



**ST MARK'S
COLLEGE**



Salesian House

Boarding for secondary students
at St Mark's College, Port Pirie

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Salesian House is a home that welcomes and supports the hopes of parents and students.

Boardings Schools are special and Boarding at St Mark's College is unique. As the only 5-day boarding facility in South Australia, we offer that balance between boarding and home.

St Mark's opens up countless opportunities. Students form lifelong friendships with students from around the state, while also building meaningful and respectful relationships with our staff.

Boarding at St Mark's provides students with the support to develop productive study habits, the chance to make new friendships, develop in self-confidence, independence and a tolerance and understanding of others. Girls and boys can take full advantage of the breadth of St Mark's wide ranging activities and learning experiences whilst living in a caring, structured and well supervised environment.

Our core focus centres around student wellbeing, achieving personal best while ensuring our Boarding environment feels safe and students are cared for. We all come together from wide-ranging backgrounds and cultures, which is what makes living and learning in the Salesian House so unique.

Vision Statement

Salesian House strives to be a homely communal living environment based in the Catholic tradition that promotes excellence in all areas of learning.

We strive to be a community that values individual personal relationships with God. We strive to foster a love of learning and commitment to respectful relationships with each other to build a happy and safe learning community.

While the community is essentially a Catholic faith community, all faith traditions are respected and are welcome to develop their spirituality within our Catholic community.

We encourage individuals to thrive by treating them with dignity and respect while they share a communal living environment.

We will work in partnership with parents / caregivers in meeting legislative requirements and moral imperatives of our duty of care to all boarders.

A home away from home

Salesian House is a welcoming and nurturing community. Salesian House life is characterised by safety, harmony and quality relationships.

Boarding at St Mark's College has been serving families from the Mid North and Flinders Ranges since 1986. During that time, boarders have made a valuable contribution to the academic, cultural and sporting life of the school.

Our current boarding house - in the building that was originally the residence of the Salesian priests - was opened in 2006. Salesian House as it is known has been designed to provide a happy, healthy and safe environment for students.

Recent renovations to the main section of the Boarding House have created a modern dining room and lounge area in which students can eat and relax. Some of the senior students have individual bedrooms with en-suite facilities, others have dual share rooms. We look forward to 2025 when our new boarding house facility will be completed.

At Salesian House, all students eat together in a newly refurbished dining room. This is catered by an onsite chef while providing wholesome meals, demonstrates an awareness of the importance of food to the ongoing happiness of boarders. As well as the main meals, students are provided with recess, afternoon tea and supper.

Boarders enjoy a spacious common room and recreational area, as well as after-hours access to the school's gymnasium, oval and new multi-purpose sport complex.

Boarding House Supervisors

In the main, Boarding House Supervisors provide care to boarders outside of school hours and provide a welcoming face before and after school. They promote a homely environment, provide support, guidance, supervision and, of course, a little fun. Our Boarding House Supervisors form a close bond with boarders and encourage a strong 'community' feel within Salesian House.



Personal Growth

Boarding can foster a sense of independence and self confidence as it provides opportunities for the development of personal and communal responsibilities. Students are encouraged to develop initiative and self reliance and to act both independently and responsibly.

Being part of a close-knit community, boarders follow behavioural guidelines which are based on mutual courtesy and respect.

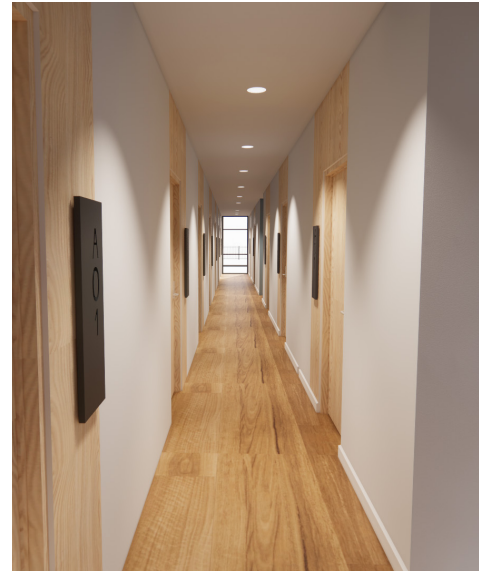


In 2025 St Mark's College will open its new, modern Boarding Facility.

With our five-day boarding, students gain the benefit of extensive curriculum choices, including VET and agricultural courses, whilst being close enough to home to stay connected with family and community at weekends. Our boarding students are an important part of our community, and we are committed to ensuring the continuation of boarding at St Mark's and the provision of the best facilities. Consequently, we have been working with architects Russell and Yelland on the design for a new facility and work should begin at the end of this year, with a view to opening in 2025. Students will benefit from individual air-conditioned study bedrooms with ensuite facilities, arranged in pods around a central courtyard for recreation.



Student bedroom and ensuite



Supported learning

Additional study support is available in the Student Hub from 3.30pm - 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday. Students are welcome to access library resources and seek additional support for their learning and assessment tasks.

Time for fun and friendships

Within our boarding house students are invited to be part of a family-like community. Here they make life long friendships and develop important life skills including tolerance and personal responsibility.

Students are encouraged to play sport and are transported to training sessions with our College teams, or utilise local sporting facilities. Each week, the College bus takes our students into town for some recreational shopping.

Within the boarding house, students are kept entertained with a pool table, board games, fitness equipment and school sporting facilities. Social events are enjoyed including quiz nights, ten-pin bowling, movies and games.

Keeping in touch with home

Boarding House Supervisors actively encourage regular contact with families. Boarders have access to a landline phone to contact family members, personal mobile phones are also welcome.

Parents / caregivers are always welcome to come and visit and join your child for evening meals. There are several boarding functions throughout the year for parents to attend, encouraging relationships between our boarding parent community.

As a five-day boarding facility, boarders return home each weekend.

Parents / caregivers are invited to celebrations throughout the year, most significant being the End of Year Presentation where boarders are awarded for character and success and we farewell our Year 12 boarders.

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