

Boarding Coordinators

Stuart Delaney

Boys Boarding Coordinator

Wow, three letters that explain the speed of this first term.

St Peters boarders have led the way, as we again won the AIC and QGSSSA Swimming Championships.

Welcome to the new boys and their families. We are very proud of the achievements these new 'brothers' have already made to St Peters and the Boarding community.

Being a Boarder at St Peters means you always give one hundred per cent to your studies – all boys are in our care for such a small part of their overall life, but even one day spent in boarding means your education is our one hundred percent focus. We are here to assist all parents and teachers guide the boys towards every opportunity. St Peters will give the boys every chance to succeed.

Often we speak of the 2012 Rugby Premiership team of St Peters – the last First XV to win a Premiership; the majority of the team were boarders.

This year we will support many Year 11 and 12 boys in both Football and Rugby,

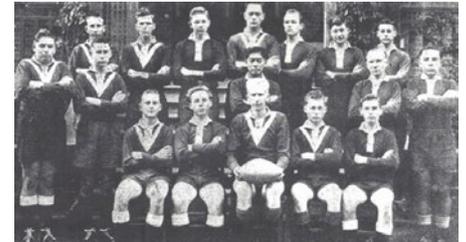
as they represent at the highest level in their chosen sport.

As a boarding community, we travel to all away games together in full uniform. We always support each other; from Year 6 Football to First XI Football and First XV Rugby.

Please place into your calendar the following dates, to see your young men represent the College.

Game 1	29 April	at St Laurence's College
Game 2	6 May	versus St Patricks College
Game 3	13 May	versus Marist College Ashgrove
Game 4	20 May	at Iona College
Game 5	27 May	at Padua College
Game 6	3 June	versus Villanova College
Game 7	10 June	at St Edmunds College

There are two games I recommend to parents. The final home games: 13 May versus Marist College Ashgrove, and 3 June versus Villanova College.



The St Peters First XV from 1945

St Peters and MCA have the longest-running rivalry in our AIC competition. Going back to the first years of St Peters as a College, our first game of organised rugby was against MCA.

Safety is an important part of sport and the correct equipment is crucial. If you have any inquires please contact me, by email or mobile.

A reminder to all that, in Terms 2 and 3, all boys must wear long pants, blazers and ties, every day to school.

Finally, please enjoy your time together as a family, in this blessed time. Have a holy and safe Easter.

Kim Holman

Girls Boarding Coordinator

Here we are at the end of Term 1 and as we say, each year: 'Where did this term go?'

I was chatting with a few of our new boarders about how they have survived their first term of boarding. They all had big smiles and said that it was much more enjoyable than they had imagined. It is truly a blessing to see our new boarders feeling so settled, embracing boarding life and enjoying their newfound friendships! Thank you, to all of our parents (existing and new) for the care and love you give your children, along with the support you give us here in boarding. We are also very blessed to have amazing staff that are constantly going above and beyond the call of duty. Adding into that equation our incredible Year 12 girls who are wonderful role models. The girls are proud to call Boarding a 'Home away from home!'

This year started like every other year, with our house camp. Our fearless leader, Molly P – along with our House Captains and

Faith Captain, Kate H, Mia W, and Sarah M – made it a house camp to remember. The leaders, along with the Year 12s, were on fire. The skits were on point; dodgeball was scary; dolphin petting was incredible; snorkelling; kayaking; and sand tobogganing were character building... so, hats off to our Year 12s... It was the best house camp ever!

Wes Meurant, our Academic Coordinator, has really ramped up our study with the hiring of specialised tutors and continues to challenge each of our students. The boarders take their study very seriously, and want to do well academically. It is great to see how self-motivated they all are and their hard work is paying dividends.

We continue to nurture and grow our family groups. The family groups are made up of eight boarders, in Years 7–12 with a Junior staff member and a Year 12 as the head of the family. The reason for these groups

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is to ensure the younger year groups mix with the older years. This also allows staff to have a small group to care for and look after individual needs when it comes to the likes of homesickness and even birthdays. The most common activity for a family group to do is have a home-cooked dinner in the dorm. This year, we have matched a male family group with a female family group. Some of those outings have been to Bounce and a BBQ in the courtyard. Our family groups have allowed some very special bonding to take place.

