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WELCOME TO BOARDING AT ST PHILIP'S COLLEGE

An incredible and exciting adventure awaits you at the St Philip's College Boarding Program – get involved, enjoy all that is on offer, make the most of this amazing opportunity to engage in a vigorous & dynamic curriculum in an incredible setting!

St Philip's offers an outstanding boarding experience, and we invite our students to both engage in and respect our boarding programs and activities. Take comfort in the knowledge that every boarder at St Philip's College has an unequalled opportunity to learn. Choose to spend your time wisely – find what you are passionate about and pursue these interests with great vigour. Above all, make the most of the opportunities available to you – get to know your peers and forge life-long friendships that will stand you in good stead, now, and into the future.

Learning to live in community is a vital skill, and research teaches us that boarding students develop close friendships and values, such as resilience, tolerance and independence often much earlier than others who are not given the same educational opportunities. Living at school offers many advantages – time that would otherwise be allocated to travel can be better utilised, enabling boarders to be fully engaged in their schoolwork, sporting endeavours, and other co-curricular activities. Our boarders also have access to learning support from a selection of staff who are available throughout the day and after school hours.

I'm excited about the opportunities ahead for 2026.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Arrernte people as the traditional custodians and first educators of Mparntwe. Our school is home to students from nations all over this country, and all around the world.

We 'strive' to work with and continue learning from First Nations people.
We 'seek' to be a part of Australia's reconciliation journey by engaging in truth-telling.
We aim to 'care' for Country through connection and environmental education.

We pay our respects to elders past and present and thank them for their care of Country and sharing of knowledge.

St Philip's College was established with a boarding tradition. An overall sense of family and community is the hallmark of St Philip's boarding.

As the custodians of SPC Boarding, we look forward to offering a boarding experience which is as distinctive and varied as our boarders themselves.

Our boarders come from diverse geographic and economic regions throughout the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia. Their different backgrounds and life experiences, goals and ambitions create enormous diversity under one roof and provide a tremendously stimulating and challenging environment in which young people can learn and grow.

As the College's international focus has gained momentum, boarders, in particular, have had extended opportunities to learn about and make friends with visiting students who have made their home at the College for a term or more.

Overseas and GAP students spending time at St Philip's are accommodated in the boarding houses, enabling the boarders to get to know them well and build strong friendships. This exposure has encouraged St Philip's students, many of them boarders, to seek the experience for themselves. Conscious of its geographic isolation, the school works hard to offset this, with the result that within the College and the Boarding House in particular, there is strong international flavour and constant encouragement for students to participate in a wide range of activities and opportunities which broaden their horizons. They travel intra- and inter-state to take part in sporting, cultural, and academic activities, supported and supervised by highly professional College staff.

St Philip's College is a vibrant community, where the differences and needs of individuals are recognised and met. Small boarding numbers promote a strong sense of community and allow an informal, family approach to activities such as meals and recreational activities. Staff involvement in many boarding activities adds further to an overall sense of family and community – the hallmark of St Philip's College.

St Philip's College provides accommodation for up to 60 boarders. The facilities are co-educational, with girls and boys accommodated in separate boarding houses but sharing common facilities such as the dining room, the recreation room and recreational facilities on the College grounds.

Director of Boarding Kris Wheeler prides himself with the ability to recognise and assist with the special challenges which face young people boarding a long way from home.

Families living at the College, including teaching staff, have a regular and relaxed interaction with the boarders. The Boarding House, like the rest of the college, is underpinned by the

BOARDING HOUSE AND SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

St Philip's College is a leading school in Australia which prepares rural and remote students from around Australia to flourish, contribute and care in a rapidly changing world. With strong academic excellence and a widely accredited Outdoor Education and Performing Arts program - as well as being an active member of the Round Square global organisation - St Philip's College provides students with the opportunities to develop their individuality and strengthen leadership skills, creating a well-rounded individual, prepared for life after school.

St Philip's College is committed to developing boarders' personal and social capabilities outlined in the Australian Curriculum, including:

Self Awareness
Self Management
Social Awareness
Social Management

St Philip's College encourages students to aspire to be their best so they can contribute positively to their school, home, and national and international communities. To do this the College has developed rules that encourage personal growth.

