BOARDING AT TRINITY

Trinity Grammar School
Don’t do anything from selfish ambition or cheap desire to boast, but be humble towards one another, always considering others better than yourselves. And look out for one another’s interests, not just your own.

Philippians 2:3-4
WHY BOARD AT TRINITY?

Boarding at Trinity is different from other large scale Independent Schools.

- We have made the decision to keep our Boarding House small, so that your son can receive the highest standard of care and mentoring available.
- We have the highest Boarding Staff to Boarder ratio of any Boarding School in Sydney.
- Our Boarding Staff pride themselves in knowing and caring for every Boarder.
AN IMPORTANT DECISION

We understand that the decision to place your son into Boarding is a big decision. We also understand that families place their son into Boarding for many different reasons. While the benefits are many, this is a decision that affects the whole family. It is for these reasons that we never lose sight of the importance of our job of being responsible for your son.

The Trinity Boarding House had housed our three sons, Ben, Eric and Michael. Our three boys had all improved in their studies while they were Boarders resulting in admissions into the University of Sydney. Staying in the Boarding House has also given our children the opportunity to make firm friends as well as ensuring that they become more organised and independent individuals. When Michael started Boarding he was in one of the lowest level classes with regards to Mathematics. By the time he graduated he was doing the highest level of Mathematics available. As well as this, he was awarded the Year 11 and Year 12 Chemistry prize and received a Sydney University Entry Scholarship. We realised it was the Boarding House that helped Michael to focus on his studies. In fact, during the last few years he would prefer to actually stay back in the House rather than come home because he said it helped him to concentrate. Until this day, we are still astonished as to what the Boarding House did for our sons - caring, nurturing and propelling them to academic excellence. It was nothing short of a miracle!

Jim and Nancy Wu

The friendships I made in the Boarding House were like a family bond. The experiences shared were some of my funniest and most enjoyable moments. The structure and timetable of boarding life taught me how to organise my time around study, sport and free time. This allowed me to represent the School at 1st XV rugby level and be ranked fourth in the state for one of my HSC subjects. - Jonathan (Trinity Boarder)

The Boarding House experience offered me amazing opportunities to develop my independence and broaden my perspectives on life. I found the Boarding House comfortable and the atmosphere very friendly. As a result of being a Boarder at Trinity I have developed some lifelong friendships with boys from NSW farms, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Asia. I certainly now have respect for other cultures and their beliefs. Finally being a Boarder has helped me to be prepared for the workforce and life after school because I was able to develop social skills, a good sense of responsibility and self discipline. - Pierre (Trinity Boarder)

For me, Trinity Grammar School has been a great leap forward. The School has given me opportunities that I never thought I would have. In the classroom, sport and music Trinity has enabled me to be the best I can be in all areas. - William (Trinity Boarder)

“For the six years that I spent as a Boarder at Trinity Grammar School I gained experiences and friendships that I will cherish for the rest of my life. The unique environment of the Boarding House has not only helped me to develop and mature throughout the years, but it has also offered me countless opportunities to explore my personal interests.” - Louis (Trinity Boarder)
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Parent Perspectives

“I believe the Trinity Boarding experience offers students the benefit of having all the School’s extensive facilities readily available, particularly in their intensive final years where travel can be a big and exhaustive imposition on their time, with the added and unique communal benefit of peer group and duty master support in their evening study time.

My wife and I believe our son’s Trinity Boarding experience was an outstanding success and by his own admission was a rewarding time resulting in wonderful friendships that now figure prominently in his after school life.”

Bryce Christian

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Raising boys can be hard work. We all want the best for our sons and to provide them with opportunities that will extend them and help them to become the young men we want them to be. At Trinity Grammar School we have been shaping young men through a boarding education since 1913. Boarding has been a significant part of the School and provides a unique experience for young men from across NSW, Australia and many international countries. We understand the needs of boys and are committed to providing an environment that allows

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BENEFITS OF BOARDING
- Balanced and structured learning environment
- Supervised study with access to teaching staff for extra academic help
- The ability to pursue academic, sporting, musical and cultural pursuits
- Access and use of the School facilities
- Friendships and camaraderie
- A home away from home

PASTORAL CARE
It is important that all our Boarders are kept and feel safe within our boarding environment. A network of School Counsellors, Chaplains, Boarding Staff, Registered Nurses, the Boarding Housemaster, Housemother, the Boarder Support Scheme, and Peer Support programme offer assistance and ensure that our Boarders are well looked after.

FACILITIES WITHIN THE BOARDING HOUSE
- Single, double and quad share bedrooms
- Air conditioning and central heating
- Games room and kitchen
- Common Rooms with FOXTEL connected
- Two Computer Rooms with computers linked to the School network
- Dining Room
- After school access to the School’s facilities
them to extend themselves in all areas. At Trinity we endeavour to create a family environment within our Boarding House. The large majority of our Boarding Staff are family men or women who understand the parental and pastoral needs of raising children and, particularly, young men. With the support and guidance of the Boarding staff, a Boarder at Trinity not only learns how to manage himself when living away from home, but also how to make decisions for himself whilst being taught how to live within a community consisting of a variety of people. We work at developing in our Boarders’ skills for life in the areas of self-discipline, responsibility, independence, leadership, organisation, teamwork, personal care and relationships. We also assist the boys “to grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man.” The Boarders have a large and extensive support network at their disposal to assist with their pastoral needs as well as their academic, sporting, cultural and spiritual development. This enables them to do their best in all pursuits.

