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Residential Operating Procedures 2023



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Welcome to WACoA – Narrogin Residence

The move from home to the College will certainly present you with many new and challenging experiences. Over your time with us you will grow in size, maturity, personality and confidence.

At WACoA – Narrogin, we strive to make your transition to a residential environment as positive as possible. The residential staff will be on hand to assist you with any problems or questions you may have about boarding. You can also ask our dorm captains and senior students to help you.

While we try to make our Residence a home away from home, we do have a larger than average family! To keep things running smoothly, we require all students to familiarise themselves with the routines and expectations of living here. The main thing to remember is to be respectful – if you respect the needs and rights of others, they are more likely to respect your rights and needs in return.

Parents play an important role in supporting their child to settle into the Residence and having an understanding of these guidelines is essential. The *Residential Operating Procedures* should be read in conjunction with the *College Operating Procedures*.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and hope you enjoy your time here at the WA College of Agriculture – Narrogin.

Kind regards

Heather Rae

Head of Residence

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Reporting Issues and Concerns

Any issues that cause concern to students or parents should be reported to staff. You can report concerns in person, via phone or by email. This will enable the College to deal with matters before they become larger.

Stymie is an online anonymous notification system that students and parents can use to report concerns. You can access this at www.stymie.com.au

The Department of Education has a hotline for students and parents to forward serious concerns about the Residence that cannot be brought to school staff. The number is 1800 011 114.

Boarding Contract

1. The parent(s) or guardian(s) must pay the College Residential Boarding Fees as determined by the Department of Education and in accordance with timelines set by the College.
2. Residential boarding fees must be paid prior to the first day of the term to which they relate unless a prior arrangement has been approved by the Principal. The Principal may refuse permission for a student to take up residence in semester 2 or the following year if any fees are outstanding or if there is no negotiated payment plan in place.
3. No refund of fees is payable for any period of short-term absence by a student from the College. Fee refunds for long term absences should be negotiated with the Principal.
4. The College reserves the right to discipline, suspend or exclude a student from Residence if the student's behaviour is:
 - a) in the Principal's sole discretion unacceptable; or
 - b) in breach of the College's rules and regulations and any code of behaviour.
5. The parent(s) or guardian(s) are liable for any damage to the College or Residence caused by a negligent, reckless or wilful act of a student.
6. The College is responsible for the safety and welfare of students while under its care and control, but it is not liable for any illness, injury or death unless it was caused by the negligence of the College.
7. A student is responsible for their own property and any loss or damage to that property unless it was negligently caused by the College.
8. The parent(s) or guardian(s) must ensure the punctual arrival and departure of the student at the start and finish of any period of leave.
9. The student must abide by the College's rules and regulations.
10. It is expected that the Principal and the Head of Residence is advised of any serious medical condition and/or social or emotional issues that may impact on the student's life at the College.
11. Parents and students must agree to the above terms by **completing the Boarding Agreement form** that is sent as part of the College enrolment package.

Residential Code of Conduct

Overview

The Residential Code of Conduct identifies the College and community expectations of students. By adhering to the Residential Code of Conduct, students ensure they maintain an environment that is productive and safe.

Respect for Self

Students will:

- Act with proper regard for their own safety, education, welfare, and health (mental and physical).
- Conduct themselves in a respectful, responsible, and lawful manner.
- Behave in a way that upholds the expectations, integrity, and reputation of the College.
- Accept responsibility for their actions.
- Report a breach of the Code to appropriate staff.

Respect for Other Students

Students will:

- Treat other students with respect, dignity, courtesy, honesty, and fairness and with proper regard for others' rights, safety, and welfare.
- Be respectful of other peoples' views and opinions.
- Respect the privacy of others.

Respect for Staff

Students will:

- Treat staff with respect, dignity, courtesy, honesty, and fairness and with proper regard for their rights, safety, and welfare.
- Respect their property, views, and opinions.
- Comply with any reasonable request of a staff member.

Respect for Property

Students will:

- Treat the College property and facilities with respect
- Treat staff and fellow students' property with respect

By accepting a place in Residence, all students agree to uphold the Residential Code of Conduct.

Requirements of Boarding

There are a lot of things that your child will have to learn as they successfully transition into the Residence.

Students are expected to take an active and responsible role in their own domestic arrangements. Little things make a big difference and the quicker a child settles into the residential routine, the happier they will be at the College. Below are some simple expectations that students should familiarise themselves with before arriving at the Residence.

