



ESTABLISHED 1930



# BOARDING LIFE AT SAINTS PROSPECTUS

**Strong  
Minds  
Gentle  
Hearts**



# BOARD LIVE ON CAMPUS INFORMATION



## SAINTS HEART & SOUL

Boarders have been the heart and soul of St Augustine's since 1930. While boarding residences will never be the same as home, they have a strong family spirit with a sense of fun and purpose. Parents and students choose boarding at Saints because of structured study time, free from the interruptions and distractions at home. Others opt for boarding because of family reasons and distance travelled to school, or simply because they are attracted to it as a style of education.

### SAINTS BOARDING BENEFITS

- > Weekly and full-time boarding programs cater for boys and girls
- > Allows siblings to board in the same location and mingle during boarding hours, with the benefits of a city-based, single-gender education
- > Extensive curriculum choices
- > Well-developed co-curricular program
- > Structured and supervised homework and study sessions, assisted by qualified Saints teachers to ensure academic success
- > Modern facilities and opportunities not available in smaller towns
- > Dedicated boarding staff are committed to the best care, support and supervision

## BOARDING PROGRAM

The boarding program aspires to cultivate a spirit which is witness to our Marist tradition, our sense of family, and our desire to share our Christian vision with the young men and women of whose care we have been entrusted. Integral to the achievement of these aspirations, we encourage the growth of our boarders, with traits that are reflected in all aspects of College life; spiritual, cultural, communal, academic and sporting. We encourage the growth of our boarders in the following ways:

- SELF-IDENTITY
- OPPORTUNITY
- RESPECT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- ACCEPTANCE
- PRAYERFULNESS
- ENCOURAGEMENT
- SELF-DISCIPLINE
- TRUST
- A CAPACITY FOR SELF-REFLECTION
- INTEGRITY
- CONSISTENCY
- TOLERANCE
- BELONGING

# BOARDING DESIGNED FOR BOYS & GIRLS



- > Recreational and communal year-level lounge areas with TV
- > Each house has its own kitchenette
- > Wireless network environment
- > Live-in male and female Heads of Residence, who work with a team of staff to support your son and daughter

## BOARDERS' WELFARE

Our boarders' welfare is of paramount importance and we offer the following:

- > On-site medical care by fully qualified and experienced nurses
- > A College Counsellor
- > A Medical Centre across the road from the College and Cairns Hospital a few minutes' drive away
- > Daily prepared nutritious meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks with dietary needs catered for in the College dining hall
- > Boarders' spiritual life is enriched by daily prayer and Sunday Mass in the College Chapel



## WHOLE OF LIFE

While all students are housed in separate residences the girls and boys dine together and take part in organised recreation. The girls and boys follow a similar evening and weekend schedule.

- > Structured evening study program with tutorial assistance by qualified teaching staff
- > After-hour access to train with local sporting clubs and associations
- > Involvement in outreach programs within the local community
- > Boarders enjoy after-hours access to school facilities such as the music centre, aquatic centre, gym, basketball courts, volleyball courts and playing fields
- > Extra activities provided include: zumba, yoga, cooking and swim safety
- > Busy social program including activities such as trips to the beach, major sports games, theatre, movies, camping, skating and more

## SECURE MODERN ACCOMMODATION

Our dedicated boarding staff are committed to the care, support and supervision of boarders who live in four residences, three are for boys and one is for the girls.

- > Secure, modern accommodation
- > Air-conditioned
- > Boarders are accommodated in horizontal year groups, allowing them to be treated and supported both personally and academically in an age-appropriate manner
- > Years 7 to 10 individual sleeping alcoves with wardrobe, desk and bed





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To be eligible to be enrolled as a boarding student at St Augustine's College, boys need to follow the three-step enrolment process. Girls need to meet the enrolment criteria for both St Augustine's and St Monica's College and be accepted by each Principal as a boarder.

### WHY CHOOSE BOARDING FOR YOUR CHILD?

The decision to send your child to boarding school can be difficult. For parents who are struggling to decide, here are six reasons to consider making St Augustine's your child's home away from home:

#### 1. YOUR CHILD WILL BE CHALLENGED TO MOVE OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE.

Boarding is an incredible adventure that will challenge them in ways you never imagined. From academic support, to pastoral and residential care, experiencing new social situations and living with young people from different cultural and racial backgrounds, boarding school opens up your child to a new world.

#### 2. YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE A SUPPORT NETWORK OF DEDICATED STAFF.

Boarding staff are dedicated teachers and residential supervisors who mentor boarders and want the best for your child. They work around the clock to care for and support those in their care, often living on campus or nearby. And tutors with specialist subject knowledge are available during evening study.

#### 3. YOUR CHILD WILL FLOURISH IN THE STRUCTURE AND ROUTINE OF BOARDING AND THEIR SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE WILL GROW.

Psychologists tell us that structure and routine are important for adolescent wellbeing, and boarding offers these. It also helps them develop

independent living skills and self-reliance: your child will learn to be clean and tidy, responsible for their own belongings and get used to being away from home, which can be beneficial later in life.

#### 4. YOUR CHILD WILL DEVELOP STRONG TIME MANAGEMENT AND STUDY SKILLS.

Boarding life is unique in that every boarder, even though they're under the one roof, will find their own groove. This shows itself in all aspects, but more so in how they use their spare time. To really succeed in boarding, students need to manage their time effectively and are helped to find a study pattern that works for them while managing sporting and other co-curricular commitments.

#### 5. YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE ACCESS TO YEAR-ROUND SPORT AND OTHER CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES.

Living on campus means your child will have much more time outside of school hours to take part in sporting, creative and academic pursuits. Boarders have access to a range of support networks and facilities, as well as more time for before and after-school training that other students miss out on due to their commute.

#### 6. YOUR CHILD WILL EXPERIENCE NEW THINGS.

Living away from home will open new opportunities inside and outside of school for your child. They may get to play sports that are unavailable at home. They may also experience aspects of local life and attractions that they would otherwise miss out on at home, such as visiting the world-famous Great Barrier Reef, or seeing an NBL game at the Cairns Convention Centre.

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