you will find your sorrow has gone and you are not so angry. So that's one of the charms of basketball. I love basketball and I love the Boarding House.



Liam enjoying time with Kelvin and Henry

## A Typical Day for a Boarder- Ben Chaffey

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For a new boarder at Trinity Grammar it takes a couple of weeks to form a daily routine and get settled in. However, with a bit of patience things start to become second nature and begin to make sense. Below is a typical day for a boarder at Trinity Grammar School. As to be expected there are slight variations from person to person but this is the rough idea.



Ben playing beach cricket with Henry and Dane

**Daily Routine:**

**07:00** – wake up, get dressed, make lunch, have breakfast, get ready for school. Note, if you aren't out of bed by 7:00 then King Lewie brings out his infamous cane stick and gives you three whopping thrashes across the buttocks. I think most boarders would agree once that happens to them it never happens again.

**08:00** – Depart for School. Once again if you are late King Lewie will put your head down the toilet and flush it. As result, no one has been late this term so far. So far.

Boarding House closes during school time.

**15:15** – end of school day. The part of the day that everyone looks forwards to because Lindy, the best cook in Melbourne, possibly the best on the Planet, begins concocting some fantastic food. Between 15:15 and 17:45 is free time and depending on the person, they may have sporting commitments or something else.

**18:00** – dinner.

**18:30** – free time till 19:00.

**19:00 – 21:00** – Homework.

**21:00** – from 21:00 onwards there is free time unless you feel compelled to keep doing homework.

**22:30** – time for bed. However it isn't that straight forward – at least not when Lewie is around. Just to finish the day off nicely for all the boarders, each and every boarder is made one at a time to lift up King Lewie in a firemans carry-hold and do 10 squats. Not half-baked ones but the full on ones. If you can't manage you end up falling in a heap and Lewie comes crashing down upon you.

That is a typical day of a boarder aside from each person having their own commitments whether musical, sporting or something throughout the day.

## Making a Splash..... Dane Fencaros

Sutton House went into the annual House Swimming carnival significant underdogs, having finished a dismal 7<sup>th</sup> the previous year. Nonetheless, our expectations of our performance remained intact for the most part. A fresh year meant a fresh start and another opportunity to leave our mark – the Sutton mark – on the history books of Trinity Grammar School. With each boarder a Suttonian, patriotism was not lacking amongst the Boarding House clan on the morning of the battle. However, some explanation of the day's significance was required in order to truly gain

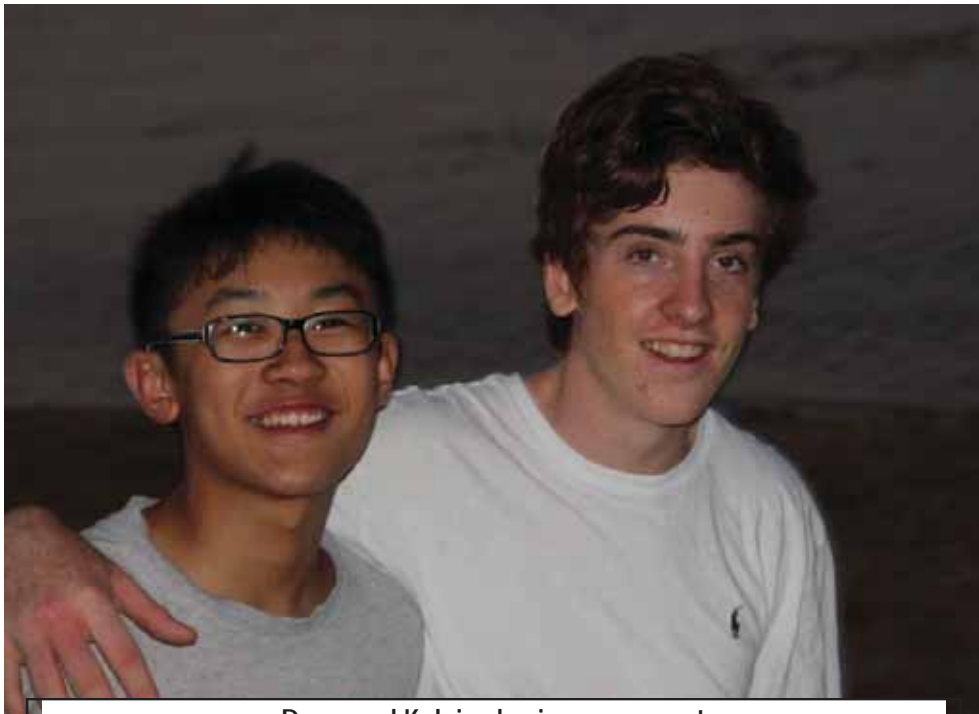
the allegiance of our more skeptical International Boarders.