This year in boarding we have different staff members using their strengths and working on various attributes among the different year levels. Mrs Ray is working on Kindness and Friendship with our Years 7 and 8. Miss Taufatofua is working on Gratitude and Respect with our Year 9s. Miss Kami and Miss Horn are working on Creativity with our Year 10s. This term, the Year 10s had a go at Karaoke... taking some of them outside of their comfort zone – which proved to be a great success. We want to concentrate on Resilience with our Year 11s. We will start by taking them to do Hot Yoga at the beginning of Term 2. Mrs Ray and I are working on Independence with our Year 12 girls. Once a fortnight, a different group of four cook dinner for all the Year 12 girls. It is lovely to see the staff enjoying these sessions, as much as the girls! We all look forward to what next term will bring.

Mr Delaney and myself went to visit a few co-educational boarding schools in Melbourne this term. One in particular was Geelong Grammar, which takes a whole-of-school approach to the teachings of Positive Education. Mr Kotzur, our Head of College, has embraced this concept; and Stuart and I wanted to see how we can start incorporating this in boarding. After our visits we both walked away feeling quite chuffed, not only about our facilities, but our everyday running of our boarding houses.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, which contributes to the success of the daily running of Girls' Boarding.





SCHILLING HOUSE

Wes Meurant
Head of Schilling

Time sure flies. The first term has already passed and the Year 12 boys are realising how quickly school finishes. We have spent years telling them to 'make the most of it', and 'time flies, before you know it you'll be out of here, so don't leave with any regrets'. Without a doubt, we hear the comments (at least, five times a week) from the boys, 'I can't believe it's nearly over'.

It seems only yesterday that a very young Murray W had us all enthralled with his yarns about fishing on our first boarder camp to Tangalooma Island in 2013; Chase B had a savings plan arranged, to buy the crossbow of his dreams, to go roo hunting with; and Henry R dreamed of 'someday playing for the firsts'. Almost prophetically, Chase did buy the bow of his dreams and Henry is playing for the firsts. The term 'bittersweet' couldn't ring any truer than for this group

of graduates. To see these young men grow through their years at St Peters, has been a privilege. It will be rewarding to see them graduate, but also terribly sad that they won't be filling the halls with their laughter anymore.

This year, camp returned to Tangalooma – a favourite destination for the boys. When I say camping, we all know it doesn't resemble a legitimate camp, nor glamping. If you can picture tropical-island surroundings with no roads, sand dunes to surf, shipwrecks to explore, and beachside villas in which to enjoy the sunset, then you may come close to imagining our camp. It was a wonderful time of bonding for the boys, as they came together to celebrate being part of a community that cares for their wellbeing and future.

I have been proud of the seniors all year, as they've helped the younger boys transition into leadership and, for the new boys, manage their first term away from home. The year has seen a large group of boys welcomed into the arms of our Schilling fraternity. Year 7 has welcomed Riccardo Y, Oscar B, Barney R, Jason W, and Kye T. Year 9 welcomed Daniel C with Sam S joining us in Year 10. Year 11 saw the introduction of Lachie G and Daniel G to our community.

The boys have all settled in well and have become very important parts of our wider congregation. I look forward to seeing how these boys grow, in their time with us, as they pursue bright futures.



LUDCKE-MÜTZE HOUSE

Mark Andrews
Ludcke-Mütze Senior Resident

We commenced the year with a fantastic boarder camp at Tangalooma resort on Moreton Island, where the boys were able to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere, before starting school.

The boys were joined by Mr Kotzur, our new Head of College, who wanted to take the time to welcome all our boarders and see, with his own eyes, how the boarding community functions.

This year, we welcome into the fold: Nicholas, Cole, Philip, Robert, Sione, Yanze, Haydn, Shyaam, Josh, and Jirra. These new boys have settled into Ludcke and each are actively involved in the boarding house. It has been refreshing to receive a number of emails and phone calls from parents of some of these new boys commenting on what a wonderful job our Senior Ludcke boys have done to help their sons settle into the boarding house.

