



Spotlight on Boarding

JUDD SMITH, YEAR 7

Karoola Station, NSW



ABOVE: Judd's older brother Dusty (Year 10), Judd and Mrs Jenny Toh.

I came to Prince Alfred College this year as a Year 7 boarder having previously been at Broken Hill School of the Air. Everything at PAC was different! I had to become familiar with the school and its routine, including 45 minute classes and arriving on time. The school work was more difficult in some areas but I had lots of help from my teachers. Being a boarder has meant I am with other boys my age, unlike home where I was alone. This means I can always find someone to kick the footy with or do something together. I have also enjoyed weekend boarding activities including Mrs Toh's cooking classes, watching AFL matches at Adelaide Oval, and lots of activities like rock climbing.

I am looking forward to the three week break in July and spending time back home with my family and my miniature Fox Terrier called Sprocket. My Mum and Dad will have plenty of jobs for me to help with, which may include mustering on my motorbike and checking on stock.

CHARLIE SIEMER, YEAR 9

Koonawarra Station, NSW



ABOVE: Ned Davies (Year 9) and Charlie.

I have just come back from Wambana, a five week Year 9 camp where we do many activities such as community work, cycling and surfing. On 2 May, it was an early morning sail from Port Adelaide to Port Vincent and from there on to Point Turton where Wambana campus is located.

There are three phases of the program comprising cycle tour, house living and hiking at Melrose. The cycle tour went for five days and we covered over 160kms around Yorke Peninsula. There were many challenges like narrow sandy tracks, tired legs and tyre punctures.

Phase 1 prepares the group for Phase 2 which is house living and a fitness component. Every morning we would wake up at 6.30am and then start a warmup followed by a fitness activity. Every second day was running and these gradually got longer with the end goal an 11km run. In between these running days, there would be other activities such as capture the flag, soccer and yoga. In house living we lived in a fully functioning house where we would cook and clean it all ourselves. I got a lot out of this experience.

The third and final phase was hiking at Melrose. We hiked 10km in the Melrose bushland around Mount Remarkable to our camping location. At the camping location, boys spent 16 hours with a peer and then 22 hours by ourselves in a set location. It was a great time to reflect on what we did during the program. Throughout my time at camp, I faced many challenges and had lots of highlights. One of my biggest challenges was the fitness program. The running was mentally very hard and left me very sore. Another challenge I faced was house living. It was hard to keep a house clean and we didn't always all work together. My biggest highlight at camp was surfing and Melrose. Surfing was great to learn and being around friends. Melrose was a hard challenge that rewarded with amazing views and life lessons.

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