



Ravenswood

BOARDING AT RAVENSWOOD



AIMS

Ravenswood Boarding seeks to:

- provide a safe, caring environment in which girls can develop and feel affirmed as worthy and unique individuals
- provide opportunities where the girls can realise their potential and meet their physical, emotional, social, spiritual and academic needs
- model behaviour which encourages the girls to become organised, thoughtful and responsible members of the boarding community.

ORGANISATION

- Boarders at Ravenswood are all housed in one elegant heritage listed two storey building located at 738 Pacific Hwy Gordon.
- This building is within a short walking distance of the main campus.
- The building accommodates up to 35 students with modern facilities. Computers are state of the art - desktop and laptop computers are available to all students.
- Evening and weekend meals are served in the boarding house dining room or in the outdoor covered courtyard.
- Boarders have a wide range of entertainment opportunities including access to school facilities, plasma television and organised weekend outings.
- The boarding house is overseen by the Director Boarding and is supervised by senior boarding supervisors.
- Homework and study for Middle School students is supervised by tutors and students in the Senior School may also seek assistance from the tutor. Weekend outings and activities are supervised by boarding supervisors.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ravenswood Boarding operates according to the following principles:

- the safety and welfare of all boarders
- mutual respect for all members of the boarding community
- equality of opportunity regardless of ethnicity, culture or ability
- the right for each girl to:
 - work, play and relax, free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing and bullying
 - have privacy of her personal space and possessions
 - study in an atmosphere of positive encouragement and in conditions that are conducive to work
- the inclusion of parents as support partners in the pastoral care of their child.

Boarding House Contact Names, Addresses and Phone Numbers

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The Boarding Supervisors are not available between 9.00am and 3.25pm (Monday - Friday).
During these times please contact the Director Boarding.

Access to School Facilities

- Boarders' access to facilities such as the swimming pool, library, Strength & Conditioning Centre and music rooms is provided if adequate supervision can be assured.

Boarder Support Scheme

- The Ravenswood Boarder Support Scheme was established in 1993 to assist boarders and their families.
- The scheme is coordinated by a current parent who facilitates the organisation of day parents (with daughters in the same Year group as your daughter) to become your daughter's Boarder Support Family in Sydney.
- The school can organise a suitable match between the boarder and a Boarder Support Family as soon as it is practicably possible (eg depends upon time of receipt of application and availability of day families).
- Boarder Support Families are very popular both with the girls (Years 7-12) and their parents. Day families can assist in many ways when parents are unable to be there themselves (eg helping with getting to and from airports; attending special appointments; having some family time; providing a safe, family environment for some exets and other leave periods). All boarder parents are encouraged to become involved with this very worthwhile and helpful scheme.

Student Leadership Positions

- Each year the student body elects a Boarding Captain and a Boarding Vice Captain from Year 11 and two Boarding Activities Captains from Year 10. There are also 6 nominated Fire Captains in the house.

Security

- A security company makes regular patrols every night.
- Boarding buildings are locked and alarmed at various times throughout the day and evening.
- No student may leave the Boarding House after evening lock-up.
- All students must return from leave by 9pm (unless prior arrangement has been made).

Health/Medical

- During the school day there is a fully qualified registered nurse available to students
- All boarding staff have Senior First Aid certification
- After hours the school utilises the service of the local medical centre.

Boarding options

Full Boarding

- The boarding house provides a homely environment for boarders. All the facilities of home are provided for our students throughout the school term.
- Due to the close proximity to school boarders are able to participate in many school activities which require early morning and late evening involvement without significantly affecting the time they can spend on homework.
- Boarder travel days at the beginning and end of each term allow boarders to arrive and settle into the boarding house in time to return to school fresh and ready for the school term.
- Boarders may avail themselves of generous recreation leave and weekend leave to visit host families and guardians throughout the term.
- There is one Exeat weekend per term when all boarders must leave the boarding house and two closed weekends a year when no leave is permitted.

Weekly Boarding

- Weekly Boarders may go home every weekend, returning to the boarding house on Sunday evening or Monday morning before school.

Short Stay

- Short stay accommodation can be arranged in the boarding house in the case of parents travelling or just if students have a heavy load at school and need some respite from travelling to and from school for a short time.

Exchange

- Some of the Global Exchange students from overseas involve our visitors staying in the boarding house as either weekly or full boarders.
- These cultural exchanges bring a wonderful opportunity for our boarders to learn about the cultures of various parts of the world.

A Typical Day (Monday-Friday)

6.00 - 7.00am	Early wake-up calls as notified eg sport/study.
7.00am	All girls are woken. Girls should be fully dressed, shoes cleaned and beds made.
7.00 - 7.45am	Breakfast, then girls finish cleaning and tidying areas and Common Rooms.
7.45 - 8.00am	Final preparation for school. Leave House for school by 8.00am.
8.15am	House locked. (Girls are not permitted to return to the House after lock up for any reason except in the case of Years 10, 11 and 12 exam periods when special arrangements are made)
3.25pm	House reopens.
3.25 - 5.45pm	Free time/Optional Prep in designated areas. (Girls may leave school grounds with permission - see Shopping Leave rules 3.25-5.30pm). Prepare for prep.
5.45pm	Dinner table set up
5.55pm	Roll call.
6.00 - 6.40pm	Dinner.
6.45 - 8.45pm	Compulsory Prep. Monday - Thursday (Years 7-12).
8.45pm	Supper, free time. Girls with evening duties complete their duties. Bed time at appropriate time for year group.

Weekends: House remains open all day and all meals are provided in the house. All girls must return from leave by 9pm on Sunday.

Weekend Activities

It is expected that every girl will be out of bed and dressed by 10.00am on a Saturday and Sunday. Girls are welcome to make use of the School's tennis courts, if they are not in use. Between 2.00 - 3.30pm each Sunday, the School swimming pool is available for the boarders to use under supervision. There is an activities supervisor on duty during the weekends and girls are offered regular organised outings to appropriate venues.