It was great to put the sign “No Vacancy” outside the front of the Boarding House again. The Boarding House has enjoyed operating at capacity with the boys making the most of the extra company. We have a healthy number of returning students with Hank, Henry and Liam (from overseas) and Sam, Matt and Tom; (from the country); this offers a great mix and a dynamic atmosphere. We have enjoyed the additions of Jonno and Lewis who have made the crossover from day students to boarders, taking on the extra responsibilities and becoming self-managers. We have also welcomed by Jasper Teoh, the popular brother of Jonathan who spent two great years in the Boarding House, and Toon Sriprakorbporn from Thailand. John Chen, Jingfan Zhang and Jason Zhou joined the Boarding House and Trinity in Year 10. The Boarding House has a very healthy mix and, although younger than in the past (Tom is our only Year 12), they are eager to get involved in both school and boarding life. The boys have enjoyed a range of activities during Semester One, including fun runs (Run for Cancer and Run Melbourne), activity days such as Geelong Water Park and outdoor adventures such as surfing at Phillip Island. They have met Australia’s wildlife at the Koala Park,
the Australian Wildlife Centre and watching the Penguins on Parade. They have also had a stylish dinner party with their partners in the Centre for the Arts, enjoyed a Boarders’ birthday ten pin bowling and, most importantly, visited an old age home and valuable time with elderly people. The Boarding House has run very smoothly with each boy appreciating the responsibilities involved in living within a community.
ORIENTATION CAMP

Matt O’Kane
After a lovely long break over Christmas it was time to head back to school. There were only six boarders returning from the previous year. It is fair to say we had plenty of new faces floating around. We all piled into the bus and headed off for our annual Boarders’ Orientation Camp that takes place at the beginning of each school year. It is a weekend where 15 boys from all over the world come together for the first time. This year’s trip saw us make the journey to Phillip Island.

After checking in at our accommodation, we all decided that there was no better way to get to know each other than with a bit of beach cricket. This has become a tradition of the boarders’ camp that no matter how good or bad you are at cricket everyone joins in and there is guaranteed fun for all. This year’s standouts being yours truly and Tom Zaleski who both made centuries in a partnership that could have lasted all day with Trinity Old Boys Al Nicolson and Chris Amiconi bowling absolute pies. A change in the pace brought by Boarding House Master Peter Lewis’ young daughter Angelina managed to break the pair. The second wicket fell due to the crafty spin supplied by big Jasper Teoh, a new face on the scene from Malaysia, stamping some authority on the game.

With the boys tired and needing a rest, we headed back for lunch and a bit of fun and games to be held in the games room where we were staying. After the Australian boys tearing up cricket, it was time for a few of the new Chinese boys to step up and destroy us at table tennis which was exactly what happened. They destroyed boastful and confident little Jonno McCartney, who became the first to be put to shame, losing 11-0 after trying to make a name for himself.

With soccer being popular with many of the boys we headed back down to the
beach for some twilight soccer. This was where new boy Toon from Thailand imposed his power, refusing to play anywhere but striker in beach soccer where we were lucky to distinguish teams apart, let alone positions. Russian boarder Simon Phillipov took charge of his team and stated that the key to their success was him playing goalie. This certainly didn’t quite go to plan when they lost 7-0 in a five-minute game. Toon struggled with accuracy and most of the time “couldn’t hit water if he fell out of a boat”. Night-time came around quite quickly and it was time for us to all pile back in the bus and head off to the famous penguin parade. Although being freezing cold the boys really enjoyed the experience of watching penguins come out of the water and up into the sand dunes where they lived. The next day was set out to be an absolute ripper because we were headed down to the beach yet again for some surf lessons. This, however, was not such a great success for some who spent more time getting smashed by monster waves than actually getting on top of the board. Young Lewis Malay had his sights set high when we got to surfing but the only problem was that he showed more interest in the female surf instructor than actually trying to catch a wave. Boarding House Master Peter Lewis tried to
impress with his surfing skills but ended up being more of a laughing stock when being overtaken by his 14 year old son. A special mention to Sam Muir in the surfing sector who refused to surf because he was “too cool” and it would “ruin his hair”. Later in the day we headed off to “Amazen Things” where everyone enjoyed things such as the giant slide and maze where the whole boarding house participated in order to in fact try and win a prize. This in fact ended up being a distraction so the supervisors could go and have a coffee. After a quick trip to a koala wildlife park across the road where we saw plenty of koalas in their natural habitat, eating gum leaves high up in the trees, it was time for us all to get back on the bus and make the journey back to Trinity in order to start the school term. The Boarders’ camp was a fun and exciting experience and provides great bonding time where all boarders go through various activities together. This makes life much easier for the school year. An enormous amount of effort is put into this by the Boarding House staff and it is greatly appreciated by all.
Who is the champion of Ten Pin bowling in the Boarding House 2013? Chris? Nah, he tried to beat me, but unfortunately, he could not make it happen.

