Community spirit builds boarding school success

Prince Alfred College’s boarding community caters for 140 boys from Year 7 to 12. The Director of Boarding, Darren Roylett, believes that a key to the success of the boarding program at PAC is the development of the community and support for each boy. The College is not only an educational institution but our boarding experience provides a genuine home for these boys away from home. A key part of establishing the strong community feel at PAC and settling our new boys in is the devoted team of staff live on campus and caters to every new boy’s needs. A supportive, answering any questions, and builds a sense of community. The day featured four activities all conducted in the new RED Centre – indoor soccer, water polo, dodge ball and Pictionary – which gave a number of different opportunities for building team spirit and developing relationships.

PAC has an extensive weekend activities program that the envy of other boarding schools. The programs are specifically tailored to teenage boys and provide them with opportunities to experience activities and events that they would normally not easily get access to. Boarding at PAC provides a great balance of activities which, combined with the College’s co-curricular programs, contributes to the boys’ academic success.

I am grateful for the opportunities

Jordan Ackland
Vice Captain of Boarding, Orroroo

THREE years ago at the age of 15, just starting year 10, I began my journey of boarding at Prince Alfred College. I can still remember saying goodbye to mum and dad and my little brother as I unpacked my bag in my new room. To be perfectly honest with you, at that point I was terrified.

Now being a year 12 Boarding House Prefect I am responsible for a group of new boarders.

This year the Prince Alfred Boarding house has 43 new boarders, most coming from country towns scattered across the state, others from interstate, and some even across international waters.

Despite the differences in their homes, all new boarders experience a sense of homesickness. Some have never been away from home for more than a few days and now spend weeks away from loved ones.

With all this in mind the boarding house caters to every new boy’s needs. A devoted team of staff live on campus and very much become your foster parents. Staff are helped by a group of year 12s and boarding prefects who understand and can relate to the new boys at the sometimes daunting situation that they find themselves in.

The boarding house provides an environment for boys to thrive in, become independent and make friends for life.

Looking back at my time at Princes I am filled with sense of that I wouldn’t have become the man I am today without it. I wouldn’t have made some great mates that with any luck will stay with me for the rest of my life, and I wouldn’t have had the opportunities that the school and the Princes community has offered me anywhere else, and for all of that I am truly grateful.

Good place for some good experiences

Charlie Hay
Boarder from Parilla

WHEN I was about 12 I started to look on the college’s website and search the internet for information about PAC. I really liked what I saw and thought PAC was a place I would like to spend some time at.

I didn’t know about how I would feel having to board away from home though and I worried about this a bit in the time leading up to the school year. All the boarding staff and students have been very welcoming and this has helped us not only me but all the other new boarders.

Since I have been in the boarding house I have gone to an NFL game which I had never done before. This is just one example of the wide range of activities that are offered to boarders.

If you have the chance to board at Prince Alfred College, I would ask you to seriously consider it and take up the opportunity as it is very worthy. It is a great environment for academics, sport, meeting new people, making friends, experiencing a different lifestyle, and having fun.

Lots to do at Fringe, Clipsal

Tom Willson
Boarder from Penneshaw

I WAS initially worried about starting boarding in year 6 – was it too early? Would I find my way around the school and make friends?

My fears quickly vanished when I saw some familiar faces that I had met when I spent the night at the boarding house in November last year.

If you get the same opportunity I would definitely consider it as it was great to get a better feel of the boarding house, know what to expect, and meet other young boarders.

The boarding house at PAC has an amazing activities program that has really helped us all get used to board together.

We are kept so busy that there is little time to miss home.

In my first three weeks I have been paddle boarding, surfing and have gone to the movies.

I’m really looking forward to the Fringe Festival and Clipsal as PAC is in a great location to be able to participate in these events.

The boarding house staff are really supportive, answering any questions I’ve had, ensuring I get to my sporting activities and get back safely from an exeat.

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We invite Old Reds, current parents and future students to visit us on March 20 and 21 at 346 Shepherd Street to share news of our students’ successes and to discuss the unique opportunities for boarders at Princes. (Site No. 346)

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