



St Vincent's College
Potts Point

Welcome to
Boarding
2023

Expand Her Horizons



Get Ready To Join The Tradition!

St Vincent's College is a vibrant Catholic community that has been welcoming generations of Boarders from across Australia for over 135 years. Living and learning on the edge of Sydney Harbour, our Boarders develop the independence, resilience and confidence needed to successfully transition to lives beyond their secondary education.

St Vincent's boarding provides an ideal mix of academic rigour, social interaction and a Boarding House comfort that feels like home. We are a friendly and accepting community ready to welcome Boarders from Years 7 to 12 who are keen to make friends, get involved and become part of our extraordinary boarding history.



St Vincent's College is Australia's oldest registered Catholic girls' school



Ms O'Donoghue and Boarders talking in the Boarding House gardens

Room To Be You

St Vincent's College Boarders come from across Australia, including regional and rural NSW, NSW North Coast, NSW South Coast, the Sydney locale and each bring their own unique family story. Our Boarders may be creative, academic, sporty, fun, shy, outgoing, but most importantly they are all friendly and welcoming and, over time, become family. By being accepted and encouraged by their peers, our Boarders get to truly be the best versions of themselves.

As their home-away-from-home, girls are encouraged to utilise all the boarding facilities on offer. Whether it's popping down to the Boarders Dining Room for a snack or using the College pool after school, Boarders have access to all the comforts of home while living with their friends. Comfortable boarding rooms are light filled and include a wardrobe, dedicated study spaces and desks. Girls bring their own bedding and decorative items to make their rooms an expression of their personality and feel like their home.

Care and Guidance

Our experienced boarding staff, led by our highly regarded Dean of Boarding, Ms Maryanne O'Donoghue, are qualified in adolescent learning and behaviour and manage issues with professionalism, empathy and patience. Our staff work with Boarders to adopt a positive mindset to fully engage in all aspects of boarding activities, while developing real and meaningful relationships with other Boarders, day girls and staff.

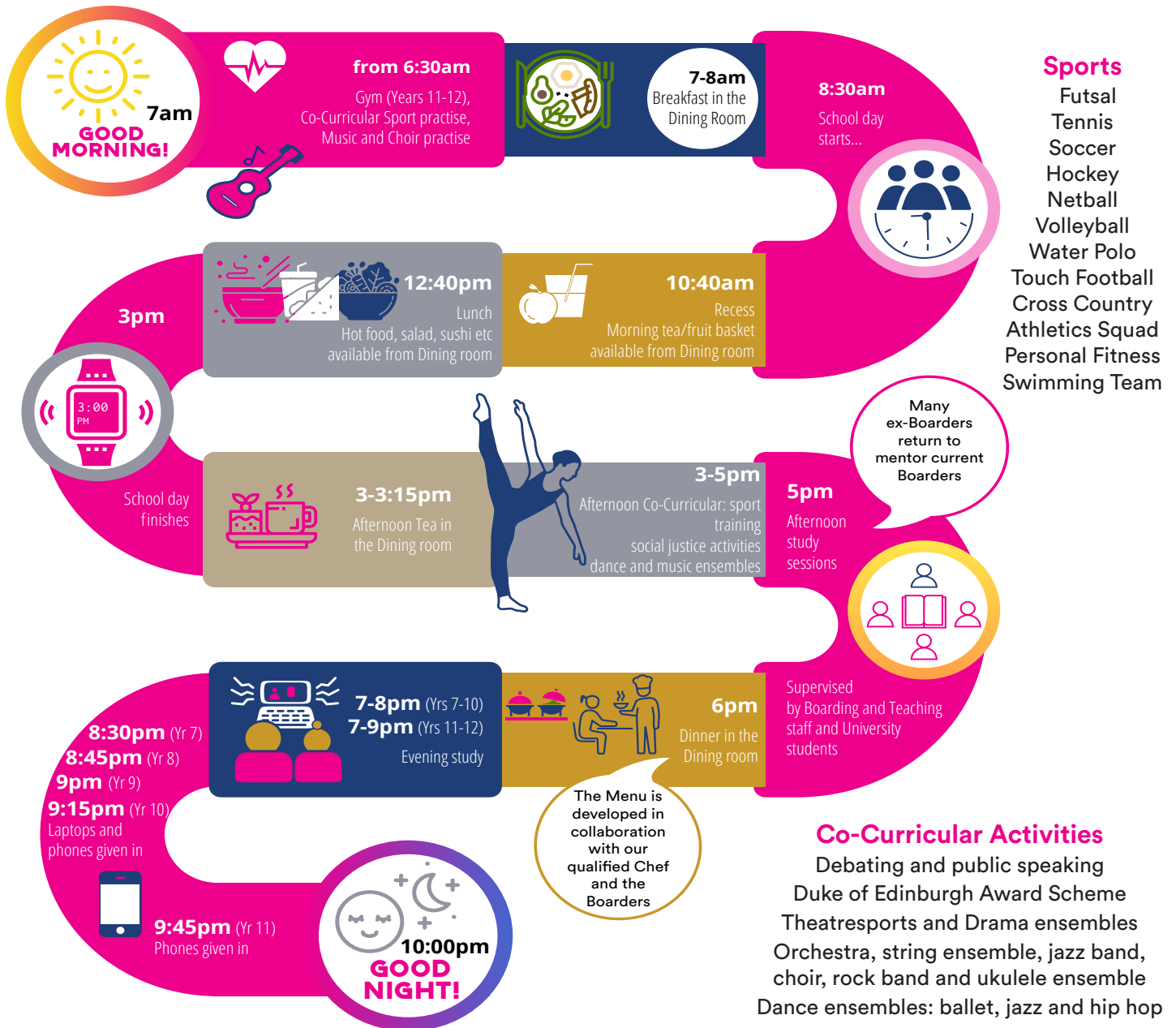
Boarding staff are on-site 24 hours a day and are easily contactable if needed, giving parents the reassurance they need. Established procedures and protocols provide a safety net in times of medical or emotional need.

