



ST.BRIGID'S
COLLEGE

ST BRIGIDS BOARDING HOUSE GENERAL BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY

The boarding house aims to promote positive behaviour while making boarders aware of their rights and responsibilities. Being aware of the effect of your behaviour on others is an important skill that needs to be learnt. The boarders will be taught the boarding house expectations at the start of each year and through consistent, positive reinforcement, we hope the girls will see the importance of these expectations.

Those not complying with the recommended guidelines will need to meet with the Head of Boarding and parents may also be required to attend the meeting

The boarders are expected to:

- Show Service to others, Opportunity, Affirmation, Respect and Integrity
- Use respectful language, behavior and actions at all times to staff and students
- Contribute positively to the boarding house environment
- Be responsible for their own actions
- Appreciate differences in others
- Respect the belongings of others
- Respect boarding house property
- Respect differences in religious beliefs
- Participate in boarding house events
- Follow the boarding house rules and policies
- Adhere to boarding routines as guided by staff
- Abide by leave policies
- Abide by mobile phone policy
- Contact the Head of Boarding immediately if any plans change
- Provide up-to-date contact details

Standard expectations within each house

The following tasks are expected to be completed each day before going to School.

Bedrooms:

- Beds made with doonas pulled up and pillow on top
- Nothing to be left on the floor
- Air conditioners turned off
- Towels hung up or put in the wash
- Possessions left in a tidy fashion
- Doors open
- Electrical appliances switched off
- Lights off

Bathrooms and Laundry:

- No toiletries to be left in bathrooms at any time
- Laundry to be used with consideration of others e.g. no late night washing
- Don't leave clothes in machines or dryers – hang out or transfer to dryers as soon as they are washed

Common areas:

- Television turned off and area left tidy
- Student kitchens and common room areas cleaned and items put away after use
- No personal belongings to be left in common areas

BOARDING HOUSE RESTRICTIONS

Boarding teaches students many skills that they would not necessarily get otherwise. Students will become used to sharing their living space with other girls, learn to tolerate differences and become respectful and considerate of others and their needs. Students learn to be self-disciplined with their studies and tutors are available each night during study. Boarding also means that they can become fully involved in the SCHOOL community, participating in sport, music and many other activities offered at the school. As they grow up so do their skills and experiences. Boarding with other girls from different backgrounds means they all learn together and learn about so many aspects of life.

To ensure each Boarding House is a safe and happy environment for all, the following restrictions apply:

1. All medications are to be kept in the Health Centre and administered by the nurse during the day and by a boarding house staff member after hours. Permission to administer medication form needs to be filled out by the Parent/Guardian. Panadol and other general medication will be administered according to the medical form provided to the School each year.
2. Smoking, drugs and alcohol and related paraphernalia are not permitted on School grounds at all times.
3. Reading material etc.: any inappropriate reading material or movies will be confiscated and returned to parents/guardians. Boarders will only be allowed to view movies relevant to their age group.
4. Bad language is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
5. Violent or aggressive behavior and actions towards staff and peers is not acceptable and may jeopardize a girl's ability to remain in boarding
6. Boarders must have permission from boarding house staff to bring a visitor into the boarding house. They must then be signed into the visitor's book.
7. Mobile phones and laptops must be handed in each night and used responsibly as per the Use of Technology in Boarding Policy at all other times otherwise they will be confiscated for a time determined by the Head of Boarding.
8. Chewing gum is not permitted in the boarding house as it causes damage to carpets and surfaces.
9. All boarders are required to be dressed appropriately at all times within the boarding house and at social events. Shoes must be worn at all times in the house. Boarders will be asked to change if staff feel their attire is not appropriate.
10. Piercings must comply with the School's dress code. Boarders can wear only a single silver or gold stud in each ear. Facial piercings in lips, tongues, noses and eyebrows are not acceptable as are not tattoos.
11. Prohibited items - candles, incense, oil burners and hot water bottles. Expensive jewellery and large sums of money must be kept in own safes or with staff.

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