Personal hygiene

- Washing hands after toileting
- Showering every day
- Disposing of used sanitary materials immediately in supplied bins
- Using deodorant/antiperspirant
- Brushing teeth twice daily

Clothing & Personal Belongings

- Sewing buttons on clothing and repairing small tears
- Changing clothes regularly
- Clothes need to be washed regularly
 - Every dorm has its own washing machines and dryers
 - An external laundry service is also provided
- Making sure all items are labelled and identified
- Being responsible for own possessions

Bedroom

- Making own bed
- Changing sheets regularly
- Keeping cubicle clean and tidy

Personal relationships

- Respecting others' beliefs and cultures
- Respecting others' privacy and belongings
- Using manners when speaking with staff and other students

Personal appearance

- Correct uniform for section that is clean and tidy.
- Tidy pants and shirt - no holes and rips.
- Washed, combed and neat hair
- Wearing clean and tidy footwear

Requirements of Boarding - cont'd

Clothing required

- Full College uniform as outlined in the College Operating Procedures 2022
 - Two sets of Farm, Trades and Class uniform
 - One set of Formal uniform
- Tidy casual clothes for recreational activities and evening meals
- Casual closed in footwear

Other items

- Cutlery, plate, cup for dorm area
- 2 bath towels
- Sewing kit
- Boot polishing kit
- 1 small padlock for lock box
- Coat hangers
- Large laundry bag
- Laundry basket
- Laundry powder
- Toiletries
- No aerosol cans
 - These can set off our fire alarms
 - A call out fee of \$1040 is charged by the Fire Brigade and is expected to be covered by parents if deemed deliberate or a result of irresponsible behaviour
- Bedding
 - Doona & doona cover
 - Spare blanket
 - Pillows & pillowcases
 - Fitted king single mattress protector
 - 2 sets of king single sheets

Laundry

A complimentary laundry service is provided by the College for all students in residence. The local laundry service collects students' laundry three times a week at 6am. Pick up and drop off are as follows:

- Monday - Wednesday
- Wednesday - Friday
- Friday - Monday

When using this service, clothes need to be clearly marked, in a laundry bag and dropped into the bins at the duty room. We would advise that students use this service for their uniforms. There is a laundry area in each dorm for student use. This is a shared area so please remember to remove your items from the laundry when done so others can use the facilities. Do not open the washing machine until the washing cycle has finished or place dripping wet clothes in the driers.

Leave

Requirements of Leave for Parents

- Leave needs to be entered through REACH before Thursday morning
- In the case of an emergency leave can be accepted through the residential email narrogin.wacoa.residential@education.wa.edu.au
- Whoever is collecting the student must come to the duty room and sign student out (this will mean a physical signature, so staff know they are leaving with the correct person.
- If a student will not be returning at the allocated time, parents need to contact residence to inform of any changes.
- If a student is going to be absent from school, parents are required to email admin narrogin.wacoa.admin@education.wa.edu.au and let them know why and for how long.
- All students should be back on site no later than 9.00pm unless prior arrangements have been made.

Requirements of Leave for Students

- Students report to staff in the duty room with whoever is collecting them when signing out of the College
- Students need to sign themselves in and out of REACH

Closed Weekends and Holidays

- On the last day of a closed weekend or a holiday period, the College only accepts students back into residence after 3pm.
- At times during the holidays and closed weekends the College is hired out to outside groups. When this happens, we require our students to pack up their rooms and store their belongings in lockable storerooms.

Use of Personal Vehicles

Students must apply, through the Deputy Principal, to have a personal vehicle on site. Applications must be made each year.

- Cars must be parked and locked in the car compound
- Keys must be handed in on arrival and are only given to students at time stated on next leave.
- Students cannot use their vehicles for day trips unless approved by the Principal
- Students who require access to their car during the week must be accompanied by a staff member
- Other students are not to travel in student vehicles without permission from both parents
- Any misuse of a vehicle may result in vehicle being sent home
- Further information can be found on our College website

Visitors

All visitors to the College are required to sign in at administration during school hours and at the Duty Room at all other times. Visitors requiring contact with a student are requested not to arrive after 8.30pm. Visitors attending the Equine section must sign in through reception.

Students will be called to the Duty Room or Administration office to meet with the visitor. Visitors are not to enter learning spaces or the dormitories. Parents/caregivers will only be able to enter the dormitories when escorted by a staff member if the situation necessitates.

