

What's it like being a
Penrhos boarder?

PEEK INTO
OUR LIVES
AND SEE

FUN



How was your first day?



Helping your gorgeous girl grow up to become a great woman.

Your daughter is about to go on one of the biggest journeys of her life. No, not moving away from home - although that is significant. Her transition from girl to young woman is a time when she needs to feel safe, supported and special.

This is why, at Penrhos, we cap our boarding community at just 100 girls, ranging from Years 7 to 12. Our boarding house feels more like a boarding home - an intimate, friendly and nurturing environment designed to care for your daughter at every stage of her development.

In addition to having the support of her new-found best friends, our compassionate pastoral care team will tend to her emotional and spiritual needs. Her house mother is there to supply hugs, advice and a sympathetic ear. Access to technology means that you are only ever an email or phone call away.

Our goal is to build on what you have already started - to continue nurturing your daughter's mind, heart, body and spirit.

While she is sleeping under our roof, you can sleep easy.



Our parents left and we were all alone with each other and the way we all bonded was incredible.

IT WAS EA



You are all there on the first day in the same situation, so it is easy to make friends.



EASY TO MAKE FRIENDS!



My first day was nerve-racking but having 20 new friends with exactly the same feelings made it a whole lot easier!



mind heart body spirit



You are automatically accepted into a whole new family, one which has many, many similar sized dresses and shoes!



Do you
get enough
privacy?

THE NEW B



At Penrhos, we pride ourselves on understanding the needs of teenage girls, right down to the joy they find in baking muffins and brownies. That is why when renovating our boarding house a few years ago, we made sure to include three fully equipped kitchens and recreation rooms - one for each cohort.

Privacy is also another must, so all but three of the bedrooms are single occupancy. Each room features a built-in desk, loads of storage and individually adjustable air-conditioning.

There are even two rooms, by the boarding house entrance, where the girls can host male and female visitors.

The features that help make our boarding house a home:

- Each cohort has their own recreation room with fully equipped kitchen.
- To avoid the TV dominating social situations, each cohort has a television room separate to the common room.
- Exclusive use of a large, north-facing courtyard adjoining the ground floor common room.
- With 100 bedrooms over three floors, most girls have a private room.
- One house mother to every 25 girls ensures personal attention and excellent duty of care.
- House mothers' quarters comprise a bedroom, ensuite and office.
- Each room boasts reverse cycle air-conditioning, a large desk, study lamp, reading light, ample storage and block-out blinds.
- There are multiple bathrooms on every floor. All have separate toilet and shower facilities.
- There are year-specific laundries on every floor in addition to communal dryers and washers.
- There is a large communal study room, or girls may choose to study in the privacy of their own room.
- A private tutoring room near the entrance of the Boarding House enables house mothers to monitor external tutoring.
- A small, sound-proof music room ensures music practice does not disturb others.
- Wireless internet throughout ensures the girls have broadband internet access.

*As you get older and get more homework it is
easy to go into your room and concentrate
without many distractions.*

BOARDING HOUSE GIVES ME AS MUCH SPACE AS I NEED (AND MORE).



It's like a never
ending sleepover!



You really do get to
have your own time now,
especially with the new
boarding house
because you have doors
and no room-mates.



The others know when to give you
your OWN space.





When you are living with people all the time you form strong friendships that you know will last beyond school and for the rest of your life.



The diversity of people from all over WA allows for a place for every single personality.

IS IT EASY TO MAKE FRIENDS?

It is really easy to make friends if you are open, sociable and willing.

Making friends was the easiest part about boarding.



There are tutors who can help you with basically any problem.

It doesn't matter what your interests are, there will definitely be a friend here at Penrhos for you!



IS THERE A TUTOR TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR HOMEWORK?

Our tutor is there every Monday to Thursday night.



The food is really good.



WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE?

We are certainly not fading away, but I don't think it will ever be as good as mum's.

The food is delicious which was completely unexpected.



Boarding schools have a reputation for some dodgy stuff, but we are lucky to eat such healthy, yummy food!

There is always lots of choice and it never runs out!



ANYONE YOU WITH HOMEWORK?

The housies are pretty smart - they can usually help out too!



What do you do after school and on the weekend?



Please don't be offended if your daughter doesn't miss you quite as much as you miss her. At Penrhos, her life is going to be full, full, full.

After school, she has access to all of our amazing facilities including the swimming pool, fitness centre and tennis courts. Then there are countless organised team sports she can join and that's before she even walks into the boarding house, checks her email, catches up with her friends...

