Boarding community helps boys to lead the way

When boys start in the boarding community at Prince Alfred College, they embark on a journey towards leadership. "Our aim is to develop young men who will leave the College with both the tools and the desire to contribute to the wider community," said Darren Roylett, Head of Boarding.

Every year, the boarding community runs a series of seminars that ask the boys to consider what it means to be a leader, and to learn how to position themselves so that others recognise their leadership potential.

Not all boys aspire to be Captain of School or Captain of one of the senior sporting teams but each boy is encouraged to develop their leadership skills. "Leadership is not a right. It is a privilege earned through putting the interests of others before self," Mr Roylett said.

Boys need to learn to become leaders. We provide opportunities for them to mentor others and support this with leadership seminars. This approach enables the boys to develop skills such as consultation, negotiation and mediation as well as a fair sense of justice and community spirit.

Some of the ways boarders have been involved in developing their leadership skills include participating in activities program, championing the annual pilgrimage to Cambodia and raising funds for Habitat for Humanity. Other boys volunteer their time as coaches for Preparatory School sporting teams such as the contributions boarders make to the Auskick program. Leadership may also be in the form of assisting new boarders to transition into the College or in a more formal capacity as a Boarding House Prefect. This group of boys are very important mentors to younger boarders and of great assistance to the boarding staff.

"Many of our boarders will become leading members of smaller communities. We hope they will see value in organisations such as Lions, Rotary, the local sporting club or RSL," Mr Roylett said.

"By developing leadership skills that are life skills we believe they are more likely to contribute actively to keep these service organisations alive. "Rural communities rely on goodwill and volunteers and these communities need individuals who are committed to being active contributors to facilitate positive change."

**Key Points**

- Annual leadership seminars
- Opportunity to mentor other students
- Facilitate change in communities

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**Viewpoint**

Be your own leader

Ben Glover, Year 12 Boarder, Yeelana

I HAVE been a boarder at Princes for two years and in my time here, have taken on several leadership roles. I am a prefect as well as assistant coach for the second XVIII. Both have presented their unique challenges and I have been able to meet them, and enhance my skills in this area.

Within the boarding community, I am a boarding house prefect and as such, a key responsibility is to set an example to the younger boarders about how a Princes Man should act.

To be given a leadership role within any part of the College should not be taken lightly, but seen as an opportunity for personal growth and as a way to connect with others in the school.

All students in the school have the capacity to become leaders, as I have done this year. I came to the PAC last year with no expectations of becoming a leader but by giving myself the best opportunity to become one, through applying at the end of year 11, before I knew I was sitting in front of the headmaster Mr Tutt discussing why I should be a student leader. Boarding at PAC gives opportunities for leadership through many activities, as well as other small projects such as the annual boarders’ Herald publication.

Any young man with a desire to become a leader will have no trouble being the man he wants to be at Princes. I would highly recommend Princes as it has helped me become the best that I can be. As it says under our College crest, ‘Fac Fortia Et Patere’ or translated, ‘do brave deeds and endure’.

Don’t wait for an opportunity to come to you, get out and make it yours, be your own leader.