



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
TOWNSVILLE

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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE
PARENT & STUDENT BOARDING HANDBOOK



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We give thanks and respectfully acknowledge the Gurrumbibarra Wulgurukaba people, the Traditional Custodians of this beautiful country whose land our College shared. We recognise their ongoing deep spiritual connection to this

Country, and the care they gave to it for thousands of years. We also acknowledge the Bindal people as the neighbouring Custodians of their Country. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples here today.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Thank you for considering St Patrick's College Townsville boarding for your daughter. Boarding at St Patrick's College Townsville provides a warm, supportive, and welcoming home away from home for girls of all backgrounds aged between Year 7 to Year 12. Set directly across the road from the Strand beachfront, we provide a beautiful and joy-filled home for all our girls. We are a large family and care for each other as sisters, aunts, nieces and friends.

As a boarding family, we have a particular emphasis on cultural diversity, kindness, empathy, outdoor living and laughter. Our *Café by the Sea* allows us to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner with ocean views every day. How lucky we are! The rich cultural diversity amongst our girls creates such vibrancy, and the sharing of values, traditions and stories permeates everything we do. As sisters, we care for each other in small and large ways. Our seniors are very present with the younger girls and can often be found providing homework support, comforting them when they are homesick, giving ironing demonstrations and caring for their sisters as part of their family away from home. In the afternoons and on the weekends, we celebrate our beautiful surroundings and regularly explore local waterfalls, islands, beaches, parks and community centres.

This handbook will give you an overview of the daily life your daughter will lead as a boarder here at St Patrick's College Townsville, and hopefully will also answer many of your questions. We look forward to meeting you.



Ms Katie de Carteret
DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

Our College provides a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment. Our pastoral care programs are based on positive psychology – the science of human flourishing. This psychology is grounded in the belief that people want to live meaningful and fulfilling lives, and that happiness is obtained through a natural building up of our well-being and satisfaction with life. Through this commitment to student well-being, our boarding team, pastoral leaders and teachers support students to make good and healthy choices, to develop self-respect and respect for others, to engage with and relate to others, to find fulfilment in creativity and contribution and to learn to deal with life's setbacks and adversities.

When the Sisters of Mercy arrived in Townsville in 1878, they recognised the importance of providing an education for young women that would enable them to assume their role in society with confidence and to be initiators of change within the spirit of the Mercy tradition. We warmly welcome girls from all cultures and faiths, contributing to our College culture of international-mindedness where respect and understanding is rigorously promoted.

Our Vision, Mission and Values

An education in the Mercy tradition invites us to take up a challenge - one that encourages us to develop fully our own God-given talents. At the same time, it enkindles within us a desire to assist others, so that they too, '*...may have life, and have it to the full*'. John 10:10.

