

## Head Boarder Girl 2018

**Freya Jetson**  
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I'm Freya Jetson and it is my honor to serve you as Head Boarder Girl for 2018. I was fortunate enough to grow up in Tasmania, where I spent my time between a rural life in Jetsonville and attended high school in Launceston.

Coming to St Peters Lutheran College had always been a dream of mine after seeing the success of St Peters Western Swim Club. I was more than excited when given the opportunity to attend St Peters in 2017 to further pursue my passion for swimming.

As Term 1 of 2017 rolled around, the nerves struck as I was about to enter the unknown world of Girls Boarding. Upon walking in on my first day, my nerves were put to rest as I was welcomed with warm smiles and lots of hugs. It was at this point that I realised that this place was special. As the first week of boarding came and left, and I became more familiar with the Girls Boarding community. I soon felt that the strangers I'd met on my first day, had now become my sisters.

There's always something exciting happening on weekends, whether it be a trip to Southbank, the movies, or even cooking in the dorms. We are so fortunate to be situated in the lovely suburb of Indooroopilly, which is only a short walk to the Indooroopilly Shopping Centre and train station.

There is a strong, friendly rivalry between Cameron and Finger Boarding Houses. This rivalry is tested as we compete in the muchly anticipated Finger/Cameron dodgeball tournament. This dodgeball tournament takes place in the first weekend of Term 1 at our annual boarding house camp. House camp is an amazing time for both

new and old boarders, as it allows the girls to familiarise themselves with their new boarding families. We bond over cooking, card games and movie nights in our hotel rooms as well as coming together as a whole and playing games and doing activities organised by the staff members. House camp is an amazing experience for all boarders as the memories made will last a lifetime.

Finger house captain is Katie Strachan, and Cameron House captain is Jemima Ridley. Both girls are a perfect fit for house captains, as they are both compassionate, kind and caring people who make all of the girls feel welcomed and comfortable in boarding. This also applies to our Faith Captain for 2018, Leandra Peiris. Leandra organises chapel which we have every second Sunday. This is a time when Girls and Boys Boarding come together, to unwind and have a clear mind-set for the fortnight to come.

I reflect upon my first year away from home as one of significant personal growth. After parting from our parents and guardians, we realise how dependent we truly are on our parents; which at times can be over whelming. However, at St Peters we are blessed to have such kind and supporting staff, who are more than capable of guiding us through this transition period. Over the past year, I have grown as a person and have created life-long friends, from a range of diverse backgrounds. When entering the doors of boarding this year, I would never have imagined that I could have obtained the position of head boarder girl, but through the support of my peers and the boarding staff I was able to achieve my dream of leading a group of young, inspiring, culturally diverse girls. Girls Boarding is an environment that encourages girls to embrace their uniqueness and individuality and I am honored to be able to lead these young girls next year.

I often hear my peers speak of past leaders who have left their legacy in boarding, which is something that we as leaders from both Girls and Boys Boarding, will aspire to achieve. We would like to thank the leaders of 2017 for everything they have achieved and hope they and their families have a safe and lovely Christmas, and we look forward to a successful year in 2018.

## WHAT'S ON...2018

### MONDAY 22 JANUARY

New Boarders & Year 12 Boarding Leaders arrive

New Boarder Dinner

Wine & Cheese Evening (new Boarder Families)

### TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

Existing Boarders Return

### FRIDAY 26-SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

Girls and Boys Boarding Camp

### FRIDAY 23-SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Boarder Focus Weekend

### WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

BPSG Teleconference

### TUESDAY 27 MARCH

Term 1 concludes (Prep to Year 12)

### WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

International and Overseas Student Travel Day



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## Head Boarder Boy 2018

### Hayden Cobbe

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Welcome to Boys Boarding, the heart of St Peters Lutheran College. My name is Hayden Cobbe and it is my privilege to have the opportunity to serve as Head Boarder Boy in 2018. I began my boarding experience at the beginning of 2016. The decision to become a boarder was the single most difficult decision I have ever made, however, I am confident in saying that it is by far one of the best decisions I have ever made. In the two years I have lived in boarding, I have been exposed to opportunities I could have never asked for and have learned more than I could have ever imagined.

For those who choose to board at St Peters, I can assure you that from your very first experience inside of the boarding house you will feel comfortable and become entrenched in the excitement that radiates through the houses. My biggest fear was homesickness, but as I soon learned, the boys make everyone feel more than welcome and the boarding masters will go above and beyond to make sure your boarding experience is the best it can possibly be. For those who have embraced the boys boarding lifestyle it has never taken long for them, including myself, to truly view boarding as a home away from home.

Within Boys Boarding, there is a fierce rivalry between two houses, a rivalry that can be felt in almost every aspect of our daily lives.

Boys boarding is a combination of Schilling warriors, lead by Lachlan Woo and Ludcke-Mütze knights, lead by Jack Paterson.

Activities between these two houses are common and they provide a perfect environment for this rivalry to flourish. Whether it be morning touch, laser tag, basketball, or even room cleanliness - anything involving a winner and a loser - there are always competitive activities taking place that provide opportunities for members to contribute to their houses. Although this rivalry is always present, each member of the boarding house recognises the overarching brotherhood that fills boarding. Boys Boarding is a family and although we may belong to different houses, we are always united as one.

