



Scotch Boarding Handbook 2026

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND
PARENTS OF SCOTCH COLLEGE

PREPARING BOYS FOR LIFE

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Welcome

Message from the Headmaster

Scotch College has a long history of welcoming boarding students dating back to our commencement in 1897. The preliminary prospectus for Alexander Scotch College, as we were then called, stated that within a month of the opening date, well situated accommodation for boarders would be provided. This promise was met when the Council rented Nuestro Nido (the residence of the Hon Frederick Piesse c 1897) as a temporary boarding facility.

Boarding has always been a priority at Scotch College. As we celebrate 128 years of operation in 2026, boarding continues to be a strategic priority evidenced by the recent upgrade and expansion of our Middle School boarding house.

Our ongoing mission is to continue to serve families from rural, interstate, and overseas locations so that within a caring and supportive community context, they can access the world class education offered at Scotch.

Dr A J O' Connell
Headmaster



Message from the Head of Boarding

Welcome to Scotch Boarding, where we provide a true home away from home community. Our safe, supportive environment allows boys to feel settled, supported, and connected as they embark on their academic and co-curricular journey.

Our boarding community is divided into two distinct areas to suit the needs of different age groups. Junior Boarding for Years 7-8 is located in the Robinson Residence, while Senior Boarding for Years 9-12 is based in the Syme Residence. Both areas foster a sense of belonging and are designed to help boys thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

With our strong focus on academic assistance, the boys benefit from continuous support in their studies, ensuring they can balance schoolwork with the extra-curricular activities they enjoy. Our Heads of Residence and House Mothers, along with families living on-site, collaborate to provide personalised guidance and care, fostering a nurturing, family-like atmosphere.

One of the unique aspects of Scotch Boarding is our compulsory Rite of Passage — the Bibbulmun Track. This remarkable journey is completed in stages throughout their time in boarding, culminating in the entire 1000km trek by Year 12. No other school offers such a comprehensive and transformative experience, building resilience, teamwork, and a sense of achievement along the way.

Scotch Boarding is a tight-knit community, with our families on-site playing an integral role in preparing our boys for life beyond school. With our extensive pastoral care and emphasis on respect, our boys are well-positioned to form lifelong friendships, develop resilience, and gain the skills they need to succeed.

We invite you to discover the unique Scotch Boarding experience, where your son will be well-supported and surrounded by a community that feels like home.

Steven Montgomery
Head of Boarding



Scotch College

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Vision

A learning community with an international standard of excellence.

Mission

To develop young men with strength of character, self-understanding, a passion for sustained learned and spiritual enquiry who will become active members of the global community.

Core Values

As a Christian college, these are our core values and tenets:

Integrity	adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty
Service	acts of helpful activity; assistance and support; to do someone service
Stewardship	using talents, abilities and resources in a responsible and honourable manner

Scotch Boarding

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

As a member of the Boarding staff, we recognise the differences between learning at school and living within a Residential community. As such, we have developed our own Vision, Mission and Values that sits alongside the day school and is centred around supporting boarding families to raise their sons at “home” in the boarding house:

Our Vision

To create a “home away from home” where all students and their families are well supported in a safe and secure environment during their time at Scotch and well prepared for life after Scotch.

Our Mission

To develop young men with strength of character, self-understanding, a passion for sustained learned and spiritual enquiry who will become active members of the global community.

Our Values

Since 2009, Scotch College Boarding has adopted a unique and special set of values and each year we nominate a set of students from each year group for our coveted SPIRIT award. The word SPIRIT is an acronym for a set of values that we hold dear.

S parkle	Sparkle is about connection. Sparkle is what you exude, your special essence. The glint in your eye.
P assion	Passion is what fuels you, what lights your fire. It helps build your identity and motivates you to succeed.
I magination	Imagination is the ability to visualise your goals and to be creative in how you express yourself.
R esilience	Resilience is the ability to bounce forward. Learn from the things that you find challenging.
I ntegrity	Integrity is the ability to live your values through your actions. To be true to yourself, be honest and reliable
T enacity	Stick at it! Ride the bumps and persevere. Self-discipline is a fundamental determinate of success in life



Boarding at Scotch College

The Boarding community has been an integral part of the life of Scotch College for the entire history of the school. It has not merely been accommodation for boys at the College but has been a positive educational experience.

Boarding has provided a structured, supportive and caring educational environment in which boys develop skills and attitudes which prepare them to become contributing and caring adults in modern society.

At Scotch, we believe in maximising the opportunities your son has by allowing him the flexibility to manage his time to experience all that living in Perth has to offer. Our boys have the opportunity to make choices during their recreational time, allowing them to engage in

activities that best suit their interests and personal growth. With an expansive array of school sport training, they can meet their physical needs and develop their athletic abilities. Additionally, arts and cultural activities offer them the chance to foster inner peace and creativity, while extra study sessions provide the support they need to excel academically and improve their grades. These opportunities help create a well-rounded and balanced experience for every boy in Scotch Boarding.

Our motto is “preparing boys for life” and we aim to do this by planning activities and experiences that encourage boys to build their own unique identity by pursuing their passions, whilst still developing a growth mindset to try new things and step outside their comfort zone. Our aim is for boys who leave Scotch boarding to be well-rounded, creative, compassionate, and always striving to do their best.

Specific Aims of Boarding at Scotch

Academic

Year 7 and 8 boys complete their study sessions outside of their Houses, with staff providing close supervision and guidance. As boys move into Years 9 and 10, developing a dedicated study space outside their residence becomes increasingly important, helping them recognise that this environment is set aside for focused academic work.

Boarding staff provide general academic support during these sessions; however, the primary avenue for specialist tuition at Scotch is through the OSC (Old Scotch Collegians) Academic Program, delivered on campus by expert tutors. This programme offers targeted revision, subject-specific assistance and extension opportunities for students who require or seek higher-level academic support. Further information can be found at: <https://home.scotch.wa.edu.au/senior-school/academic/student-revision-programmes/>

Our goal is to help boys build strong study habits, develop independence, and learn to work with purpose. We want them to grow not only in their knowledge but also in their ability to adapt their thinking across a broad range of topics, setting high expectations for themselves as they progress through their schooling.

Social

Students and staff living in a communal situation will need to balance their individual pursuits with respect for others and the physical environment in which we live. Boarding students will have the unique opportunity to meet and interact with a diverse range of people and will learn to celebrate difference and appreciate each other's talents, skills and beliefs. A sense of family, and being a part of a special community, will be an integral and necessary requirement of the boarding experience.



Physical

Students will be exposed to, and encouraged to participate in, appropriate activities which enhance their bodies and minds and broaden their outlook. As well as a busy school sport programme, compulsory for all students in both winter and summer seasons, boys are also encouraged to pursue other physical pursuits to stay active and healthy. Living on campus has the advantages of living close to a gym, basketball and tennis courts, ovals and a swimming pool. There are also many local sports clubs in the surrounding suburbs and a golf club just a short walk away.



Spiritual

Scotch College is a Uniting Church school and is therefore firmly based on Christian values. Students will be required to participate in worship and community service activities and will be encouraged to do so in a positive and active manner. They will be encouraged to challenge and develop their faith and will, at all times, be required to strive to live by Christian principles.

Expectations

There are a number of expectations that the boarding community has of its members. Talking these over with your son, and understanding the importance of these, would help set a framework for him before he begins at Scotch College.

- Scotch College is a school of the Uniting Church, and as such, upholds Christian principles. We strive to emulate a Christian community in our residences, with notions of mutual respect, forgiveness, honesty, tolerance and understanding.
- Students coming into the boarding community should understand that the nature of large group living inevitably restricts certain aspects of their individual freedom. In our home-like environment, we encourage all students to find a balance between looking after their own needs and contributing to the well-being of the community around them.
- The boarding community operates on trust. Once that trust is broken by an individual, he forfeits the basic freedoms that he is normally allowed until he can show that he is indeed trustworthy and responsible enough to use his freedom appropriately.
- Membership of any community requires contribution. For the Scotch boarding community to enjoy harmony and happiness, each member of the community must contribute.
- Although the relationship between staff and boarding students is one of caring and supervision, students must take direction and discipline from staff in a respectful manner.
- All students have the right to feel safe in their environment and as such the College views any form of bullying, harassment or theft as very serious. An individual's personal space and belongings should be respected at all times.
- The School area is a NO SMOKING ZONE. Smoking is not permitted, and boarding students are absolutely forbidden to have in their possession, bring on to the premises, consume or use any alcoholic beverage or non-prescribed drug, or associated implements. This also applies to leave situations.

Chapel

In accordance with Scotch College being a Uniting Church school, Boarding Clan Chapel will take place each semester. Boarding students are expected to attend Chapel during the term, noting that Chapel is held weekly as part of the day school programme.



Care For Your Son

Pastoral Relationship

Scotch College is not only a boarding facility but aspires to establish a 'community' atmosphere within the context of sound Christian principles. Such a community inevitably finds itself operating in a balance between discipline and individual freedoms, the needs of the individual and the needs of the community as a whole.

The boarding community recognises that students are here to receive the best education possible, and we strive to create a **home-like** environment where both the atmosphere and behaviors reflect this. Just as in a family home, students have easy access to staff for support with any challenges they encounter, ensuring they feel cared for and guided throughout the year.

In their relationship with boarding students, the boarding staff will carry out their positions of responsibilities with understanding. The relationship is seen primarily as a pastoral relationship reflecting care and concern, balanced by firm discipline. The aim always is to build mutual respect and to develop maturity in your son. Staff will know each boy as an important individual who is part of our community.

Staff Roles

Head of Boarding

The role of the Head of Boarding is to oversee all aspects of Boarding at Scotch College.

Boarding Administration

The role of the Boarding Administrator is to assist the Boarding staff in managing the operational aspects of boarding and offer support to families with administrative requirements.

Head of Residence

The College has three Heads of Residence to support the Heads of Boarding and boarding families. There is a Head of Robinson Residence (Years 7 and 8) and two Heads of Syme Residence (Years 9–12). The Role of the Head of Residence, along with their staff, is primarily one of carer/mentor, with the emphasis on the notion of working together as a team – parents, boarders and staff – to meet the students' needs.

It is the role of the Head of Residence to oversee the care, supervision and development of the students in their care, including social, spiritual, academic and physical aspects of life. Importantly, the Head of Residence works hard to develop a strong work ethic and character in the boys, based on our boarding values. Staff also strive to create a positive environment so that boarding students can gain the maximum benefit from their stay in the boarding community while providing appropriate role modelling for them.

The main functions and responsibilities of the Head of Residence include:

- Being the primary contact point for parents for all boarding matters.
- Mentoring and giving boys feedback on the tasks that they undertake. Counselling them when required or when asked to help them overcome difficulties, whether they be personal, social or academic.
- Developing a strong work ethic and strong values within the boys
- Ensuring that each boy is a positive and contributing member of the wider boarding community
- Ensuring a high level of discipline and respect is upheld within boarding
- Advocating for boarding and boarding families within the day school
- Managing leave requests for families.
- Keeping parents informed and involved in all facets of the boarding community and their son's well-being.

House Mother

The main role of the House Mother is a pastoral one and complements the role of the Head of Residence and Head of Boarding. The House Mother provides a female presence around the House, adding a balance to what is generally a male environment. The House Mother liaises closely with parents and Health Centre staff, as well as the uniform shop, to ensure the boys are well-organised and cared for.

Dean of Academics

Each Residence has a dedicated Dean of Academics; they are tasked with academic tracking, assisting with goal setting in the early years and supporting boys in their boarding house. The Dean of Academics is a senior member of the Boarding team and works alongside the Head of Residence and the Head of Boarding to care for boys.

Boarding Mentors

The Boarding Mentors are the staff who supervise the boys on a daily basis and act on behalf of the Heads of Residence and Head of Boarding.

