

Boarding Coordinators

Stuart Delaney Boys Boarding Coordinator

With the arrival of close to 30 new boarders the start of the year, boys boarding was hectic. The term started with boarding camp, led by boarding leaders: Matthew Stubbings, Head Boarder Boy; Matthew Collins, Schilling House Captain; Nat Zerner, Ludcke Mutze Captain; and Jacob Polzin, Faith Captain. These four men, along with the Year 12 boys, led a successful and fun-filled camp, with the new boarders bonding and starting their individual journeys at St Peters.

Term 1 is always full of new adventures – the challenges of a new school, new friends and new classes. With the workload for each boy increasing, they were assisted by the study mentors and tutors at study each night. Mr Meurant is now looking after the academic profiles and progress of each boarder. With the completion of Term 1, we will review each boarder's results. The review will assist our study mentors and tutors to organise the study programs of each individual student as required.

Term 1 was successful for the boys on the sporting field and volleyball court. I make special note of the boys in 3rd XI Cricket team for their premiership win, including Brian Stockwell and Henry Radel, with an appearance of Aniket Kumar for one game. Matthew Stubbings again proved his ability to juggle his academic and sporting commitments. He had strong academic results and high level performances in Tennis, representing Met West and Queensland at the State level. During the holidays, our swimmers, Bryan Poon, Will Garraway, Donovan Lee and Arvin Singh will compete at the Nationals. Playing in a College's First team is the highest honour at St Peters. This term, the boarders were honoured to have Nat Zerner and Jacob Polzin represented in the First VI Volleyball and First XI Cricket teams. Well done boys!

With the start of Term 2, we lead into the second half of first semester, academically, as well as the AIC Rugby and Football season. The boarders look forward to supporting the Firsts, both home and away.

Enjoy your break and time together with your family. See you all next term.

Kim Holman Girls Boarding Coordinator

As the boarders were leaving to go home for the holidays, they couldn't believe that first term had finished.

Our new boarders have settled in beautifully. It is nice to see new friendships develop and old ones reconnect. I am a firm believer that it is due to our House Camp which we held the first weekend. It cements friendships and dispenses the nerves associated with starting something new. I thank our Senior Staff and Year 12 girls for organising the weekend. I never tire of our dodgeball game and our skits. I am in constant awe of the new themes and the costumes that the girls come up with. In the future, I hope to video these events so parents can see, firsthand, the positive start that happens at House Camp.

In Term 1, the Year 12's organised our Boarder Dance. It was a fun night with Year 12's dancing from start to finish. It is great to see them so enthusiastic regarding the year ahead and wanting to be wonderful role models to our younger boarders. As a thank you to our Year 12 boarders, we took them to the movies at Southbank and afterwards they indulged in a shared plate at Max Brenner's.

Congratulations to our Girls' Swim Team for coming in first at QGSSSA. It was great to see so many boarder girls go to support the team. Jacqui Culgan, Sarah Mahony and Jess Cannon all made Nationals in swimming, which was pleasing to see. I must take this time to also congratulate Clara Jansen for making the National Rowing Trials. It takes sheer determination and hard work to keep up her grades at school and perform at this level.



We have had lots of fun on the weekends this term. A few highlights were sushi making, attending a Broncos game, tie-dying shirts and Zumba classes.

We have also introduced study on a Sunday night. Study goes from 4 to 5:30pm. If possible, please ensure your daughters are back by this time in order to prepare for Monday morning.

We welcomed two new staff members this term. Both women are part of our GAP program and will be with us until December. Lauren Richardson has a degree in Youth and Community Studies, whilst Jemma Sawyer majored in Spanish. Both women have done a wonderful job settling in and getting to know the staff and the boarders. We have been very blessed with having such dedicated, intelligent and hard working women grace our presence through the Letzlive program.

I hope that all our families have a relaxing holiday and enjoy this quality time with your girls.

We look forward to a successful Term 2!

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SCHILLING HOUSE

Wes Meurant
Head of Schilling

Under the leadership of Matthew Collins, Schilling has been held in good stead in extra-curricular activities, sporting commitments and attendance at weekly Schilling meetings. Congratulations to Matthew as he was awarded the highest GPA increase of 2015 with a significant increase in school results, an effort he hopes, will inspire the younger boys in his house.

Boarder camp was a good experience for all the boys in spite of the extremely hot and humid conditions. Friendships were forged, old ones strengthened and staff were able to meet with and become familiar with their new pastoral care groups.

In terms of new staff, Schilling house has been fortunate to gain the services of Mr Nick Trethan, a highly regarded teacher from the day school; Mr Edward Loftus, fresh from sunny England for a six month period; and Mr Linton Enoch, former Schilling House Captain from 2013.

All three have injected their enthusiasm for boarding life continuing the excellent work of Schilling staff through Term 1 and undoubtedly the rest of the year.