Our Vision

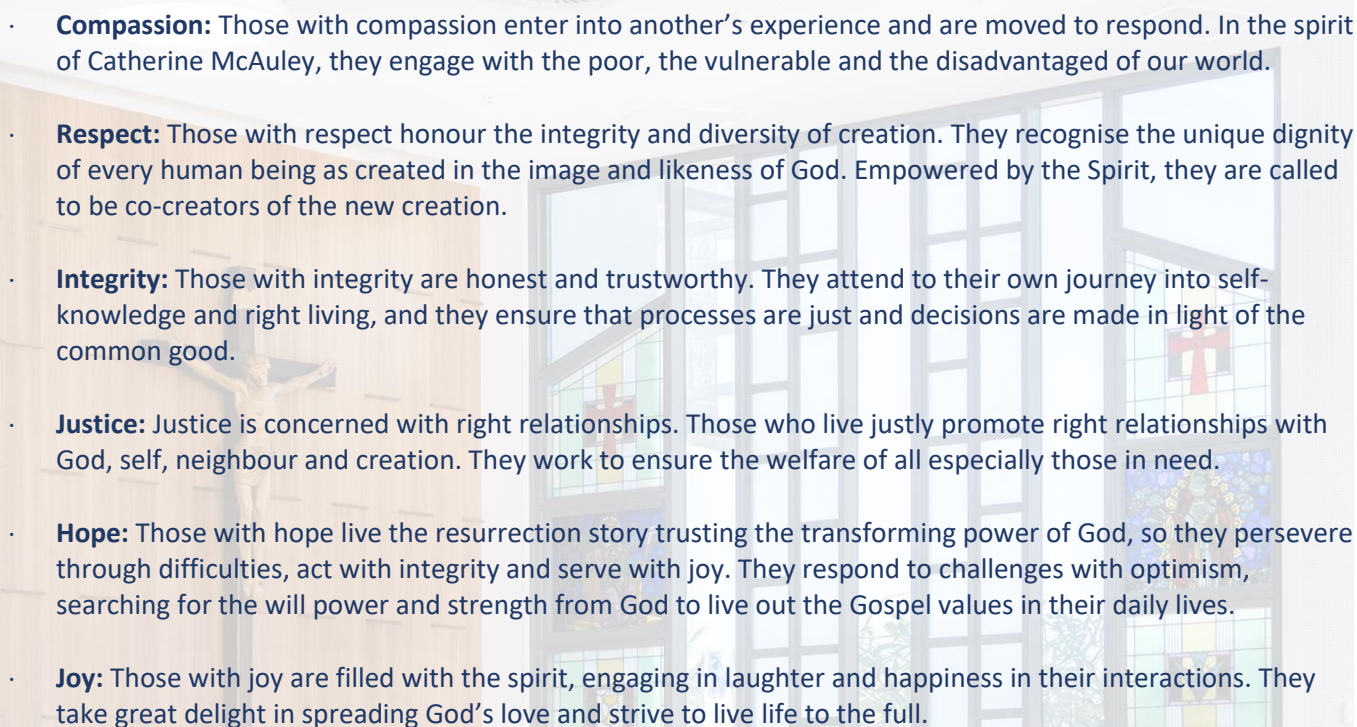
St Patrick's College Townsville is a beacon of hope, fostering ambition and compassion to create a better world.

Our Mission

St Patrick's College Townsville is a Catholic independent educational community in the Mercy tradition. Our Mission is to promote fullness of life and nurture excellence in learning for all young women in a joyful environment.

The Mercy Values

Inspired by the practical example of Catherine McAuley, we strive to bring God's loving kindness in Christ to all whom we meet, and to all that we do.

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- **Compassion:** Those with compassion enter into another's experience and are moved to respond. In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, they engage with the poor, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged of our world.
 - **Respect:** Those with respect honour the integrity and diversity of creation. They recognise the unique dignity of every human being as created in the image and likeness of God. Empowered by the Spirit, they are called to be co-creators of the new creation.
 - **Integrity:** Those with integrity are honest and trustworthy. They attend to their own journey into self-knowledge and right living, and they ensure that processes are just and decisions are made in light of the common good.
 - **Justice:** Justice is concerned with right relationships. Those who live justly promote right relationships with God, self, neighbour and creation. They work to ensure the welfare of all especially those in need.
 - **Hope:** Those with hope live the resurrection story trusting the transforming power of God, so they persevere through difficulties, act with integrity and serve with joy. They respond to challenges with optimism, searching for the will power and strength from God to live out the Gospel values in their daily lives.
 - **Joy:** Those with joy are filled with the spirit, engaging in laughter and happiness in their interactions. They take great delight in spreading God's love and strive to live life to the full.

BOARDING STAFF ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Director of Boarding

Oversees all aspects of the boarding experience for students, parents, and staff.

Deputy Head of Boarding

Able to stand in for the Director of Boarding in her absence and key point of contact for student experiences e.g., weekend activities, sport, birthday celebrations, reward systems, positive behaviour reinforcement and general boarding house ambience.

College Nurse

Oversees and manages the Health Centre and medical care of all boarders.

Senior Supervisor

Oversees and manages the day-to-day shifts. Key point of contact for parents and the girls during the evenings and weekends.

House Mother

Key point of contact for students regarding any Year level or dorm queries or ideas eg., dorm ambience and homework support.

