

Head Boarder Girl

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Head Boarder Girl 2016

This year is definitely one to remember. Like my friend says, "it's the year of firsts, lasts, more of the same and all that good stuff!" As term 4 approaches, we are faced with the reality that this term will be our last, not only as students at St Peters Lutheran College but as boarders. This stark reality marks the end of one chapter, but nevertheless the beginning of another.

The year began with a blast, as we travelled to Ramada Couran Cove Island to enjoy a weekend of bonding activities to welcome new boarders. It was a weekend filled with joy, happiness and laughter, as the girls engaged in activities such as beach games, dress ups, footy, and many more. By the end of our three-day adventure, senior boarders could not tell the new boarders apart – they had found their place in boarding; they had found their place in our family.

Our bonding and new friendships did not stop there. We continued by having family outings twice a term with our little families of six. Whether it was a picnic or pigging out at *Grill'd*, the times shared, friendships created and memories made were immeasurable.

Boarding's enthusiasm was echoed throughout the College. Boarders were excelling in their academic pursuits or in cocurricular activities; from representing Boarding on the field in countless Opens teams, to representing Boarding in robotics competitions in Europe. You know that family, where all the kids are super talented, drop-dead gorgeous and simply beautiful from the inside out? Well, we're that family, and it has been a privilege to be part of this family and to represent them.

In Term 2, Boarder Week was a success. It consisted of Boarder-led Chapels in the Junior and Senior schools. There were a number of activities such as ball games, chess, touch, dodgeball, a free sausage sizzle for the day bugs, and many more. There was never a dull day!

Term 3 marked our annual Boarding Olympiad. This event gets more intense and exciting every year and, once again, there was great enthusiasm and participation as girls fully immersed themselves in Boarding spirit. They painted themselves in blue and pink and chanting war cries with their brother houses. It was an exhilarating experience but,

unfortunately, the victory was taken out once again by the Cameron and Schilling houses for the fourth year running.

Just as the hectic nature of Term 3 grabbed a hold of students, Mrs Holman and Mr Delaney stepped in to rescue us on the Ekka Public Holiday and take us on a much deserved break to a campsite in Samford. It was a stress-free day of sheer bliss and relaxation.

Another rewarding highlight of the year was our participation in the water station, which received a lot of positive feedback and \$1,000 for enthusiasm and spirit-filled support. The money has been sent to two of our Boarding charities: *Destiny Rescue*, which supports the fight against human trafficking, and *Care Foundation*, which supports women in third-world countries.

This year has been great! As a leader, I have strived to have 'power with' rather than 'power over' others, and I acknowledge Matthew Stubbings (Head Boarder Boy) along with his team, and Tiana Ling-Stuckey (Captain, Finger House), Bella Raleigh (Captain, Finger House), and Catherine Clark (Faith Captain). I also acknowledge the leaders without badges for their continuous support throughout the year. Special thanks to Mr Delaney and Mrs Holman for their efforts in making this year memorable for each of us.

As I step down from my position as Head Boarder Girl, I am blessed to have had the opportunity to represent the St Peters Boarding Community. I am grateful to pass the baton to Molly Penfold, who will take up the position as Head Boarder Girl 2017. I know that, with her passion and commitment, she will endeavour to take Boarding to great heights in 2017. On behalf of my team, I wish her and her new team the best of luck.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER

Boarders Arrival Day

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

6:00pm-9:00pm Boarder Invitational Dance, Cafe 45

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

Boarder Invitational Touch Football Carnival, Mayer Oval

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

3:10pm-9:00pm Boarder Focus Weekend

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

Boarder Focus Weekend

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

Boarder Focus Weekend

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

5:00pm-7:00pm Year 12 Boarder Farewell, Chapel

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER

6:00pm-10:00pm Boarder Christmas Dinner, Cafe 45

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

International & Overseas Boarding Students Travel Day

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Head Boarder Boy

Matthew Stubbings
Head Boarder Boy 2016

It is truly something special to be Boarder. I'm sure we all remember Mr Delaney and Mrs Holman telling us those exact words during our first interviews. But being a Boarder doesn't just mean living away from home with your Boarding brothers and sisters. It is an integral part of your life when you discover who you are as an individual. Through the all-nighters of study to get assignments done; to the excitement of match day when we face opponents like Marist Brothers, Ashgrove on the rugby field; and the late nights spent in each other's room just talking about life. Through these events and so many others that are integral parts of boarding life, we build the drive, determination and passion for success that we carry with us for the rest of our lives.