One of the first things that all new boarders notice upon arrival is how busy the boarding lifestyle is. There is always something exciting happening. However, our parents and the boarding masters constantly remind us that we are first and foremost here for our education and to reach our maximum potential. Although the workload requires a very studious and motivated attitude, I can assure you that you will be provided with an extremely supportive environment that will significantly benefit your academic results.

Awesome tutors are provided every study session and you will never be stuck looking

for help, as there are always people willing to lend a helping hand.

Being a boarder has been such an amazing experience for me and I would not change it for anything. It has broadened my horizons, opened doors and cleared paths for me. It has taught me so many things and most importantly, it has helped me grow as a person.

2018 will be packed full of exciting opportunities for all those within the boarding community. I can promise on behalf of the 2018 senior boarding cohort that we, along with the masters, will do whatever we can to help you reach your full potential and to make 2018 a year to remember.

Good luck to the departing Year 12's and thank you to the 2017 captains that have lead the house so well.

Everyone, enjoy your break and be ready for what next year has to offer!

I look forward to seeing everyone again and meeting all of you who have chosen to begin life in boarding in 2018.

## Girls Faith Captain 2018

### Leandra Peiris

Girls Faith Captain 2018

My name is Leandra Peiris and I am the Boarding Faith Captain for Girls Boarding in 2018. I originally come from Sri Lanka, but at the age of five my family moved and we have been expatriates ever since. I have lived in a variety of countries including: Thailand, Vietnam, The United Arab Emirates, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and now Australia. I came to boarding in Year 10, when my family was still living in Papua New Guinea, which was quite a dramatic change for me. Yet, over the time I have been here, boarding has been my home away from home.

Since my family moves around a lot, I have learned to be adaptable to any situation and respect different cultures and societies, which made it easier when I started boarding. I have also learned to live in the moment, which is something all boarders strive to do daily through participation in fun activities

and making countless memories in reception and the common rooms. The great thing about Girls Boarding is that you have so many sisters coming from different backgrounds for different reasons. Yet, we all have something in common; that we are away from home and just want to feel like we all belong, and this is what Girls Boarding strives to be - a safe and accepting environment, where everyone feels like they can belong.

With this in mind, the 2018 Girls Boarding Captains are planning on making girls feel like they belong and are loved by all, so this can be their home away from a home, like it is for me. We have already started planning activities and ideas that have either been implemented already or in the process of development.

Our goal for next year is to create a strong bond between the girls, old and new, a sisterhood of trust and respect for everyone.

My duty as Boarding Faith Captain for Girls Boarding is to promote faith in the boarding house and make sure that Boarding chapels are memorable and interactive for the boarders. To do this, I will be working with the Boarding Boys 2018 Faith Captain, Daniel Grammon, as well as, Chaplain Silke and Pastor Bohmert. Daniel and I have already brainstormed ideas for next year's chapels and have decided to come up with an overarching theme for next year in general which will be 'Growing in Faith'. Our goals for next year are to make all boarders aware of the impact that faith can have on the life of an individual by making it more interactive and applicable to everyone's life.



## LUDCKE-MÜTZE HOUSE

### Jack Paterson

Ludcke-Mütze House Captain 2018

I'm Jack Paterson, the Ludcke-Mütze Captain for 2018. I'm from a small country town on the border of Queensland and New South Wales called Texas. I started at St Peters when I was in Year 8 and since then I have loved every minute of it. Coming to a boarding community such as St Peters, you feel immersed in Boarding's rich and diverse culture and traditions.

This year, we are sad to farewell some of the Boarding staff from England, as well as the Year 12's and other boarders. The Seniors of 2017 have made all the new boys feel a part of the very proud boarding tradition and have been excellent role models and leaders.

One of the many activities I've enjoyed since being a part of boarding was the boarder camp at the start of the year, which was held at Tangalooma island. Boarder camp changes every year and I look forward to seeing which exciting place we are heading to next year.

While we are on boarder camp, we split into our houses and do fun activities such as the house initiations, where initiate the new boys into the Ludcke-Mütze house, as well as activities such as sandboarding, snorkelling and touch on the beach. Once boarder camp has concluded you really can't tell the difference between a new boarder and an old boarder.

I look forward to greeting and leading the new boarder boys at the boarder camp and including them in to Ludcke-Mütze. I also look forward to running the weekly morning touch between Ludcke-Mütze and Schilling and other inter-house activities. Ludcke-Mütze like any house has its own house colours and sigil, with our colours being 'Blue, Black and Silver' and our house sigil being a knight.

I would like to thank Tiko Twist, the current Ludcke-Mütze house captain for doing a

tremendous job, being a great example and giving me something to aspire to for next year. I would also like to thank Mr Andrews and Mr Delaney for encouraging and supporting me to step up into this leadership positions.

I have been fortunate to witness and experience brotherhood and true leadership within the Boarding community and I would like to continue the great work past captains have started within in the Ludcke-Mütze house.