Boarding Officer

The Boarding Officer works 8.00am – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday and is the key point of contact for families and students during school hours. Key point of contact for ABSTUDY travel enquiries.

Boarding Supervisor

Key point of contact for the girls during the shift for activities, study, and evening routine (including electronics hand in and bedtime).

Laundry Hand

Washes the bed linen, towels, and school uniforms of all girls each week. Basic mending service also provided.



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Login here - <https://learninghub.stpatscollege.qld.edu.au/login/>



MEET THE 2022 BOARDING TEAM

Director of Boarding – Ms Katie de Carteret (Mama DC)



I arrived at St Patrick's College Townsville in January of 2020 and absolutely love it here! The sun and ocean, the hot weather and the yummy tropical fruit all year long make it a very special place to live.

I live here with my husband Rafa who is from Brazil and my four boys – Clash, Buddy, Lou and Woody. They also love the laid-back lifestyle and even more so, kicking the football with the girls on the weekends and playing at the waterpark with everyone. Also – Go Cowboys!

Deputy Head of Boarding – Ms Gemma Stevens (Miss Gemma)

Hello! My name is Miss Gemma and I arrived in Townsville in January 2022. From the moment I walked into St Pats, I felt incredibly welcomed, accepted, and loved.

We live in the most beautiful place and I feel very lucky to have endless swimming spots, green parks, beaches and stunning views surrounding me. I am really looking forward to the special times that 2022 is going to bring.



Boarding Officer – Ms Sarah Amos (Miss Amos)



My name is Miss Amos and I am the Boarding Officer. I can be found at the front reception in Boarding. I am the main point of contact for your families and I organise your ABSTUDY Travel for when it is time to go home.

I have a 1-year-old daughter named Lillian-May and we love going to the Strand to watch the birds and puppies. I know we all have the most amazing year ahead making awesome memories and lifelong friends.

Laundry Hand – Ms Helen Baluz (Miss Helen)

My name is Miss Helen and I am the new Laundry Hand. I am from Yam Island in the Torres Strait Islands, but I live in Townsville. I have a 3-year-old son named Donald and I love being around my family. I enjoy going to Church on the weekend, fishing down at the beach and relaxing on the strand for a BBQ.

I am very excited to be here at St Patrick's College Townsville and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces every day.





Senior Supervisor - Ms Alex O'Neil (Miss Alex)

My name is Miss Alex and I am one of the Senior Boarding Supervisors. I am a local Townsville girl and really enjoy visiting some of our beautiful swimming spots on the Strand, Magnetic Island and Crystal Creek. I am looking forward to an amazing 2022 and cannot wait for the school events and weekend fun.



Senior Supervisor – Ms Rosie Galletly (Miss Rosie)

My name is Miss Rosie and I am one of the senior supervisors in the Boarding School. Some of my favourite things to do include going swimming, being creative and spending time with family and friends. I am currently studying nursing and have a real passion for caring for and helping those around me. I am thoroughly looking forward to what 2022 at St Patrick's College Townsville is going to bring.



House Mother Year 7 – Ms Stacey Sergeant (Miss Stacey)

Hi! I'm Miss Stacey and I'm the Year 7 House Mother. I love watching movies and relaxing at home. I don't have kids yet, but I have a very naughty puppy called Wylie. I had an awesome year with the Year 7s last year, and I'm excited for 2022!

House Mother Year 8 – Ms Pamela McHugh (Miss Pam)

A big "welcome back" from Miss Pam. As Year 8 House Mother I am excited about the year ahead. In my spare time I paddle a dragon boat and love to sew. Looking forward to the girls' return and a wonderful 2022.



House Mother Year 9 – Ms Schanara Bulsey (Miss Schanara)

My name is Miss Schanara and I am the House Mother for Year 9. I like to watch the girls play Rugby League on the weekends. I have two girls and one son and love spending time with them. I am super excited for the year ahead.