Should a student's friend/relative wish to visit, written parental permission must be given.

Refusal to allow a visit by a relative or friend will occur if:

- a) The visit interferes with the student's educational program
- b) The visitor has been prohibited to enter the College grounds
- c) The visitor is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs
- d) The visitor is abusive or displays antisocial behavior
- e) The visitor has not seen a staff member and signed onsite

Daily Routines

Monday to Friday Class and Trades (Daily Routine)

7.00am	Wake up PA announcement (7.00 and 7.30). Year 10s may collect phones.
7.00am to 8.00am	7.00am continental breakfast available – 7.30am cooked breakfast served. Although all students are not required to have breakfast, they are required to come to the dining room during these hours and be checked off by staff. Medication is available from the duty room between 7.00am and 7.30am and again at 8.20am to 9.00am.
8.15am	Staff start room/uniform inspections. Refer to expectations below for details.
9.00am	Students go to their allocated sections for the day.
9.00am to 3.00pm	Students do not have access to the dorms except in the case of emergency. Students can access the dorms through Student Services.

Monday to Thursday Farm (Daily Routine)

7.00am	Wake up PA announcement (7.00 and 7.30). Year 10s may collect phones.
7.00am to 8.00am	7.00am continental breakfast available – 7.30am cooked breakfast served. Although all students are not required to have breakfast, they are required to come to the dining room during these hours and be checked off by staff. Medication is available from the Duty room between 7.00am and 7.30am and again at 8.20am to 9.00am.
8.15am	Staff start room/uniform inspections. Refer to expectations below for details.
9.00am to 4.00pm	Students go to their allocated sections for the day. Students do not have access to the Dorms except in the case of emergency. Students can access the dorms through Student Services.

Friday Farm (Daily Routine)

7.00am to 7.30am	Wake up PA announcement (7.00 and 7.30). Year 10s may collect phones. Continental Breakfast.
8.00am to 3.00pm	Students go to their allocated sections for the day. Students do not have access to the Dorms except in the case of emergency. Students can access the Dorms through Student Services.

Daily Routines – cont'd

Monday to Thursday (Afternoon/Evening)

3.00pm	Students return to residence.
4.00 - 4.20pm	Afternoon tea in dining room.
4.00 - 6.00pm	Free time / town run / transport to appointments / sports.
5.50pm / 6.10pm	First dinner / second dinner – alternate between 10s/11s and 12s.
6.30 - 7.30pm	Free time / staff will transport any students with sports commitments.
7.00 – 8.00pm	Quiet time / study time in their own dorms. Study in the dining room if required.
8-00 – 9.00pm	Supper in dining room.
9.00pm	Year 10 and 11 students return to dorms. Dorm should be quiet enough for students to sleep. Portable speakers are not to be used after 9pm.
9.30pm	Year 12s return to dorms.
10.00pm	Lights out. Year 10 student phones collected by residential staff. Students should not be using phones or electronic devices after 10.00pm. No showering after 9.30pm.

Residential Routine Weekends

Friday (Afternoon/Evening)

3.00pm	Return to residence. Notify supervisors if remaining on other sections.
2.30 - 2.45pm	Bus departs for TransWA drop off and Narrogin SHS for local bus pick up.
3.00pm	Afternoon tea.
6.00 - 6.20pm	Dinner. Students on residential duties to remain in dining room after dinner.
8.00pm	Supper.

Friday/Saturday (Bedtimes)

10.00pm	All students must be in their own dorm. Students can watch movies in the common room but must remain quiet and indoors.
10.30pm	All students light out. Room doors must be left unlocked for residential staff. Doors must be left unlocked for safety reasons.

Saturday/Sunday (Morning Routine)

6.00 - 9.00am	Continental breakfast/Sunday BBQ breakfast available.
8.30 - 9.00am	Medication available from duty room.
12.00 – 12.30pm	Lunch.

Expectations

Late meals

- Late meals can be booked due to an appointment or sporting commitment
- Students are required to place their name on the late meal list and will be kept in the kitchen for when they return

Residential duties

Students are rostered on to dining room and kitchen duties through the week.

