HEADMASTER Bradley Fenner reflects on his first year at Prince Alfred College and on the value of boarding.

How would you describe your first year at the helm of PAC?

I have really enjoyed my first year at PAC. Having worked in a couple of other Adelaide schools I felt I knew PAC well and had both admiration and respect for what the College was doing and producing.

This background understanding, together with the warm welcome both my family and I received on arrival, has made for a very smooth and effective transition into the College environment.

My initial positive feelings about the College and its culture has only been magnified in what I would describe as a very gratifying first ten months as Headmaster.

What have been the key highlights for you over the past 10 months?

The energy of the College has been a real stand-out for me, there is always something happening.

Students are given many opportunities to engage and respond to aspects of their learning and environment and do this both openly and willingly.

The relationships developed through the openness of student interaction creates a positive and constructive culture where decent young men prevail.

The loyalty of the PAC community, extending into the Old Scholars, is an undoubted strength of the College.

I have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing this loyal and heartfelt commitment at a number of events I have attended both locally and at a few of the international ‘gatherings’ held annually.

You have chosen to lead a number of Colleges with a boarding component as a Headmaster – what attracts you to these types of Colleges?

All eight schools I have worked in have had a boarding facility, and I have spent time as a boarding master as well as a Headmaster.

I firmly believe that each of these schools, and the student body overall, is the better for having the boarding component, as a representative mix in the College’s overall culture.

PAC does a wonderful job of integrating boarders and day boys and the relationships among all boys show this.

A strong boarding house and boarding environment is a feature of the College and this is reflected in our growing numbers in this area.

Can you share any exciting developments that may be on the horizon for the College?

Since its inception in 1869, PAC has had a boarding facility with boarding firmly entrenched as a cornerstone of our organisation.

We have started ground work for the construction of a new dining room that will seat 350-plus students and an associated ‘tuck shop’.

This is a very exciting development that will cater for all our boarders and a number of day students.

We are considering a proposal for the construction of a new boarding facility to cater for 150 students.

This development will increase the campus footprint in providing a new state-of-the-art facility for our boarders.

We are always looking for ways to make our much-valued boarding environment and programme accessible to more families and thus have a focus on expanding our financial support programme for boarding families from within the State and beyond.

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