Students are expected to:

- Read and sign the Boarders' Behaviour Agreement
- Comply with the routines and policies of Boarding
- Act as a responsible and respectful community member to ensure the safety and security of the communal living space
- Before leaving the House each day:
  - Ensure they have the correct uniform, books & equipment for the day.
  - Leave their rooms neat and tidy
  - Check themselves out on REACH

VISION STATEMENT

The St Philip's College Boarding House is committed to ensuring every boarder develops the personal skills needed to strive for personal bests, to seek to find what is true and to care deeply for their communities and themselves.

VALUES AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of both boarding houses is to provide a safe and secure environment where residents, both staff and students, can develop personal, social and lifelong learning skills.
Our residents value trust, personal responsibility, respect and open mindedness.

2026 TERM DATES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

Please note that at the beginning and end of each term Boarding staff will pick up and drop off students to their communities if they live within a two hour drive from Alice Springs.

TERM 1 (10 WEEK TERM)

Year 12 students (only) commence - Tuesday 27 January
Year 12 and Year 7 students (only) - Wednesday 28 January
All other students commence - Thrusday 29 January

Concludes: Thursday 2 April
(Good Friday 3 April, Easter Sunday 5 April, Easter Monday 6 April)

TERM 2 (9 WEEK TERM)

20th April: Commence Term 2
19th June: Last day of Term 2 - return students to their communities during the last week

TERM 3 (9 WEEK TERM)

20th July: Commence Term 3
18th September: Last day of Term 3 - return students to their communities during the last week

TERM 4 (9 WEEK TERM)

5th October: Commence Term 4
4th December: Last day of Term 4 - return students to their communities during the last week

CHECKLIST OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

The following lists are suggested uniform and clothing requirements adequate to meet the needs of most boarders.

BOYS AND GIRLS:

Linen

□ 1 or 2 pillows and 2 or 4 pillow cases
□ 2 towels for showers
□ 1 towel for swimming
□ 2 sets of sheets
□ 1 doona and cover
□ Extra bedding for Winter (May to October)

Electric blankets and heaters are not permitted

Miscellaneous

□ 1 toiletry bag
□ personal toiletries (NO aerosol sprays)
□ 2 face washers
□ 1 pair of thongs
□ 1 pair of bathers
□ 1 or 2 laundry bags
□ 1 sewing kit
□ 1 mug, plate, bowl, knife, fork and spoon (for supper – common room)
□ 1 water bottle (500ml to 800ml approximately) - optional
□ 1 portable fan – optional
□ tissues
□ personal and school stationery

GIRLS - SCHOOL

□ 2 school dresses (minimum) - summer uniform
□ 1 skirt - senior summer uniform
□ 2 shirts - senior summer uniform
□ 2 shirts - winter uniform
□ 1 blazer
□ 1 school tie
□ 1 St Philip's official broad-brimmed hat or sports bucket hat
□ 1 House sports uniform
□ 1 Boarding house polo shirt
□ 1 pair polishable black lace-up school-approved shoes
□ 1 pair sports shoes (runner, track shoes)
□ 6 pairs navy school socks
□ 1 school windcheater
□ 1 school bag
□ 1 lunch box - optional

GIRLS - AFTER HOURS

□ 2 outfits for special occasions
□ casual wear: skirts, tops, jeans
□ 3 - 4 pairs sports socks
□ 1 pair dress shoes for outings
□ 12 coat hangers
□ 2 nightgowns or pairs short pyjamas

BOYS - SCHOOL

□ 2 pairs school shorts
□ 3 school shirts
□ 2 polo shirts - summer uniform
□ 2 pairs long grey trousers - optional
□ 1 blazer
□ 1 school tie
□ 1 St Philip's official broad-brimmed hat or sports bucket hat
□ 1 House sports uniform
□ 1 Boarding house polo shirt
□ 1 pair polishable black lace up school-approved shoes
□ 1 pair sports shoes (runners, track shoes)
□ 6 pairs navy school socks
□ 1 school windcheater
□ 1 school bag
□ 1 lunch box - optional

BOYS - AFTER HOURS

□ 3 - 4 pairs casual shorts, jeans
□ 3 - 4 t-shirts
□ 1 pair dress shorts
□ 2 special occasion shirts
□ 3 - 4 pairs sports socks
□ 6 coat hangers
□ 2 sets of pyjamas

UNIFORM SHOP

School clothing is to be purchased from the Uniform Shop or online at:
https://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/st-philip-s-college

Textbooks are to be ordered from Campion Education (Aust) Pty Ltd – https://www.campion.com.au/find-your-book-list/ the Registrar will be able to help you with this.