In Term 1, the boys united into one family. This fun weekend away was filled with beach activities and ongoing boarding traditions, which allowed new Boarders to come out of their shells and old boys welcome them with open arms. After the camp, there were good vibes in the Boarding Houses. It was the beginning of what would be a great year in Boarding.

Term 1 showcased the beginning of Boarding's mark on the school. Participation rates at sport and other cocurricular activities showed the passion boys had for St Peters. Of my six years in boarding, I've never heard the gym go off like it did during this year's volleyball. Boarding boys were the cause! It was great to see everyone get behind our big dog Ludcke-Mutze leader, Nat Zerner, who was fortunate to make the 1st VI Volleyball team. The mighty 4th XI Cricket team led by *All-Star* all-rounder, Gareth Polzin, were title contenders, but were unable to scout Gareth's brother, Jacob, who was playing for the 1st XI team. These role models set the bar high for Term 2, which was just what the Boarding House needed.

Term 2 was one to remember. With nine Boarders selected for the First XV Rugby team, there hasn't a moment without mention of Rugby in the dorms. There were moments that will forever be remembered: the double from Tiko Twist against Marist Brothers, Ashgrove; the runaway try from Matt Collins against Padua; and the infamous Cedric Man's first sighting of a girl. All will go down in the history books.

Boarder Week was another great part of Term 2. The games outside the Chapel forecourt, the sausage sizzle and the Boarder-Versus-Day Bug games emphasised to the

Boarders how lucky we are. Finally, Boarder boys gave a guest performance at the annual *St Peters You've Got Talent (SPYGT)*. They definitely left a mark on the audience!

Term 3 was fun-filled, and began with the Boarder Olympiad. Boys also enjoyed paintball, an Olympiad talent-show, Dreamworld, and more. Year 12 boys enjoyed a mid-term trip to Samford. Boys also participated in Tennis and Basketball, with many boys playing in Opens and A teams. Older Boarders enjoyed playing in the 3rd V Boarder Basketball team.

I thank Mr Delaney, Boarding staff and all boys for everything they have done throughout 2016. This is my sixth year in Boarding and this year has definitely been my favourite! Lastly, I wish all Boarding leaders and seniors the best for next year – I know they will do a great job. Murray Webster, Head Boarder Boy 2016, will take on the role from Term 4, 2016. I'm sure he will do an outstanding job and continue to make the Boarding community feel like home. *Plus Ultra.*



CAMERON HOUSE

Bella Raleigh
Cameron Captain

It is hard to believe that my school life is coming to a close. 2016 has been one of my best years in Boarding, and it will definitely be hard to say goodbye to all of the wonderful girls and mistresses.

This year has been great. It was good to be a role model for younger girls, helping them when they needed. The best part about being in Boarding is being able to watch girls grow up and fit into the Boarding community. For the past five years, I have watched girls develop into mature ladies and it has been incredible. I'm fortunate to call them all my sisters.

2016 started off with a bang. We went to Couran Cove for our traditional Boarder Camp. The weekend was one to remember – all girls had a blast! The seniors were enthusiastic and helpful. They welcomed new students, took them under their wings and introduced them to their new 'family'. The dodge ball tradition continued and the better house (Cameron) came home as dodgeball

champions. Hopefully, next year's Captain, Mia Whytcross, can lead girls to victory once more. Boarder Camp was a great way to get girls settled in for another fantastic year.

Since February, there have been many activities girls have been involved in including running a water station for the Brisbane Marathon Festival (girls won \$1,000 for their enthusiasm). There have also been walks at Mt Coot-tha and a variety of other off-campus activities.

In Term 3, the Boarding Olympiad Weekend which was one to remember, with boys and girls coming together for a variety of gladiator and ball games. At the end of the night, Cameron and Schilling came out with wins. It is always such a pleasure to see everyone coming together and enjoying themselves.

This year has been a great one and it was a pleasure working with the Schilling Captain, Matthew Collins. I wish all 2017 senior Boarders the best of luck with their final year. I know they will do a fantastic job – the Boarding Houses will be in great hands as Molly, Mia, Kate and Sarah do an amazing job.



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FINGER HOUSE

Tiana Ling-Stuckey
Finger Captain

2016 proved to be the most amazing year, both within the Boarding and Day schools.

