



# Boarding House

Being a boarder is an amazing and exciting journey. Boarding is a special way in which to experience life at a school. At PLC the boarders are very important members of the School community and are involved in all that the School has to offer, as well as a wide array of activities organised by the boarding community

## STAFF

The boarding community is very fortunate to have staff from a range of professional backgrounds who work as a team to ensure the safety, wellbeing and happiness of our boarders.

The staff work alongside parents and the School to ensure your daughter is supported throughout her journey here at PLC.

Our approach is flexible, recognising that each family has different needs. We are always happy to collaborate to work towards the most positive result, inspiring your daughter to achieve excellence.

## WELLBEING – “FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH”

The aim of our Wellbeing programme is to provide opportunities and offer support to your daughter to ensure they go “from strength to strength”.

Our aim is to build on the resilience and resourcefulness within each student to enable them to flourish and prosper, while at PLC and beyond.

Each year group is linked with a Year Co-ordinator. The Year Co-ordinators are responsible for managing their year group’s day-to-day emotional, social, health and academic needs.

Primarily, their role is to keep the boarders in their care safe, healthy, happy and to encourage them to be socially responsible.

The Year Co-ordinator is the first point of contact for parents. Our long-term goal is that the girls leave the boarding community having learnt how to be confident, strong and independent individuals. Above all, we want to help build and maintain their self-esteem and make their journey as homely and positive as possible.

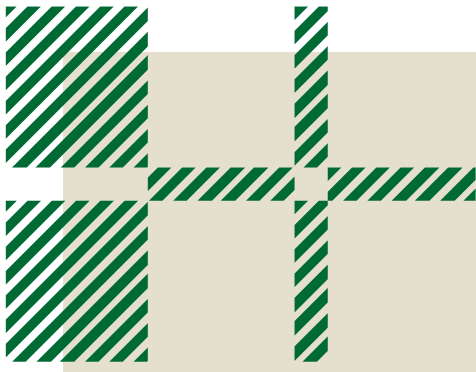
## ABC@PLC

Coming to PLC as a boarder is an exciting, yet daunting, prospect. To help ease this transition the School has developed a programme that was very successfully trialled in 2015.

‘About Being Connected’, or ABC@PLC for short, is all about connections with each other, connections with school personnel and connections with and through technology.

Each family that chooses to participate in ABC@PLC is given a laptop computer, a term prior to commencing. It is through this valuable tool that the connections are established.

Students connect to a teacher at the School to participate in scheduled learning experiences and also with other students involved in the programme. It is through these connections that knowledge is developed and friendships established.



### BEST BUDDIES

This is a programme designed to give new boarders a helping hand throughout their transition into boarding. Girls will be assigned the buddy that is best suited to her individual interests and needs who will endeavour always to have her best interests at heart.

This programme also gives buddies from higher years the best opportunity to develop and nurture their leadership skills as well as their own interests. Together, they will help their new boarder buddy to discover the best aspects of boarding, overcome any challenges, conquer their fears and ultimately become their best selves.

### LIFE LONG LEARNING

Structured and supervised homework and study sessions on weekdays will help your daughter form good learning habits. The aim is to prepare and assist the students so that they embrace the love of learning, both in school and in the future.

The staff working within the boarding community have university qualifications in a diverse array of fields and are specialists in the core areas of English, Science, Mathematics and Humanities.

They are also very keen to share, teach and mentor the students in their care on how to structure prep (study time) and create study routines aimed to assist with their learning. During prep the staff monitor and assist the students to ensure they are making good use of time.

### COMMUNITY

Girls who reside at PLC come from many parts of Western Australia, Australia and overseas. The girls bring a wealth of cultural and family backgrounds to our community and we value and celebrate these individual differences.

You are always welcome to share some time in the boarding community. The Boarders' Sitting Room (BSR) is the hub of the Boarding House. Here you will find families, friends and the girls sharing time together. We also invite you to join us for meals when you are here in Perth.

Choosing the right school for your daughter is important. The best way to work out if we are the bit fit is to come and have a look.



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