Dane practicing the victory wave

With the start of the day, each boarder was left to fend for themselves practicing for the first two periods of school before we departed for MSAC and the beginning of the carnival. Throughout the shortened day of official school, mockery and banter was not in short supply – especially amongst the Year 12 students who recognised that this was their final chance to retain bragging rights through House victory. A short bus trip to

the battle arena, MSAC, only served to intensify inter-House tensions as we were forced to travel in close proximity to our rivals for the day.



Dane and Kelvin sharing a moment

Upon arrival, each boarder, each Suttonian, was able to experience the true atmosphere, the true expectation that inter-House carnivals bring – these emotions were further amplified in that this was the first inter-House faceoff of 2012. A rocketing start from the youngest of Sutton’s warriors – the Year 7s (including our very own Josh Lewis), saw Sutton jump to an early second place, trailing only Roberts – our most bitter rivals. As Trinity Boarders, we are considered the purest and noblest Suttonians of all. However, it was disappointing to

see that such branding could not translate to impressive performances as our collective input amassed to Jay’s gallant, but fruitless efforts in the butterfly – the most feared of disciplines.

As the day progressed, Merritt established themselves as challengers for the three-way fight for victory, with the cellar-dwellers of Henty and Cowan assuming their rightful positions at the bottom of the table. As each race commenced and concluded, Suttonians demonstrated the passion and endeavour characteristic of Sutton House.

As the final official races concluded for the day, it was obvious that the scores were close, but the final victor unknown for the moment. Before the announcement of the victorious army, spectators were treated to a novelty event with two flamboyant members of each House – Sutton represented by House Captain Ben Mitton and his sidekick Oscar Hatten. With the race not contributing to House points, the audience enjoyed viewing participants donning outrageous outfits struggle through their 50m lap. At the conclusion of this, the points were tallied and ready for release. Unfortunately tension cannot be gauged by any instrument available by today’s technology, but I have no doubt that any such instrument would overload in its efforts to measure the tension under the roof of MSAC as Headmaster Mr Tudor ascended the stage. The bottom positions were filled by the likely candidates of Cowan, Henty and Hindley, leaving Sutton, Kent Hughes, Roberts and Merritt to fight for the top spot. To the bitter disappointment of each Suttonian, it was revealed that our efforts had only warranted a 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Roberts the undeserved victors. Nevertheless, this was a brave result given our reputation. Losers on the day, but not beaten for good, the Boarders congregated in around the dinner table to discuss the day’s events and to begin planning for the next attack.

## My Roommate – Kelvin Lee



Ben and Kelvin relaxing on the beach

Ben Chaffey, a native Australian came from Albury. I remember the first day I met Ben, I saw a tall man with a pink face. He was sitting next to me, wearing sports clothing. He didn't say a word. Surprisingly, he became my roommate. At first, we didn't talk much. But after the orientation camp, we started to get to know each other: What sports he liked, what music composer and music style he like. After a day and a night, we built up an unspoken consensus. We have biology lessons together; we share the same problem that makes us have the same nightmares. We share the same music, the same room, and the same washing machine.

Thursday morning is always rainy. Running to the music school for string rehearsal with a heavy bag and instrument on a rainy morning

is extremely difficult. But it is never too hard when you have a partner to go with. Some nights, Ben showed me photos of his home. The place he lives is lovely. No pollution, no buildings, just green trees and blue sky. - how great is that. Totally different to where I came from. I have never, ever enjoyed such a beautiful view before. The place I came from has no chance to see that nice view and no chance to walk on a place that there is nobody except me. But Ben told me that if I have time, I can visit his place. I'm so pleased that someday I can really see what I saw in the picture.

Ben was so thoughtful towards me with my poor English. He has taught me a lot of Aussie English. Such as "See you, mate." "How's it going?" and "Hey, bro!"