Town run

Students must let staff at the Duty Room know that they wish to go on Town Run:

- Student who are off Good Standing cannot attend Town Run
- Students wear clean and tidy class uniform with the College logo visible
- Students with sport commitments or appointments during Town Run are to be dropped off by staff
- Students are to comply with the College Code of Conduct whilst in town
- On return from Town Run, all rubbish is to be removed from the bus
- Students cannot be transported in other vehicles whilst on Town Run

Appointments

- The college will assist with taking students to appointments during residential time
- It is important the appointments are only made after 4pm
- Please submit any appointment times into Reach of email the college

Room/ Uniform Inspections

- Bed made, nothing on floor, tidy desk area
- Wearing tidy and clean uniform, clean shoes
- Common room tidy, dishes washed and put away

Expectations – cont'd

Dining Room

- Sit quietly and chat between those at your table
- Eight students per table
- Tables will be sent up one at a time by staff
- Hats are not to be worn during mealtimes
- Mobile phones are not to be taken into the dining room
- Students behaving inappropriately in the dining room will be isolated or removed from the dining room to eat after everyone else has left
- Students who are late to meals without an acceptable reason are to wait outside the dining room and come in for their meal once all other students have been sent up to collect their meals
- Students may request to leave the dining room once dessert is served if they do not wish to have dessert
- Students are not to remove cutlery, plates, or cups from the dining room
- After meals, two students are rostered on to kitchen duties to assist with the dishes and clear the dining room

Quiet Time

All students are expected to be doing something quietly in the dorm during this time. Homework or appropriate studying should be every student's priority during this time. The College Quiet Times are 7.00pm – 8.00pm from Monday to Thursday. During this time:

- Students may study quietly in own room or in the dining room.
- Students may be doing other quiet activities during this time.
- Supervisors will walk through, checking on and assisting students as required.
- Any student who causes disruptions in the dorm during quiet time, will be removed to the dining room for a period determined by the Residential Manager.
- Headphones are to be used during this time to listen to music

After School Activities

Trades, Class and Farm

Throughout the year, there are times when other College sections are open during residential time. This includes after school tutoring in class, preparation for shows in farm, and working on projects with trades staff. Students are expected to let residential staff know when they remain on sections other than the Residence.

Equine

Students must ensure they are familiar with, and adhere to, the College *Horse-Riding Policy* when at Equine during residential time. Details can be found on the College website.

- Students must sign out and back in when at Equine
- Boots are to be worn at all times at Equine
- Students can leave the dorms no earlier than 6.00am and must return for morning roll call
- Students are required for dinner at 6.00pm unless other arrangements have been made
- Students off Good Standing can go to equine to feed and exercise their horse only and cannot ride

Television and Film

- Students may view up to Mature (M) rated films and television.
- Students may only view appropriate content at the discretion of the residential staff
- All media must not breach Australian Copyright Laws.

BMX

- All bikes must be roadworthy.
- Helmets must be worn at all times.
- Bikes are to be locked in the designated area.
- Bikes are not permitted in the residential area.
- All riders must ride safely.

External Sports

Students are permitted to join outside sporting clubs and participate in external sporting activities. Depending on student numbers and sport location, the College may not be able to transfer students to and from these activities. Parents are to make arrangements and notify the College in writing if external persons are involved in transport.

Sports Facilities

The College has an oval, one netball court, three tennis courts, one indoor gymnasium and weights room. Students are encouraged to use these facilities. Sporting equipment can be arranged through the Duty Room.

After School Activities – cont'd

Gymnasium

The gym is a communal area that is open every evening and weekend to all students under the following conditions:

- Always wear closed in footwear
- Respect others using this area
- No food

Weights Room

- The weights training room is available to members of the weights club
- To use the weights room, students need to have appropriate permission forms signed by parent/guardian.
- Students using the weights area must always have a buddy with them

The Shugg Recreational Room

The Shugg Recreational Room is a communal area open from 4.30pm to 9.00pm and on weekends at supervisor's discretion. All equipment (pool cues, air hockey equipment) is to be signed out and returned to the Duty Room. To use the room, students need to:

- Treat each other with respect
- Do not stand on furniture
- Bedding is not required
- Keep area clean and tidy
- Do not move furniture
- Lights to be on at all times
- Respect each other's personal space
- Food and drinks not to be consumed in this area

Dormitory Rooms and Common Areas

Student Rooms

- Students' rooms should be kept clean and tidy.
- Damage should be reported to staff.
- Students should not have TVs or gaming consoles set up in their rooms.
- Students should not be entering other rooms unless the occupant is present, and they have permission.
- No nails, staples, drawing pins or screws are to be driven into walls, ceilings, or woodwork.
- Each student will be provided with a key to lock their door. Lost keys will be replaced at a fee.
- Given rooms can be locked and secured, damage to rooms will be assumed to be the responsibility of the occupant unless there is proof that another student has caused the damage.