House Mother Year 10 – Ms Kearley Robinson (Miss Kearley)

Hello, my name is Miss Kearley and I am the Year 10 House Mother for 2022. This is my fifth year working within boarding and my second as a House Mother. I study a bachelor of primary education at James Cook University. When I am not in boarding or studying, I love playing with my puppy and keeping active. I am extremely excited for what this year has to offer.



House Mother Year 11 – Ms Mary Galletly (Miss Mary)

My name is Miss Mary and I am the House mother for Year 11. Some of my favourite things to do include baking and spending time with my family - especially on Maggie Island. I am currently studying to be a primary school teacher. I can't wait for the blessings and challenges of 2022 and spending another year at St Patrick's College Townsville.

House Mum Year 12 – Ms Jelintha Koyaiye (Miss Jelintha)



Hi, my name is Miss Jelintha and I am the Year 12 House Mother for 2022. I'm from Papua New Guinea and I am studying a Bachelor of Law at James Cook University.

I enjoy hiking and spending time with my friends and family in my free time. I've enjoyed being a Boarding Supervisor since joining the Boarding Team at St Patrick's College Townsville in 2021 and I am looking forward to what 2022 has in store for us.

College Nurse: Ms Lisa Mowbray

My name is Lisa Mowbray and I am the College Nurse. I have known many of our boarding students for a very long time, having taught Maths, Science and Health at St Patrick's College Townsville from 2017-2020. My husband and I, along with our children Cody and Taya, relocated to Townsville from WA in 2008. Last year we were lucky to have another son, Zed, join us, making a happy family of five. I love looking after the health and wellbeing of our students and they all bring a smile to my face each and every day. Outside of school, I love hanging out with my dogs and my parrot, reading, walking on the beach and cooking.



LIFE AT ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

6.30am	Wakeup and preparation for the day
7.15am	Breakfast (must be dressed for school)
8.15am	Leave for school
3.15pm	Return from school and afternoon tea
4.00pm	Study (Year 7-10)
	Free Time (Year 11/12)
5.00pm – 6.15pm	Afternoon Activities (phones returned 7-10)
6.15pm – 7.00pm	Dinner
7.15pm	Evening Roll Call and Dorm Meeting
7.30pm – 8.30pm	Study 11/12 (optional for Years 7-10) and Evening Activities
8.45pm	All girls in their own dorms

YEAR LEVEL EVENING ROUTINES

Year 7

7.15pm	Dorm Meeting and Yarn Circle
	Year 7 Evening activities
8.15pm	Electronics Handed in
	Showers/Uniform Preparation
8.45pm	Evening Prayers
9.00pm	Reading (with group or individually in bed)
	Main dorm lights turned off
9.30pm	Lights Out

Year 8

7.15pm	Dorm Meeting
	Evening Activities (with study option)
8.30pm	Electronics Handed in
	Showers/uniform preparation
9.00pm	Evening Prayers (girls ready for bed)
9.10pm	Reading (with group or individually in bed)
	Main dorm lights turned off
9.30pm	Lights Out

Year 9 & 10

7.15pm	Dorm Meeting
7.30pm – 8.30pm	Evening Activities (with study option)
8:45pm	Year 9 Electronics Handed in
9:00pm	Year 10 Electronics Handed in
	Showers/uniform preparation
9.25pm	Evening Prayers (girls ready for bed)
9.30pm	Reading in bed
	Main dorm lights turned off
9.45pm	Lights Out



Year 11

7.15pm	Dorm Meeting
7.30pm – 9.00pm	Study (in private rooms or common room)
9.00pm	Free Time (showers & uniform preparation)
9.30pm	Electronics Handed in
9.45pm	Quiet time in rooms
	Main dorm lights turned off
10.00pm	Lights Out

YEAR 12

7.15pm	Dorm Meeting
7.30pm – 9.00pm	Study (in private rooms or common room)
9.00pm	Free Time (showers & uniform preparation)
9.45pm	Quiet time in rooms
	Main dorm lights turned off
10.30pm	Lights Out

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

The weekends involve a variety of activities ensuring the girls have an appropriate balance of fun, relaxation, exercise, socialisation, fresh air, nature and quiet time. The girls attend mass on either Saturday or Sunday, enjoying a sleep-in and brunch most Sunday mornings.