This highlights the quality of young gentleman, like our House Captain Tiko and Faith Captain Joshua who take the time to talk with new boys to ensure they all feel part of our wider family. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge all of our senior boys in their support of Tiko and Joshua. One of the pleasures of our work is observing these young men behave as true gentlemen.

Typically, Term 2 solidifies new bonds in the boarding house with most of the boys participating in rugby and other winter team sports.

In the school holidays, several boys will participate in the school ruby tour. To all those young men, we all wish you the best of luck and a safe trip. Everyone else: enjoy the break and charge yourselves up for Term 2.

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CAMERON HOUSE

Mrs Sinead Ray
Cameron Senior Resident

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

This year we have welcomed twelve new students to Cameron House. New to Year 7 is Stephanie B, Niamh B, Xaire C, and Shaniqua E. In Year 9: Tineke C and Mia O. Olivia C and Lily H have started in Year 10. Commencing Year 11 are Kianah K, Kaleesha S, and Ella T. Liz H is joining our Year 12 leaders. It has been a pleasure to watch these girls settle into the boarding community and make some strong friendships.

We started this term off with house camp, which saw us travel to Tangalooma Island Resort for the weekend. Here, the girls

played their annual dodgeball match, Cameron girls played very well and won for the second year in a row! Talitha and Sharnell E were awarded most valuable players and Gabby K was best dressed for Cameron. The weather was lovely and the girls had great fun swimming, sand tobogganing, kayaking, and getting to know their family groups. On Saturday night, we had some brilliant performances at our reality TV-themed talent show, revealing the real talent of girls boarding. A big thank you to Mia W (House Captain) and all our Year 12 girls for helping our new students settle in, and ensuring the weekend was a great success.

The rest of the term was filled with our annual boarder dance, movie trips, cooking, Southbank trips, manning a water station (dressed as minions) for a twilight, half marathon, and our ever popular family group outings.

This year, we welcome back Maureen R a previous head boarder girl of St Peters. She is now in her second year of Town



Planning course at the Queensland University of Technology. It's a pleasure to have Maureen back.

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

I wish you all a safe and peaceful Easter.



FINGER HOUSE

Luisa Taufatofua
Finger Senior Resident

So, we are nine weeks into the year, and one term down. At this stage, most boarders are just glad to have made it through their study commitments and all the other activities they get up to, non-stop, all term. So, you are probably wondering what exactly we have been up to during this time. For families and friends, we will give you a snapshot into our term as a boarder and for the boarders, we will take you for a trip down memory lane...

Welcoming our New Boarders: For 2017, we added the following amazing girls with their unique personalities into the Finger family: Year 6 (Siena H); Year 7 (Maya B, Kaija H, Emma T); Year 8 (Mia C, Meg W); Year 9 (Saskia M, Hannah R); Year 10

(Jessamy Z); Year 11 (Freya J). As each new boarder, nervously (but, secretly, excitedly!) walked down the stairs and into the girls boarding reception. Year 12 leaders were equipped with a cup of goodies, and notes of encouragement to welcome our ten new Finger members into our Boarding Family!

We have also been fortunate to welcome Miss Victoria Gilmore into our Finger Staff team from England. Her enthusiasm and 'can do' attitude have been a great addition to the team.

House Camp: Our seniors set the tone for the year so, for this term, we were off with a bang! Each girl embraced their responsibilities and made sure that each member in their 'Family Group' felt included and comfortable. We started House Camp with dodgeball and, although we took the



lead early in the battle, we were defeated in the final round by the closest score margin ever! The girls were happy with this and enthusiastically congratulated the victors and look forward to winning the battle next year! Maya B won Finger house best dressed, while MVP went to Freya J (senior) and Torrens B (junior).