Boarding 'Weekend Supervisor' Staff

During the week, your son's Head of Residence and the House Mother are your points of contact, helping to provide a gold standard of care for your son.

On the weekends, the Weekend Supervisor is the primary contact if you need to speak with someone urgently. The weekend roster is available in the Boarding newsletter. If in doubt, you can always call your Head of Residence, or the duty staff will be able to direct inquiries to the senior staff member, if required. Your choice of Perth-based Guardian is essential to support our staff in times of immediate care or emergencies.



Communicating with the Boarding Community

Your first point of contact is your son's Head of Residence regarding any boarding matter.

If there is something bothering you about your son's progress or you just want to talk about things in the Boarding House, please let us know. We enjoy hearing from you, as most times what you have to say does put into perspective some of the situations that we share with your son here. Should you have any concerns with your sons academic progress, their Day school Head of House is your point of contact.

Do not feel that any problem is too small and certainly do not let anything become a crisis on your part before letting us know. Please make a point of contacting or calling in to the Boarding House whenever you are in Perth.

Do not hesitate to contact the Residential Head of Year; House Mother or Head of Boarding at any time during the year if you have any concerns or questions about Boarding or information that you think may be helpful.

Further information pertaining to Boarding can be viewed via the Boarding tab on the Home.Scotch webpage <http://home.scotch.wa.edu.au/home>

Contact Numbers

For calls inside Australia replace (+61) with 0.

College Reception

Address	Scotch College 76 Shenton Road Swanbourne, WA 6010
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Opening Hours	Monday to Thursday 8am–4pm Friday 8am–4.45pm

Scotch Security

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Dean of Academics (SS Residence)	<i>Rachel Ullman</i> Email	Rachel.Ullman@scotch.wa.edu.au

As our Heads of Residence are teachers in the Middle and Senior Schools it is often difficult to contact them during school hours on their mobile phone. If you do need to catch them during the day, then please email them and they will be in touch with you as soon as possible or if it is urgent then please phone **Boarding Administration** on (08) 9460 6655.

Student Leadership

We encourage all our boys to be proactive in the Boarding community and provide many avenues for them to share their opinions or take an active role in the community. The two main programs that we have for our boys are The Year 10 Peer Mentor Programme and the Boarding Council.

Our Year 10 Peer Mentor Programme begins in Year 9 when we prepare the boys to become mentors for our new Year 7 and 8 boys. The programme is centered around reminding the boys what it was like to be new and what they felt really helped them to settle into boarding.

In Year 12 the boys have the opportunity to become part of the Boarding Council. The structure of this group is made up of the Boarding Captain, the Vice-Captains of Boarding and other students that have been identified as good role-models and leaders.

Our Leaders for 2026



Captain of Boarding
Declan Crombie



**Vice-Captain of Boarding –
Senior Residence (Stirling
Clan Leader)**
Jake Daw



**Vice-Captain of Boarding
– Senior Residence (Blair
Clan Leader)**
Harry Russell



**Vice-Captains of Boarding – Middle School
Residence**

Spencer Chapple and Blair Haultain

Clans

The Senior School Residence is divided into two Clans, Blair and Stirling, with boys from Years 9–12. Each Clan has a Head of Residence, a House Mother and a Student Leader (Vice Captain of Boarding). The Clans are a structure similar to that of House groups in the day school but is applicable only to boarding. Your son will be placed into one of these Clans as he enters Senior School and the Head of Residence will then take your son through the rest of his time in boarding.

The Clans are named after significant Scottish Septs or Scotch Boarding Alumni. The Clans promote opportunities for boys from different year levels to mix together. We have a series of activities throughout the year between the Clans that accumulate points and this is designed to promote a group identity and a sense of belonging as well as a bit of fun!



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is at 39 Shenton Road, Swanbourne. It takes about an hour to kit out a new boarder.

As December and January are the busiest months of the year in the Uniform Shop, we encourage you to make an appointment so that our staff can give you their undivided attention.

Opening Hours*

Tuesday	8am–5pm
Thursday	7.30–11.30am
Friday	7.30–11.30am

*During term time

Online Uniform Shop

To book your appointment please email: uniform@scotch.wa.edu.au



List of Uniform and Clothing Requirements

All school uniform items, except footwear, are available from the College. The following lists are a guide only as each sub school has different uniform requirements. The Uniform Shop staff will be able to assist you further with your compulsory items of clothing. Boys should wear their uniform completely and correctly at all times.

Winter Uniform

- 6x white long sleeved shirts
- Grey shorts (Year 7) – minimum of three pairs
- Grey trousers (Year 8 onwards) – minimum of three pairs
- Grey socks – minimum of six pairs
- 1 x black leather lace-up shoes (not boots)
- 1 x College pullover
- Blazer (Year 8 onwards)
- 1 x school tie
- 1 x house tie (Year 9 onwards)
- 1 x black belt (Year 8 onwards)

Summer Uniform

- Khaki shorts – minimum of three pairs
- 6x khaki short sleeved shirts
- Khaki socks – minimum of six pairs
- 1 x black leather lace-up shoes (not boots)
- 1 x school tie
- 1 x house tie (Year 9 onwards)
- School cap (optional)

Sports Wear

Parents should note that it is advisable that the purchase of items of sports clothing be left until near the commencement of that particular sports season when boys will be informed of the requirements. Most items of sportswear are available from the Uniform Shop. Parents are advised to check with the College Uniform Shop before buying any item of sportswear to ensure it is the correct uniform.

- Blue Scotch shorts – minimum of three pairs
- Track suit (Scotch College)
- Sand shoes (non-marking sole)
- Polo shirt (house)
- Polo shirt (school) – minimum of three

Additional Items for Boarding Students

- Under clothing
- One pair of thongs or sandals
- Clothes hangers
- Several sets of casual clothes (shorts, jeans, shirts) and footwear are useful for recreation purposes and some good clothes for more formal occasions e.g: socials, dinners, chapel, days out etc.)
- 1 x shoe polishing kit
- 1 x hairbrush and/or comb
- 1 x toothbrush
- 3 x towels (2 bath and 1 beach towel)
- One pair of casual shoes for good wear (not joggers)
- 2 x small laundry bags (available in uniform shop)
- 2 x sets of sheets (**long singles for 9–12 boys**) and two pillowcases (also marked with name). King Single sheets will work but will be wider than needed.
- 1 x single doona and 2 x single doona covers (also marked with name)
- 1 x pillow and pillow protector (also marked with name)
- Swim wear
- 1 x pyjamas
- Alarm clock

Please note: Every article should be **distinctly marked with the boy's name using woven name tags only**. Please mark shirts, coats etc. on the inside of the collar, shorts and trousers at rear inside the waist and socks under turned-over tops where applicable.

Laundry and Clothing

On looking at the uniform list for boarding students, parents may think there is an inordinate amount of clothing required. Let us describe briefly the laundry cycle and why certain amounts of clothing are necessary. Firstly, all our laundry is done on the school premises – a huge undertaking in itself.

Dirty clothes are placed into the laundry on an allocated morning where they will be washed and dried. The clothing is folded and ironed, sorted and then placed in the boarder's pigeonhole by the laundry staff ready for collection after school. Most washing is returned daily.

We find six things which are essential to the streamlining of the huge laundry task:

1. Boarding students must have **every item of clothing marked with your sons FULL NAME (e.g. James Robertson) and black letters on white background**. We suggest name tapes that have the student's name clearly on them are ordered through *Cash's School Name Tapes* <http://www.nametapes.com.au>. We use style eight woven name tapes in black.
2. **Name tapes should be used to mark clothing rather than laundry markers because the writing fades.** Name tapes should be sewn in prominent positions. Socks need name tags sewn on **the upper part** – not the foot. **Do not sew name tags on trade labels as they can easily be removed.** On items of greater value, it may be wise to put a name tag in a hidden position as well. It would be appreciated if a number of spare name tags are left with your son so that they may be sewn onto any new clothing purchased during term time.
3. Socks and underwear are laundered in special net bags to aid in the huge task of sorting. Each boarder has two bags. Only underwear and socks are to be placed into these bags. These can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.
4. Special arrangements can be made for specific items of clothing which cannot be subject to industrial washing and drying. These details should be obtained from the laundry staff. Each House has its own washing machines and dryers and students are encouraged to use them.
5. Please remember that any clothing purchased during term will also need to be named.
6. A spare set of name tapes must be left with the House Mother.

Lost Property

Every year, the boarding community is left with an incredible amount of lost property, especially clothing, the majority of which is unnamed. We have found in the past that lost property accumulates through poor personal organisation on the part of some students. This emphasises the need for all clothing to be named.

Bed Linen

Each boarder in **SYME RESIDENCE** (Yrs 9-12) is required to provide their own named single bed sheets, blankets, doona, throw and pillow. The **Robinson Residence** (Yrs 7-8) **will be provided with a fitted sheet, a top sheet, and a pillowcase.** Boarding students are expected to use both a top and bottom sheet and pillow slip for hygiene reasons, and these should be washed each week. Parents should be aware that Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 students will require long single bed sheets. A mattress protector will be provided.



Support for Students within Boarding

Some boarding students experience problems with social adjustment. Teenagers quite often set up active social patterns and enjoy a certain amount of independence. Due to the nature of the boarding community, and the direct responsibility of the staff to the parents and boarding students and the sheer size of our “family” some students, at times, find some of the day-to-day workings a bit hard to adjust to, especially early on during their time in boarding.

To help them cope with this new lifestyle, it would be beneficial to discuss with them some of the differences that might be experienced. If you want more background information please do not hesitate to phone the Head of Boarding, Head of Residence, or House Mother with your

queries. It may be of benefit to encourage your son to make the contact if he is indeed worried about any aspect.

Success in this matter lies in the understanding that a large community, such as ours, is in some respects reasonably inflexible. It is essential that a boarder arrives at an understanding of what is acceptable and what is not and why these things are so. A new boarder has to quickly realise that some social patterns will not fit the new situation and that he must take steps to adjust his behaviour accordingly rather than try to change the community. Our rules and expectations have been put in place with the boys' best interests and security in mind.

Homesickness

It is perfectly normal for boys living in completely new surroundings, and in a structured environment, to feel strange and feel homesick. Often homesickness reflects a very positive relationship with family and friends and the home environment. We have included a number of observations on this problem and feel that our suggestions may help your son to overcome this very real difficulty as quickly as possible.

1. We believe it is important for him to realise that homesickness is perfectly normal and that he is likely to feel homesick from time to time, and that it is something that he should not hide from but face up to and try and talk about.
2. It is important for you, as parents, to emphasise the need for complete involvement in and out of the classroom. The best way to prevent homesickness is for boys to keep busy. The person who mopes around after school and misses' classes because he feels sorry for himself only compounds an already difficult problem. Involvement in sport, games, music and other activities is essential and should be encouraged whenever possible.
3. It is important for you to realise that you will hear of, or experience, the worst of your son's homesickness. Boarding students will tend to write or ring when they are feeling at their lowest. They may also tend to exaggerate the worst features of what they are experiencing in order to get your attention.
4. Poor grades and difficulty with work are often closely related to homesickness in the early stages.
5. A recurrence of the problem is quite common after returning from term holidays. However, it is usually overcome very quickly after returning to school and settling in with normal routines and friends. It is important to note that too many day outings or overnight stays over the first few weekends of term can cause great difficulty for your son making the break from home. We encourage you to let your son experience the normal activities of the Boarding House, particularly during weekends, and be mindful that taking him out of boarding too often for little 'breaks' from boarding can actually compound the problem and prevent him from settling into his boarding life.
6. Please encourage your son to see the Head of Boarding, Head of Residence, the House Mother, the Health Centre staff or the School Counsellor if the problem seems to be reaching intolerable levels. Often discussing the problem with someone not directly involved is of great assistance. Encouraging your son to speak with an older student, such as one of the student leaders, who has likely experienced the same thing can also be of great comfort to him.

