

Boarding

AT ST PETERS

“a supportive Christian community...”

Boarder Profile

St Peters began as a co-educational boarding college in 1945, catering for the children of our rural community who could not access suitable secondary education. Today, a significant number of our boarders still come from Queensland’s rural community and regional Australia, with a healthy mix of students from other countries and backgrounds. Other families from areas in Brisbane and close to Brisbane choose the option of weekly boarding for their children.

Boarding Options

- **FULL-TIME BOARDING:** Students live-in at St Peters and return home during Term vacations, with weekend host leave.
- **WEEKLY BOARDING:** Students live-in at St Peters Monday-Friday, returning home for the weekend and during Term vacations.
- **SHORT-TERM BOARDING:** Available for students engaged in sporting programs, or whose parents may be travelling overseas.
- **OVERNIGHT BOARDING:** Available for students with busy cocurricular or curriculum programs demanding extensive specialist facilities.
- **LONG DAY SUPERVISION:** Students may be involved in our evening meal and study program by prior arrangement.

Worship

The boarding community regularly comes together to worship in a variety of formal and informal settings. At times worship includes the offer of the Sacrament

Stability, Continuity and Tradition...

St Peters has been co-educational since its foundation in 1945 and offers students from Years 6 to 12 the opportunity to board at the College and experience its vast educational, social, sporting and cultural opportunities. All family members may attend the one school, providing an important sense of stability, continuity and tradition.



of Holy Communion. Whilst attendance at worship is compulsory, individual faith traditions are respected. Bible study, Confirmation and First Communion classes are also offered to boarders.

Boarding Structure

Supervised interaction and appropriate segregation...

Our students are permitted to mingle freely during the school day. Classes are mixed and boarders eat their meals at mixed tables. However, restrictions are placed on the amount of time boys and girls may spend together after school, boarders’ evening study is segregated and weekends are closely supervised. Boys’ dormitories are strictly out of bounds to girls and vice versa.

Boarding provides an opportunity for the growth of lifelong friendships, exposure to other cultures and the development of character, self-discipline, leadership and initiative. The residential section is organised into a House structure closely paralleling a family situation by having boarders of differing ages in the one House. Each of the four Houses (two Houses for boys and two for girls) has approximately 40 boarders (accommodated in cubicles of two or single cubes). Each student has his/her own personal “space” and is under the care of a number of experienced staff, from house parents and part-time residential staff to Boarding Co-ordinators and nursing staff.

Recreational Program

A wide variety of activities are available to the boarders...

Because St Peters offers a comprehensive cocurricular program, boarders have a wide choice of activities in the sporting, musical, dramatic, cultural, academic and developmental areas. Boarders have access to the College's first-class facilities outside of College hours including the tennis courts, 50m and heated 25m pools, outdoor basketball and netball courts, gym, weights room, library and computer labs. A recreation officer organises a variety of supervised social activities and regular entertainment. These activities vary from sporting events to cultural concerts, from skating to playing squash, and from quiz nights to novelty pool games.

Boarder Health and Pastoral Care

We take great pride in the food we provide. Students receive six 'meals' a day (breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and supper). All the main meals are served in the dining hall in cafeteria style, with no restrictions on the amount of food available (especially important for growing boys). Pasta and salad bars and dessert are complementary to the main course at each evening meal (and soup in the winter). Fresh fruit and vegetables are always available. A laundry service is offered to students and included in the boarding fees.

Qualified nursing staff run clinics before and after school and at weekends, and are always on call for emergencies. Local doctors and physiotherapists visit St Peters Indooroopilly, and appointments are made off campus when required for other specialist services. All consultations with the registered nurse and visiting doctors are confidential. All boarding staff have first-aid certificates.



Boarders have a Pastoral Care Group teacher and a year group coordinator in the day school, both adopting a pastoral care role. St Peters' pastoral care network includes several chaplains and counsellors on staff who are available to boarders and their families at all times.

Study

Tailored to suit individual needs...

Boarding offers intrinsically motivated students the opportunity for developing disciplined, regular study habits. Supervised study time occurs after the evening meal, between 6.30pm to 8.30pm, with boarders in Years 11 and 12 able to continue studying after this time

(and other Years with permission). A variety of study support personnel are available to assist with study, dependent on needs.

Boarders also have access to the College's first class academic facilities during study times e.g the library and study centre. All facilities are supervised.

Security

Safety of boarders and their belongings...

The security and safety of boarders and their belongings is of primary concern to all boarding staff. Each student has a bi-lock security key for their use in the storage of their personal property. The well-lit, secure grounds are monitored by security staff and are situated in one of the most sought-after residential suburbs of Brisbane.

Contact

Regular communication with parents is encouraged...

It is important that parents maintain communication with their children and the College. Boarding houses have pay telephones available to the students, and each student has his or her own email address. Cube phones are available for parents to call their students directly, or to leave voicemail communication during school and lights-out periods. Regular communication is also maintained through academic reports, "The Rock" (a weekly newsletter), the quarterly magazine "Plus Ultra", "Maroon and White" (a quarterly boarding publication), parent social events, and parent/teacher interviews. We encourage contact between parents and staff.

We invite parents to visit St Peters Indooroopilly and tour the boarding houses, dining hall, laundry, and the College's superior educational and sporting facilities.