HISTORY

In 1945 the Reverend Harry Griffiths, who worked for the Methodist Inland Mission in Alice Springs, saw the need for a boarding facility for children of families living in remote areas in Central Australia who needed access to schools.

The Reverend Griffiths and his wife established Griffiths House, on a site in the town centre. For many years it became home for students from all over the Outback, including many young Aboriginal people.

In the late 1950s the Rev Dr Fred McKay, successor to the Rev John Flynn as Superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission, lobbied the United Church in the Northern Territory to build and expand on this important start.

Together the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches embarked on a missionary venture to develop St Philip's College - a new, larger residential hostel that would one day become a full boarding school.

An ideal site - 22 acres of bush at the junction of the Charles and Todd Rivers and backing onto the Telegraph Station National Park - was secured and after six years of planning, construction began in 1964.

Fred McKay led the legendary work parties - comprised of volunteers from all over Australia who travelled to Alice Springs, paying their own way and volunteering their expertise, time and labour - to turn a dream into a reality. This fantastic tradition continues today, with work parties arriving each mid-year holiday.

On 13 February 1965, the first boarders moved into St Philip's College.

For the first 24 years, therefore, St Philip's College operated as a residential hostel only.

The College's ninth Headmaster, Mr Christopher Tudor, arrived in 1986. He and the Council Chairman, Mrs Jan Heaslip, judged that the time was right to complete the original plan to turn St Philip's College into a fully-fledged independent boarding/day school, serving not only "bush" families, but also the growing population of Alice Springs.

The then College Council embraced the idea and three years of frantic, determined preparation and planning commenced, culminating in an extensive $2 million building program in 1988.

To this day there continues to be further development including exciting plans to develop a 'Discovery' Precinct.

Please visit the museum in the Fred McKay Education Centre for more information about Fred McKay and our boarding students.

BOARDING SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

Students are welcome to bring their own skateboards, bicycles and scooters; however, the College cannot accept responsibility for them. They should be privately insured. The School does own a number of bicycles, scooters and skateboards which can be borrowed with a House Parent's permission. Helmets must be worn at all times when a student leaves the campus on a bicycle.

CARE OF ROOMS

Boarders are responsible for the care and condition of their room. Graffiti and wilful damage to Boarding House property will incur cleaning and replacement costs.

CINEMA

Visits to the cinema are generally restricted to weekends, and are at the discretion of the House Parent on duty. It is an expectation that only movies with an appropriate censorship rating will be viewed. Students in Years 7 – 10 are encouraged to attend matinees or early evening sessions.

DIARIES

The College Diary provides a means of communicating between the school, the Boarding House and the home. Homework and conduct marks are entered in the diary by staff and noted and signed by the day school House Tutor and the Director of Boarding each week.

FOOD

Boarders are permitted to buy food. It must be labeled if it is kept in the recreation room fridge.

VISITORS

Parents/Guardians and immediate family of students who wish to visit are encouraged to do so on weekends only. If it is necessary to visit during the week, then please contact the Director of Boarding Rob McArthur, twenty four (24) hours in advance.
Twenty four hours' notice for visits is necessary because students are often off-campus participating in a range of activities.

OTHER TRANSPORT

Boarders cannot ride as a passenger in a car driven by another student or a P-plate driver unless they have specific written permission from their parents and verbal permission from the Director of Boarding. Boarders with a car cannot take passengers without written permission from their parents, the parents of their passengers and the approval of the Director of Boarding. Boarders who wish to keep a car at the boarding house must have a school permit.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Permission to use other boarders' property must be sought. If any damage occurs to goods used, with or without the owner's permission, the user will be held responsible for repair or replacement.