On the one hand, I believe that as time passes by we will know each other like we know our own selves. On the other hand, I hope time doesn't past too fast because I enjoy these days with Benny.

## New Boarders – Henry Li



Henry coming in from surfing with Kelvin

I am a new boarder to this Boarding House, and I am a new student to the school, too. I am very glad that I can live in this Boarding House, people here are very kind.

The new boarders are Kelvin, Ben, Liam, James, Matt and myself. I think there are a few more that haven't come yet. Luckily, all of us are having a good time in the Boarding House. Liam and I are from China, and before Trinity, both of us were at Avalon College for English; Kelvin is from Hong Kong; Matt is from Yarrowonga, a three hours' drive from Melbourne; Ben is from Albury, New South Wales, also three hour drive from Melbourne, but these boys live in different towns. We are getting used to the Boarding House life. The

first day we came here Mr. Lewis and Sylvanna introduced us to the Boarding House and then we had a BBQ together. The first weekend all boarders went to a seaside house, in Blairgowrie, together and we had a good time there. This helped us to fit into the circle of Boarding House. Students and staff give us a lot of help to fit in this new kind of life.

I am looking forward to meeting the new boarders that haven't come. I hope they can fit into the Boarding House and the school well; I am sure they will enjoy the life here.

## International Students – James Kim

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International Students from right to left Kelvin, James, Henry and Liam

There are five international students in the Boarding House: Sam Chen, Kelvin Lee, Henry Li, Liam Zong and James Kim. Sam is in year 12 and from Hong Kong, Kelvin is in Year 11 and he is also from Hong Kong. Liam and Henry are in Year 10 and they are from Beijing, China, James is in Year 10 and from South Korea.

First of all, Sam is called the captain of international students in the Boarding House but nothing is obvious about that. He came to Australia about a year and half ago and is now trying to study very hard as a student in Year 12 so he can become what he dreams, a business manager. He seems to be interested in playing badminton but as the gossip between the other boarders suggests, he is not very good at it.

Kelvin is a new boy at Trinity Grammar School this year. Even though it's his first year in Australia, his sociability is excellent and he is very bright. He actually came to Australia in November and went MLC (Melbourne Language Centre). He is really good at playing the violin and he loves it.

Liam is the best basketball player in the boarding house. He started to play basketball about two years ago and has practised every day. He also started to play the guitar recently and is learning every Friday.

Although, Henry came to Australia in August last year, his English is pretty

reasonable in his school life. He endeavours to acquire a high level of English as quickly as possible. He is good at table tennis and always looks forward to his interschool matches on Saturday.



James playing beach cricket

James Kim has been in Australia for about two and a half years. He came from Hobart, Tasmania. He thinks that Tasmania was the most terrible place he has ever been. He wants to be a dentist in the future so tries hard and enjoys most sports. All the boarders enjoy staying in the Boarding House and are happy to be in Melbourne.

## Surfing Hard or Hardly Surfing – Jay Kennedy-Harris



Jay carving up the waves

The day started as we made our way down to the beach taking the somewhat scenic route that could in many ways likened to an episode of the Amazing Race, as we took every detour available to reach our destination. Nonetheless we made it to the beach where the only waves to be seen were from other people on the beach. Although in time the waves came through and the buzz gained from boarders envisioning themselves in the half pipe. After a few warm up activities we were set to hit the water in our wetsuits, surfboards in hand.

The first few attempts could have been displayed on national television as part of Funniest Home Videos but we speedily got the hang of it and progressed to capabilities comparable to that of contestants on the Rip Curl Pro. Josh Lewis lead the way showing that his surfer like haircut isn't accidental, appearing at home on the waves, with younger sister Angelina close behind maintaining traditional sibling rivalry. Unfortunately the same couldn't be said for the likes of Dane Fencaros who made it apparent that fire really doesn't mix with water.



Angelina enjoying the waves

Matt O'Kane mastered how to sit on the board but did not acquire any further skills. International veteran Sam Chen was unseen for most of the day suspected of using the time to exfoliate with the sand and saltwater. Fellow international students Henry, Liam and James demonstrated an inordinate amount of spirit and support though choosing to take a back step and watch others fall off their boards.

Tom Zaleski made surfing look a lot harder than it is, looking more than exhausted after a meek paddle and "getting around himself", if he even managed to get one foot on the board. Meanwhile Ben Chaffey revealed that he was clearly an academic mastering in literature as he delivered to the group every excuse in the book for not being able to stand up on his board.

