

Boarding FAQs



STUDENTS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I be sharing a room?

Year 12 students live in single rooms. All other boarders share a room with one other student.

How can I get help with my homework?

Academic staff are available to help you during scheduled study (homework) sessions Monday to Thursday.

Where do I study and do my homework?

In the refectory for study sessions and you will have a desk and access to the school network in your room.

How many different activities can I get involved in?

As a boarder, you can choose to do as many co-curricular activities as you can manage, whether it be sport, performing arts, music, rowing, equestrian ...

Who should I talk to if I need help with anything?

You can talk to any of the boarding staff.



Assisted academic study



Open green space living



Dedicated bus service



The Neil Maclean Hockey Field



Healthy and delicious food options



Equestrian Centre

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CONFIDENT FUTURES

PARENTS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What academic support will my child receive?

The Director of Boarding, Mr Monk closely monitors the academic progress of all boarders. Any teacher who has concerns contacts Mr Monk. All students receive subject reports each term and parents are invited to attend Parent/Teacher interviews. All students have access to two hours of academic support in the College Library after school Monday to Thursday. In addition, boarders have access to rostered teachers for assistance at the two-hour study sessions Monday to Thursday.

What pastoral support will my child receive?

We have a strong emphasis on pastoral care and all students have a Mentor Teacher with whom they meet daily. They are also grouped in a House which encourages them to become involved in a range of activities and monitors their social and academic progress.

Who do I contact to discuss my child?

Mr Monk is the contact point for all concerns of boarders. He is available by telephone or email.

What will my child be doing on the weekends?

Most boarders enjoy the chance to have a break from the routine of school, catch up on their studies and take care of their washing.

For relaxing, boarders can enjoy a movie in-house or plan an outing to the local shops. For personal fitness and relaxation, they can play a wide variety of sports depending on their interests, they can go to the local pool, gym, golf course, go for a walk around Lake Hamilton or head to our on-site courts (flood-lit at night) for a social game of basketball or tennis.

In Summer, regular trips are organised to Portland, Warrnambool or Port Fairy for beach activities. At other times of the year trips may be organised to travel to the Grampians National Park for a bush walk or to Melbourne to watch an AFL game or go shopping.

What career advice will my child receive?

All students participate in a structured and comprehensive careers program starting in Year 9. As part of the program, they will receive one-on-one careers advice and help with their subject selection. Each student will be closely monitored in this area as they progress through the school.

STRUCTURE

Mornings

- 6.50 am Wake up
- 7.00 am From 7am, breakfast served in the Refectory
- 8.00 am Breakfast service ends and bag trailer departs for Senior School
- 8.15 am Room and uniform inspection
Students walk to school or catch bus if it is raining.
- 8.30 am Boarding House is closed

After school

- 3.30pm Walk to Boarding House (where afternoon tea is provided) or after-school activity (can arrange a pick up) or tutoring/study session in Senior School library

NB: Students are not permitted to go into town

- 5.50 pm Assemble in the Refectory for dinner
- 6.00 pm Dinner
- 7.00 pm Study begins for all year levels
- 8.00 pm End of study for Year 7-8
- 8.30 pm End of study for Year 9
- 8.45 pm End of study for Years 10
- 9.15 pm Lights out for Years 7-8
- 9.30 pm Boarding House is quiet, for all students
- 9.30 pm Year 9 – 11 lock-up laptop, phone and any other IT devices. Outside doors locked.
- 9.45 pm Lights out for Year 9-10
- 10.15 pm Lights out for Year 11-12

Seniors may do late study if approved by MOD but must not disturb others.