Boarders should not enter the room of another without permission. This applies especially at weekends when a room may not be occupied.

REMOVAL OF BELONGINGS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Unless advised otherwise, at the end of term, boarders are expected to clear their rooms. A limited amount of storage space is available for the belongings of those students who are traveling by airplane or bus.

During the mid-year and end-of-year break, boarders are expected to take their belongings home to enable parents to check their clothes for necessary replacements, repairs etc. and allow College cleaning and maintenance staff to do all necessary work in the Boarding Houses. The school takes no responsibility for boarders' belongings left at this time.

When a boarder leaves, all their belongings must be removed from the boarding house at that time. It will be assumed that anything left behind is no longer required and after three months, any items remaining will be donated to charity.

SCHOOL GATE

At certain times the main school gate will be closed e.g. at night or weekends. Please ring the duty phone number for access, or in the unlikely event of no one answering, then please ring the Director of Boarding. Driving up close to the gate on the way out will automatically open it.

SWIMMING POOL

Use of the pool in the school grounds is at the discretion of the House Parent. Students must obey pool rules and are permitted in the pool only with adult supervision. A Bronze Medallion holder will always be present when the boarders swim.

POCKET MONEY

While many activities are paid for by the Boarding Houses, all boarders will need access to adequate pocket money for basic toiletries, Tutor Group lunches and the occasional treat etc.

While many boarders have the use of a key card, the boarding parents are happy to keep the term's pocket money and hand it out according to parental instructions.

AFTER SCHOOL MONDAY TO THURSDAY

After School Monday to Thursday

After school on Monday to Thursday, St Philip's College has a variety of activities available and each student has an individualised programme that they develop with the Director of Boarding.

These activities include:
1. GPFF (Graham Polly Farmer Foundation)
2. Town Sport
3. Ex-Activities
4. Sports Academy
5. Homework Centre (Prep)

Below is a description of the available activities:

1. GPFF (GRAHAM POLLY FARMER FOUNDATION)
GPFF is an academic enrichment programme that empowers Aboriginal students to complete school and move into successful post-school pathways, including university, direct employment, apprenticeships, traineeships and technical training. St Philip's College employs a number of tutors who help students with their learning. It runs three times per week and those students who take part need to commit to attend at least twice a week. At the end of each year, those who have maintained high attendance can take part in an exciting interstate trip; for example, to Sydney to attend training with the Sydney Swans, walk over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, meet Adam Goodes, and visit the University of Technology Sydney.

2. TOWN SPORT
In Alice Springs there is a large range of sport played; AFL, AFLW, soccer, netball, basketball, table tennis, rugby union, cricket, volleyball plus many more. Boarders are encouraged to join one of these teams, and train and play on weeknights or the weekend.

3. EX-ACTIVITIES
After school on Monday to Thursday, St Philip's College has a large range of activities that students are also encouraged to attend; table tennis, rock climbing, mountain bike riding, Oztag, chess, robotics plus many more.

4. SPORTS ACADEMY
Boarders are encouraged to join the Sports Academy and commit to a training program before and after school twice a week during term time. Access to the Sports Academy provides students with an opportunity to not only develop their skills in basketball, volleyball or mountain biking but the training will also maintain or improve their physical health and well-being.

5. HOMEWORK CENTRE
After school Monday to Thursday from 3.15pm to 6.00pm, the library is staffed to provide help to boarders and day students. There is Specialist Maths and English help for those who require it and boarders are encouraged to take advantage of this.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

A variety of both voluntary and whole group activities are provided on the weekends.

CONDUCT WHILE ON LEAVE

Students are required to conduct themselves in a manner which reflects credit on themselves, the College, and their parents/ guardians.

OVERNIGHT LEAVE

All overnight leave must be organised through the Director of Boarding at least 24 hours in advance. Leave can only be requested by parents or authorised guardians. Leave will not be granted unless the Director of Boarding is sure that satisfactory arrangements have been made.

ORGANISED RESIDENTIAL OUTINGS

Throughout the year the Activities Officer will organise events of interest to entertain boarders. Activities such as socials, picnics and excursions build a sense of community and make residential life more rewarding for everyone.