Come the weekend, our Recreation Officer always has something fun and unexpected in store for the girls. Go Karting, the movies, school socials, a trip to the ballet, going to Subi Oval to see an AFL match... we apologise in advance if she forgets to phone you from time to time.



Living on campus makes after school and before school sport so convenient that it seems a waste not to join a team!

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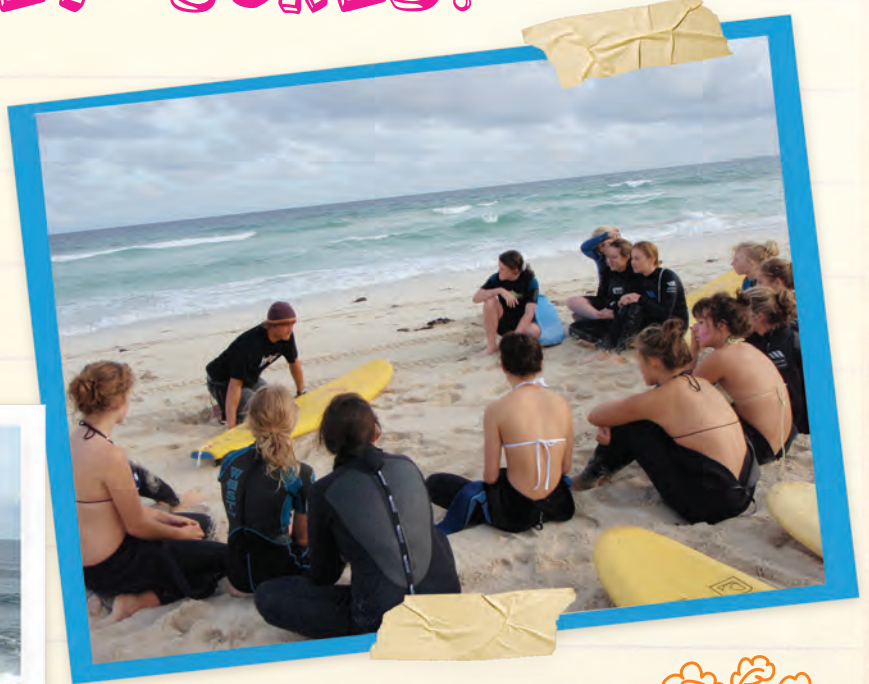


On the weekend we go on 'rec', which is a lot of fun.



WEAPS OF STUFF TO DO. IT'S NOT OFTEN YOU CAN GET BORED!

After school we either chill,
watch TV or talk to other boarders.
On the weekend
we can do sport
or go out with
friends
and family:



There is a wide range of activities,
which is really good.



Weekends consist of movies,
socials, 'rec' activities with other
schools and lots more!



What do you
do if you miss
your family?



Everything in life is easier when you have a friend on side. That is why during orientation weekend, prior to the start of year, your daughter will be assigned a 'buddy' – an older, experienced boarder who can explain all the ins and outs of life in the boarding house. Her housemother, the Head of Boarding and the entire boarding staff are also here to keep you abreast of her progress and help her settle in.

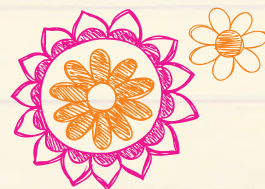
While pangs of homesickness are inevitable, thanks to the wonders of skype and mobile phones they never seem to last long. We encourage you and your daughter to communicate as often as you like. The boarding house has wireless Internet access and all boarders have their own notebook computer. (Naturally, for her safety, all Internet and email usage is filtered and monitored).

Should you or your daughter have any concerns, the Head of Boarding is on call 24/7.

MOST OF THE
GET HOMESICK



If you're having a hard time coping, the housies are happy to help out. That's what they're there for!



I don't miss my family that much as you always seem to be doing something and having fun, which keeps your mind off things.

TIME I'M TOO BUSY TO
K. BUT IF I AM, I JUST
GIVE THEM A CALL.



'Big Sisters' are always happy to sit,
listen and hang out for a while.



It really helps to talk about it. The
housemothers and your peers are willing
to listen - they've all been through
what you are going through.



From the housemother

I enjoy the interaction with the girls - I've always loved that. It's extremely rewarding. I get a lot of satisfaction out of my role, I enjoy the interaction with parents, the contact I have with them too is also extremely satisfying. Above all it's about being part of the Penrhos community and I love that, I've loved that for 20 years. All our staff are very professional and that's nice, everyone knows what they're doing and they do their job to the very best of their ability. We always have the girls' best interests in mind.





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