On 3rd May, Boarders’ Birthday, the one of most important days in the year. Significantly, during the dinner I bet with Chris Amiconi, who was the champion of last year. We were going to have a bowling competition after dinner, the loser would do the dishes during the following weekend. Haha, what a naïve kid! Now, I will not tell you the result of the competition. It is obvious.

Ok, we were in Victoria Gardens, what a lovely place to improve my legend status. The first round, well, what I wanna say is that I treated it
as warm up. My final score was 37, and Chris got 147. Everybody thought I would totally lose this competition except for me. It actually did not matter, because I was on fire during the second round. Now, it’s time to witness the legend, lol.

First shot, I got a spare. I was quite excited. But the people didn’t feel surprised. Second shot, I took a deep breath, stood back, rushed to the front, and threw the ball into these ten candlepins, and the ball went into the rut on the left side, and I got nothing, but at the second chance, I did the same things as first one, but this time I got a strike. Oh my God! A strike! but nobody cheered for me, because I was ignored actually. So a very strange image happened, I got four strikes continually. And nobody noticed it until Chris saw the score. Frankly, he was nervous, and told me, he got 175 in the first round, what a liar! And I trusted him, what a fool! I got 147 after nine shots. The last one, I have to get a strike and get another to get 175, but I was uncomfortable and anxious. I cannot keep the relaxed status that I had before, so I made a spare but not a strike. I felt sort of upset because I didn’t defeat Chris (actually I did!). Hence my score was 157, it was an incredible surprise for everyone.

I did the dishes on Saturday, what a joke! The winner did the what the loser was supposed to do according to the deal.

All in all, I absolutely enjoyed that night, because I became the champion of TP bowling in the Boarding House. YOLO!
RUNNING FOR LINUS

Jason Zhou
On a Sunday in March of 2013, Boarding House students went to the Royal Botanic Gardens to enjoy an activity called: Run for Kids. It is a fun run which is for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The whole length of the run is 5.5 kilometres. The running began at ten past eight in the morning.

That morning we got up before the sun rose. As usual, Mr Lewis came and made us wake up. After breakfast, we took the minibus to Alexandra Avenue. That was the start of the run. There were many Trinity boys and teachers. At 8:10, the run started and Trinity boys ran at once. I was in the middle of the group. At first I wished that I could follow the group’s steps, and I actually did it in the first kilometre, but after that I became slower and slower, when I reached two kilometres, I couldn’t see the group any more. I started to walk and took some deep breaths to help myself become active again. I walked about three kilometres and started running again, but I couldn’t overtake the group anymore until we finished running. In fact, I even couldn’t see them anymore. I rested few times, then, when I ran to the last third of the way, I saw some of the boarders were running in front of me. I suddenly ran quicker and wanted to reach them but I failed. Anyway, I finished the run in the end with a really tired body but I really enjoyed this running. The only thing which was not so good was I forgot to give the money to the organization. Every boarder enjoyed the running but most of us forgot to give money. Hope we won’t forget next year.
With the plethora of new faces in the Boarding House, and the Trinity Grammar sporting reputation on the line, the Boarders jumped eagerly into the new season of sport. For some this was routine, with the likes of Matt, Sam, Henry and Hank displaying their skills in a selected field, for others this would be their first season.