Although Finger House didn't win the famous Dodgeball competition this year, the resilience and spirit from each and every girl was amazing. Despite the stress of Year 12 coursework, the atmosphere within the Boarding Houses was relaxed. Since the start of my boarding experience in Year 7, the St Peters Girls' Boarding community has been the most helpful support network, assisting

me to balance out my leadership role, social life and school work.

This year would not be so successful without the help of Miss Taufatofua, Head of Finger. She has selflessly helped leaders organise weekend activities, as well as get the younger girls excited to participate in games and fun. She is not only a mother figure to girls, but has been someone who girls can confide and trust in.

Senior boys and girls have done an excellent job this year, working well together to ensure that the younger Boarders felt at home and had fun. We have worked tirelessly to organise activities during Focus Week and

this has paid off, with younger students enjoying themselves as our ultimate goal. The future of Finger House is definitely looking bright with our new House Leader, Kate Hodgson. Since her first days at St Peters, she has never failed to lend a helping hand, whilst being an excellent role model to younger girls! Kate has always been organised, friendly, and confident, which is why I know she'll fill the role perfectly as she has all the required attributes for an amazing leader. I can't wait to hear about the successes Finger House has next year, and I hope it is a spectacular year for the soon-to-be Year 12's. Good luck!



SCHILLING HOUSE

Matthew Collins
Schilling Captain

At the beginning of 2016, I thought I had a clear understanding of the challenges this year would bring. However, with the beginning of my final year in Boarding, I was met with reality. The pressures of school, the expectations on the sporting field and the role that I was privileged to have, all began straight away. To some it would have been a daunting experience, but I saw it as a challenge and I have never looked back.

To me, Boys' Boarding is a community where we support one another to excel in our own areas of greatness, whether that be on the rugby field, tennis court or at a chess tournament, or in the classroom.

I have respect for Ludcke Mutze, but my passion and heart lies within the Chimbu Warrior of Schilling. I have attended St Peters since Year 8 and the culture and traditions of Schilling have been embedded within me. They will remain with me for a lifetime. I have led Schilling House alongside Mr Meurant, Boarding Master (arguably, one of the best). He has been involved with Boarding for over ten years and his mission is to help Schilling boys become men they and their families can be proud of. This year, I have seen this transition from boyhood to manhood and have also experienced it myself.

I'm excited to see what the future brings for Schilling under the leadership of Henry Radel next year. You often hear stories of how Year 12 is the most memorable year, and this is true for me. Some memories will be

with me forever: the Boarder Camp we had at the start of the year when I, along with Bella Raleigh, led Schilling and Cameron to victory in the annual Olympiad. Even just a relaxed weekend in the Boarding House will be missed. In my eyes, it has truly been a successful year for Schilling and the senior Boarding cohort. I thank the staff and Boarders who contributed to a memorable and unforgettable year. Thank you.



LUDCKE-MÜTZE HOUSE

Nat Zerner
Ludke-Mütze Captain

This year, Ludke-Mutze House expanded its numbers, integrated more into the Day school, and became closer together.

The year began with our traditional Boarder Camp, when all the new and old Boarders got to know each. We visited Coran Cove on Stradbroke Island and enjoyed many different activities including touch on the beach, canoeing, biking riding and many more. These activities helped new boys mix in with the older boarders. Boarders stayed in rooms with boys of different ages, cooking their own meals and completing chores in groups, helping to create a sense of community within each room. It was a great camp, followed by a great year.

Term 1 goals were to interact more with students within the Day school. This was well supported at sporting events, which

boys participated in and watched with great enthusiasm. The First Volleyball home games and the Interhouse Swimming Carnivals were highlights, and boys cheered their lungs out in support of the College.

There was a big emphasis on study and homework completion. The boys have done Boarding proud by being studious and participating in cocurricular activities. Many teachers have complimented boys for their respect and courtesy within the Day school and during duties outside of school.

It has been a great year leading the glorious house of Ludke-Mutze. I wish Tiko Twist the best of luck – I'm sure he will do a great job leading Ludke-Mutze House next year.