BOARDING EXCURSIONS
A number of excursions and social activities are organised each year, such as:
- Rugby Super 14 and Tests/ NRL games/ AFL games, A League games
- Cultural events – The Royal Easter Show, Theatre
- Weekend Excursions to different Sydney destinations - Manly Beach, Darling Harbour, Chinatown
- Activities such as Go Karting, Climbing Gym, Lazer Zone
- The Boarders’ Dance and other Dances at Girls’ Boarding Schools

CHARACTER & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
All boarders undertake the Year 7 to 12 Life Skills Programme at Trinity Grammar School which aims to enhance boys’ capacity to be emotionally resilient and socially competent. All Year 11 Boarders are involved in a Corporate Training Course which is aimed at developing manners, social and dining etiquette, and speech and communication skills. Year 11 also take part in a voluntary leadership course run by the Boarding Housemaster. The boys meet regularly during the week with their Tutor and Housemaster. There are also weekly chapel services, evening Bible Studies (voluntary) run within the House and a Friday evening Youth Group (voluntary) at the local church, St Andrew’s Summer Hill.

BOARDING OPTIONS
Full Boarding
This is the most common form and is particularly suitable for boys whose parents are intrastate, interstate or overseas. It is also a valuable option for boys who require more strictly supervised, organised study and other routines, or for boys who wish to reduce travel time to and from Summer Hill, putting the extra time gained to study, sport and music. Full boarding is seven days a week.

Weekly Boarding
This option is popular with boys whose parents live in or around Sydney. Under this arrangement a boy returns home to his parents each weekend, returning to the Boarding House on Sunday evening prior to 9pm.

Day Boarding
This is an option for enrolled day boys who have to juggle their academic schedule with their sport and co-curricular commitments.
**How do you care for the boys who are homesick?**

Homesickness is a natural response for new Boarders at any level. Our Boarding Staff are equipped to care for boys when they go through this phase. The House Officers and the Boarders themselves play a significant part in helping a new Boarder feel welcome in the House. The boys are very supportive of each other. They have a strong brotherhood.

**Is homework supervised?**

Under the supervision of the Master on Duty (MOD) boys develop good practice in completing homework, assignments and examination preparation. There is a positive atmosphere and approach to study throughout the Boarding House. Due to the number of staff available, boys often get one on one assistance with their homework. Finally, the Boarders have access to private tutors.

**How does Leave Work?**

Boys' Leave arrangements are flexible. However, this is dependent on sport, homework and Boarding commitments being met. There are two Exeat weekends per term where all boys go on Weekend Leave. There are the occasional closed weekends for different Boarding activities as a way of fostering Boarding camaraderie and spirit.

**What is the food like?**

Food is provided through a professional catering company. The menu is based on the nutrition needs of adolescent boys. The quality of the food is very high and there is plenty of variety. The boys eat their breakfast and dinner in the Boarding House Dining Room and their recess and lunch in the Dining Hall at School.

**What is your discipline policy?**

Although the School demands high standards of behaviour, the discipline system is not intended to repress but rather ensure that each and every individual within the School is given an equal opportunity to flourish and to develop his talents and skills. It is based on the underlying principles of self-discipline and self-respect which, when responsibly exercised, promote a genuine concern for the person and property of others and contribute substantially to the development of a responsible and co-operative community.

**What social activities are there?**

There are the following social activities that the boys are involved in:

- Dances with Girls’ Boarding Schools
- Weekly voluntary Youth Group at St Andrew’s Church, Summer Hill
- House Dinners
- Social afternoon BBQs with Girls’ Boarding Schools
- Drama productions in conjunction with Girls’ Schools

**What happens if my son gets sick?**

A qualified nurse is available at the School's sick bay. If a Boarder is sick he is cared for in the sick bay during the day. After hours a sick Boarder is cared for by the Housemother. We have a Boarding House doctor and full access to local medical services as required.

**How is laundry done?**

All laundry is done by the School laundry service. We also have laundry facilities in the Boarding House for the boys to use.

**How do I communicate with my son and the School?**

Two Boarding House phones are available for parents and boys to use in free and break times. The MOD always carries a mobile phone for the duration of his shift. The Boarding Housemaster can be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during School time. This can be done by way of email and phone.

**What public transport can my son use to get to and from the School?**

Trinity is only 30 minutes by road from Sydney International and Domestic Airport and only 20 minutes from Central Station terminal for country NSW coaches. Most boys, after they have become familiar with travel to the School, take a taxi ride from these locations to get to the School. All County Link trains travel through Strathfield Station and boys are able to catch a taxi from Strathfield to the School (10 minutes drive) or change trains at Strathfield to travel the two stops to Ashfield Station. Ashfield Station is just over a kilometre from the School and boys with luggage usually catch a taxi this short distance. The Boarding House staff help boys with their transport arrangements.

**FAQs**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**How do you become a Trinity Boarder?**

For more information about Trinity Grammar School please refer to our website:

www.trinity.nsw.edu.au

For more information about Boarding at Trinity, to receive applications forms or to arrange a personal tour of the School and its Boarding facilities, please contact:

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