Homesickness (continued)

We do not wish to alarm you in any way but purely make you aware of a very common and usually short-term problem. It is also our aim to help you and your son cope with the difficult settling in period. It is best to deal with any problems that may arise in the early stages, as this is advantageous for all concerned. Understanding, patience and firmness would appear to be the most important qualities necessary for quick and relatively smooth adjustment to the new environment.

Above all, please do not hesitate to contact your son's Head of Residence, the House Mother or Head of Boarding if you wish to discuss the problem.

As well as your son experiencing homesickness, it is not uncommon for you, as parents, to also feel "homesick for your son". The following are a few observations that might help you cope with your own sense of loss.

1. The sense of loss may not be as obvious for you as it is for your son because your daily routine continues. Acknowledging the sense of loss for you is just as important.
2. When a boy goes to boarding school there is a change in the structure of parenting because the daily dependence of the boy is no longer present. Your son will quickly establish an increasing level of independence and often parents are caught unawares by this sudden move of their son from childhood towards the adult world. If your son is making this transition well it is a sign that, as parents, you have prepared him well for adulthood.
3. Despite planning for many years for your son to attend a boarding school, the reality comes suddenly – one day he is at home and the next he is not. Do not underestimate the effect it may have on you, and feel free to contact your son's Head of Residence or the House Mother or Head of Boarding about your own concerns as well as those of your son.

Bullying

The Scotch community does not tolerate bullying or harassment in any form.

For clarity, we define behaviours in the residence as follows:

- When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful once, that's *not nice*.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful once, that *means*.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful repeatedly, over time, even after being told to stop or shown it is upsetting, that's *bullying*.

Should students experience bullying (either directly or as a bystander), they are expected to tell another member of the boarding community so that it can be resolved efficiently.

Family Issues

These do occur and Boarding staff need to be informed immediately. This enables staff to be prepared and to provide the best possible care for your son.

Death of a Family Member/Friend and/or Community Tragedy

In the unfortunate event that the above may occur it is absolutely imperative that contact is made as quickly as possible with the Boarding staff (preferably either with your son's Head of Residence or Head of Boarding) to discuss the best strategies for informing the boy/s involved.

Contact Details for Counselling for your son

As living away from home is an adjustment, we welcome your son to access the support of the College Counselling Team. In the event that your son would like to speak with someone, or you would like to access further support on how better to support your son with boarding, we encourage you to reach out to our college psychologists. Ms Kim Lorimer (Middle School Psychologist) kim.lorimer@scotch.wa.edu.au or Mr Jon Marginis and Ms Chloe Hassell (Senior School Psychologists) theresidence@scotch.wa.edu.au

Communicating with Your Son

Communication is one of the most important issues for parents and their son/s. We have included some ideas and suggestions for making communication easy with your son.

In cases of emergency, contact can be made with your child through the individual House numbers or his Head of Residence. If it is during school time, contact could be made through Boarding Administration, who can be contacted either by email: Boarding.Admin@scotch.wa.edu.au or via (08) 9460 6655.

Prior to commencing in the Boarding community, it has been suggested that parents should discuss with their son when the best times would be for them to call each other. As the boys live in quite a structured environment, there are certain times that are great for a chat and others that don't quite suit. The

times that we recommend are between 3.45 pm and 5.45 pm (if not a sport day) and after Prep until 8.20 pm. Generally, mornings are very busy with boys having to wake up, get to breakfast, have a shower (hopefully brush their hair and teeth), clean their room and pack their bags ready for their day at school so this also might not be the most conducive time for you to pry out all the information you want from him.

Please also don't be worried if your son doesn't call you; this generally means that he has settled well and is enjoying his time. You are allowed, though, to ring your Head of Residence to ask him to give your son the hint that it might be time to ring home because mum and dad miss him.

The best methods we have found to communicate with your sons is by:

Mobile Phones

We ask that unless it's an emergency, no calls be made to boarding after 6:45pm on weeknights.

Mobile phones are permitted; however, phones are removed from the boys for study each weeknight. Those in Syme Residence in Years 9-10 do not receive their phones after study. A Year 11 student may have access between 8:30 and 9pm, prior to bedtime. Year 12 students, on a case-by-case basis, may have their phones after study, if allowed by their parents.

Alternatively, parents can also choose to install parental control apps on their son's phone to gain a better understanding and control over their son's internet and phone use. Apps can make it easy to track data usage and also make it possible to control access to certain apps and create curfews for apps, screen time or internet use. A parent control app that has been recommended to us is called OurPact and is available on the App Store.

Mobile Phones will **not be permitted** in the Dining Room during breakfast and dinner, nor are they allowed on any **interschool recreation activity**.

In 2025, the day school has made a no mobile policy from 8:30am to 3:30pm so boys can leave their devices on charge in the boarding house. Importantly, if a phone is confiscated at school, a parent or guardian must collect it.



Letters and Postcards

Letters are an excellent method of communication and most boarding students look forward to receiving mail in the afternoons (and are disappointed if they don't get any). Although a letter is not as immediate as a phone call, it has an advantage in that it can be very well thought out and can be re-read days, weeks and years later. In the settling in stage for new boarding students, letters can be much more helpful than phone calls which can make some feel homesick. Please encourage your son to write home as often as possible. Some stamped and addressed envelopes sent with your son may be helpful for letter writing activities.

When mail is addressed to a boarder, it should be addressed as in the following example:

Master IMA BOARDER
C/- Boarding Community – Middle School Residence
Scotch College
PO Box 223
CLAREMONT WA 6910

The Boarding Newsletter

The Boarding newsletter will be published twice a term, with separate editions for Robinson Residence and Syme Residence. This newsletter serves as a valuable resource for parents to stay informed about the events and activities that have taken place during the term. Parents will have the opportunity to download photos, click links to the calendar, and import upcoming events directly into their schedules.

The newsletter is designed to be accessible on all devices through our use of SWAY, ensuring that every parent has easy access to the latest updates, no matter where they are.



Senior School Swimming Carnival

This week we had both the Middle School and Senior School Inter-House swimming carnivals. This is the first chance for the boys to earn points for their house and hopefully have a bit of fun along the way. The first inter-school swim meet was last Wednesday, and there will be another couple of swim meets coming up in the next two weeks. If your son has an interest in swimming, training is before school every day. There are also swimming squads that the boys can join all year round. The best person to speak to regarding swimming is Mr Ryan Steenkamp
Ryan.Steenkamp@scotch.wa.edu.au



Student Mobile Phone and Laptop Availability

The table below is aimed to provide a brief overview of the times in which boys have access to their mobile and laptop devices within the Scotch College Boarding community. As per our transitional philosophy, the boys' access to devices are regulated during the early years. However, as they progress through the year groups, they are provided with extra opportunities to demonstrate responsible technology use.

Mobile phones and laptops are not permitted on any official interschool boarding recreational activity. Nonetheless, boys are encouraged to take mobile phones with them when on other forms of leave from the College.

Year Level	Phone	Laptop/Ipad
7	- Collected every night - Collected before House Meeting - Access per day during week: Monday to Friday 8–8:20am 5:00–6:30pm - Access per day during weekend: Saturday/Sunday 1:00 – 6:30pm - Boys can have their phones for 2 hrs. The two-hour window is at staff discretion, based on the weekend recreational activities.	- Collected every night - Access per day during week: Monday to Thursday 6:30–7:45pm Friday No Ipad time - Access per day during weekend: Saturday/Sunday 1:00 – 6:30pm, at the discretion of the supervising staff member. Sunday prep 6:30 to 7:30pm
8	- Collected every night - Collected before House Meeting - Access per day during week: Monday to Friday 8:00 – 8:20am 5:00 – 6:30pm - Access per day during weekend: Saturday/Sunday 1:00 – 6:30pm - Boys can have their phones for 2 hrs. The two-hour window is at staff discretion, based on the weekend recreational activities.	- Collected every night - Access per day during week: Monday to Thursday 6:30–7:45pm Friday No Laptop time - Access per day during weekend: Saturday/Sunday 1:00 – 6:30pm, at the discretion of the supervising staff member. Sunday prep 6.30–7.30pm
9	- Collected every night - Collected during prep - Access per day during week: 7:45am–6:45pm - Access per day during weekend: Friday and Saturday (times will vary) 7:45am–9:00pm - Sunday night	- Collected every night - Access per day during week: 7:45am–8:30pm - Access per day during weekend: Saturday/Sunday 2pm – 4pm staff will supervise Sunday prep 7:00–8:30pm

Year Level	Phone	Laptop
10	- Collected every night - Collected during prep - Access per day during week: Monday to Thursday 7:45am–6:45pm - Access per day during weekend: Friday and Saturday 7:45am–9pm - Sunday Night Handed in 6:45pm	- Collected every night - Collected during prep - Access per day during week: Monday to Thursday 7:45am–9pm - Access per day during weekend: Friday and Saturday 7:45am–8:30pm - Sunday Night Handed in 8:30pm
11	- Collected Sunday to Thursday night - Collected during Study 6:45pm–8:30pm - Not collected on Friday and Saturday night - Access per day during week: 7:45am–9:00pm - Access over weekend Friday 7.45am to Sunday 9.00pm	- Collected Sunday to Thursday night - Not collected on Friday and Saturday night - Access per day during week: 7:45am–9pm - Access over weekend Friday 7:45am to Sunday 9pm
12	Boys enter into a contract with their parents and Head of Residence regarding access to their phone. Ultimately it's a parental decision, support by boarding.	Boys enter into a contract with the Head of Residence regarding access to their laptop.

*If boys require laptop to complete homework outside of the above times, they can negotiate with the staff member on duty.



Middle School Residence

BOARDING ROUTINES



MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAIL
	Morning Sports Training	School sports training and personal exercise take place throughout the morning.
7:00 AM	Wake Up	Make bed, shower, and get dressed.
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	In the Dining Hall.
	Preparation for School	Brush teeth, tidy room and prepare for school.
8:00 - 8:20 AM	Access to Phone	Only if room is tidy, bed is made, fully dressed for school, bag packed and duties are complete. Not allowed to return to dorms once these conditions are met.
8:20 AM	Departure to School	Hand-in phone, collect iPad from the tech locker, sign out and depart for school.
8:25 AM - 3:25 PM	School Hours	Attend classes.
3:25 PM	Return to Residence	Sign in upon return to the Residence. Hand in iPads and place satchels in rooms. Change out of school uniform.
3:30 PM	Afternoon Tea	In the Kitchen.
3:45 - 5:15 PM	Afternoon Sports Training / Laundry	Sport: Y7 Wednesday. Y8 Monday and Wednesday Laundry: Monday – Drop off dirty laundry after school at the Senior Residence. Tuesday – Collect clean laundry after school from pigeonhole.
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Access to Technology	Phone and Gaming (PS5 & Nintendo Switch) Access.
5:45 - 6:30 PM	Dinner	In the Dining Hall with staff supervision. No phones allowed in the Dining Hall.
6:30 PM	House Meeting	House meeting in the Theatre Room: hand in phones and collect iPads.
6:30 - 7:45 PM	Prep	Prep time in the Middle School Building & Library. Focus on the school curriculum. Headphones are allowed for the last 30-minutes.
7:45 - 8:15 PM	Quiet Time	Hand in iPads to tech lockers after Prep. Enjoy supper and indoor free time: gaming devices, pool, table tennis, board games, cards, extra prep. No outside play. Use the house phone for calls home if needed.
8:15 PM	Night Routine	Complete house duties, shower if needed, prepare for the next day, fill water bottles, tidy rooms, and get ready for bed.
8:30 PM	Reading	In rooms with bedside lamps on for 15 minutes to read.
8:45 PM	Lights Out	Sleep: Lights out, no noise.