New boys joined Schilling house this year. We welcome:

Year 7

Clayton Gadd-Weazel, Puffin Alberts and Kaydon Daniels;

Year 8

John Radel;

Year 10

Hayden Cobb; and

Year 11

Tibau Lui, Vijayan Jackson, Oli Miyabele, Cody Jackson and Merrick Oducayen.

Mixed with outings at paintball, Southbank and ice skating, these new boys have enjoyed their introduction to boarding life and have established strong friendships in a short amount of time.

As we look forward to Term 2 we are hopeful of another positive Term as we seek to challenge ourselves to ever higher standards.



LUDCKE-MÜTZE HOUSE

Mark Andrews
Ludke-Mütze Senior Resident

The New Year started with an influx of new students and it has been refreshing to observe the positive interactions between all the boys as they settled in.

Our house meetings led by Nat Zerner typified the spirit of our mission statement by fostering positive work ethics in study and participation in sport, music and other school performances. The Ludke-Mütze support team is fortunate to consist of the Head Boarder Boy, Matthew Stubbings, Faith Captain, Jacob Polzin, and NatZerner, who share their knowledge and experience with all the boys and help shape our Year 11 cohort into future leaders within the school and boarding community.

We view a young man's education as more than scholastic pursuits. Boarders are part of a community and that is built upon experiences with peers. The boarder camp

is always an ice breaker that is followed up with our house meetings, games, and the pastoral care program.

While the boarding house is separated into two houses to ignite friendly competition, all staff and students are reminded of the unity that grows on a daily basis and infused within our community. This is a source of pride for the entire boarding house.

In Term 1, we welcomed a new staff member from England, Mr Nick Winder, whose mathematical skills are adding to our already strong team of maths and science enthusiasts in study. We also welcomed to the boarding family: Thomas Dagg, Eden Monypenny, Freddy McKinley, Anthony Zang, Bill Gail, Longdi Wang, David Wotherspoon, Hamish Bishop, Campbell Bradyn, Will Garraway, Joshua Koyama, Malakai Tatipata, Tiko Twist and Josh Wellwood.





CAMERON HOUSE

Mrs Sinead Ray
Cameron Senior Resident

It seems only a few weeks ago that our new boarders were nervously arriving and we were assuring them that they would soon feel part of this boisterous boarding community. Now it is impossible to tell the difference between the old and the new students.

We welcome twelve new students to Cameron House.

Year 7

Talitha Enoch, Alice Jansen, Gabrielle Kenny and Matilda Penfold,

Year 8

Taylah Cumner and Jaymie Raleigh.

Year 9

Elyssa Clark, Samantha Daniel, Hannah Dobbins and Kia Jones.

It has been a pleasure to watch these girls settle into the boarding community and make new friendships.

We started this term with house camp, travelling to Couran Cove on Stradbroke Island for the weekend. The girls played their annual dodge ball match. Cameron girls played very well and won for the first time in 5 years! Sharnell Enoch was awarded most valuable player and Matilda Penfold was best dressed for Cameron. The weather was lovely and the girls had great fun swimming, surfing and getting to know their family groups. Saturday night, we had some brilliant performances at our Disney themed talent show, revealing the real talent of girls boarding. A big thank you to House Captain, Bella Raleigh, and the Year 12's for helping our new students settle in and ensuring the weekend was a great success.

The rest of the term was filled with our annual boarder dance, movie trips, cooking, Southbank trips, manning a water station dressed as aerobic 80's kids for a twilight half



marathon and our ever popular family group outings.

We welcome back past boarder, Georgie Venz, who spent her gap year working at Port Regis Preparatory school in Dorset and is now a second year Graphic design and Advertising student at the Queensland University of Technology. It's a pleasure to have Georgie back in Girls Boarding.

This year we have continued to sponsor Bintou Sanou, our Compassion sponsor child, and our charity, Destiny Rescue. Our girls have shown their compassion by donating their time to the water station and donating their spare change to both these worthy causes.



FINGER HOUSE

Luisa Taufatofua
Finger Senior Resident

Term 1 has been an action-packed roller coaster of a term. We were so fortunate this year to welcome 13 young ladies into Finger House:

Year 7

Kianga Bennet, Claire Stockwell, Annabelle Cummings and Tathra Duncan;

Year 8

Ruby King-Morrison;

Year 9

Jahnavi Korukonda, Taylah Johnson and Mya Rowlands;

Year 10

Sasha Nielson and Leandra Peiris

Year 11

Atima Bin-Juda, Yukta Singh and Elliarna Gibson.

It has been a joy getting to know them.