Once a term we have a full house activity which all boarders are expected to attend. Leave will not be permitted on these days. These are special days when we grow in sisterhood together.



KEY INFORMATION (AN ALPHABETICAL GUIDE)

Bedtime

It is incredibly important that bedtimes and the overall evening routine is followed and respected by all girls, according to each year level routine. This ensures that all girls receive adequate sleep, are refreshed and ready to learn, and are active and demonstrate energy, patience and restraint in their interactions with others.

Behaviour

All girls at St Patrick's College Townsville treat each other with kindness, empathy and respect. They are asked to always consider the feelings of those around them and to treat others as they themselves would like to be treated. In those cases where inappropriate behaviour occurs (eg., disrespect shown to another student or boarding supervisor), or a disregard for boarding guidelines (eg., attendance at regular mealtimes, misbehaviour during study, late arrival back from leave), a conversation with the boarder will always take place in the first instance. Consequences are then negotiated as appropriate, always in consideration of the seriousness of the incident. Depending on the incident these could include community service, education on a related topic, meeting with the College psychologist, gating from weekend leave and/or special outings e.g., movies, Cowboys games. Where a breakdown in relationship has occurred, a round table meeting will occur between the relevant parties to ensure each individual is able to be heard, and understanding can take place. The focus is always on reaching a place of harmony for all parties.

Repeated poor behaviour will involve a discussion with the family and consequences will be determined in line with the College's Respectful Relationships Policy.

Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays are special occasions and worthy of celebration. The House Mothers in each year level ensure that birthdays are remembered and commemorated with their friends and peers. A special treat is also provided for boarders on their actual birthday. We also celebrate as a full boarding family the birthdays of each month together.

Boarder's Committee

Each semester, a boarders committee is formed which is led by the boarding prefects. Two representatives are elected from each year level who represent the views of their peer group and discuss these at a regular meeting with the boarding prefects and the Deputy Head of Boarding.

Cars

Guardians must give written permission to the Director of Boarding for their daughter to drive a car as a P-plate driver. P-plate driver legislation must be strictly observed. Guardians must also give written permission for their daughter to travel in a car driven by a particular student or to have specific students as passengers. Car keys will be held in a lock box in the main boarding reception.

Contraband

The following items are banned at St Patrick's College Townsville.

- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vaping paraphernalia
- Alcohol and illegal drugs
- Matches or lighters
- Knives or weapons
- Explosive devices
- Pornography
- Media where the age limit is older than the occupant
- Any racist, sexist or prejudiced material of any kind
- Soft drink (in excess of 600ml)
- Energy drinks

Anyone possessing any of the above items will result in communication with home and a meeting with the Director of Boarding and/or Deputy Head of Boarding. Consequences will include immediate confiscation in addition to gating, community service, loss of privileges (eg., technology, attendance at an offsite activity eg., Cowboys games,

beach outing, movie etc.) at the discretion of the Director of Boarding or Deputy Head of Boarding. Depending on the contraband, education around the dangers of the choice with the College Nurse, attending doctor, psychologist or other relevant specialist may occur. In the case of repeated possession of contraband items, a discussion with the family will take place and consequences will be determined in discussion with the College Principal.

Damage

Any deliberate damage or breakage of furniture or fittings will be reported to the Director of Boarding and parents will be billed for replacement items.

Electronic Devices (laptops and other)

Everyone can take their laptops to school during the day and are able to use them during study time. After study, it is the responsibility of each girl to ensure their devices are plugged in so they are charged before handing in for the evening. If anyone owns an iPad or other electronic device, this should also be handed in at the same time as their laptop.

Each year level has a different time in which electronic devices are to be handed in. These times can be found in the Daily Schedule pp10-11 of this handbook and are noted below.

Year 7	8.15pm
Year 8	8.30pm
Year 9	8.45pm
Year 10	9:00pm
Year 11	9.30pm

Electronic Devices (phones)

The girls have free time each day in which they can use their phones. This is a privilege and usage of phones is dependent on focussed study time and appropriate behaviour in the dorms. It is the responsibility of each boarder to ensure their phones and electronics are handed in at the appropriate time as per the Year Level Routine.