Over the weekend, we saw friendships blossom: girls came out of their shells, participating in the crazy schedule of activities planned. We had sand tobogganing, kayaking, and snorkelling with our brothers from Ludcke house, as well as dolphin feeding, which was a treat. This term, our house night theme was 'Decades' and my-oh-my, how you parents would be proud! The girls gave us quite the show, with songs and dances involving Elvis Presley, ABBA, the Flintstones, 90s disco and an 80s aerobic dance routine. The talent in our house is outrageous! Thank you to our House Captain Kate H, and her awesome team of Year 12 seniors, for doing a fantastic job and being such positive roles models for the year!

Chapel and Charity Events: Our fortnightly Chapel services for the term have been really well thought out, thanks to our Chaplain Silke Moolman and our Captains Sarah M and Joshua K. We have had Chapel,



led by the Faith Captains, at Tangalooma on 'Respect', a water-themed Chapel with slip 'n' slide and games in the 25m pool, Chapel on the Passion of Christ and dinner with the 'Breaking of the Bread', in family groups. Maddie K has taken on the role of organising our charity events. This includes our recent water station, which the girls love participating in; raising money and awareness of our sponsor child; and discussing other events as they come up. We will continue to support these great causes.

Focus Weekend: This term, we had an action-packed focus weekend. On Friday night (with capture the flag) Finger-Ludcke took the lead on the Olympiad board, beating Cameron-Schilling by three to nil. On Saturday night we had the boarder dance with a pre-1900s theme. The costumes were amazing, we had biblical and Disney characters, Egyptians, cavemen, Greek goddesses, fairies, and so on. Everyone got



to show off their dance moves and have a great night. On Sunday our theme park visit was to Wet 'n' Wild. With the day quite overcast, our boarders got to ride to their hearts' content with minimal sunburn! Overall it was a great weekend!

Other Fun Stuff: Over the term we worked hard to balance hard days of study with lots of different outings and activities. We have had everything from family outings and special suppers, swimming-pool trips to stay cool, touch trips to get rid of excess energy, shopping trips to stock up on supplies, and bus trips to various locations and for the chance to play top tunes. We shared these memories together and have a lot more on their way!

Term 2 will bring its own adventures so stay tuned, to see what the boarders get up to next.

Best Wishes.



WHAT'S ON...

MONDAY 17 APRIL

Boarders Arrival Day (Term 2)

FRIDAY 28 APRIL – MONDAY 1 MAY

Visiting Weekend

MONDAY 1 MAY

Public Holiday

MONDAY 8 – FRIDAY 12 MAY

Boarder Week

FRIDAY 12 MAY

Boarder Focus Weekend

SATURDAY 13 MAY

Boarder Focus Weekend

SUNDAY 14 MAY

Boarder Focus Weekend

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY

7:00pm–9:00pm BPSG Teleconference (Term 2)

THURSDAY 1 JUNE

7:30am Photo Day

SATURDAY 17 JUNE

International & Overseas Student Travel Day

BOARDER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

BOARDER PARENT NETWORK MEETING TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2017, 7:00PM

ATTENDEES:

Tim Kotzur, Kim Holman, Stuart Delaney, Karen Penfold (Chair), Gayle and Bernie Dagg, Katie Zerner, Bev Du Cloux, Carolyn O'Leary, Rob Thomson, George and Miranda Rowlands, Olajide Ogunseye, Karleen Hartdegen, Jade Ryan, Anna Radel, Natalie Kenny, Seth Hartdegen, Renee Blackman.

APOLOGIES:

Julie Burton, Phillipa Tziolis, Wes Meurant.

Welcome

Karen Penfold

- Welcome to Tim Kotzur.
- Welcome to new families.
- Welcome back to all families.

Actions from previous meeting:

- When sending an email, regarding a student, to Kim Holman and/or Stuart Delaney, please ensure to cc Wes Meurant, Mark Andrews, Sinead Ray, and Luisa Taufatofua.

Rob Thomson

Vegetarian Options in the Dining Room:

- Meals are offered for vegetarians, however, it appears to be a similar option every night for the week.
- Kim responded: explaining that the Dietician who assists with the swimmers, spoke with Ella last week and then spoke to kitchen staff to resolve. Kitchen have taken on-board and are providing new and different meals, each evening.
- Menu was on App first couple of weeks, but it's disappeared. Can it please be added? Can be found in the boarding section.