BOARDING ROUTINES



FRIDAY

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAIL
	Morning Sports Training	School sports training and personal exercise take place throughout the morning.
7:00 AM	Wake Up	Make bed, shower, and get dressed.
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	In the Dining Hall.
	Preparation for School	Brush teeth, tidy room and prepare for school.
8:00 - 8:20 AM	Access to Technology	Only if room is tidy, bed is made, fully dressed for school, bag packed and duties are complete. Not allowed to return to dorms once these conditions are met.
8:20 AM	Departure to School	Hand-in phone, collect iPad from the tech locker, sign out and depart for school.
8:25 AM - 12:55 PM	School Hours	Attend classes.
12:55 PM	Return to Residence	Sign in upon return to the Residence. Hand in iPads and place satchels in rooms. Change into sports uniform.
1:00 PM	Lunch	Collect lunch from the MS Residence. Sign out to Sport. Head off to PSA Sport. Be at the MS Bus Slip by 1:10 pm
	Afternoon Tea	Sign in upon returning to the Residence. Take a quick shower and change out of your sports uniform. Head to the kitchen to enjoy afternoon tea.
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Access to Technology	Phone and Gaming (PS5 & Nintendo Switch) Access.
5:45 - 6:30 PM	Dinner	In the Dining Hall with staff supervision. No phones allowed in the Dining Hall.
6:30 PM	House Meeting	House meeting in the Theatre Room: hand in phones and iPads to tech lockers.
	Recreation	Activities may take place in the MS Residence or at external events off-campus. Times and details depend on the event schedule and will be confirmed weekly. Check with the Recreation Officer for the latest information.
6:30 - 8:30 PM	Quiet Time	Enjoy supper and indoor free time: gaming devices, pool, table tennis, board games and cards—no outside play. Use the house phone for calls home if needed.
8:30 PM	Night Routine	Complete house duties, shower if needed, prepare for the next day, fill water bottles, tidy rooms, and get ready for bed.
8:45 PM	Reading	In rooms with bedside lamps on for 15 minutes to read.
9:00 PM	Lights Out	Sleep: Lights out, no noise.

BOARDING ROUTINES



SATURDAY

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAIL
	Morning Exercise	Optional: Personal exercise can take place throughout the morning period.
7:30 AM	Wake Up	Make bed, shower, and get dressed.
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	In the Dining Hall.
	Preparation for the Day	Brush teeth, tidy room and prepare for the day.
8:45 AM	Service	Hand-in phone, Get involved by: Helping with PSA Sport (e.g., umpiring) or Watching PSA Sport and supporting your peers.
	Personal Time	If no service or recreation activity, indoor and outdoor free time: pool, table tennis, board games, cards or use the basketball courts, cricket nets, playing fields or tennis courts. No gaming devices.
	No Technology	Until after lunch.
12:30 PM	Lunch	In the Dining Hall with staff supervision.
1:30 → PM	Access to Technology	Phone (2-hours only) and Gaming (PS5 & Nintendo Switch) Access.
	Recreation	Activities may take place in the MS Residence or at external events off-campus. Times and details depend on the event schedule and will be confirmed weekly. Check with the Recreation Officer for the latest information.
	Personal Time	If no service or recreation activity, indoor and outdoor free time: pool, table tennis, board games, cards or use the basketball courts, cricket nets, playing fields or tennis courts. No gaming devices.
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Dinner	In the Dining Hall with staff supervision. No phones allowed in the Dining Hall.
6:30 PM	House Meeting	House meeting in the Theatre Room: hand in iPads to tech lockers.
	Recreation	Activities may take place in the MS Residence or at external events off-campus. Times and details depend on the event schedule and will be confirmed weekly. Check with the Recreation Officer for the latest information.
6:30 - 8:30 PM	Quiet Time	If no recreation activity, indoor free time: gaming devices, pool, table tennis, board games and cards—no outside play. Use the house phone for calls home if needed.
8:30 PM	Night Routine	Complete house duties, shower if needed, prepare for the next day, fill water bottles, tidy rooms, and get ready for bed.
8:45 PM	Reading	In rooms with bedside lamps on for 15 minutes to read.
9:00 PM	Lights Out	Sleep: Lights out, no noise.

BOARDING ROUTINES



SUNDAY

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAIL
	Morning Exercise	Optional: Personal exercise can take place throughout the morning period.
7:30 AM	Wake Up	Make bed, shower, and get dressed.
7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	In the Dining Hall.
	Preparation for the Day	Brush teeth, tidy room and prepare for the day.
	Recreation	Activities may take place in the MS Residence or at external events off-campus. Times and details depend on the event schedule and will be confirmed weekly. Check with the Recreation Officer for the latest information.
	Personal Time	If no recreation activity, indoor and outdoor free time: pool, table tennis, board games, cards or use the basketball courts, cricket nets, playing fields or tennis courts. No gaming devices.
	No Technology	Until after lunch.
12:30 PM	Lunch	In the Dining Hall with staff supervision.
1:30 → PM	Access to Technology	Phone (2-hours only) and Gaming (PS5 & Nintendo Switch) Access.
	Recreation	Activities may take place in the MS Residence or at external events off-campus. Times and details depend on the event schedule and will be confirmed weekly. Check with the Recreation Officer for the latest information.
	Personal Time	If no recreation activity, indoor and outdoor free time: gaming devices, pool, table tennis, board games, cards or use the basketball courts, cricket nets, playing fields or tennis courts.
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Dinner	In the Dining Hall with staff supervision. No phones allowed in the Dining Hall.
6:30 PM	House Meeting	House meeting in the Theatre Room: Collect iPads.
6:30 - 7:30 PM	Prep	Prep time in the MS Residence. Focus on the school curriculum. Headphones are allowed for the last 30-minutes.
7:30 - 8:15 PM	Quiet Time	Hand in iPads to tech lockers after Prep. Enjoy supper and indoor free time: gaming devices, pool, table tennis, board games, cards, extra prep. No outside play. Use the house phone for calls home if needed.
8:15 PM	Night Routine	Complete house duties, shower if needed, prepare for the next day, fill water bottles, tidy rooms, and get ready for bed.
8:30 PM	Reading	In rooms with bedside lamps on for 15 minutes to read.
8:45 PM	Lights Out	Sleep: Lights out, no noise.

Senior School Residence

Weekday Mornings

6.15 am	Sport training (only applicable to certain sports)
7 am	Wake up, clean and tidy bedroom, get ready for school (shower please!)
7.15 am	Breakfast in the Dining Hall
8 am	Return to House, complete duties, get organised for school
8.20 am	Leave the House

Weekday Afternoons

3.25 pm	School finishes; return to Boarding House
3.45 pm	Sport training/free time
	Monday/Tuesday; laundry drop off, Wednesday/Thursday; laundry collect 5
pm	Showers
5:50 pm	Dinner

Monday to Thursday Evenings

6.35 pm	Return to House, prepare for prep
6.45 pm	Roll call; nightly meeting, hand in phones.
7 pm	Prep begins
8.30 pm	First prep session ends, boys break for supper.
9 pm	Yrs 9 & 10 Own rooms
9:15pm	Yrs 9 & 10 Lights Out
	Yrs 11 & 12 Own rooms
9.30 pm	Lights out for Year 11s and 12s.

Friday Evening

6.20 pm	Roll call, phones collected
6.30 pm	Recreational activity (if applicable), free time
9.30 pm	Ready for bed, in own rooms
10:00 pm	Lights out. Final Roll Call

Weekends

The weekend routines are quite flexible and are determined by the different activities that are organised within each House.

	Saturday		Sunday
7:45am	Roll call and Breakfast in the Dining Hall	8:00am	Roll call and Breakfast in the Dining Hall
10:00am	Attendance check/ roll call	10:00am	Attendance check/ roll call.
12:30pm	Roll Call and lunch in the Dining Hall	12:30pm	Roll Call and lunch in the Dining Hall
3:30pm	Attendance check/ roll call	3:30pm	Attendance check/ roll call.
6:00pm	Roll Call. Dining Hall opens for dinner	6:00pm	Roll Call. Dining Hall opens for dinner
6:45pm	Attendance check / roll call	6:45pm	Attendance checks and Clan meeting
8:30pm	Attendance check / roll call	7:00pm	Weekly personal organisation phones collected
9:30pm	All boys to be in their rooms	8:30pm	Prep session ends, boys break for supper and parent contact time. Showers and prepare for bed
10:00pm	Lights out. Final Roll Call	9:00pm	All boys to their rooms
		9:15pm	Lights out for all boys

Catering

Chartwells are contracted to supply all our catering requirements here at Scotch. They have been working within schools for many years and have a thorough understanding of what schools require from their catering department.

Outside of School Hours the boys eat all their meals in the College Dining Room. During school time the boys receive their morning tea and lunch, which is prepared in the Dining Room, at either the Middle School or Senior School Canteens.

Dining is generally 'alfresco style', meaning that the boys may enter the Dining Room at any time, select their meals from the servery and sit where they like. There is no set time that the boys have to remain within the Dining Room, but our staff do monitor this and at times will request the boys stay seated for a certain period of time.

The evening meal usually consists of two protein options, a vegetarian option and a choice of several different types of vegetables and salads. Of course, dessert is also available after every meal. Our staff are also on the lookout for those boys who sometimes forget to eat their 'greens'.

Fresh fruit is always available within the Dining Room, Canteen and Residences and is replaced regularly.

The weekly menus are available to view within the Boarding newsletter.

Parents are always invited to join us for dinner in our Dining Room, a great time to have an informal chat not only with their son/s but also his friends and the staff that look after him.

Please feel free to let your Head of Residence know that you are planning to come in for dinner and we will make sure everyone is catered for.



Dining Room Mealtimes

Weekday

Breakfast	7–8.15am (cooked options from 7.30am)
Dinner Time	5.45–6.30pm Year 7/8s 5.50–6.20pm Year 9/10s 6.10–6.40pm Year 11/12s
Supper	After prep

Weekend

Breakfast	Saturday 7–8.30am (cooked options from 7.30am) Sunday Continental from 6:30am Scotch Big Breakfast! 8:00–9:30am
Lunch Time	Saturday 12–2.00pm Sunday 12.30–1.30pm
Dinner Time	5.30–6.30pm
Supper	After prep

Formal Dining Opportunities

Throughout the year we also expose the boys to different forms of meal settings. This can be in the form of sit down meals where the boys will serve themselves table by table or on some occasions we also ask the catering staff to wait on the boys. The Heads of Residence also make use of the many cafes and restaurants within the area by taking the boys out for breakfast and/or dinner.

Instep and School Excursions

Take-away lunches can be made available to all Boarding boys who are required to be away from the school for the day. This may include excursions, INSTEP, work placement or any other school-related activity. The boys can organise this themselves through talking to their House Mother or Residential Head of Year, reasonable notice should be given.

Health Centre

The Health Centre provides acute care for illness or injuries to boarding students and day boys, with an increased focus on health education, injury prevention and providing pastoral care. Boarding students who are deemed to be infectious must not reside in the boarding residences; the Perth-based Guardian is therefore essential. Parents are required to ensure they have an emergency contact in the school system.

Health Centre Staff

Health Centre Manager: Fiona Richmond (Registered Nurse (RN))

Health Centre Staff: Bev Simkin RN, Annie Murphy RN, Victoria Abram RN, Vania Leong RN and Dione Stackhouse RN.

The Health Centre Opening Times

Monday to Friday	7:45am–6pm
Saturday (Terms 1 and 4)	9 am–12pm
Saturday (Terms 2 and 3)	8.30am–1.30pm

At all other times, a registered nurse is on call who can be contacted to assess your son's needs.