The girls can also use the landline phone provided in each area and/or the landline phone in the Boarding Reception under the permission of a boarding supervisor.

Food (in the boarding house)

Food should only ever be consumed in common areas, the verandas, outside areas or Café by the Sea. Food should never be consumed in the bedrooms to ensure good hygiene and respect for one another.

Food (mealtimes)

During the week, meals are held at the following times. Weekend mealtimes differ depending on the weekend schedule, which is updated each week, and can be found in each dorm area.

Breakfast	7.15am
Lunch	12.45pm
Dinner	6.15pm – 7.00pm

Girls are expected to attend all meals and should ensure healthy, balanced eating occurs eg., a serve of vegetables/salad/fruit should take place with every meal. Electronic devices should not be used in the *Café by the Sea* or while eating on the deck. Music can however be played on a device outside. Takeaway meals are only available to those students that miss a meal due to a sporting/family/academic engagement or illness.

Food (preparation in common rooms)

Each area of the boarding house has a common room, which are available for all the girls to use after school, in the evening and on weekends. The girls can make hot and cold drinks and/or prepare simple snacks. Electronic equipment (eg., frying pan, nutri-bullet) must only be used under the supervision of a boarding supervisor. It is the individual responsibility of all girls to clear areas after use. Any personal food items kept in the fridge must be clearly named.

Food (takeaway)

Girls are not allowed to order takeaway during the week unless an exception is given by a Senior Supervisor. Takeaway can be ordered during the weekend, but permission must be given by the Senior Supervisor on duty and eaten outside or in the common room. The girls are encouraged to share takeaway food with others in their year level to ensure others feel included.

Health (Health Centre, Doctor's Clinic, Emergency)

The College Health Centre is managed by a Registered Nurse who is available Monday to Friday during school hours and is on call after hours for emergencies. The College Nurse works with our doctors and health workers from Health and Wellbeing, our local GP clinic, to provide the best health care for our students while they are away from home.

Every week we run a GP clinic at the College, so that all our boarders who have medical needs can easily see a doctor. Referrals or follow ups to specialists, x-rays, blood tests or procedures are coordinated by the College Nurse. If your child requires medical procedures or follow up, you will be contacted by the College Nurse to discuss their needs and gain consent. Students above the age of 16 are legally able to give consent for their own medical care, however if your child became seriously ill or injured, the College Nurse will notify you as soon as possible.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boarders can have a 715 Indigenous Health Check every year. We encourage all our eligible boarders to take advantage of this service as it entitles them to reduced price allied health care, such as physiotherapy.

In the case of an emergency, students will be transported to the Townsville Hospital Emergency Department, accompanied by a staff member. You will be contacted and informed of your child's condition and treatment. If you are unable to be contacted immediately, the College Nurse will provide consent for necessary treatment.

Health (medication)

The College Nurse looks after all prescription medications and ensures that students are given their medication every day. The College Nurse and Senior Supervisors manage pain relief such as Panadol and Nurofen. For safety reasons, student cannot have their own supply of these medications in their room. Senior students in year 12 are encouraged and supported to begin managing their own medications and health care as a part of their transition to adulthood.

Eligible students are registered with the Closing the Gap (CTG) scheme, which provides them with lower cost prescription medications. Students that have a Health Care Card are also signed up with CTG to get their prescription medications at **NO COST**.

Health (dental)

Eligible students have a government allotted amount to spend on dental care – usually \$1000 every two years. The College Nurse arranges dental care when required, either with 1300 Smiles, our local provider or in the public dental system when eligible. Orthodontic appointments can be arranged and supported – parents or guardians are responsible for the cost of braces.

Homesickness

Boarding is fun, challenging and fulfilling, although staying at school will always differ from living at home. Everyone at some stage may feel a little homesick as it is very natural to miss home; some girls settle quickly, others take longer. In boarding we engage the girls in a regular program of activities, exercise and social time with their peer group to help keep their minds off feeling homesick. There are always sisters and cousin sisters in other year groups to support the younger girls as they make the transition.