Overall the day was abundant with laughter and ecstasy although some were pleased to wave goodbye to the beach. The event unmistakably brought the boarders closer together as for what each of us lacked in talent and ability made up for in the ability to support and encourage each other to simply enjoy the moment. Ultimately it was the start of a rather exceptional culture created amongst the boarders as we've stuck by each other through thick and thin thus far.



Josh very comfortable o the waves



Dane, Sam and Henry coming in after a surf

## Triathlon – Sam (Honglin) Chen



Sam coming in after surfing

Studying abroad is a wonderful opportunity that not everyone can experience. This year, 2012, at the Boarding House, we welcome all the new boarders from around the world who have selected Trinity as their favourite school - especially the boarders who now have a new home. It's a new family made up of 18 people, this is a unique family. We participate in lots of activities throughout every year at the Boarding house, which impressed me. My favourite this year which has been the triathlon.

I remember our early morning at around five am, the stupid alarm suddenly broke the

peace of the night, sleep was still full in my mind. I hate being woken up after sleeping for only a few hours. In my fuzziness, I realized that something was happening that morning, so I searched in my mind quickly, then found it, jumping out of my bed and rushing towards the bathroom. We were going to participate in a triathlon today. The champion medal was imprinted in my fantasy, I was so excited to be involved in this event which was new to me.

The sky was not yet bright enough, but hundreds of people were already gathering on the lawn, warming up and getting ready for the competition. There were children still in junior school, energetic young people at our age who came to represent their school or boarding house, like us. It seemed like adults love this sport too, no matter how fat, thin, old or whatever, they had come prepared. In fact, this is one of the characteristics that most Australians have - they love sports! Soon after arriving the judge pulled the trigger and I started to run into the sea water, all my team members rushed into the water, we were eager to become the champion team. Of course, it's so nice to have a dream; a daydream would be much more suitable. After I swam for like a hundred meters, I started feeling tired and I slowed down, what I had seen was incredible, all my mates had already kept a distance about 50 meters from me. Two minutes later, 150 meters, I was exhausted. A big disappointment, I felt I failed my teammates and blew our dreams of victory. At that moment, I wanted to give up, however that would be such a waste of money and I couldn't fail my mates - I must keep trying until the very last step I told myself. When I finally got to the destination, my mates and teachers all cheered me up, "You made it!" they said. I was so happy that I did, more importantly; I'd learnt that no matter that you lose or you win, the key point was I took part into this event and I finished it myself. Although I might be the worst swimmer in the world, I still owe you guys a big thank you.

At the Boarding House, we can always feel at home, the boarders are just like brothers. The staff are like parents or guardians, they are responsible for us, they teach us, help us, solving matters and have fun together everyday with us - I love this big, snug family.

## Boarders' Birthday- James Kim

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Alistair enjoying his cake

Boarders' Birthday is a birthday party for those of the boys who have their birthdays on the holidays and is held once a year. We celebrated Henry, Angelina, Tom, Matt and Hank on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May this year. What do you think the most important thing is on a birthday? It is a present that is heartfelt by the giver, though some want "valuable" gifts. It's a rule that a boarder must give a present to another boarder. Thus, the boys that had the responsibility for those above were busy buying some "valuable" things or heartfelt things at the last minute.

The kitchen and dining room was already fully decorated with balloons and a lot of other colourful stuff. Everyone filled the kitchen with laughing and chatting, and I could feel a warm atmosphere that can be only experienced in the Boarding House. We enjoyed our dinner and the boys were ready to blow out the candles on the cake. We all appreciated the cook, Lindy who prepared the enormous cake. We had a time to give the presents and took many photos of the party. By the time we were about to finish, I could feel that everyone was keen to go bowling.

On the day, all the boys enjoyed this party and will look forward to doing it again next year. I think it is a good idea to gather and unite the boarders with these kind of events.