Medical Forms

Please return medical forms with enrolment forms, as we must receive this information early in order to check and note any problems or special requests regarding your son.

Mouthguards

Mouthguards are essential in protecting your son's developing teeth, especially in Winter contact sports. It is a requirement that all boarders have a mouthguard properly fitted by a Dentist. Please ensure that your son has a mouthguard for the start of Winter Sport at the end of March.

Vaccinations

Please ensure your son has received all vaccinations and that booster doses are up to date. Recent information from the Community and Child Health Department advises Sabin (Polio) and Tetanus boosters should be updated every 10 years, following the 5-year-old pre-school vaccinations. Combined vaccinations (Measles/Mumps/Rubella) can also be given at an early age as well as a second one at age 15. Hepatitis A vaccinations are now available. Hepatitis B vaccinations should be given to every child at an early age. There is no cure – but prevention is possible. The risk of the spread of Hepatitis B in our homes and schools is very real. The Health Centre also offers annual influenza vaccinations to all our boarders.

Medication

Health Centre staff support all boys who require over-the-counter or prescription medication while in boarding. As some medications interact adversely, we ask that parents advise us of any medication that their son is taking.

All medication is administered under the supervision of the Health Centre staff. This enables the Health Centre staff to monitor the effectiveness of the medication. Outside of Health Centre hours, medication will be administered by the boarding staff on duty, from a Webster pack filled by a pharmacist with the student's name, medication, dose and time to be given clearly labelled. Asthma medication must be kept by the student for self-medication.

Adrenaline Auto Injectors (EPIPENS)

Parents of students with anaphylaxis must provide two anaphylaxis kits containing an EpiPen, antihistamine medication and an Action Plan. One kit is kept in the boarding house office and the other is kept by the student and taken to school each day.

Accidents

On the sports field, in the residences, or elsewhere on campus should be reported to the Health Centre staff on duty and treatment for all such accidents must be attended to by the Health Centre staff.

Communicable Diseases

If your son contracts Whooping Cough or any other communicable disease, he must be removed from the Boarding Houses as soon as practicable. He is not to reside onsite or in the Health Centre. An emergency contact is required as his Perth-based guardian for this purpose.

Medical Appointments/Transport

All appointments must be organised through the Health Centre so that Boarding can accurately keep medical records. Transport to and from medical appointments can be arranged in the event that a family's Perth-based host is unable to take the student.

However, we ask that families make an effort to contribute in this regard.

Please contact the Health Centre by email: healthcentre@scotch.wa.edu.au or call 08 9383 6818. In an emergency situation, an ambulance will be called immediately, and staff will accompany the student until family or the family's nominated Perth-based host can get there.

If your son needs to see a physiotherapist, dentist, orthodontist, chiropractor etc., these appointments should be made with practitioners who are located within the suburbs close to the College (within 10kms). Wherever possible, specialist appointments should be made at a time that family can accompany the student.

General Medical

Parents are encouraged to call in and introduce themselves to the Health Centre team and the nursing staff are more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have while your son is in the residential community.

If you have any concerns or wish to update us about your son's health please feel free to call in or contact us in the Health Centre on 08 9383 6818.

Parents should familiarise themselves with the complete policy on health care contained on the school website, www.scotch.wa.edu.au and use the links to school community/residential students/Health Centre.

Medical Costs – Australian Residents

When a boarder consults a doctor, or attends a medical appointment, his account will be sent to the parents. Any medication ordered by the doctor and supplied by the pharmacy will be charged to boy's school account via the Health Centre.

Medical Costs – International Residents

When a boarder attends a medical appointment, the account is sent to the parents directly to be paid and any rebate claimed. Any medication ordered by the doctor and supplied by the pharmacy will be charged to the boy's account.

Leave Arrangements and Policies

Scotch uses the state-of-the-art [REACH](#) system for parents and boys to process leave. **TRUST** is paramount for our Head of Residence or Head of Boarding in that students go to the places and hosts they have applied to go to and not anywhere else. It is impossible for boarding staff to follow every border and ring every host family to check that boarding students are doing the right thing. A breach of leave policy is one of the most serious breaches in boarding.

It must be emphasised, however, that even if a leave request by a student is in accordance with the contact as set down within the leave arrangement, **staff still reserve the right to permit or deny leave at their discretion.**

Overnight leave on weekends is permitted for boarding students when going into a family situation where there is parental supervision. The school does not allow boarding students to take overnight leave without adult hosts, and this may include some brothers and sisters. This policy does not call into question the integrity or responsibility of specific young hosts but acknowledges that young people and the situations in which they live may not be suitable overnight host places for boarding students.

School activities, such as Saturday sports or school camps, take priority over leave requests.

If a boarding student stays with **ANY PERSON** who is not an authorised host, or who has not been approved by the Head of Residence, or Head of Boarding, or signs out to go to one place and goes somewhere else, this is seen as a severe breach of this trust and is treated as a serious disciplinary situation.

If a student on leave returns to the boarding house, the duty of care reverts to the school, and if he wants to leave again, he will need to complete a separate application for leave. Boys cannot sign out for the day and then come and go as they please.

Under no circumstances can a boy on leave return to the House after 9:30 pm Monday – Thursday and 10 pm on Saturday on any night without having made prior arrangements with his Head of Residence or the Head of Boarding. All boys are expected back for Sunday study from 7 pm. If a boy breaches this rule, it is seen as a severe breach of this trust and is treated as a serious disciplinary situation.

Hosts (For Parents)

Parents will be required to complete a **host list that** outlines the people with whom they will allow their son to visit or stay while on leave. Parental supervision and a family environment is expected for all weekend leave.

All boarding students require a Perth-based host/guardian who can take the student out of boarding in the event of illness, injury, or disciplinary measures. A boy's Perth-based host/guardian goes into our system as an alternate contact in the event that parents are uncontactable. The Perth-based guardian will be able to take their boarder out if they are sick, require further medical assistance or have cases of concussion. Our Health Center staff will call and confirm that a student can not remain in residence due to issues or injury to parents and guardians on the boarding staff's behalf.

Please ensure that you know or have had contact with the people you put on your son's host list and that they have signed the appropriate form and are comfortable with the notion that they may be supervising your son for weekends. Hosts need to be over 18 years of age and not attending school. This contract will be supervised by the Head of Residence or Head of Boarding and can only be changed by written request from parents.

When adding or changing a host's details, contact must be made with Boarding Administration and details must be emailed to Boarding.Admin@scotch.wa.edu.au between 8am-4pm Monday to Friday.

Host details cannot be changed over the weekend.

Reach: Online Leave Management System

<https://rlm.scotch.wa.edu.au>

An online leave management system called REACH manages all leave at Scotch. All support documentation can be located within the 'help' section on the website and a comprehensive induction of the system will be conducted at orientation.

It is our expectation that boys will always sign out of the House, no matter where they are going, and sign back in when they return.

Leave Types

Category A

Off campus leave that requires approval from either a parent/guardian or Head of Residence. Where there is no leave in REACH a student will not be permitted to leave campus

Holiday Travel Arrangements – End of Term, Boarders Long Weekend

This leave is designed for you to outline your son's travel arrangements. Using this type of leave for the holidays simply helps us with our organisation. This type of leave is to be submitted at least three weeks before the holiday break for Boarding Admin to allocate transport; late leave requests may void this assistance. Transport is provided to the airport or East Perth Terminal to catch trains and buses to regional areas. Copies of flight, bus and train tickets must be included in the leave application on Reach.

Overnight Leave – Any type of overnight leave that is not Holiday Travel

This is leave that requires a boy to stay overnight from the Boarding House either during the week or on the weekend. The parent/guardian must first approve the leave before being further approved by the Head of Residence. The boys need to return by 7.00 pm on Sunday night. This type of leave is to be submitted by 6 pm on the Thursday prior to the weekend.

Day Leave

This is a period of leave from the Boarding House that does not occur overnight. Boys need approval from their parents or guardians as well as their Head of Residence. Boys must return to the House by 5.30 pm. This type of leave is to be submitted by 8 pm on the Thursday prior to the weekend.

Year 12 Friday or Saturday Night Leave (5.30 pm to 9.30 pm)

This type of leave is only available to Year 12 boys and is approved by the relevant Head of Residence. This type of leave is to be submitted by 8 pm on the Thursday prior to the weekend.

Community Sport

This type of leave is for boys to complete if they wish to participate in community sports. It is available to all boys. This leave must first be approved by parents or guardians and then by the Head of Residence. This type of leave is to be submitted by 8 pm on the Thursday prior to the weekend.

School Approved Activity

This type of leave takes into account any activities that are approved by either the day or residential schools.

Category B

Off campus leave that does not need the approval of either a parent/guardian or Head of Residence.

Local Leave

This type of leave allows the boys to go to Claremont, Swanbourne or Cottesloe. It is for a period of one and a half hours for students in Years 9 to 12. Years 7 to 8 boys may have one hour leave to Claremont Shopping Centre (this is at the discretion of the Head of Residence and is normally only on the weekend). The staff member on duty can approve this.

The relevant Head of Residence may place extra conditions on this type of leave depending on age and other factors that the Head of Residence may be aware of.

Beach Leave

This type of leave allows the boys in Years 10 to 12 the opportunity to go to the beach, they are permitted to sign out without having a formal leave application from parents.

Year 9 students must have leave **approved** in **REACH** if they wish to attend the beach unsupervised by boarding staff. In Term 4 Boarding runs a surf awareness course to allow students to attend the beach via beach left.

The conditions on this type of leave are that the parent/guardian must have completed the beach leave form and deemed their son competent to swim (in flat and surf conditions) and approved them to be able to go to the beach. A list of eligible boys will be located within the House Office.

If the boys are not surfing, then they will be required to swim within the patrolled areas (between the flags).

Staff will not let any boy go to the beach unless the above has been completed and the boys agree to the conditions.

Recreation

This type of leave takes into account those students who are on recreation. This would have been a pre-organised activity that the boys would have signed up for prior to the weekend.

Scotch Sport

This type of leave takes into account those students who are at Scotch Sport.



Holidays

When returning to school after the holidays, boarding students are expected to return to boarding by 7:00 pm on the day before the start of the school term.

If there are exceptional circumstances, a request should be addressed in writing to the Head of Residence in plenty of time to be fully discussed by the parties involved. If tests are missed due to an early departure, it is usually not possible to reschedule them for another time.

The policy guidelines for end-of-term arrangements are:

In the case of travel arrangements, a genuine need must be established, and it should always be with a regular host. Relevant factors for consideration may include age of the student, time of travel, difficulty with luggage, complexity of the situation and the boarder's ability to cope. Just like any weekend leave, any arrangements should be confirmed by parents in the week prior to holidays with the Head of Residence.

All holiday and long weekend travel arrangements need to be entered within the online leave management system ([REACH](#)) as '**Holiday Travel Arrangements**' with the details of the departure and arrival times clearly noted.

Travel

All travel bookings are the responsibility of the parents and must be entered into [REACH](#). Parents book students' travel subsidy flights within WA. Department of Transport Applications for Reimbursement – Student Travel Subsidy must be forwarded to the Boarding Administration for signing and stamping. These forms will be returned to the parents for submission with the appropriate government department. A cab charge is available for boys to get to airports, train or bus terminals, and the cost of these will be charged to your account. Boarders in Year 9-12 will be encouraged to take the train to the airport, now that the Claremont line is a direct link; this is a much quicker and easier option. Smart Rider allows for discounted travel.

If you have any questions regarding your son's travel or need to clarify the arrangements, please contact the **Boarding Administration** on (08) 9460 6655 or via Boarding.Admin@scotch.wa.edu.au.