Homework

All boarders take part in compulsory study for at least an hour each day Monday – Thursday and also have opportunity for academic support during the weekends.

Girls in Years 7-10 complete their homework from 4.00pm – 5.00pm each weekday. The girls study in separate classrooms and are expected to be on task, quiet and focused during this time. No phones are allowed. The girls are expected to arrive with adequate materials to study before leaving the dorms. Extra reading or worksheets will be provided on those days when the girls have little homework or finish early. Specialised support is also provided through A Team Tuition and the girls will be informed of these opportunities during afternoon roll call and dorm meetings.

Girls in Years 11-12 have specific study time between 7.30pm – 9.00pm; however, they can of course also use their free time as desired. Specialised support in key subject areas is also available.



Laundry

All girls will have their bedding and uniforms washed on an allocated day each week. This roster will be displayed around the dorms and can be confirmed with the Senior Supervisor when unsure. Girls should leave their bedding/towels in the allocated area before leaving for school on those days.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Years 7, 8 and 12 Uniforms	Years 9 and 11 uniforms	Years 8 and 10 uniforms	Years 7, 9 and 12 uniforms	Years 10 and 11 uniforms
Year 9 sheets and towels	Year 10 sheets and towels	Year 11 sheets and towels	Years 7 and 8 towels and sheets	Year 12 sheets and towels
	Any items requiring mending			

Personal items must be washed during free time. All girls should work collectively as a dorm to ensure that everyone has access to the washing machines and dryers.

Leave (local day leave)

Girls can only be given permission to go offsite under permission of the Senior Supervisor on duty. Local day leave is permitted under the conditions as outlined in the GENERAL IN-BOUNDS AREAS as found on p

GENERAL IN-BOUNDS AREAS



YEARS 7 & 8

- Approved area includes Coles, Macca's, Juliette's Gelateria on the strand.
- Must be in groups of 3.
- Must be accompanied by a student in Yrs 11/12 or a boarding supervisor.
- **TIME - one hour**



YEARS 9 & 10

- Approved area includes Coles, Macca's, Juliette's Gelateria on the strand, Wagtails, Rock Paper Scissors.
- Must be in groups of 3.
- **TIME - one hour**



YEARS 11 & 12

- Approved area includes Coles, Macca's, Fish Inn, central shopping areas in town as highlighted on map.
- Must be in groups of 2 or more.
- **TIME - two hours**

Leave (overnight approved leave)

The girls can go on overnight leave with family or friends with the permission of their allocated guardian/s on REACH. The girls need to apply for approved leave through REACH and this is verified by the Boarding Officer and/or Senior Boarding Supervisor on duty. Permission for any leave off campus can only be given by a Senior Supervisor, the Deputy Head of Boarding, or the Director of Boarding.

Mass

The girls all attend mass once a week at one of the Catholic churches in town. Dresses and skirts are not an expectation however the girls are encouraged to take pride in their appearance.

Money

Boarders are encouraged to open a local bank account and keep only small amounts of money in the boarding house. The girls have the option of storing this in a locked filing cabinet and are encouraged to do so. Any monies not declared by individual girls are kept at their own risk.

Room Allocation

Learning how to live well with others is one of the great benefits of communal living, and a real skill for life. Rooming and interacting with girls who come from different backgrounds and have diverse interests are part of what makes the boarding experience so unique as well as encouraging the development of empathy, respect, tolerance and resilience. The girls are housed together in their peer groups, and the Senior Boarding Staff spend many hours considering friendship groups and best access to common spaces when determining rooming for the upcoming year. We also place great priority on arranging the year levels in such a way that sleep and study routines run smoothly and successfully.

Safety

The safety of our boarders is paramount. No student is allowed to leave the premises without permission from the Senior Supervisor on duty.

Students must return to St Patrick's College Townsville at the time specified on their approved leave. If changes to this must be made, contact by phone to the Senior Supervisor on duty must be made. Guardians can always call the boarding landline on (07) 4753 0307 if any changes need to take place.