BOARDER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

BOARDER PARENT NETWORK MEETING WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST, 7.00PM 2016

ATTENDEES

Stuart Delaney, Wes Meurant, Karen Penfold, Katie Zerner, George and Miranda Rowlands, Gavin Mosby, Kelly Crawford, Gayle and Bernie Dagg, Natalie Kenny, Luisa Taufatofua, Mark Andrews

APOLOGIES

Kim Holman, Sinead Ray, Julie Burton

01. Welcome

Karen Penfold

Notes

Actions from previous meeting:

- Discussion with IT to organise a boarding mobile. Kim and Stuart have brought to the attention of IT and it will be actioned ASAP;
- Issue relating to Reach and emails going to hosts. Problems have been resolved;
- Now receiving Boarding photos in the newsletters each week;
- App has now been updated and there is now a Boarding section. Photos will be added regularly for viewing;
- Boarder Handbook is too large to go on to App, but there is a link to this on the portal; and
- When emailing Stuart or Kim, please cc Wes Meurant and Sinead Ray to ensure that someone actions ASAP.

Action

- Send email to parents with all contact details (JB).

02. General

Notes

- Early study and bed time: younger students prefer earlier study time as they are starting to get tired and want to go to bed earlier;
- Only two days of early study at this stage due to sports training – Boarding to re-visit these days and times;
- Bedtime is 9.00pm, is it possible to bring that forward?
- Food: Parents not receiving positive feedback on the food recently. Menu is available online for parents to view, if not happy, please indicate to Kim and Stuart and they will have reviewed;

- Year 12 pre-Formal and end of year activities (what parents need to know): Year 12 Valedictory 15 October, Boarding holds a pre-function at Ross Roy from 3.30pm. Parents are invited to attend the parade and will receive an invitation shortly to the parent dinner held at St Peters. Year 12 Boarder Farewell Dinner will be held under the stars on Wednesday 16 November. Year 12 students graduate on Friday 18 November, Graduation concludes at 7.30pm. The Year 11 Dinner Dance will be held 25 November, Julie Burton (on behalf of Mark Manson) will send invitations for this event. Parents are welcome to attend and will be given instructions on how to book for this event. This will be the Year 11's final day. Prep – Year 10 finish on Tuesday 29 November. Julie Burton will email a schedule of dates and activities for Term 4 in the next couple of weeks. If anybody has any questions, please contact her directly 3377 6589 or j.burton@stpeters.qld.edu.au
- Year 12's depart Boarding after their final night on Friday 12 November. If anybody has any questions regarding these proceedings, please contact Boarding;
- Leave Approvals: parents receiving multiple emails for approval, coming in separately to parents and in multiples. Stuart will discuss with Reach about setup. Also, Stuart to investigate how to attach a host to one child per family, currently links to all siblings. Past students are also still linked, parents can't remove past students;
- Karen Penfold attended the Federal ICPA Conference – number of speakers including Principal from Perth school who has just done a study on Boarding schools and the effect it has on parents and students. Has written a practical book called *The Australian Boarder Parent Handbook* (by Kate Hadwen). Karen has purchased and donated it to the Boarding houses. Useful tool for anyone starting in Boarding!
- Question regarding how often rooms are being checked. Rooms are checked every morning, boys are gated if rooms are left inappropriate. Rooms are not inspected on the weekends.

- Karen to prepare and send a letter on behalf of Boarding to thank Adrian and Jane Wiles for their contribution to the school over the last four years.

03. Stuart Delaney

Notes

- Hectic time for the Year 11's with Leadership applications for 2017;
- Announcements for Head Boarder Girl and Boy will be announced Friday 19 August. Anyone who applied and were unsuccessful can be considered for the prefect positions in Boarding and Day schools, this will be announced on Friday 2 September;
- Staff were very impressed with students applications and speeches;
- Stuart, Kim, Wes and Sinead will do Boarding Tour and attend ICPA Conference starting on Saturday 3 September, first stop will be Roma, then Blackall, Alpha (ICPA Conference), Emerald, visit to the Radels, Wes and Stuart will head to Rockhampton and Sinead and Kim will be going to Goondooindi;
- Main promotion for St Peters will be the new full Boarding Scholarship which will begin in Year 10, 2017. The scholarship is a full scholarship covering Boarding and School fees and will be for Years 10-12, each year a new scholarship student will begin in Year 10, you will see details on this rolling out in the next couple of weeks.

04. Wes Meurant

Notes

- Term 3: another study session implemented for Years 10-12 from 3.30-5.30pm on Monday – Thursday afternoons, not a compulsory session but it is being well utilised. From next week, will be starting up English and Humanities tutorials for those who require extra assistance. All students have been notified about these sessions.
- Started up a system of analysing OP predictions for students – helping Boarding to identify areas of need for improvement/assistance for particular students.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.00PM

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