Phillipa Tziolis

- Takeaway Morning Tea:
 - Upper primary only get 15 minutes for morning tea, concerned about the time it takes to walk across campus to get morning tea, missing valuable time during this break – suggestion to have takeaway food or delivery to the lower areas.
- Response – Has already been raised as a concern. Starting to organise a takeaway system – collection at breakfast, just have to get it all organised.

Boarder Handbook:

- Focussed mainly on Senior School and Junior High: e.g. uniforms – upper primary wear their formal twice a week, and PE 3 times a week; got caught out, when purchasing.
- House rules included in Boarder Handbook: e.g. out-of-bounds areas both within boarding and within day school.
- Response – will definitely take in to account information on Boarder Handbook, was an oversight which will be reviewed for the 2018 edition. Will also address the out-of-bounds areas.

Amada Lui

Clarification with Learn to Drive within Boarding:

- Stuart – Requirements for receiving L plates, must have passport, school ID, Medicare Card, and Bank Account Card – biggest issue is having the school address as a permanent address – they must have a Brisbane address as a Primary Address, in order to sit the test. Only accept bank letters that will have the school's address on it, school cannot offer written assistance with this.
- Once they pass the learners' test – lessons will need to be organised through outside companies, staff are not allowed to drive with students. Particular companies have given discounts to boarding in the past – notify Stuart for details.

Parent Information Sessions:

- How do Boarder Parents Participate?
- Senior School collates data from these information sessions and places them on the Portal, under the Year Levels.
- If you are in the lower schools, please contact the reception areas – to get details on data/information transfer
- Suggestion to record meetings and distribute on to the Portal and/or App. Request for Ironbark meeting recordings.

Next Meeting in Cairns, with Murray Paterson:

- Beginning of the June/July Holidays – 19 June – Murray will be in contact with Boarder parents, to organise meetings.

Karen Penfold

Reach Update:

- There was a complete update over the Christmas holidays.
- New passwords were sent, if you didn't receive a new password, please contact Stuart Delaney and he will organise for you.

- Stuart to contact Reach to find out where passwords are.
- Any problems you are having with Reach – contact Stuart Delaney.
- Study – great feedback on students, with the extra study and tutoring provided.

General

- Seth Hartdegen – Snacks for Cricket – kitchen is open at 6am – students are woken at 6:30am – kitchen puts everything out for students to take with them. They are back by 12:30pm and lunch goes until 1pm. Students playing in the afternoon, have lunch first.
- Rob Thomson – Mobile usage – confirming if students in Years 11 and 12 don't have to hand in their phones, in the evening. This is correct, however, please notify boarding if you have any concerns. Not to be used after 10pm, or misused in any way – usage is monitored by staff and parents.
- Miranda Rowlands – Concerned about usage of mobile phones in class. These concerns will be shared with David Rushmore, Head of Senior School to address.

Kim Holman

- Renovations in Boarding Houses – new Year 12 rooms, in Girls.
- Herse bathroom and Year 12 Common Room are going to be renovated as well.
- Slip and Slide with Chapel, on Sunday – worked really well.
- Boarder Focus Weekend – Friday night, played Capture the Flag, they all had a ball. Saturday night, pre-1900s-themed dance – photos will be placed in *The Rock* and the App 75 students attended *Wet 'n' Wild* – great weekend
- Road Trips – Goondiwindi Expo (5-6 May) there will be a wine and cheese on 4 May, at 4pm, in Goondiwindi (location to be announced); and St George Show, 7 May. ICPA Conference in St George, this year (8-9 June), Tim Kotzur will be attending.

Stuart Delaney

- Credit to the boys for all their participation in extra-curricular activities, they have been doing really well.
- Study is going well, all boys very focused and driven.
- Homesickness – end-of-term blues, with assignments and exams on their way; they are feeling the pressure.

Meeting closed: 8:00pm. Next Meeting: Teleconference – Wednesday 24 May.