



Caulfield
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Boarding Life

Welcome to the Caulfield Grammar School boarding experience.

It is my great pleasure to introduce you to the boarding house, known within the school as Morcom House. We have a strong community here, with a terrific staff who look after the boarders with real care.

Morcom House has always been a rich part of the fabric of our school, and the School Council and I have made a strong commitment to ensure we continue to have a healthy and thriving boarding house now, and into the future.

On a personal note, I always enjoy my chats with the boarders, as we often share a similar view that this is more than a school to them; it's a home away from home. I invite you to learn more about life within our school and look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Ashleigh Martin, Principal

A co-educational boarding house in metropolitan Melbourne.

Just eight kilometres from Melbourne's CBD, Caulfield Grammar School provides boys and girls with an exceptional education in an environment where they can thrive.

Boarders have the best of both worlds here – an outstanding school, along with all the benefits of living in one of the world's most liveable cities. The beach, parks, cafes and shops are all within walking distance, and the city is just 15 minutes away by public transport. For rural and overseas students, it's a great way to make the most of living in Melbourne.

A PLACE WHERE A PROUD HISTORY MEETS THE BEST OF THE FUTURE.

Boarding has been offered to students at Caulfield Grammar School since it first opened its doors in 1881. We have always valued the benefits of a residential community, providing an inclusive 'home away from home' for thousands of students over the years. While we have a long history, our attitudes and facilities are contemporary, providing a comfortable environment where our care extends to students' wellbeing as well as their education.

"Even though it's an old school, it seems very modern and fresh. They're very proactive and progressive."

David, boarding student parent



Principal Ashleigh Martin outside Morcom House.



Boarders enjoying one of the nearby cafés.

The boarding experience.

Students may begin their boarding lives with mixed feelings, but when it's time to leave it's clear that boarding at Caulfield Grammar School is truly a unique and enriching experience. As a past student said to newcomers, "You'll cry when you start, you'll bawl when you leave."

Our family orientation program helps with the transition to life as a boarding family. We place great importance on students achieving their academic potential and in fostering a strong sense of personal responsibility.

Teachers also offer after-hours tutoring for students in the boarding house. Supervisors, many of whom are members of the teaching staff, provide excellent support with study, supervision and role modelling for boarders. This team of boarding house staff offers careful guidance in students' social activities, interpersonal relationships, meals and study routines.

ACCOMMODATION

The boarding house is spread across two buildings within Caulfield Campus and one building across the road. Girls and boys share common recreation and dining facilities, but are accommodated in separate boarding houses. Rooms are designed to complement the demands of the learning program with a variety of room configurations available in the form of single-bed rooms to three-bed rooms. All Year 12 students are given individual rooms.



"Although Morcom House is the smallest house at Caulfield, they have the loudest voice at the sports carnival. There's an enormous sense of community; it's really quite special."

Amy, boarding student parent

THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN RULES AND SELF-RESPONSIBILITY.

We believe in providing an environment that helps boarders develop the skills required for life. We have rules and we make sure they're followed, but we also believe that children need to learn independence to stand them in good stead for life, so our rules allow for a degree of independence. The result is an environment where boarders are safe, accountable for their behaviour, and given the flexibility to leave the grounds, but only with permission. Our online system also allows parents to see on their devices when their children request this leave, allowing for open communication.

A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

It's often said that boarding students at Caulfield Grammar School are like one big family. In the school's house system, all boarders are members of Morcom House, and it has the proudest sense of house spirit in the school. But it's not just within the boarding house that friendships are forged. We strongly encourage boarders to mix with non-boarders, ensuring that boarders have a wider network of friends within the school community.

To see evidence of this, one need only take a quick walk through the boarding house; the walls of bedrooms are adorned with countless photos of friends, a testament to all of the enriching interactions boarders enjoy.



The exterior of the Morcom House building.

A day in the life of a boarding student.

Your child will experience a busy and fulfilling week. This is a typical midweek schedule for boarding students at Caulfield Grammar School.

7:00am	Boarders woken up to start the day
7:30am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:05am	Room inspection
8:25am	Boarders make their way for the start of school with a Tutor Group followed by periods 1 and 2
10:45am	Morning Tea available in the Dining Room
11:05am	Learning in periods 3 and 4
12:45pm	Lunch available in the Dining Room
1:30pm	Learning in periods 5 and 6
3:15pm	Classes end: Afternoon Tea available in the Dining Room
3:30pm – 5:30pm	Sports training (two nights per week)
6:00pm	Dinner commences
7:00pm	House meeting held for messages and housekeeping matters
7:10pm – 8:45pm	Study time (finishes 8:00pm on Fridays)
8:50pm	Gym/pool often open for recreation Supper available in Dining Room
9:30pm	Students return to their own houses
9:45pm	Study time for Years 11 and 12
10:00pm	Years 9 and 10 to bed (lights out by 10.15pm)
10:45pm	End of study time Years 11 to bed (unless negotiated with Duty Supervisor)
11:00pm	Lights out for Year 11 Year 12 students may study quietly in their own rooms



Sport training takes place twice a week.



Endless ways to get the most out of school.

Boarders are in an ideal position to take advantage of the wide range of co-curricular activities available at Caulfield Grammar School. The depth and breadth of offering is extraordinary, with opportunities to be involved in many sports, music, drama, dance and outdoor activities. Whether it's building sets for a production, performing on stage, training with a sports team or helping others with their endeavours on campus (to name but a few), there are options for learners of every kind.

In Year 9, most students spend five weeks living and learning in China, an experience that will stay with them for a lifetime.

In other years, some students are given the opportunity to travel interstate or overseas on tours that focus on their area of passion, like sport, music or future careers.

"There's an incredible diversity of opportunity across such a variety of areas. I will always cherish the balance that life at Caulfield provided, as it has undoubtedly shaped the person I am today."

Senior student

For children who love the outdoors, programs like the Duke of Edinburgh scheme offer opportunities to enjoy additional adventures, be it hiking, skiing, horse riding, kayaking, rowing and more. Within the school exists a wide range of opportunities to explore co-curricular interests like photography, debating, film making, peer support and camp leadership – and of course, that's in addition to all the sports and arts offered within the curriculum.



Caring for children's wellbeing.

A DEDICATED 24/7 HEALTH CENTRE

It's not just our staff that look after the boarders. We also have a Health Centre with a supervising registered nurse on site during the week and qualified first aid practitioners on weekends. So if your child does fall ill, they can most often be looked after on campus without the need for external assistance.

The added benefit of this is that our nurses also provide a maternal presence in the boarding house, often acting as a stand-in mum for boarders who need someone to show them how to mend a button or just remind them to open a window every now and again!

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE TO TALK TO

Adolescence can be a challenging period at times, and having the right people around can make a huge difference to how they feel in those moments when they need someone to talk to. We deliberately employ staff from a variety of ages, ethnicity and backgrounds, ensuring boarders have someone they feel a connection with, should they want advice or just a chat about something on their mind.



A registered nurse in the on-campus Health Centre.

Take a personal tour.

The best way to understand life as a Caulfield Grammar School boarder is to take a personal tour. If you come midweek, you'll have an opportunity to see the house in full operation, chat with our boarding staff and students and get a good sense of what life is like here.

To arrange your tour, please contact our Admissions team or our Head of Boarding, Tim Gallop.

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Boarding is available at Caulfield Campus only.



Socialising in the main recreational room.



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