The Boarding House contains much of the school’s international super stars and it was only natural that the likes of Henry, John, Hank and Jingfan should strengthen the badminton and table tennis teams. Most of these boys enjoyed a season in the seconds, but John, in his first season, attained a place to the play in the Trinity firsts. They all enjoyed their seasons despite having to travel to MSAC to play and were able to come away with
some successes. Some of the international boys decided to take a different approach, with Liam trying his hand at basketball, Simon with his quick feet and safe hands played touch rugby and Jasper, bizarrely, attempted to play cricket. Liam, who was joined in the basketball contingency by Jonno played a key role in his team’s success, while Jonno could be seen shooting threes from anywhere on the court. Despite his go-get-it attitude and charming smile, Jasper struggled to become the first Malaysian to play cricket for Australia and declared for 0 runs and 0 balls faced.

Volleyball is quickly becoming a popular sport to play during the summer months. Three of our boys, Matt, Sam and Lewis, spent their Saturday morning spiking and digging. Sam and Lewis enjoyed the more casual game in the seconds and thirds, Matt received the call up to the big boys’ league and managed to feature in some victories that saw the First Volleyball team reach the semi-finals. Tennis also saw a strong turn out with Jason, Toon and I smashing our way to victory.
Toon, with his big serve, and Jason with his speed around the court showed the opposition why China is starting to produce more tennis stars. While the first tennis team had an abysmal season, finishing third last, I enjoyed my time captaining and playing in the team despite it being my last year. I’m sure the boys will have many successful seasons to come and will enjoy many more victories whether it’s out at Bulleen, in the gym or defying the odds and taking on the opposition on their home ground.
There are many Houses in Trinity such as Arnold, Henty, Merritt, Roberts etc. They were named in honour of men who contributed significantly to Trinity’s development, but why we call them ‘Houses’ no one has an idea. Houses play quite an important role in our school life by making challenges for us such as competitions in music, swimming and other sports. Everyone from our Boarding House family is in the same House, called Sutton. It makes us closer to each other and we work as a team.

From my experience I would say that House competitions are the best fun in the school or even ever! During the Winter Carnival, where students compete between Houses in soccer, football, tennis and other winter sports, I was playing soccer with my Boarding House friends (and other guys from our House). We won because we were not just housemates – we won because we have something in common that others do not have.

Coming home from such activities we discuss with enjoyment our winnings and failures. It is so much fun and it makes our life much more interesting. The Boarding House and Sutton House make us closer and help us to enjoy the school with a little fun.
After the long drive to Geelong, every boarder enjoyed playing in the water in Geelong Adventure Park on a hot day. There are lots of places to play in the Adventure Park such as the massive water slide, the big wheel, the gorgeous swimming pool, the Carousel, etc. First, we had own time to enjoy the Water Park by ourselves for a while. After that we all had a lovely lunch prepared by our best Head of Boarding (Mr Lewis). Then we had free time again but this time was just half an hour. After that we all did lots of activities and competitions such as water racing, sliding race, etc. I think every boarder felt really impressed and enjoyed it so much. In the end, I asked the staff in Boarding House if we could go to a water park again but at another place because I liked it so much. But he said we cannot because this is the only water park in Victoria. I felt so surprised. Honestly, I think that is one of the best weekends that I have ever had. I hope we will have a chance to go there again.
The life in the Boarding House is much more interesting than the boarders were expecting. When boarders join everyone finds out that the time in the Boarding House is very happy and everyone has so much fun. Everyone loves going to the common room which is in the room where Liam and Hank live. Every day before dinner or after dinner people will go to that room and play Indoor Basketball, all the boarders quite enjoy it. Sometimes we will go to some other place like Phillip Island or a Water Park. Even if takes a long time on the bus, we still have fun.

The boarding house is the best choice for students whose home is far away from Trinity, it makes you feel like you are at home instead of alone by yourself. As a group all the boarders are friendly and we are just like brothers. There are two houses one which is on Charles Street called Charles House and another one is called College House. We have dinner and meetings in the Charles House’s dining room. We also have an entertainment room between these two houses and we can play pool in it. Although the table is bad we can still have lots of fun on it. In short, life in the boarding house is wonderful; every boarder can have fun there.
TYPICAL DAY IN A LIFE