MONEY

Large sums of money should not be kept in students' rooms. Parents may wish to consider providing key cards for their sons or daughters.

Pocket money should not be included in any cheque for school fees as this is banked in a separate account. The amount a student may withdraw for pocket money each week is determined by each student's parents.

Students do not require a great deal of money and parents are asked to consider carefully how much money their students have access to. A rough guide is $15 a week for junior students and $25 for seniors.

The College is not responsible for money or valuables students choose to keep on site.

MOBILE PHONES & COMPUTERS;

During the Week:

STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 TO 10

1. All phones, computers and other technology are to be handed in on school nights thirty minutes before lights out.

2. All technology will be returned the following morning when boarders have had breakfast and tidied their rooms, usually around 7.30am

SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS YEARS 11 TO 12

Senior students may keep their technology at bedtimes. However, this is a privilege, not a right and if it is negatively impacting their ability to get up and be ready for school on time or seems to be affecting their performance at school the privilege will be withdrawn.

WEEKENDS

On non-school nights, all boarders may keep their phones and electronics, but the college reserves the right to withdraw this privilege if boarders are found to be on social media or making phone calls late at night to their detriment.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Phones are not permitted at meals or during Chapel.

2. It is a boarder's own decision whether he or she takes their phone to school, but normal school rules apply ie. phones are not allowed to be used during the school day and will be confiscated by teaching staff if this rule is contravened. Confiscated phones will not be returned until the next day.

3. Any inappropriate misuse of phones, and social media will result in confiscation of phones and computers. In serious cases of misuse, external authorities will be involved.

4. Electronic equipment, such as computers, mobile phones, gameboys, ipods, mp3 players, etc. are permitted but the College does not take responsibility for them. The College is unable to insure boarders' personal effects. Parents are urged to include them on their personal home policies.

LAPTOPS

At St Philip's College, Boarders have individualised access to one of sixty, state-of-the-art laptops to support their studies.

Additional information:

- Boarders in Years 7-8 can access and use laptops purely for completing homework, assignments, and assessment tasks between the hours of 3:00PM - 8:30PM on Mondays to Thursdays and 12PM and 5:30PM on Sundays.
- Boarders in Years 9-12 may access and use laptops to support their studies between the hours of 8:00AM and 8:30PM on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00AM and 4PM on Fridays, and 12PM-5:30PM on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Those eligible will be allocated a specific laptop, with a unique number and tower location. To access the laptop, boarders will need to enter their student ID number into the tower keypad.
- With the permission of Boarding House staff, Boarders may access their allocated laptop during the hours outlined above. Boarders who are using their laptop during the school day must collect them before the start of classes (before 8:15AM)
- Laptops are purely for the purposes of study; they are not for gaming, social media, or watching videos/TV.
- Laptops must be returned to the laptop towers at the end of the day, at the times outlined above, and plugged in to charge overnight.

LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

STREET LEAVE & RECREATIONAL LEAVE

YEAR LEVEL	WEEKDAYS: 3PM – 5.30PM	WEEKENDS/PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
YEAR 12	On own any afternoon to the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (3pm – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.	To the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on. Organised Boarding activities take preference over street leave. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (10am – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.
YEAR 11	On any afternoon to the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on and must be in groups of 2 or more. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (3pm – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.	To the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on and must be in groups of 2 or more. Organised Boarding activities take preference over street leave. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (10am – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.
YEAR 10	On any afternoon to the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on and must be in groups of 2 or more. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (3pm – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.	To the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on and must be in groups of 2 or more. Organised Boarding activities take preference over street leave. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (10am – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.

