

# 21ST CENTURY BOARDING AT KNOX

Great boys growing into great men of integrity, faith, wisdom and compassion



**A home at school - a world class education - a big city experience**

Knox is one of Australia's leading Boarding Schools specialising in boys' education; Knox prepares boys for university and the world beyond.

21st century Boarding at Knox is responsive, integrated, safe and secure.

## **Responsive**

because it recognises the diversity of modern family and employment situations with a flexible approach to working with families

## **Integrated**

because our academic, social, educational and cultural programs all work together to cater for the differing needs of all our boarders

## **Safe and Secure**

because since 1924 Knox has provided boarding in a home-like, caring environment within its leafy school grounds at Wahroonga, 25km north of the Sydney CBD

# CONFIDENCE INDEPENDENCE

## Responsive

Why do people board? Simply, because boarding is a positive choice for families who may have limited access to the type of education they desire; they may need to be based overseas; they may lead busy working lives; there are many reasons and 21st Century Boarding at Knox is responsive to the situations and needs of all its boarders and boarder families.

Flexible leave and communication structures allow for a balance between home and school, for a genuine partnership to develop between the family and their son's Boarding Housemaster. All boarders benefit from our comprehensive weekend programs.

Knox has always valued the diversity of its boarders and currently has boarders from rural and regional Australia, provincial centres, the greater Sydney metropolitan area and overseas.

It has boarders who take advantage of flexible leave arrangements, others who cannot for reasons of distance go home often. It has boarders who begin boarding at Year 7 and others who board only for Years 11 and 12.

Boarders in Years 7-10 enjoy 'a home at school' making friends, mixing with people from other situations and learning those important social and personal skills needed for life.

For those vital years, 11 and 12, the range of electives available at Knox is wide enough to suit individual interests, as well as needs for post-secondary education and employment.



**Harry Singh,  
Boarder, Year 12**

Harry, from Tamworth in rural NSW, joined the Knox Boarding community as a Year 7 student and says:

*"The boarding house has had a tremendous influence on me. Firstly, it has made me more tolerant of people's annoying habits and has given me skills to function in a close knit community, Secondly, I have established a good study and work ethic. Thirdly, it has allowed for a more worldly view, Sydney is very different to Tamworth, both in size and mentality.*

*I have created many friendships, after you live with a mate for 6 years you empathise with them fairly well. The school has an amazing community, many boarders have commented about the friendships made in the boarding house. There are some friendships made in boarding that would not have been achieved elsewhere. For example, you don't find in to many places a guy from Narredera being mates with a guy from South Korea at the age of 17.*

*The staff are also great; they provide help in many areas of expertise and bring a real world perspective on situations. There isn't anything better than having a teacher living in the same area as you during your HSC giving you advice on what to do to get the top marks."*



## Integrated

The personal and social needs of a Year 7 or Year 8 boy are very different from those of a young man in Years 11 or 12. Academic focuses are also different. That is why our programs are appropriate to the age of the Boarders and why we house our boarders in age groups. It's also easier to develop friends from all over the world in our own age group and among class mates.

The unique advantage of 21st Century Boarding at Knox is that by housing all boarders within the one purpose-built boarding house is that the older boys can provide leadership for the younger boys and be mentors and role models for them.

This is enhanced by the sporting, cultural and other events organised across the age groups, all supervised/overseen by specially selected, trained and committed staff.

And what an amazing opportunity is offered by Knox's location - beaches, still water, museums, art galleries, sporting venues and Knox community members from so many areas of experience - all so close.

Let's not forget how important academic progress is for all boys, irrespective of age. All boarders benefit from the structured daily study program, which includes visiting tutors as well as break time, where the School's impressive facilities are available for the Boarding Community to use.



# INDEPENDENCE ADVANTAGE



**Angus Wyllie, Day Boy, Year 10**

*"I have decided to become a boarder next year.*

*My brother was a boarder and I have seen the positive effects it has had on him. From the day he moved into boarding, his grades began a steady climb, his social skills improved and he began to grow into everything I envisaged of a well-rounded young man.*

*The regimented study timetable, fantastic mentors and brilliant 21st century boarding environment are not possible within the confines of normal school life, and they are all aspects which I cannot wait to experience."*

## Safe and Secure

In 21st Century Boarding, the safety and well being of every Boarder is of the utmost importance. All our staff are carefully selected and trained in residential care, duty of care, child protection and safety.

Our Boarding House staff and families live in residences designed to allow easy access to both the living and relaxation areas of the Boarding House, encouraging a strong, caring relationship between Housemasters and their charges.

As a result of research in Australia and the United Kingdom, 21st Century Boarding at Knox has created a unique, new House Manager position; a 'House Mum' who will play a vital role in the well-being, practical and domestic life of every boy.

We provide:

- secure, comfortable accommodation within the leafy grounds of the school
- 24-hour supervision and support by professional, friendly staff
- a quality, balanced diet provided by professional caterers
- structured and assisted evening study
- after-school sporting, outdoor education and cultural activities
- extended use of superb facilities
- scheduled weekend activities and outings
- on-site clinic



**Charlie Capp, Boarder, Year 8**

*"Boarding at Knox keeps me focused on my school work and provides me with a great variety of activities and weekend excursions. I have made a lot of friends whom I hope will stay with me forever.*

*I have the best of both worlds by Boarding as I am in touch with my parents whenever I want to, but I can still remain on task to study and participate in rugby and cricket."*

**Within the framework of traditional Knox values, boarders grow in confidence, independence and respect for others.**



# BREAKING NEWS

# CONSTRUCTION AT KNOX

From this ...



... to this in 2010



**Construction is underway and the area** which currently contains the junior boarding facility, Gilmore House, the old boarders' dining hall and the hospital is being cleared to pave the way for our 21st century boarding facility which will be ready in 2010.

Whilst retaining traditional Knox architectural elements the design allows for much flexibility and provides the following state-of-the-art facilities:

- Single rooms for senior boarders (Y11-12) with ensuite
- Quad rooms for junior boarders (Y7-10) with two ensuites.
- Recreation rooms, breakout spaces, kitchen facilities and reading and study areas
- Clinic, comprising an 8-bed ward, nurses' overnight accommodation unit and observation ward
- entry foyer, waiting area, reception and parents' room

**Combined with the new purpose-built Dining Room, this truly is a 'Home at School'.**

21st Century  
Boarding at Knox:  
a positive choice  
for boys  
and parents

**Find out more** about our facilities, curriculum, sport and the diverse range of co-curricular activities on offer, designed to challenge and enrich those who experience an education at Knox.

**We welcome you** to take a personal tour of Knox and see our students at work in their vibrant learning community. Please contact Colleen Fenn, Enrolments Manager, on +61 2 9487 0108, or [fennc@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fennc@knox.nsw.edu.au).

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Knox Grammar School is a Uniting Church school for day boys K-12 with boarding for up to 150 boys from Years 7-12