## Year 10 Grampians Camp – Michael Zhou



Michael in the Boarding House

Camping was unforgettable for me. It was the first time hiking for me. I enjoyed it and made a lot of friends there. It was my second week at Trinity and I did not have many friends. Matt introduced his friends to me. I was lucky that I was in the same group with Henry Li, Henry Faithfull, Adam McCoy, Hamish Mackay because I already knew them they were so kind to me. The hiking was interesting; it makes you feel excited when you are on the top of the

mountain. I enjoyed it all the way, because I did not know what would happen. I was so curious to keep going. When I was so near to the top or the camping point, I was so delighted as I knew I will have a good rest. The National Park was attractive. We enjoyed the beauty, the air, and everything there. It was also the first time for me to see a Kangaroo; they are not cute but pretty strong. I like them!



Room mates Henry and Matt

The first time camping also had an important role for Matt O'Kane. He was the main guy in my camping group! He introduced me to his friends, helped me how to make friends with Australians and how to think in their way. He showed how to make a

tent. When I fell down, he gave me a hand and now he is my best friend. He was a significant helper in my Australian life.

I learnt a lot from the camp. I know how to join a big group and that we should think more about others and help the little guys. I enjoyed the camp; it showed me the beauty of Australia, the kindness of my classmates, the happiness of camping

## OK, Bowling GO! GO! GO! – Hank Xu



Boarding House dinner at Viet Star

Now let me take you to 5.00pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

I came back to the Boarding House with a tired body from one-week camping, when I got in room, I heard “Happy Birthday, Hank”. I felt surprised because today it was not my birthday. I looked around, today it was the Boarder’s Birthday! We then ate the lovely cake that Lindy made for us and then went to Chadstone to play bowling. It was hard for me play, because, I had hardly ever bowled and I hadn’t eaten dinner that day. I had just concluded my Year 10 camping experience. With these complex feelings, I got to the place where we would be bowling.

I selected a ball which I thought was appropriate for me. Michael got an eight from his first bowl, and then Henry got seven. It was my turn. I held the ball, had a deep breath and stepped back several steps. I

held my breath, One! Two! Three! Ok bowling, go go go. I was running with a high speed, then I threw the ball, when the ball get to the middle of the lane, it turned to right and into the parallel, miss once! It is ok I told myself because this is first. Second, I had a preparation, the ball went straight, I thought I would not miss this time. Unfortunately when the ball got to the end, just at that time it turned to the left. I missed again. Third, miss. Fourth, miss. Fifth, miss. Sixth miss. Ohh No, I saw everybody’s score, even Angelina and Josh, I was the last one. I was so disappointed. But I thought it is not time to give up, because I have three extra chances, went to the place again, hold the breath, one two three ,go !!! I can do it.

“It can’t miss this time.” I told to myself. I turned round, hoped that it doesn’t miss again. I looked at everyone then they cheered and it felt so amazing, I suddenly turned round, oh my God, it was a “strike”, it is unbelievable. I jumped and cheered with Henry and Michael. It was incredible for me. But my luck didn’t stop, I got three strikes in a row. I was absolutely excited at the time. This was one of the best days since I came to Australia.

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J	8 1	8 -	8 1	- 3	7 -				
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HENRY									

Hank's interesting scorecard at Ten Pin Bowling

Playing bowling is like life, when we have a bad experience or always bad luck, don't give up, because you can

do it.



Sam, Kelvin and James after winning the House Cross Country Relay at the Winter Carnival

## Welcome Hank and Michael-Henry Li

Two new boarders came this term, they are Hank and Michael.

Hank and Michael are Chinese, both of their hometowns are one hour's drive from Shanghai; they went to the same school in Shanghai and they were good friends; they have many similar clothes to show they were good friends. Here, in the Boarding House, they were roommates, unfortunately not now, because Michael is too tall and the bed and desk he got is too short for him. On the first day they came, they were excited and nervous; everyone in the Boarding House welcomed



New boys Hank and Michael

them. All of us helped them when they had a question or did not know what to do. They did well in their studies and socialized with many of the foreign students, especially Michael, everyone in Year 10 is friends with him. One term passed and they fitted in very well. Michael was in the same camp with me and he enjoyed it. Hank was not on the same camp with me but he enjoyed it, too. This term is nearly finished and they really enjoyed it. They enjoy life and love a good laugh. They both give everything a try and have made the transition into Trinity Grammar School very easily. In fact it feels like they have always been here.

"There will always be 'hello' and 'goodbye', always on the road."

## Year 12 Formal Photos

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Sam at the Formal



Jay at the formal



Dane at the Formal



Josh playing House Football for Sutton