Electrical Equipment

- Students may bring their computers, small music devices, clock radios and an electric blanket. For safety and cost reasons no other electrical devices are permitted.
- Power sockets are in rooms.
- Large stereo systems with separate or detachable speakers are not permitted.
- Any electrical item brought on site must have approved test and tag label authorized by a qualified professional.

Common Areas

- Common areas should be kept clean and tidy
- Dishes should be cleaned and put away after use
- Lounges should not be shifted
- Fridges should be kept clean and tidy with out-of-date food removed
- Damage should be reported to staff
- Students should only take food or drinks from common areas that belong to them
- When using the microwave, students should not leave the appliance unattended, or set the timer for longer than 2 minutes
- Treat the facility as a family room and respect the right of fellow occupants to relax and socialize.

Students in Other Dorms

- Year 12 students of the same gender can go into each other's dorms between 4pm and 7.00pm during the week. Students are not to enter the dorms of the opposite gender.
- During the weekend all students of the same gender can go into each other's dorms with permission from staff. They need to return to their own dorms before 3pm on Sunday.
- Students are to be back in their own dorms before 10.00pm on Friday and Saturday night.
- Exceptions can be made when there is only one student in a dorm for the weekend.

Electronic Devices / Mobile Phones

The College has a One-to-One Laptop program for students to have access to a computer for educational purposes across the College. These laptops and other electronic devices must be turned off after lights out. All students must adhere to the *Usage Agreement for College Internet and Network Facilities* policy.

If you use the online services of the Department of Education, regardless if it is through school computers, personal items, or mobile phones, you must agree to the following rules:

- I will not reveal personal information, including names, addresses, photographs, credit card details and telephone numbers of myself or others.
- I will not give anyone my password.
- I will not let others use my online services account unless it is with the teacher's permission.
- I will not access other people's online services accounts.
- I understand that I am responsible for all activity associated to my online services account, including overuse.
- I will tell my teacher if I think someone has interfered with or is using my online services account.
- I understand that the school and the Department of Education may monitor any information sent or received and can trace activity to the online services accounts of specific users.
- If I find any information that is inappropriate or makes me feel uncomfortable, I will tell a teacher about it. Examples of inappropriate content include violent, sexist, or pornographic materials, or content that is offensive, disturbing or intimidating or that encourages dangerous or illegal activity.
- I will not attempt to access inappropriate material online or try to access Internet sites that have been blocked by the school or the Department of Education.
- I will not use or distribute material from another source unless authorised to do so by the copyright owner.
- I will make sure that any communication that I send is polite, carefully written and well presented.
- I will follow the instructions of teachers and only use online services for purposes which support my learning and educational research.
- I will not use the Department's online services for personal gain or illegal activity, to bully, offend or intimidate others or send inappropriate materials including software that may damage computers, data or networks.
- I will not damage, interfere or disable the computers, computer systems or computer networks of the school, the Department of Education, or any other organisation.

I understand that:

- I will be held responsible for my actions while using online services and for any breaches caused by allowing any other person to use my online services account.
- The misuse of online services may result in the withdrawal of access to services and other consequences
- I may be held legally liable for offences committed using online services.
- I may be held financially liable for damage I cause.

Electronic Devices / Mobile Phones – cont'd

Mobile Phones in Residence

Students are allowed to use electronic devices, including phones, during their time in the Residence. They are asked not to use mobile phones during mealtimes to encourage positive behaviour and interactions in a social setting. Phones cannot be used after lights out to ensure good sleeping habits for our students.

Within permitted usage time, mobile phones and devices are not to be used for accessing or forwarding inappropriate material. The use of electronic devices to harass or intimidate is not acceptable and will be treated as bullying. Distributing to third parties visual, audio, or written material that is designed or likely to cause offence, to harass or to intimidate will be treated as a serious offence. The length and type of consequence will depend on the nature of the recording and the level of distribution.

The College takes no responsibility for mobile phones or any other electronic personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged. Students are encouraged to report lost or stolen items to staff.

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day. Signage around the College and on occasion through Residential Staff, will remind students to leave their phones in the dorms. Students will have the opportunity to hand their phones into staff at the start of the day if they still have a phone in their possession. If a student is found to have a phone on them during the school day, it will be confiscated as per the following process.

Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during mealtimes, during prep and after lights out.

In the interest of ensuring that younger students get adequate sleep, Year 10 students are asked to do the following:

- Term 1, 2 and 3 - Mobile phones are collected at 9:30pm and stored in the dormitories. Mobile phones returned to students before breakfast.
- Term 4 - All Year 10 students have their mobile phones for 24 hours. If year 10 students use phones inappropriately, they will return to handing their phones in for a period set by the Head of Residence.

Parents/caregivers of any student may request to have their child's phone collected over night.

Students who breach Residential expectations around mobile phones:

- First breach students are required to hand in their phone overnight.
- Second breach students will hand their phone in for two Residential nights.
- Third breach of expectations will be considered a serious offence. The behaviour management policy procedures will be applied where students do not comply with these guidelines.

Medical

Medication

- Medications cannot be kept in student rooms.
- Medications are locked in the medical cabinet in the Duty Room and dispensed to students by staff at allocated times.
- Any students on daily prescribed medication are to come to the Duty Room or Front Office (during the school day) at required times to have medication administered.
- If students do not come to have medication, staff will issue a PA reminder.
- Administered medication is recorded in folders located in the medical cabinet in duty room. The student and staff member are required to sign this off.
- Daily medication it is to be Webster packed by the pharmacy.
- The Residence should always have a reasonable supply of daily medication on hand so as not to run out.
- Scripts can be left at one of two local pharmacies and staff will call to order and collect when medication is low.
- The College keeps other medications such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, cold and flu tablets, and antihistamines in the medical cabinet in the Duty Room and Front Office. Students are to request these if required so residential staff can monitor their use.
- Students can self-administer any herbal supplements and the contraceptive pill.

Sick Bay

- Students who are unwell and not able to attend school are to spend the day in sick bay.
- Students in sick bay are required to contact their parents and inform them that they are in sick bay. If required, staff are on hand to talk with the parent as well.
- Students are checked regularly throughout the day.
- At the end of the school day, students who were in sick bay are to remain in their room resting for the remainder of the evening.
- Meals will be taken to the student.
- If a student is in sick bay for longer than 2 days, they will be required to go home.

Illness

- Students exhibiting viral symptoms (vomiting, diarrhea), or other flu-like symptoms will be required to return home.
- If your child is showing signs of illness at home, they will need to remain home until they are symptom free.

Injuries

- Any students presenting with injuries will be provided first aid. If the injury is serious, staff will take them to hospital and contact parents. Head injuries must be taken into the hospital to be assessed.
- If your child is injured while at home, they will need their injury checked before returning to the College.

Wellbeing

Support for Students in the Residence

- All new residential students will be allocated to a dorm group with a Residential Supervisor who will take an active interest in the students and report to parents and the Head of Residence on progress.
- All dorms have a designated Year 12 Dorm Captain who is able to give advice and support to those students in their dorm.
- All residential students have access to Student Services support. Students may be supported through the School Psychology Service, School Chaplaincy or the School Nurse as required.
- Students and parents with wellbeing concerns are asked to make contact with the Head of Residence or the Head of Student Services.

Homesickness

It is normal for children to feel homesick at times. Staff recognise and understand these feelings and work together to get your child through these difficult periods. It is important that they know that it is quite normal to feel homesick and is nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about. Boarders who involve themselves in the various activities on offer, both in and outside the classroom, generally settle into boarding life more readily.

Please explain to your children that they need to seek assistance before small problems become large problems. All boarders adjust to boarding in their own way. A child who settles early can often suffer from homesickness once the initial excitement of boarding school wears off.

Homesickness has no simple cure, but it also doesn't have to last forever. At times, simply being able to talk about your experience of leaving home can help. What follows are some strategies students have used in the past to make the transition from home to WACoA - Narrogin smoother:

- Acknowledge that you feel homesick – missing family and friends and feeling sad are natural responses to leaving home.
- Talk about it - talk with a residential supervisor, a friend, a parent, a brother or a sister who has experienced leaving home.
- Bring familiar items – bring pictures of family, friends and animals. Bring plants, stuffed animals, old comforters etc.
- Give yourself time – realise that new situations take time to get used to and that you will probably always miss home to some extent.
- Set dates to look forward to – mark the dates on your calendar
- Get support and get involved – the more things you do, the more people you will meet.
- Speak to a Residential Supervisor or a trusted staff member.