Under the leadership of our House Captain, Tiana Ling-Stuckey, and her team of Year 12 leaders, the House was off to a great start for the year. Although we were not the victors in the annual dodgeball battle this year, it was about time we gave Cameron a chance. After

a four year winning streak for Finger, our girls left the battlefield with their heads held high and an excitement and determination for what 2017 would bring. There were some special awards from the game: Tathra Duncan (best dressed); Taylah Johnson (MVP Jnr) and Elliarna Gibson (MVP Snr).

Amongst a weekend of cooking, cycling, swimming and bonding, we had our first house night for 2016 which was country themed. In my five years in boarding, I have never seen skits this good. We had Mexican dancing, an American news report (with a twist), Brazilian Zumba and a never seen before Aussie zoo skit. The boarding families each put in so much effort ensuring their costumes were "on point" and their skits were well organised, entertaining and original. The games were another story where we were pleased to see everyone joining in, being confident, having fun and supporting their family members. It is fair to say everyone left Couran Cove feeling the Finger house pride embracing true boarding spirit and new friendships.

On our return, the girls quickly adjusted to the routine of balancing academic and extra-curricular activities with life in boarding. Although weekdays could be quite busy with such a strict schedule, the weekends were usually fun with different activities and experiences.



Early on in the term, this included tours of Brisbane for the new boarders in town. Other activities included tie-dying, Zumba, baking, board games, lantern stalk, ninjas, weekly shopping, night time food trips, swimming pool and brother/sister focus weekend activities with gym games, boarder dance and a trip to Wet 'n Wild.

At the end of 2015, we farewelled two of the Finger staff - Carolyn Moor and Zoe Heavey, who both did an exceptional job and will no doubt excel in the new chapter in their lives. For 2016, we welcome Lauren Richardson and Jemma Sawyer from the UK. Both ladies have hit the ground running and are doing an excellent job. We are very fortunate to have them and the great energy they bring to boarding.

We are excited for what the rest of the year has in store for us and open to the many challenges and opportunities coming our way.

BOARDER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

BOARDER PARENT NETWORK MEETING WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH, 2016 7.30PM

ATTENDEES

Kim Holman, Stuart Delaney, Julie Burton, Sinead Ray, Wes Meurant, Karen Penfold (Chair), Roslyn Kugel, Gavin Mosby, Mandy Bishop, Katie Zerner, George & Miranda Rowlands, Gayle & Bernie Dagg, Bev du Cloux, Wendy Garraway.

APOLOGIES

Anna Radel, Gary Man.

01. Welcome

Karen Penfold

Notes

Welcome to 2016 and welcome to all our new boarder parents.

Business arising from last Minutes – Action Items:

- Craig Mercer, President of P&F discussed the proposal of an Adopt a Boarder Family Program. Will be discussed again at the next P&F meeting with Nicky Hughes – will be advised on decisions, progress and system. Already have an Adopt a Boarder program whereby teachers/staff adopt a boarder (this will be put in place again in Term 2).
- Driving Lessons – reduced hours for boarding, however, have to hold learners for an extended period of time. Information attached.
- Cooking assessment for boarders – facilities for boarders. Teachers worked with boarders to work out a reasonable arrangement of assessment time and size
- ICPA Roadshow – very successful. Will be held in Alpha this year.

02. General Business

Sunday Study:

Gayle Dagg

- Questioned the session, concerned about students who are self-motivated that it will be wasted time for those individuals. Stuart replied explaining that it was a decision based on the whole of boarding and that the majority of students required the session to prepare themselves for the week ahead. Tutors are now coming in and separate locations have been organised. Issues that were had in the first week have all been ironed out over the last couple of weeks. After dinner will become activity time so they can unwind. Session is held from 4.00-5.30pm every Sunday, dinner at 5.30pm

Anna Radel

- Concern about the request for the students to be back for this study session. Was explained that this was not aimed at the parents visiting but rather the students who were out each weekend with friends and purposely come back after study.

Bev du Cloux

- If they are late getting back, is there access to the boarding house? Just need to let staff know so they can let them in to the boarding house to put gear away and then join study.

Wendy Garraway

- Great for the students doing sport, gives them an opportunity to catch up and have that set time for study.

George Rowlands and Gavin Mosby

- Great for preparation for the week.

Dinner Time:

Bev Stockwell & Anna Radel

- Clarifying details on late meals. Some of the boys missed dinner on Saturday due to the late finish of cricket, if they don't organise a late meal then a meal will be purchased for them or pizza etc will be ordered in, this will be paid for via boarding. If they know they are going to be late, then they need to order a late meal.
- Stuart is going to discuss with the Head of Sport about passing on the information to coaches regarding contact to the boarding house if a sport is going to run over time. This will allow boarding to organise late meals for these students.
- Swimmers have the direct number to the kitchen.
- If there are a lot of students back late from an event, the kitchen actually stays open
- Fridge in boarding houses is re-stocked every day

Study

Karen Penfold

- Finding it difficult to keep up with the students schedule for study
- Will attach a study schedule to the minutes

Mobiles at night

Gayle Dagg

- Enquiry regarding mobiles, specifically Years 7 & 8
- Stuart responded that from Sunday to Thursday night, they are handed in between 8.30 and 9.00pm and then locked in to their lock cupboards in their rooms.
- Question – do they get turned off?
- They are being charged in the cupboard, but boarding to request that phones are turned off so as

not to disturb anyone. Phones also potentially being used through the night, staff to review.