Return Time from Holidays and Long Weekends

The Houses will be open and supervised from 1:30 pm on the day before school starts. Dinner will be provided at the end of long weekends and at the beginning of term from 5.45 pm. These details should be emailed directly to them or to the relevant House email address.

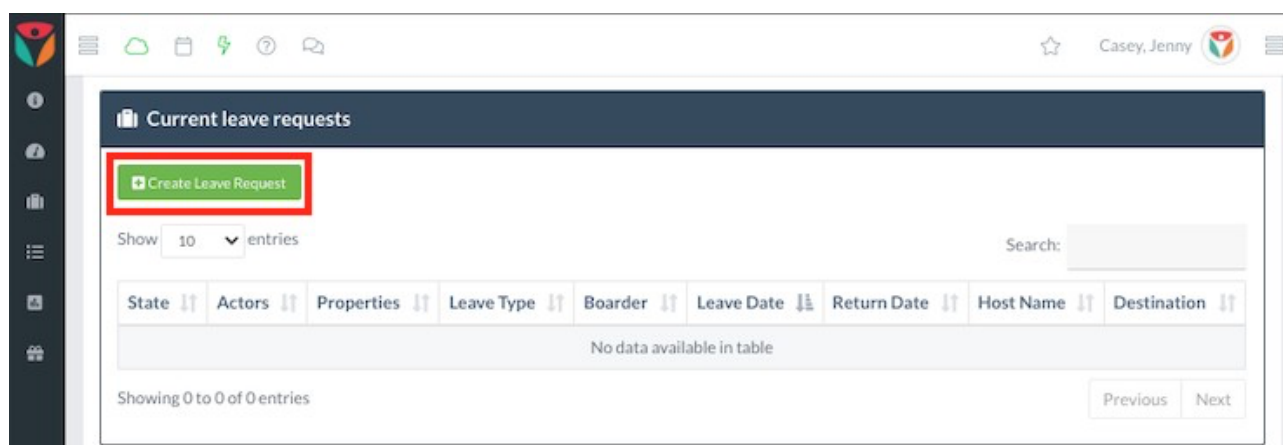
If your son does return early, parents must be aware that the residences will not be open or supervised before 3:00 pm.

Reach – Holiday Travel Arrangements

Creating a Leave Request

[Parent Portal - Create Leave & Approve](#)

You can create a [Leave Request](#) by selecting the **Create Leave Request** button on your home page in the **Running Leave Log** or by opening the **Leave Page** from the main menu.



Selecting the **Create Leave Request** button will open the **Leave Request Details** screen which sets out the details for a leave request update or submission.

- **Boarder Name** is the name of the student for whom leave is being requested.
- **Leave Type** is the type of leave you are requesting from the drop down menu.
- **Leave Departure Time** is the time and date that the student intends to depart from the school.

Note: Some leave types may have pre-set restrictions on when they can be taken and this will be reflected in the departure time that can be selected for that leave type.

- **Method of Transport (Leave)** is a drop down selector. Select the most appropriate transport method being used for the student's departure from school.
- **Return Time** is the time and date that the student is expected to return to the school boarding house.
- **Method of Transport (Return)** is a drop down selector. Select the most appropriate transport method being used for the student's return to school.
- **Host** are only parents and pre-approved hosts who are already installed on the Reach system will be displayed for selection in this field.

If the host that you want to select for a leave event is not on the selection list you need to email Boarding.Admin@scotch.wa.edu.au two days prior to the required leave so that the host can be installed onto the Reach system

- **Destination** is the leave destination. Keep this description short and descriptive. Additional details about a destination can be added to the Notes field below.

- Note: Some leave types will have some compulsory notes associated with the leave type. Air Flights for example will require you to enter the flight details so that transport to the airport can be arranged to meet the flight departures and arrivals.*

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- Note: The ability to select a recurring leave is based on your school's system settings and policies. As a result, this ability may not be available when submitting a leave request.*

- Leave Audit Trail** provides a list of people involved in the request and approval for any event and any actions that they have taken for the event.

- Save / Cancel / Delete** -- Be sure to save your leave request when you have completed the details.

Metrics View

Leave Details - New Leave Request

Leave Details

SaveCancelDelete

Boarder

0 Boarders Selected Select

This is the Boarder that will undertake this leave request.

Leave Date and Time

15/02/2025 @ 1 PM : 00

When is the Boarder "expected" to leave?

Leaving Transport Details

Transport Types Add Leg

Host

No selection

Who is taking the Boarder on this Leave Request?

State

Pending

What state is this Leave Request in?

Leave Type

No selection

Community Sport

Day Leave

Holiday Travel Arrangements

Local Leave

Medical Appointment

Overnight Leave

Recreation

School Approved Leave

When is the Boarder "expected" to return?

Staff-only Notes

No staff-only notes

ADD STAFF-ONLY NOTE

Sticky Notes

ADD STICKY NOTE

Attached Files

Add Document

No Leave Documents yet

General Notes

Further information may be required to assist Boarding, such as: Flight details, Destination, Transport, Host Mobile, etc.

Leave Additional Information

Leave Requested By

Montgomery, Steven [Administrator]

Date

15/02/2025 13:54:17

Actual Leave Date and Time

Has not departed as yet

Actual Return Date and Time

Has not returned as yet

Request ID

Not available yet

Leave Audit Trail

MULTIPLE BOARDER SELECTED - CANNOT D

Organised Recreation for Boarding Students

Our Boarding students are connected to a broad network, which involves all the other boarding communities within the Perth area. This network provides a wide spectrum of activities that can involve specific year groups or multiple groups. These events get our boys into some of the attractions Perth has to offer and can provide them with a sense of belonging within our community and can break up that sense of being confined in the boarding environment over the weekend. It is also a great way for our boys to interact with girls and boys from other school in a social setting. The cost of these activities is kept to a minimum. Parents can access information about the coming term's activities from the Boarding newsletter or calendar.

How does the Recreation Process work?

- The recreation activities are emailed to parents each week.
- Students can sign up for the recreation [EVENTS](#) online through REACH by clicking on the activity they would like to attend.
- [Sign-up](#) for any particular activity can occur at any time, and registration for the event closes on the Wednesday prior to the weekend that the activity is due to occur.
- If a student can no longer attend that recreation activity, then they have until Wednesday afternoon to withdraw from the activity through REACH, or they can notify the Recreation Officer through the Boarding.Recreation@scotch.wa.edu.au email address.
- For most of the activities we need to advise the host school on Wednesday of the number of boys who are attending the activity on that weekend. If a student pulls out after Wednesday or is unable to attend for any reason, then unfortunately, we will still need to charge for the event so as to cover our costs. If the College cancels the event, i.e. small numbers, then the student will not be charged. *Entering late leave is not permitted to avoid compulsory Recreation events*
- An activity may be cancelled due to weather conditions, low sign-up numbers, or if an incident occurs before or during the recreation activity.
- Boarders will be charged an **annual Weekend Recreation fee of \$300 per annum** added to their account.

There is every opportunity for all boarding students to become happily involved in the community. Surfing and Paintballing will be billed separately for those who participate in these optional recreational events.

Community Sport/Interests

Boarding students have the opportunity to participate in community clubs and activities throughout the year. Generally, most of these opportunities exist through joining local sporting teams. Transport to and from training sessions and games is organised by a group of parents from each team, and, where possible, every boy should try to be involved in at least one community-based activity.

Expeditions/Camps

During your son's time at Scotch College, he will be involved in a number of school camps. These include Outdoor Education Expeditions in Year 7, 8, 9 and Year 10 and there are also a number of music, art or sporting camps that become available depending on your son's involvement in co-curricular activities.

Bibbulmun Track – *Only available to boarding students at Scotch College*

Each boarding student has the opportunity to participate in this challenge, which normally occurs twice a year. It is compulsory for boys to participate in all walks up to the end of Year 10 academic year. Scotch Boarding may require a student to provide a medical certificate if they fail to attend the track, boys who are ill may be required to leave boarding during this time. After this point, the boys can then decide if they wish to continue with the remainder of the walk.

The Outdoor Learning and Adventure Department provides support and equipment for the Bibbulmun Track. See page 42 for more information.

Sport

Sport can play an important part in a boarding student's life. Every boy is encouraged to participate in some form of organised activity to maintain physical fitness. From the range of activities there is generally something to suit everybody, from the teamwork of some of the more competitive games, to the enjoyment of participating in some of the recreational activities.

Music and Other Groups

There are over 15 musical bands at Scotch College. Each student is afforded the opportunity of a well-rounded education by participating in one of these groups. There is something for everybody, from the highly skilled to the complete novice. From time-to-time groups are taken to art exhibitions, live theatre, films and to areas which provide many recreational pursuits.

Within the Boarding community we have music practice rooms available and one of our Music staff opens the Middle School music rooms on a Tuesday and Thursday evening.



Bibbulmun Track



At Scotch College, Boarding students are given an incredible opportunity to walk the whole length of the Bibbulmun Track throughout their school years. Completing the Bibbulmun Track is a great achievement, but the students also have the added bonus of this programme contributing towards their WACE graduation for all students who complete the 'End-to-End'.

The Year 7 to 10 boys must complete five compulsory Bibbulmun Track walks before they are able to decide for themselves whether to continue once they move into the Senior Years. We believe that this allows the boys to make a more educated decision - as they are old enough, strong enough and into their academics enough - about their desire to walk in the following years.

Walking on the Bibbulmun Track is a very challenging experience. The opportunities that the students gain through this programme are immeasurable. Traits like resilience, leadership, determination and teamwork are all part and parcel of challenging yourself regularly through physical and mental activities. The added challenge of carrying your own equipment and food allows students to learn independence and to begin to understand what life will throw at them once they leave Scotch College. The challenges of the Bibbulmun Track tend to strengthen friendships, and we believe this programme is an integral part of making Boarding a wonderful experience for the students. Please use the link below as a useful tool to check out the sections that your son will be walking through. [Bibbulmun Track Darling Range Section](#)



Academic

Academic Expectations

Students joining Scotch from smaller schools might initially find the academic program of a larger College both exciting and challenging. This is a normal part of the transition process.

It is essential to recognise that your son's academic journey is within the day school. Boarding provides structure, routine, and a calm environment for study, but it is not responsible for educational progress, private tutoring, or implementing learning adjustments. These responsibilities remain with your son's teachers and the College's academic staff.

As part of your Scotch tuition fees, all boarders have full access to the OSC tutoring program, which provides expert subject support delivered by qualified teachers and OSC specialists. This is the primary avenue for academic assistance at Scotch, and families are encouraged to utilise it fully.

To ensure a strong partnership with the teaching staff, we ask that all parents email each of their sons' teachers in Week 1 of every term. A simple introduction, noting that you are the parent of a boarder, helps build clear communication lines and ensures teachers can contact you directly with feedback or concerns.

Boarding will continue to support boys by maintaining routines, providing consistent study environments, and encouraging positive academic habits. However, the day school staff remain the central point of contact for all educational matters.

Prep (Homework)

Prep times are as follows:

- Year 7: 6:35–7:45 pm
- Year 8: 6:35–7:45 pm
- Year 9 and 10: 7–8:30 pm
- Year 11 and 12 House: 7–8.30 pm (first prep) and 9–9.45 pm second prep, must be completed under supervision

Establishing good study habits and skills requires personal effort and a positive attitude. The boarding staff and others will aid the students in learning these habits and skills; however, the students must be motivated to succeed in reaching their potential in this most important area.

Students must:

- Be personally responsible for their efforts in prep
- Conduct themselves in a manner that does not disturb others
- Follow established routines and expectations
- Limit movement to an absolute minimum
- Seek assistance from staff and academic tutors when required

iPads and Laptops

iPads and laptops are essential components of modern education, and their proper use is encouraged. They may be used for both academic and recreational purposes. All boys will be provided with a school iPad or laptop, and boys should not bring other devices to school; personal devices may be confiscated if they breach behaviour or boarding routines. These will be collected each night immediately after study (Years 7 to 11).

