



ST MARK'S COLLEGE

Keeping in touch with home

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

Parents 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 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.

Growing Faith

In keeping with the spirit of St John Bosco, our "education is largely a matter of the heart". At St Mark's we become a home that welcomes, a Parish that evangelises, a school that prepares for life and a playground where friends meet.

The growth of faith is encouraged in our young boarders, and faith is an important part of every celebration. As well as prayer before our evening meal, our Salesian House community meets for a weekly prayer liturgy and shared meal with a College staff member.

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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.

Salesian House is a five day per week boarding facility for students enrolled in secondary schooling at St Mark's College. Salesian House, which is situated on the school grounds, has been home to many students from the region over the past decade.

A home away from home

Salesian House is a welcoming and nurturing community housing up to 45 boarders. 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.

Comfort combined with modern facilities

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, while the junior students have a four-way share room.

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 on-going 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.

House Parents

In the main, House Parents 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 House Parents 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.

Supported learning

Over the years, the boarding school has produced school captains, Dux of the College and many others have excelled academically.

In addition to daily supervised homework, College teachers visit the facility to offer tuition to individuals and small groups each week. There is continual liaison with College leadership and teaching staff to provide ongoing support to boarding students.

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.



"I knew I was at home when I was first introduced and welcomed into Boarding."

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