End of Term

Wendy Garraway & Gayle Dagg

- End of term travel, what happens with packing up of rooms? Boys boarding don't move rooms over Easter so stuff is either locked away in their rooms or in the storage area
- Doona covers are asked to be taken off to be washed
- Blazers and uniforms required to be given to laundry to wash ready for the new term
- Winter Uniforms – Year 11 and 12 new students are taken during study block to organise uniforms and younger students will be coordinated with parents or at the start of term
- Winter uniforms will commence from the start of Term 2
- Question about payments in Shop 45 – can now use cash however cannot use school ID cards. Staff will ring parents for large items to pay via Credit Card over the phone.

Kim Holman

- New boarders settling in very well
- Start of Week 6, students are feeling very tired and stressed due to study and exams coming up
- New families to be aware that this is normal for this time of year
- Julie Burton to send out an email regarding the St George Bus – Kim and Mark to drive, last stop Westmar
- Boarder Bus Run to the airport – will leave the boarding house at 6/6.30 on Wednesday 23rd March for domestic and international flights. Staff do go with the students to help them get their flights

Stuart Delaney

- 30 new boys, getting along well
- Sport participation is excellent
- Term 2 – Rugby – 98% participation
- Junior boys away game are then taken by staff to the firsts games as supporters
- Rugby Tour to NZ is over the Easter Holidays – boarding house will be opened up the evening before departure so students can stay the night before. Arrival back from the tour will be the same, the boarding house will be opened up for the extra couple of nights to accommodate the boarders that are on the tour.
- Football tour – waiting to hear from organiser – will advise on travel, but again boarding house will be opened up for any boarders returning early.

Wes Meurant Study

- Stuart and Wes started a boarder academic program last year which was designed to bring the boarders as close as possible and to surpass the day school GPAs in each cohort. It starts with extracting all the data from all the report cards they had received throughout the school and mapping all the results and then plotting the results for each individual student. Able to then map their academic progress throughout the term and compare it to day school and old cohort GPAs. All reports are converted to a numeric value and then Wes is able to correlate where their strengths and weaknesses are. Assists staff to be pro-active in helping the students academically in what they need extra assistance with. This year rolling it out for the girls as well.
- Noticed a significant GPA improvement at the end of last year, so it is definitely working.
- This term has been all about collecting data for the girls and next term will be able to roll out extra tutoring for specific needs.
- Wes floats around at study between Monday and Thursday so he can oversee progress
- New boarders – we don't have previous academic history so charter result as we see them and then wait for the next report card to form a pattern. Start off following the similar trends of the cohort. Go off assumption that they will track with the rest of the cohort and then once they start forming their own results, begin targeting necessary areas.
- Question – how did St Peters rank last year with OP scores? Can be viewed on the school website. Peter MacDonald, new Head of Curriculum can assist with any enquiries.

General

- Bev du Cloux – alternative for Schoolies response – has been interest from this year's Year 11s – more information regarding this event to be sent. Current Year 12s are already booked for schoolies. Will continue to look at this program and refine – need at least 15-20 students to participate to make it viable
- George Rowlands – What happens with the girls phones at night? Phones are handed in at the Reception Desk – Year 7s and 8s at 8.55pm and the older girls at 9.15pm
- Special thankyou to Kim and Stuart for all that they do!!

Meeting closed: 8.30pm. Next Meeting: Teleconference – Wednesday 25 May, 2016.

WHAT'S ON...

SUNDAY 10 APRIL

Boarder Arrival Day

MONDAY 25 APRIL

Public Holiday

SATURDAY 30 APRIL & SUNDAY 1 MAY

Visiting Weekend

MONDAY 2 MAY

Public Holiday

MONDAY 9 – FRIDAY 13 MAY

Boarder Week

FRIDAY 13 MAY

Boarder Focus Weekend

SATURDAY 14 MAY

Boarder Focus Weekend

SUNDAY 15 MAY

Boarder Focus Weekend

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY

7:00pm-8:00pm BPSG Teleconference

THURSDAY 2 JUNE

7.30am Photo Day: Junior High, Senior School, Boarding Houses, Boarding Staff, Theile House

SATURDAY 18 JUNE

Boarder Departure Day

Important Contacts

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Boys' Boarding 3377 6100

Girls' Boarding 3377 6900

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