Behaviour

Every person has the right to live, learn and work at the College without negative impact from others. Below is an outline of some of the terminology and procedures used in Residence. Further information is found in the *Residential Behaviour Support Guidelines*.

Residential Good Standing

All students commence each term on Good Standing. If students have repetitive low-level behaviours or are returning from a Temporary Loss of Residential Privilege, they may lose good standing. Students that have lost good standing:

- Can still attend formal sports training or scheduled team sports as a player only. If the students are in over the weekend, they can attend residential activities and excursions.
- Cannot attend town runs, go for walks or runs out of the main residential area, ride horses or attend any planned residential activities during the week.

In-House Loss of Residential Privilege

Breaches in the Residential Code of Conduct may result in an In-House Loss of Residential Privilege. During this period, students will:

- Spend the allocated time in the sick bay area.
- Have all meals taken to them during this time.
- If staying overnight, they are to remain in the sick bay until it is time to leave for class, farm or trades.
- Use the showering and toilet facilities in the sick bay area.
- Not return to the dorm areas for any reason during this time.

Temporary Loss of Residential Privilege

For repeated or major breaches of the Residential Code of Conduct, the College may temporarily withdraw residential privilege. During this time, the student is unable to remain in the residential facility but may be able to attend the College as a Day Student.

The Head of Residence will provide the student and parent/s with written advice:

- That residential privilege has been temporarily withdrawn.
- The reason for the withdrawal.
- The date on which the withdrawal commences.
- The date on which the student can return to residence. Upon return, the student and parent/caregiver will have a return to residence meeting with the Head of Residence and the Head of Student Services. Other Senior Staff may be present at this meeting.

Termination of Residential Privilege

A residential review panel will be convened to consider exclusion in the event of extreme behaviour or where there is a repeat occurrence of significant behavioural breaches. This panel makes recommendations regarding the student's residential status. The Principal takes this recommendation which may include termination of a student's residential status.

Behaviour – cont'd

Suspension

If the student is suspended from the College, they are unable to reside at the Residence for the duration of the suspension. The Principal or Deputy Principal will provide the student and the parent/s with written advice:

- That the student is suspended from the College and must leave the College grounds.
- The reason for the suspension.
- The date on which the suspension commences.
- The date on which the suspension ends, and the student can return to the College. Upon return, the student and parent/caregiver will have a return to College meeting. If the suspension was due to behaviour in the residence, the Head of Residence will be present in the return meeting.

Guardians Refusing to Collect Their Child

In the event that a child has to leave the Residence and the parent/guardian refuses to collect their child within a reasonable time frame, the College may have to place the child under the care of the Department of Child Protection.

Banned Items

Common Items

Students may not bring into the Residence the following items:

- Aerosols – use stick type/roll-on shaving creams and deodorants. Hair sprays may be held at a supervisor's office but would generally not be recommended
- MA 15+ and above material and inappropriate games, DVDs, CDs, or other media.
- Matches or lighters
- Energy drinks e.g. Red Bull, Mother, Monster Energy and V
- Stock whips
- Laser devices
- Accelerants
- Strong adhesives e.g. Supa Glue
- Chewing gum

Where staff have a reasonable suspicion of banned items, the College reserves the right to inform the student involved. Then, in their presence, undertake a search of their cubicle as well as luggage and bags on return to the College. Banned items will be confiscated and returned to a parent or caregiver.

Drugs and Alcohol

Students need to be aware of the College's expectations surrounding alcohol and other drugs. The WA College of Agriculture – Narrogin does not permit students in the Residence, on College grounds or at College events to:

- Smoke or possess tobacco products.
- Possess or use any form of vape.
- Consume, possess or be affected by alcohol.
- Use possess or be affected by illicit drugs.
- Possess drug-related equipment or paraphernalia.
- Possess pharmaceutical drugs (over the counter or prescription).
- Use pharmaceutical drugs that have not been issued by staff.

If a student is found to be in breach of the above stipulations, the College will follow the *Alcohol and Other Drug Guidelines* for behaviour and wellbeing support.

Firearms and Dangerous Weapons

Firearms or replicas of firearms (including ammunition or magazines), weapons (including items such as cross bows, arrows, knives and other dangerous weapons), flammables, explosives or dangerous instruments are prohibited in any part of the WA College of Agriculture, Narrogin.

Students found with firearms and or dangerous weapons will have them immediately confiscated and the Police will be contacted.