I am really excited for my final year at St Peters. I would like to make this year the most exciting and competitive year that boarding has had and wish everyone a safe holiday, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to 2018!



## SCHILLING HOUSE

### Lachlan Woo

Schilling House Captain 2018

I'm Lachlan Woo and I am lucky enough to be the Schilling Captain for 2018. I have been a Boarder since Year 7 and I have enjoyed every year. I currently live in Port Moresby, a small city located just above Australia. To be honest the move to Australia was challenging, but I was lucky enough to have my older brother to support me through my first year of boarding. I still remember my first night in boarding, I was sitting in my room feeling homesick, and an unfamiliar face came into my room to comfort me. It was the Head Boarder Boy, Narhyl Bennett. He kept me calm and took my mind off home. I must admit at first sight boarding did seem

overwhelming, but it really does become your home away from home.

This year has been a successful year for Schilling and our sister house Cameron. Once again, we have claimed the Olympiad trophy for our fourth year running. Sadly, this year we will also have to say goodbye to our seniors as they finish off their schooling with a successful final year. It has been a successful year for the Year 12's and I wish them all the best for next year.

As my role as Schilling Captain has already begun, I have set aside some goals for the coming year. Next year, I aim to get everyone

involved in more co-curricular activities and more associated with everyone else in boarding. I think Boarder camp will kick-start the year to really welcome all the new boarders into the boarding family.

I am really looking forward to my final year in boarding, and I believe with the help from fellow captains, next year will be one to remember. I hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas Break and a Happy New Year!





## CAMERON HOUSE

**Jemima Ridley**

Cameron House Captain 2018

My name is Jemima Ridley. I was born and raised in Hong Kong and lived there my whole life before coming to St Peters. Although my parents are both British, having never lived in the UK, the question, "Where are you from?", is always a tough one for me! I am proud of the fact that I have so many places that I can call 'home', the St Peters boarding house being a very special one.

I came to St Peters in Term 3 of Year 10, and I absolutely loved boarding from my first day. Although it took me a while to get to know people because I was always in the swimming pool, over the past year and a half I have developed incredible relationships with so many amazing girls in the boarding house. I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a part of this diverse and inspiring community, and I learn invaluable lessons from it every single day.

I am very excited to be representing Cameron house next year, and I am so proud of our community and the unique contribution that each and every girl can give. It is an honour to be able to lead such an amazing group of girls, and I'm so excited to see what we can achieve as a house next year! At the end of Term 4 the Year 11's all planned and helped run a very successful house night for our Cameron Seniors - our 'Coachella' theme faring very well with the house! Complete with wristbands, fairy lights and family lip sync battles, we got all the Year 12's up and dancing and had a really lovely day.

Next year will be a busy one for Cameron, starting off the year with a mystery location house camp (even the leaders don't know where we are going yet!), and meeting the new girls that are joining us in the new year. House camp is a perfect way for new boarders to settle into the boarding

community, and it will be a good opportunity to build the friendly competition between Cameron, Schilling, Finger and Ludcke-Mütze for the rest of the year. Bring on the dodgeball tournament!

As a leadership team, Freya, Katie, Leandra and I aim to be approachable and welcoming, making sure everyone is happy and feels safe in our boarding house. We plan to create a 'welcome home' banner to put up at the front of boarding at the beginning of each term, and we will try our best to get to know all the new boarders well. Our doors are always open. We are all looking forward to meeting you and can't wait to be able to lead you in 2018, and make it the best year yet!



## FINGER HOUSE

**Katie Strachan**

Finger House Captain 2018

I would like to acknowledge how grateful I am to be chosen to represent Finger House throughout 2018. My name is Katie Strachan, and when I first came into boarding, I felt more excited than nervous. All the girls welcome everyone with open arms and loving hearts and that is something which makes the boarding house so unique. It is unquestionable that Finger house is a place that we can all call home. You can't make it through reception without cracking a smile, whether it's chatting to a friend or seeing the welcoming faces of our lovely house mums. The vibrant and positive atmosphere can be felt radiating throughout the dorms daily. Not only does this inspire me to lead Finger with pride, it continuously brightens each one of our days.

In boarding, there is always something new and exciting to look forward to. For example, on Fridays, it's always such a treat to walk through the front door and discover what delicious afternoon snack our wonderful chefs have created. This is just one of many things we all can look forward to.

Every person in this house brings their unique gifts and talents. Everyone is encouraged to be themselves and this makes the boarding house feel more comforting. Not only do the girls uplift one another, but our boarding mums are the most supportive and loving people around. Their positive nature brings us all closer, like one big family.

Next year, I am lucky enough to be working alongside three of the most compassionate

and kind-hearted leaders: Jemima (Cameron Captain), Leandra (Faith Captain), Freya (Head Boarder Girl) and myself are so excited to serve the boarding house and give back to the people who got us to where we are today. Also, the union between the Year 12 2018 cohort is something which encourages a family atmosphere within the boarding house.

Being a boarder at St Peters is an opportunity of a lifetime.

We can't thank the house mums, especially Mrs Holman, enough for everything they do daily for each one of us.



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