Academic Concerns

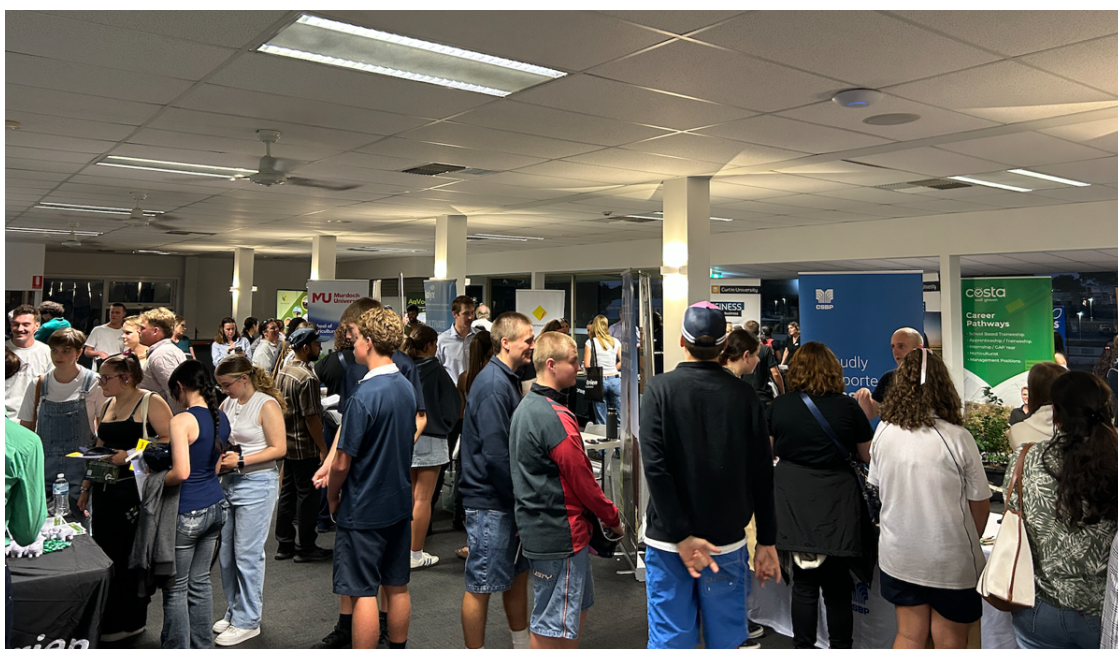
You should *first contact* your son's homeroom teacher (Middle School) or House Head (Senior School) to discuss any concerns you may have. They are then able to contact other staff members for you and have them contact you directly. This will normally save a great deal of time. If you wish to contact your son's teachers, it is best to make contact through email. It is very hard to contact the academic staff by telephone as they are normally teaching. A message can be left through the receptionist for them to make contact.

Your son's homeroom teacher (Middle School) or House Head (Senior School) will also arrange meetings with teachers if you are visiting Perth and/or if you have any concerns regarding your son's academic progress. Your Head of Residence can also be at those meetings so that any plan moving forward is well supported by all relevant stakeholders. There will be the opportunity to meet your son's House Head mid-year to discuss your son's progress. There is also the opportunity to meet with academic staff to discuss reports.

Academic Support and Tutoring

If your son needs assistance with his academic work, there are several options available to him:

- Your son's teachers are always willing to give extra assistance when asked. You must encourage your son to seek help from his teachers. They should always be your first point of contact regarding any academic concerns
- The Dean of Academics will organise the academic tutoring for the term for boarding students. These group sessions will help assist our boarders with homework and further study in identified areas of academic concern. Our boys are responsible for their attendance.
- The Boarding Mentors in each House are usually university students doing a range of courses from Medicine to Human Movement. Boys can seek help from the Boarding mentors at any time.
- Scotch College provides before-school and after-school programmes in the day school that provide a range of academic support services, including peer tutoring, group tutoring, and individual specialist help for boys in years 9 to 12.
- Parents are encouraged to talk to their son's classroom teachers, then their Head of Residence, before making a decision to engage an external tutor. These are usually expensive, and it may be that your son's concerns or difficulties can be addressed successfully through one of the options available at the school. The Head of Residence can assist parents in organising an appropriate external tutor if it is still deemed to be desirable.



Serious Incidents

Because of the nature and values of our College, and our commitment to the care of all students, it is important to emphasise the unacceptability of certain behaviours. We expect reasonable behaviour that respects both individual needs and the wellbeing of the entire community:

- Non-acceptance or defiance of staff directions, as well as the use of offensive language by a student, will not be tolerated. Any repeated offences will be treated seriously and could result in the College denying residence to the student.
- Harassment: All students have a right to feel safe in their environment, and as such, the College views any form of bullying or harassment as a serious violation. Even a first offence could result in the student being suspended from the College.
- The possession or consumption of alcohol, or being under its influence, is forbidden to all students at all times. This regulation applies not only at the College but at all functions in any way connected with the College – students may not consume alcohol at all while they are residential students at Scotch. If required, Boarding Management staff reserve the right to search a boy's room if there is suspicion of alcohol being stored on campus.
- *Due to the serious nature of this matter, even for a first offence, the normal penalty will be suspension from the College, with the student actually returning home. The student will have to show a genuine willingness to partake in a rehabilitation program if he is to return to the College. A second offence may result in the parent or guardian being asked to remove the student from the College.*
- Physical altercation and physical violence with another student will result in suspension from the College, with the student returning home. A re-entry meeting will be required upon returning to boarding, possibly with conditions in place in the form of a behaviour contract.
- The possession or use of any form of non-medical drug or hallucinogen is absolutely forbidden. Due to the serious nature of this matter, a first offence will result in suspension from the College as the minimum penalty. For a second offence, or if the student is found to have sold or distributed any form of non-medical drug or hallucinogen, the parent or guardian will be asked to remove the student from the College. If required, Boarding Management staff reserve the right to search a student's room if there is suspicion of drugs being stored on campus. Any violation in boarding will also result in the student being asked to leave boarding permanently.
- The possession and/or use of any form of tobacco, including vaping, is absolutely forbidden and will incur penalties up to and including suspension from the College. The student will be required to show a genuine willingness to partake in a rehabilitation program upon their return to the College. Persistence of this behaviour after a warning may result in the parent or guardian being asked to remove the student from the College. A breach of this policy would result in permanent exclusion from boarding. If required, Boarding Management staff reserve the right to search a student's room if there is suspicion of tobacco or vaping devices being stored on campus.
- No student ever leaves the College grounds without the appropriate permission. This is regarded as a very serious breach of trust as a student is effectively placing himself in a position where the College cannot accept responsibility for him. He is deemed to be absent without leave.
- *A first offence will result in the student being suspended from the College. If a subsequent offence were to occur, this will result in the parent or guardian being asked to remove the student from the College.*
- Any theft within the College or Boarding is a serious breach of trust and will not be tolerated. Even a first offence may result in suspension from the College. A subsequent offence could lead to the parent or guardian being asked to remove the student from the College. In Boarding, theft will be considered a suspendable offence. If required, Boarding Management staff reserve the right to search a student's room if there is suspicion of stolen goods being stored on campus.
- Students are not to ride as passengers in cars driven by day boys. Parents and guardians are obviously exempt from this rule. For a first offence, the student may be denied residence, and for a second offence, the parent or guardian may be asked to remove the student from the College.
- The College trusts that students do not move out of their room after 9.30pm. Any student caught engaging in any form of inappropriate behaviour between 9.30pm–7am may result in his position within the Boarding community being reviewed. A review may mean suspension from boarding while this process is undertaken.

Discipline Options

From time-to-time students will make errors in judgment as stated above. The following gives a guide to the procedures in place to assist the students and to discipline them, if necessary. It should be noted that this is only a guide and that every case will be looked at individually and that relevant personnel will be consulted before making a decision regarding the action to be implemented.

There are a number of different disciplinary actions that can be implemented within the Boarding community.

- House duty – perform duties within the Boarding House
- House gating (this means limiting leave from the House)
 - Weekday – no day leave granted
 - Weekend – no weekend leave granted
 - May occur for more serious offences or an accumulation of many minor offences – parents to be informed immediately by the staff member implementing the gating.
- Interview with Head of Boarding
- Interview with student, parents and relevant staff
- Probation – implemented by the Head of Residence, in consultation with the Head of Boarding, and parents contacted immediately and then receive a letter regarding the matter and a copy of the contract from the Head of Residence and Head of Boarding
- School probation – implemented by the Head of Senior School/Head of Middle School.
- Isolation from classes – student is isolated at school but continues to live within the Boarding House – implemented by the Head of Senior School/Head of Middle School in consultation with the Head of Boarding – for serious breaches of school rules. Parents are contacted by Headmaster in relation to any decision made in this regard. Boys who are isolated from class are situated in the Assistant to the Head of Senior School's office.
- Suspension from Boarding (denied residence) – student continues to attend classes but is not permitted to stay within the Boarding community – implemented by the Head of Boarding, in consultation with the Head of Residence, for serious breaches of Boarding community rules. Parents are contacted by the Head of Boarding regarding any decision made in this regard. The Headmaster is to be informed.
- Suspension from school and the Boarding community – student to be off the school premises – implemented by the Head of Senior School/Head of Middle School in consultation with the Head of Boarding – for serious breaches of school and Boarding community rules. Parents are contacted by Head of Senior School/Head of Middle School in relation to any decision made in this regard. The Headmaster is to be informed.
- Removal from the Boarding community – A student can be, if deemed not suitable to continue living within the Boarding community, removed from the Boarding community but may continue to attend the College as a day student. These incidents may be a repeat of minor behaviours or breaches of routines that a boarder fails to correct and cause an unjust extra workload on staff.
- Expulsion – implemented by the School Council in consultation with the Headmaster.

Again, this is a **guide** to the different procedures in place for students whose behaviour needs modifying. The level of action taken will depend on the seriousness of the offence and it is expected that parents will be included and informed of the process as it takes place.

General Information

General Dress Standards

Boys are expected to be dressed in a neat and tidy manner when they are out of their room. When attending the Dining Hall, they should wear a shirt with sleeves (no singlets) and footwear. For Chapel, the expectation is long trousers or neat jeans, a collared shirt and no sports gear, with dress shorts being acceptable in the Summer and Spring Terms only. When leaving the campus, boys must wear neat and tidy clothes, including footwear at all times.

No earrings or other jewellery, except a wristwatch or a medic alert bracelet, is to be worn during boarding or on campus. No tattoos of any kind are permitted.

Personal Hygiene

Personal hygiene must always be of a very high standard. Students are to shower each day and always straight after sport or evening recreation. Students should ensure that their hair is washed regularly, and all boys must use an antiperspirant deodorant and brush their teeth and hair each day.

Care Of Room — intentional damage will be charged to parents

- Each boy is responsible for the care, cleaning and reporting of maintenance for his room.
- No open food should be kept in rooms due to the risk of rodent behaviour.
- Students are expected to care for their own clothes, and this means that they should be hung neatly or folded away. Soiled clothing should be kept out of sight in a laundry bag and shoes stored in the bottom of his cupboard.
- Belongings left on desks, on top of cupboards or under beds are to be left in such a way that is not unsightly nor will cause difficulties for the cleaners.
- Students are not permitted to have kettles, heaters, fridges, electric blankets, toasters, televisions or gaming devices etc, in their rooms.
- Some electrical items are accepted such as clock radios, small fans; however, they must be tested and tagged each year to show that they meet electrical compliance.
- The Heads of Residence will decide what is acceptable and what is not, their judgement is final.