Sleeping (mattresses)

The girls should sleep on a single mattress only. Stacked mattresses are not allowed and are a safety risk. If a boarder supervisor notices this occurring in the dorm, the student will be asked to remove it.

Sleeping (sleepovers)

The girls are expected to sleep in their own beds each night. From time to time, situations may arise in which a decision is made to allow a sleepover with a friend or cousin sister. This may only take place under the guidance of the Senior Supervisor on duty.

Sport

We encourage the girls to lead healthy and active lifestyles and provide many opportunities for the girls to be outdoors and physically active both competitively and socially on the weekends and after school. Interschool sporting competitions (Block Sport) are available through the College and these sports change each term. We have also developed partnerships with key Rugby League, Rugby Union and AFL clubs and take the girls to training twice a week and are there to support them for their games on the weekends. When opportunities to try out for representative squads arise, we do ask families to try and arrange transport and supervision through local friends and family as is possible. This is also the case for any girls who wish to play club for a different sport, not included above.

Storage

Boarders are permitted to leave some possessions in their wardrobes at the end of Terms 1-3. At the conclusion of the year, the girls can leave behind one large bag of belongings only.

Tidiness

Each of the girls is responsible for keeping their areas tidy. It is the collective responsibility of all the girls to keep shared areas tidy, so that cleaners can maintain high standards of cleanliness and hygiene. Floor space should be clear of clothing and other possessions to allow effective and regular cleaning of rooms.

Uniforms

It is the responsibility of all girls to ensure they are prepared with the correct uniform and dressed tidily and appropriately when they depart in the mornings. This includes an ironed uniform, correct socks, shoes, jumper etc. The formal uniform should always be used from Monday – Thursday, while the sports uniform is allowed on Friday. Those girls that have PE or sport during the day need to take their uniform to school to change into. The sports jacket can only be used with the sports uniform and the girls should never depart to school with non-uniform items. These include bracelets, ankle bracelets, alternative jumpers, extra sets of earrings, nose rings etc. Each item of the uniform must be named. Hats are compulsory (formal with formal uniform, sports with sports uniform).

Weekend Activities

A schedule of weekend activities is published each term. It includes a wonderful variety of events including socials with other local schools, excursions to local waterfalls and beaches, visits to shopping centres and local markets, movies, ten pin bowling, ice skating etc., weekly mass, regular BBQs on the strand, fishing, and many in house activities such as volleyball, just dance, trivia nights, discos, painting to name a few. Once a term we have a full boarding event aimed at building community and strengthening relationships amongst all our boarding sisters. This is compulsory, and leave will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances.



WHAT SHOULD I BRING INTO BOARDING?

The following is a suggested list of items to bring with you.

FOR SCHOOL

- Stationery, diary and textbooks will be provided.
- Laptop (this can be arranged through the College).

FOR BOARDING

- Pillow and pillowcases x 2
- Sheets – 2 x flat and 2 x fitted single sheets
- Doona and 2 x doona covers
- 2 x bath towels, 2 x hand towels, 2 x face washers
- 1 x beach towel
- Toiletries (no aerosols permitted)
- Personal items
- Clothes basket or hamper (not wire)
- Personal sporting and musical equipment
- Headphones/earphones for computer use
- Photos from home
- Favourite bedroom items from home eg., bedside lights, teddy, favourite cushion, etc.

CLOTHING

- School uniform (academic and sport)
- College Bag
- School shoes (black leather academic)
- Runners (sports shoes)
- Football boots (if playing League, Union or AFL)
- Mouthguard (if playing League, Union or AFL)
- Casual shoes
- Thongs
- 2 x pyjamas, 1 x slippers
- Underwear
- Casual clothes
- 1 x smart/casual outfit for special occasions
- Swimmers and a rashie
- Hat and sunscreen
- Coat hangers

Please note the College uniform policy with regard to jewellery.

All clothing, bedding and personal items must be clearly labelled. Please do not bring excessive luggage as storage space is limited.