YEAR LEVEL	WEEKDAYS: 3PM – 5.30PM	WEEKENDS/PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
YEAR 9	On Tuesday to the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on and must be in groups of 2 or more. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (3pm – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.	To the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on and must be in groups of 2 or more. Organised Boarding activities take preference over street leave. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame Saturday only (10am – 12pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.
YEAR 8	On Tuesday to the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). A staff member will walk with them and be based at a central location. Must be in groups of 3 or more with a registered mobile phone switched on. The staff member will walk back with boarders to St Philip's. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (3pm – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.	To the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on and must be in groups of 3 or more. A Staff member will walk to and from the above locations. Organised Boarding activities take preference over street leave. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame Saturday only (10am – 12pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.
YEAR 7	On Tuesday to the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). A staff member will walk with them and be based at a central location. Must be in groups of 3 or more with a registered mobile phone switched on. The staff member will walk back with boarders to St Philip's. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame (3pm – 5.30pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.	To the Alice Springs CBD area. (Yeperenye Mall, Tood Mall, Alice Plaza and Kmart area). Must have a registered mobile phone with them and switched on and must be in groups of 3 or more. A Staff member will walk to and from the above locations. Organised Boarding activities take preference over street leave. Leave outside of the above locations will require approval from the Director of Boarding. Leave outside of the time frame Saturday only (10am – 12pm) will require approval from the Director of Boarding.

WEEKEND LEAVE WITH PARENTS, FRIENDS OR RELATIVES

Weekend Leave is from Friday 3.30pm to Sunday 7.00pm. Leave is available on any weekend except for 'Connect Weekend'. Requests should be submitted by 8.00pm on Thursday. Parent and host approval should be received by Friday 9am. REACH is the platform we utilise to understand where boarders are located. It is a responsibility of the boarder and parent/carer to enter REACH leave, ensuring all details are correct and comply with the Boarder Leave Policy. Boarders are expected to have a face-to-face conversation with the supervisor prior to signing out electronically. All weekend leave must be approved by the Director of Boarding.

Dinner Leave

Boarders may take Dinner Leave from 3.00pm to 8.00pm on Friday. Requests for Dinner Leave need to be lodged by Friday 9am. Families are asked to restrict mid-week leave and they will appreciate it is important for boarders to establish solid study patterns to assist their learning and development, and to be disrupted regularly can have a detrimental effect on the boarder's work. Dinner Leave must be approved by the Director of Boarding.

Special Leave

Special leave for Birthdays, Cultural Reasons, Formals and other special occasions can be arranged through the Director of Boarding.

Leave and Attendance at School

Parents and boarders are reminded that the principle focus of their time at St Philip's College is their time in the classroom, learning. Requests for leave which will cause a student to miss school time are to be made for very special circumstances only. Similarly, Travel Days at the beginning and end of term are designated and boarders should not request early departures or late returns.

Signing In and Out Procedures

All boarders on Day or Weekend Leave must return by no later than 7.00pm Sunday. These time frames assist the boarders in preparing for the next day and settling prior to bedtime so they have a good night's sleep. Hosts are required to collect a boarder; having given contact details for the period of time the boarder is in their care. When boarders are signed out, the school must ensure that they are being given into the care of the parent or the hosts approved by the parents and the school. We require a boarder to be checked out by adults of sufficient maturity to take responsibility for them. With the consent of the boarder's parents, the school passes responsibility for the boarder to the person signing her out. The host has the responsibility to return the boarder to the Boarding House and to sign them back in, thus restoring them to the school's care. Hosts who are collecting boarders will have the times of departure and return recorded. No boarder is to leave the Boarding House until their parents or hosts have completed the sign out procedures. On special occasions, the Director of Boarding may permit a senior boarder to leave the House to go on leave via public transport or in their car, provided there is email contact from the parent which will stand as the parent signing their son/daughter out and accepting Duty of Care for the boarder from that time. In signing a Boarder out for leave the Host:

1. is taking full responsibility for that student until they return the Boarder to the Boarding House.
2. accepts that the Duty of Care of the boarder, in all its variances, is transferred from the School to the Host while the boarder is in the care of the Host.
3. is expected to have the boarder in their care for the duration of the leave period.
4. is expected to have the boarder back to the Boarding House by the required time.

Term Travel

All boarders are to be in attendance from the first day of each term until the last day of each term. Term Dates are advertised on the School Calendar on the website and on School Box. Boarders may not leave prior to these dates except under exceptional circumstances and only with the approval of the Director of Boarding.

A boarders' travel day is provided, and early departures will not be approved except in an emergency. Please make travel arrangements early so that boarders meet these attendance requirements. Please ensure no bookings for departure are made prior to 5.00am, or if this is unavoidable, parents are asked to make arrangements for their son/daughter to stay with a relative or family friend the night before.