House Care

It is expected that each boy respects the House in which they reside, just like their home. Activities like ball games, running, play wrestling or other ideas that the boys think up that are likely to cause damage to the House or furniture are not permitted, just like at home!

All boys will be assigned to “jobs” each week to assist staff with the beautification of our home, a roster will be made available to all boys weekly.

It is an expected courtesy that any damage of fixtures, furniture or fittings will be reported to the person on duty immediately. **Students are financially responsible for any breakages.**

All students will receive areas of responsibility for the good order of the House. It is important that each student is conscientious about his particular area of responsibility.

We are an Allergy Aware School

Scotch College is an allergy-aware school, and as such, students, parents and staff are reminded that no nuts or nut products should be brought into the school. In boarding, items of personal food supplies that breach this allergy policy must be removed by staff, unfortunately.

Whilst we do not claim to be ‘**nut-free**’, minimising exposure to particular foods such as peanuts and tree nuts can reduce the level of risk. This can include removing nut spreads and products containing nuts from the Boarding community but does not include removing products that ‘may contain traces’ of peanuts or tree nuts. Staff will remove any such products and allow parents to collect.

Phones / iPods / iPads / Stereos (Speakers) / Laptops / Gaming Devices / Monitors

1. The Boarding staff reserve the right to control the noise (bass) level within a boy's room to a reasonable level and to restrict any music, lyrics or groups which are not deemed appropriate.
2. It is understood that all personal belongings are to be cared for by the student and that the College takes no responsibility for lost or stolen goods. It is recommended that all property is named clearly with an indelible method in more than one place.
3. Individuals respect the views of others concerning the type of music played. Headphones are essential to allow for these differences.
4. Such items are easily lost. We must remind parents that no responsibility will be accepted by the Boarding community for any items other than those which are lodged with the Boarding staff.
5. Personal laptops and iPads are **not allowed** in the school, and this includes each Residence. Each boy is provided with a laptop by the School. Personal devices that cause negative behaviours or distract from study or sleep will be removed by staff immediately.
6. Personal gaming machines (Playstation, Xbox, etc) are not allowed to be brought into the Residences. Playstations and Xbox machines are provided in all houses for the boys to use. The use of an extra monitor may be discussed with the students.
7. All electronic devices are collected before bedtime for Years 7 to 11 to hand phone's in over the weekend and Year 12s always have phones, unless otherwise advised to the Head of Residence.

Budgeting / Banking / Pocket Money

Learning how to make choices about what to spend money on is a vital life skill. It is important that your son knows how much money he will receive as a weekly allowance or per term and on what he is allowed to spend it.

All boarding students should come to school with a card that enables them to access cash at an ATM. This may be new to some boys, so it may be necessary to give your son some lessons on withdrawing cash and accessing account balances. It may be advisable to have the statements from the account sent home, so you are able to check on your son's success with budgeting. Your son should also be advised to keep the card in a secure place at all times.

There are no rules regarding the amount of pocket money you allocate to your son for a term. Good judgment should dictate this. For younger boys, we suggest around \$10 per week. Parents should always discuss larger items or expenses. Please note that Scotch College does not permit mobile devices from 8:30am – 3:30pm; all boys must have access to a bank card for canteen purchases.

Community Sport

Boarding students have the opportunity to become involved within local community sporting teams. We are strong believers in this concept and encourage all boys to immerse themselves where possible. Being involved in community sporting teams allows the boys to meet other people, not only from Scotch, but from the wider community. We have developed strong community partnerships, which will allow us to find a team for a boy in any sport he chooses.

Transport to and from training and games should be organised through the team the boys are representing. Boarding cannot accept responsibility for these transport arrangements.

Our recommendation is that boys train once a week with their local sporting team as they already have a heavy school sport commitment.

Skateboards, Scooters and Bikes

- Skateboards, scooters (Years 7 to 12) and bikes (Years 9 to 12 only) are allowed onsite as long as they are ridden in accordance with the road and school rules.
- An **Australian Standard helmet must be worn** when riding and it is highly recommended that wrist guards and knee pads (Australian Standard) be worn when riding skateboards and/or scooters. A breach will see your son's bike removed; we do not wish to attend A&E over a simple conversation about a helmet
- Regular servicing must be maintained so as to make sure that all skateboards, scooters and bikes are in safe working order.
- If it starts with the **E** we do not permit them at Scotch Boarding e.g. EBike, EScooter, ESkateboard. We do like pedal bikes, walking, and running as other options.

School Facilities

Boarding students have access to all the facilities at Scotch whilst they are open and correctly supervised. The swimming pool, Sport centre and Design and Technology centre can be opened during parts of each weekend and during the week and the boys are encouraged to use them as much as possible.

The ovals, basketball courts and cricket nets are always available and are utilised heavily. All our boarders are responsible for using REACH to change location and/or sign out of the residences at all times.

Security within the Houses

Both of our Houses are alarmed and secured at night.

Each room within the Middle School Residence has its own 'hotel' style digital safe where boys can secure their personal belongings. They also have access to lockable cupboards within their rooms if they choose to use them.

All rooms within the Senior School Residence have access to lockable cupboards if they choose to use them. It is a good idea for families to consider a lockable box for other valuable items.

Scotch Security mobile number for after hours and weekends is 0408 884 797.

Driving and Travelling in Cars

Boarding students with a driver's licence may only drive on the school property in the company of their parents or if special permission has been granted by the Head of Boarding.

No cars are to be driven or parked on the premises whilst a boy lives within the Boarding community.

If a rare occasion should arise when a boarder, with a driver's licence, wishes to drive a car, or parents wish him to do so, the Head of Boarding must have a written request from the parents. If permission is granted **the keys to the vehicle must be handed into the office where the keys will be stored within the safe.**

We request that **NO** boarding student travel as a passenger in a vehicle driven by another student unless permission has been granted by the Head of Residence or Head of Boarding in conjunction with parents. All REACH transport requests must clearly state who and how, along with parental approval. If unsure, always call your son's Head of Residence.

The need to prevent casual and spur-of-the-moment acceptance of lifts becomes more important as boarding students grow older. While there are a few boarding students who have access to a motor vehicle, there usually is quite a large number of day students who are legally entitled to drive and have ready access to motor vehicles.

A breach of this policy will be directed to the Head of Boarding where serious consequences will be considered.

Delivery Meals

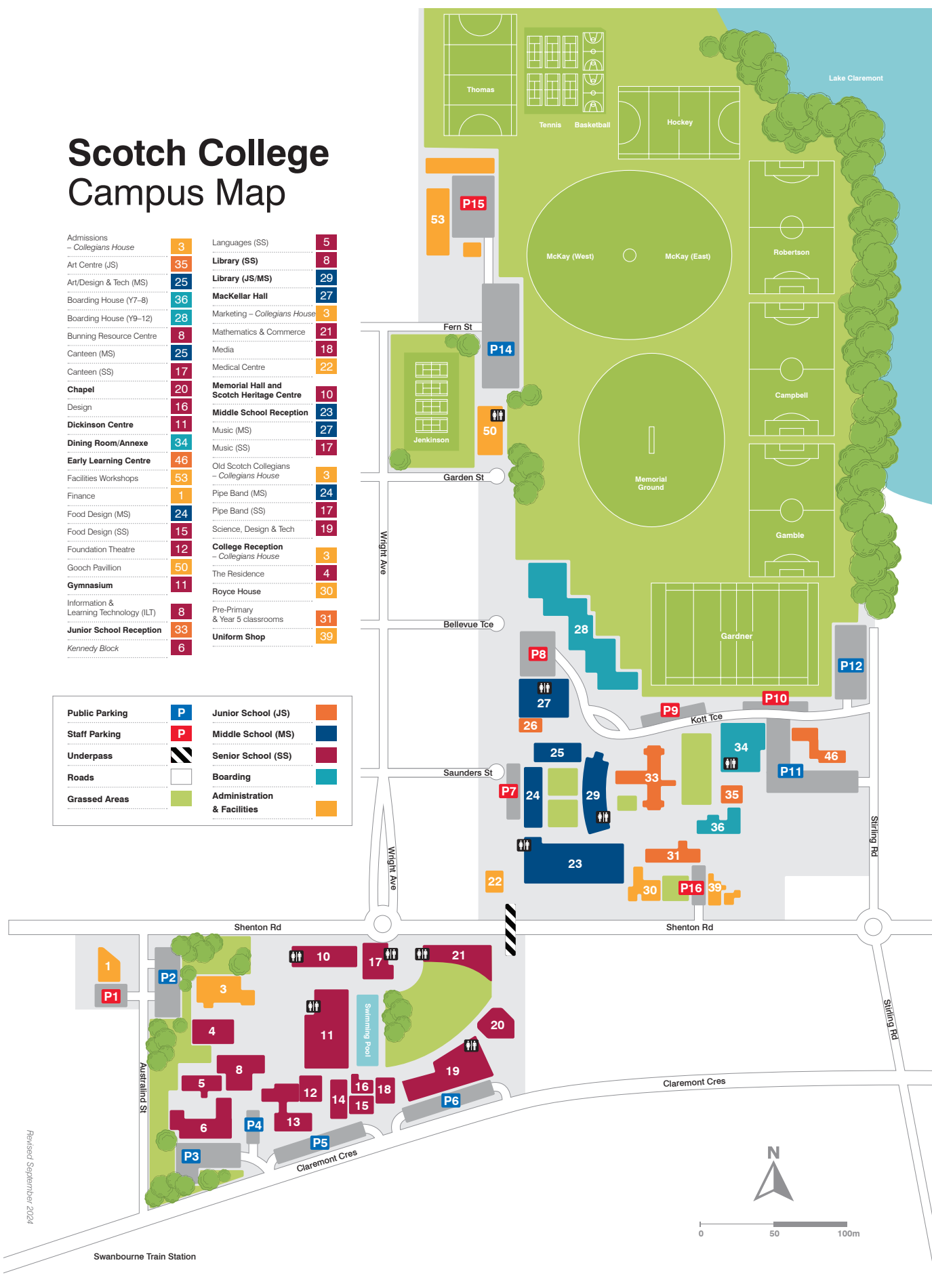
Delivery Meals may only be called to the Houses with the permission of the Head of Residence or the on-call staff member. Any meals that are ordered without prior consent will be confiscated. Weekends Only!



Scotch College Campus Map

Admissions – Collegians House	3	Languages (SS)	5
Art Centre (JS)	35	Library (SS)	8
Art/Design & Tech (MS)	25	Library (JS/MS)	29
Boarding House (Y7–8)	36	MacKellar Hall	27
Boarding House (Y9–12)	28	Marketing – Collegians House	3
Burning Resource Centre	8	Mathematics & Commerce	21
Canteen (MS)	25	Media	18
Canteen (SS)	17	Medical Centre	22
Chapel	20	Memorial Hall and Scotch Heritage Centre	10
Design	16	Middle School Reception	23
Dickinson Centre	11	Music (MS)	27
Dining Room/Annexe	34	Music (SS)	17
Early Learning Centre	46	Old Scotch Collegians – Collegians House	3
Facilities Workshops	53	Pipe Band (MS)	24
Finance	1	Pipe Band (SS)	17
Food Design (MS)	24	Science, Design & Tech	19
Food Design (SS)	15	College Reception – Collegians House	3
Foundation Theatre	12	The Residence	4
Gooch Pavilion	50	Royce House	30
Gymnasium	11	Pre-Primary & Year 5 classrooms	31
Information & Learning Technology (ILT)	8	Uniform Shop	39
Junior School Reception	33		
Kennedy Block	6		

Public Parking	P	Junior School (JS)	
Staff Parking	P	Middle School (MS)	
Underpass		Senior School (SS)	
Roads		Boarding	
Grassed Areas		Administration & Facilities	



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