Jasper Teoh
Every day starts out the same, Mr Lewis enter the rooms of the boarders with a knock on the door wearing his leather shoes and suit, to wake everyone up saying the same phrase every day to me “Good morning, Jasper. It’s time to wake up,” with the same “enthusiastic” tone. After having taken my own sweet time to get ready, I’ll think of another inspiring day at school in my mind. I set down my bag just outside and walk into the dining area with people preparing or having their breakfast with a mind getting ready to be “inspired” at school. Every morning on a weekday, Mr Lewis comes in at 8 am chasing everyone out and having the people on duty do their job. Also at the same exact time, a certain boarder enters the kitchen in a hurry with unbuttoned shirt, tie undone and quickly goes through the fridge and pantry for a quick breakfast. After an inspiring and knowledge-filled day ready to be tomorrow’s leaders, we make way back to the Boarding House with our stomachs and mouths about to be filled with snacks the chef has prepared for us. On certain days, we have sport and arrive back late with our bodies filled with earth and big appetites. After feasting like kings, most of the boarders disperse into Hank’s and Liam’s room as it’s known as the “entertainment room” or some take that period of time to do their own things before homework time starts. During the two hour period from 7-9pm also known as “homework time” by the staff in charge, boarders “study” or the international students, would try to improve their English if there’s no homework to be done. Once it hits 9pm, some boarders head straight to the TV area, for the kitchen, other boarders’ rooms or some just simply stay locked up in their room like they had no clue of the outside world. Once it hits 10.30pm, the staff in charge make their rounds to ensure everyone is in their rooms lights out and “asleep”. Thus the same routine happens every day for months until we have our term break.
Boarding House Formal Dinner

Samuel Muir
The boys suited up and accompanied their dates, who were all dressed to impress, to the Arts Centre for the annual Boarding House Dinner. Pre-dinner drinks of punch were served as the guests arrived and everyone gathered in the foyer and mingled until everyone had arrived. By 7.30 everyone was escorted into the South Room where no expense had been spared with the decorative pieces and romantic lighting that the room provided. With clear views of the city, many soaked up the atmosphere before sitting in their assigned seat. The table places were exquisite with many of the boys confused about which of the many knifes to use first. Quiet chatter filled the room as the first of three courses was served, a piece of smoked salmon on a bed of greenery and a potato biscuit. Conversations among tables continued as everyone consumed their first course. By the time the main course arrived, the night was in full swing, with the room dominated by the conversations of many. The waiters then bought out our main course, a steak eye fillet with sweet potato and vegetables. Dessert came soon after. By the time dessert was finished it was time to wrap up with a compelling speech from Sam
Muir. Following the speech it was time for everyone to get snapped by the camera in their best attire. Once everyone had their chance to shine on the red carpet it was time to face the brisk weather outside and for the boys to take their dates home. Overall it was a good night for all who attended and I’m sure many would call it the event of the season.
One of the best things we have done in our lovely Boarding House was visiting an old people’s home. It was a really good experience. We had very great conversations with these old people. They shared their past life with us. I can still remember Nick who is 87 years old. He said he was a soldier in the army during the Second World War, but luckily he didn’t go overseas to join the war, so he is still alive until now. I felt very happy when he was sharing his life, his experience with me.

When people get old, they like to chat with young people, because we can take happiness to them as well. They can remember what they did in their young age when they see us. The memories of their past life are sweet, soft and fresh. How wonderful it would be if people could go back to their young age!!! I hope every boarder can cherish the time that we live in the Boarding House together. We are one big family. When we get old, when we think about our young age, we are going to love it.
Everybody has a birthday, and most of the time we celebrate it. Our Boarding House tries best to make us feel at home, so we celebrate everyone’s birthday here. But how do we celebrate it together if it’s in the holiday? The boys who have birthdays in the holidays like me celebrate it on ‘Boarders’ Birthday’ and I think Hank is doing that topic, you guys can find out what it’s like on that day. Big day for us.

So what do we do on normal birthdays? We celebrate it at that day’s dinner, and we have LOLLIES on that night! We all like them. And we have cake on that night of course. And sing birthday songs just like what we do at home.

We also celebrate Scotty’s birthday! That is the Lewis’ dog, we can eat his cake. Oh we also give presents too! At the start of the year we draw out a name from a hat, we then buy a present for that person, so we all get presents, and people get presents from Scotty and people buy presents for him, too! Isn’t that interesting?