Boarding staff are not available to regularly wake boarders and sign them out for very early morning departures (prior to 5am Monday to Saturday and prior to 6.00am Sunday). Boarders are expected to be in attendance at the Academic Assembly which is held on the morning of the last school day in the school year. (exceptions for ABSTUDY travel)

Academic Assembly is a most significant event in the School Calendar – a time for recognising the achievements of the students and for formalising the conclusion of the school year. The School community assumes the respect of attendance. Arrangements should be made for boarders to travel on the afternoon of that day where possible.

DAILY SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY	
6.30 am	Alarms off
7.00 am	Wake up. Shower, dress in school uniform, make bed, tidy room.
7.00 - 8.15 am	Breakfast in Boarding House
By 7.50 am	Depart for school / Sign out on REACH

NO ACCESS TO BOARDING HOUSES DURING THE DAY FOR YEARS 7 - 12.	
3.00 pm	Students report into House Parent. Afternoon tea
3.15 - 5.30 pm	Activities commence. One of: GPFF, Ex Activities, Town Sport, Academy or Homework Centre
6.00 - 6:30pm	Dinner
6.30 – 8.30 pm	Evening Study
8.30 – 9.30 pm	Supper and Showers Years 7 - 9 (Hand in technology Sunday - Thursday)
9.00 pm	Lights out Years 7 – 9
9.30 - 10.00pm	Supper and Showers – Years 10 – 12
10.00 pm	Lights Out Years 10 – 11. Year 12 students are responsible for their own lights out arrangements
NB:	All students must be back in the Boarding House by 8.30pm

FRIDAY EVENING
In-House games, organised activities arranged by House Parent / Sport
Bed time is at the discretion of the House Parent but is usually 10.00pm.
All boarders are to be inside the boarding house by 8.30pm.

SATURDAY	
8.00 – 10.00 am	Breakfast
8.00 am onwards	Students leave for street leave or out with family and friends / Sport
12:30 pm	Lunch
5.30 pm	All Boarders must return from street leave by this time
6.00 pm	Dinner

SATURDAY NIGHT
In-House games, organised activities arranged by House Parent
Bed time is at the discretion of the House Parent but is usually 10.00pm.
All boarders are to be inside the boarding house by 8.30pm.

SUNDAY	
8.00 – 10.00 am	Breakfast
1.00 pm	Lunch

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES AT THE HOUSE PARENT'S DISCRETION (OPTIONAL)	
6.00 pm	Dinner
8.30 - 10.00 pm	Supper time and bed time same as week nights

ROOM INSPECTIONS

Rooms are expected to be kept neat and tidy at all times.

ROLL CALL

Roll call is taken at breakfast, after school, dinner and bed time. A roll is also taken at lunch during the weekend.

CHAPEL

Students are expected to dress neatly in their boarding shirt for Chapel and apply themselves during this short time of devotion held at 7.00 pm on Sunday unless other devotional activities are being held. No phones are to be taken to Chapel.

MEAL TIMES

BREAKFAST	
Weekdays	7:00am to 8:15am
Saturday	8:00am to 10:00am
Sunday	8:00am to 10:00am

LONG BREAK	
Everyday	10:50am - 11:30am

SHORT BREAK	
Everyday	1:20pm - 1:55pm

LUNCH (WEEKENDS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ONLY)	
Weekends	12:30pm - 1:00pm

DINNER	
Everyday	6:00pm - 7:00pm

MEALS

Meals can be saved for students who know they will be late because of commitments such as sporting practices, providing the kitchen is notified.

DINING ROOM

Seating arrangements are flexible and students sometimes share a table with staff and members of their families who eat 'in' occasionally. These are opportunities for conversation and interaction with a range of people.

Students are expected to behave well, exercise good manners and adopt a friendly attitude so that meals are a positive social experience.

Students with special dietary requirements or allergies are asked to advise their special dietary requirements on enrollment and special meals will be provided for them.

