

## **Boarding at Clarendon – frequently asked questions**

*What type of accommodation will my child have?*

Most senior students have single or double rooms. Junior students share dormitories that generally sleep between 4 and 6 students.

*What will my child need to bring to Boarding House?*

A requisite list is supplied under Forms and Documents and this outlines the physical requirements students need to supply.

*Who do I contact if I have a problem with my child in the Boys or Girls Boarding House?*

Generally the person you will contact will be the Head of the relevant Boarding House. If it is a minor issue, such as your child being slightly late on return from leave, it would be appropriate to contact the House Tutor.

*Who do I contact if I have a problem with my child in the day school?*

Each student has either a Learning Mentor (Middle School) or a House Teacher (Senior School) in the day school who should be the first point of contact for any day school related matters.

*What is Prep and how is it run?*

Prep is the time allocated for students to complete their homework. Prep runs from Sunday to Thursday nights between 7pm and 10.30pm with different year levels finishing at different times. Prep for senior students includes a 30-minute period of free time before the second session commences. Prep is conducted in quiet conditions but allows some scope for students to seek help if required.

*Will my child be able to get help during prep?*

Students can seek help from the Tutors during prep; however, the Tutor will prioritise the needs of the whole group over that of any individual tutoring.

*Can the kitchen cater for the special dietary needs of my child?*

Our kitchen staff are very friendly and, within limits, can cater for particular dietary needs.

*What happens if my child needs to go to the doctor or dentist or has an emotional problem?*

The school has an excellent health centre that employs three nurses and a counsellor. They can help with any health issues that arise. This includes making doctor, physio and dentist appointments.

*Is my child expected to attend Chapel?*

Yes. Chapel is considered an integral element in the development of students moral and emotional wellbeing and is compulsory for all students. This includes a service most Sundays during term for the Boarding Community.

*Is my child allowed to come home on weekends?*

Yes. Many of our students return home weekly to play in local sporting competitions and participate in other events. This allows them to keep in touch with their own local community and family.

*Can my child have day leave after school?*

Yes. Provided they seek permission students can have day and after-school leave to go shopping etc.