With the guidance of our dedicated boarding staff, students are well supported in developing responsibilities to themselves and others, the ability to share space and facilities and grow their relationships. In partnering with families, our staff encourage our girls to get the most out of their boarding experience.



Make the Most of Every Day

Boarding is favoured by many St Vincent's families as its structured study and social opportunities enable our students to get involved and make the most of every day.



Developing responsible independence - local, overnight and weekend leave

During the week, Boarders are allowed 'Local leave' in small groups, to visit the local Potts Point immediate vicinity of the College. Local leave must be planned and approved by Boarding staff, so students need to be well organised in coordinating their plans with their peers. Optional weekend leave is Friday and Saturday nights and parents can arrange to take their daughters out to dinner fortnightly. There are also In-Weekends each term, where all boarders (local and regional) stay in for the whole weekend. A highlight of the Boarding calendar are In-Weekends which provide the opportunity for boarders to take part in group activities organised by our Boarding staff and Captains, using the vast array of Sydney's attractions and learning to navigate the city using public transport. On Saturday evenings our Boarders are warmly welcomed to St Canice's parish.

In-House and Local Social Activities can include

- Bondi markets
- BBQs and pool parties
- Theme and costume parties
- The annual "Boarders Got Talent" show
- Open Air movie nights on the rooftop terrace
- Creative activities including, painting, Zumba, bracelet making, drama games, fun scavenger hunts
- Singalong and fun choreography with Just Dance

In Weekends

- Luna Park
- Taronga Zoo
- Opera House
- Australian Museum
- Art Gallery of NSW
- Jamberoo Action Park
- Royal Botanical Gardens and The Domain
- Day trips to Manly, Palm Beach and many more!



Boarders enjoying an 'In-Weekend' at Jamberoo Action Park

We Look Forward to Welcoming Your Family

Our College Registrar, Mrs Robyn Pedley, extends an enthusiastic welcome to you to visit our College campus and Boarding House. To arrange your private tour, please contact Mrs Pedley via email at registrar@stvincents.nsw.edu.au or call direct on 02 9368 1611.

During your visit you can have the opportunity to meet Ms O'Donoghue, tour the Boarding House and the College.

Visit the Virtual Tour <https://vimeo.com/461218668> and follow us on Instagram and Facebook!

"The Boarding House has been a place of acceptance where each of us have flourished into young independent women who are now ready to face the world.

We are so appreciative to be given the opportunity to be in Vinnies Boarding, and will forever remember the memories we have made."

Graduating Boarders Tali and Hannah