DINING ROOM RULES

- No hats to be worn.
- Footwear to be worn at all times.
- Modest clothing and footwear to be worn.
- Tables cleaned.
- Respectful behaviour is expected at all times.
- No phones.

ACCOMMODATION

There are two boarding houses and a medical centre located at the College, all positioned at the rear of the main school buildings and facing onto a pleasant, landscaped courtyard.

The boarding houses back onto the Old Telegraph Station National Park providing a private, quiet and very scenic setting.

McKECHNIE HOUSE

The boys live in McKechnie House. Deaconess Frances McKechnie became involved with St Philip's College in 1969. At that time the Victoria Auxiliary of the AIM, run by Deaconess McKechnie, was established to support the College. Miss McKechnie's work involved raising support and finances and helping to obtain staff. In 1986 she retired to Alice Springs where she continued to work for the College, filling the role of Chaplain until her retirement in 1992.

Students share twin rooms on these floors, as well as two spacious common rooms and a balcony or outdoor area. A supervising member of staff has a self-contained flat on each floor.

HEASLIP HOUSE

Mrs Jan Heaslip has been actively associated with St Philip's College for many years. In 1994 she was made the first Life Governor of the College in recognition of her long and dedicated service as Chairman of the Council. Mrs Heaslip led the College through its transition from a residential College to a full boarding school. Mrs Heaslip has long championed the cause of education for isolated children in the Northern Territory, both as a member and past president of the ICPA and through the College.

This modern, single-story building is the Girls' Boarding House and offers twin and single room accommodation for the students, as well as separate staff flats for members of staff. The Director of Boarding lives in a residence at the back of Heaslip House.

Junior and senior common rooms are located at opposite ends of this building and all the girls have access to computer facilities.

All of the boarding houses are equipped with smoke detectors, fire alarms and security systems

OUR BOARDING STAFF

Our Boarding staff play a vital role in providing quality pastoral care and support for our boarders which begins in the boarding houses and extends to the day school. Their roles also encompass providing appropriate supervision in the general boarding house routines.

Additional staff act as supervisors and mentors for the boarders. Some live in residence, sharing the boarders' daily routine, including meals, while others live off campus and work with the students on a rostered basis.

Some of those providing supervision in the boarding houses are teachers at St Philip's College and so are familiar with the students and are well-qualified to assist them with their homework. Others may work elsewhere, but live in. Their areas of expertise and their personal interests vary widely, providing students with a range of role models and personalities to which they can relate.

St Philip's also hosts a number of GAP students – secondary school graduates who are traveling and undertaking work experience overseas before commencing their tertiary studies. They are employed by the College as assistant teachers and board at the College.

Our Boarding Assistant, is a crucial member of our staff who coordinates your child's travel and medical appointments.

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Esther Seibel
Boarding House Supervisor

MEDICAL CENTRE

The Medical Centre at St Philip's is located opposite the boarding houses. It is a modern, free-standing building with road access along the outer perimeters of the College grounds. The Medical Centre can provide respite care for boarding students in separate male and female three bed wards.

The Medical Centre is open Monday to Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Students who wish to see the nurse should visit the Medical Centre during the designated times, before and after school or at recess and lunch, unless there is an emergency.

Students taking any kind of medication must leave their supply with Medical Centre staff who will organise its administration. No medication (including non-prescription) may be kept by students in their rooms.

All medical, dental and optometrist appointments are made for students by the Boarding Assistant, who accompanies them.

Parents must provide a Medicare number for their student or their Centrelink Health Care card. This will allow the Boarding Assistant to arrange medical care for the boarding student in consultation with the parents.

Dental care for school age children up until the end of Year 12 is free at the Flynn Drive Dental Clinic. Payment is required for visits to other private dentists or for orthodontic work. For the latter, parents must make their own arrangements for payment and make the initial visit in person.

St Philip's College employs full time registered nurses at the Medical Centre. The College nurse co-ordinates emergency medical care and is involved in local schools' vaccination programs which assists in disease prevention. The College nurse co-ordinates ongoing monitoring and follow up for students with chronic diseases or other medical conditions.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Medical Centre on 8950 4567 or via email: nurse@stphilips.nt.edu.au if your son or daughter requires specialised care or if you have any concerns.

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