



# BOARDING ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2025



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# WELCOME TO ST HILDA'S

Dear Girls and Families,

We are delighted to be able to welcome you into our Boarding Community in 2025. We have enclosed our orientation program which will provide some opportunities for you to feel comfortable with the Boarding House and routines before we welcome our entire boarding community back on Tuesday 28 January 2025.

The orientation program is a very exciting time and one we look forward to each year.

We hope you can join us for some, or all of our orientation events throughout this year.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions that you may have.

Warmest regards,

Rachel Stenslunde

**Dean of Boarding**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

6.00pm – 7.30pm

### **Parent Information Evening – Girls Dinner & Games**

Our current Year 7 boarders will entertain your daughter whilst you are attending the parent information evening with the rest of the community. Your daughter will be provided dinner. She will be collected by one of our Year 12 Boarding leaders on arrival in the Performing Arts Centre's Foyer.

## THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

9.00am

### **Students Year 7 Orientation Day**

#### **Parent School Campus Tour followed by Boarding House Tour**

If you wish to also tour the Boarding House after the 9:00am Senior School walkthrough, please RSVP via email [enrol@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrol@sthildas.wa.edu.au).

## FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2024

8.30am – 1.00pm

### **Students Profiling Morning**

All new students are requested to attend the profiling morning.

## SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024

1.00pm – 2.30pm

### **Welcome Lunch and Boarding Team Meet and Greet**

2.30pm – 3.30pm

### **Guest Speaker Claire Eaton**

#### **Tips to Navigate Senior School**

Claire Eaton will talk with girls and parents to help the girls to become more self-aware so they can experience less day-to-day drama, doubt, worry and anxiety and boost their ability to look on the bright side, find emotional balance and believe in themselves throughout life's inevitable ups and downs.

3.30pm – 9.00am

### **Girls Sleepover in the Boarding House**

'Get to know you' games led by Boarding Officials

Dinner

Sleepover (bring your own sleeping bag & pillow)

9.00am – 9.30am

### **Sunday Morning Coffee Chat**

Collect your daughter and have a quick coffee and chat with the Boarding Staff

## TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2025

Boarding House opens for all boarders and their families.

10.00am – 12.00pm **New Boarders Room Set up**

2.00pm **Boarding House opens for existing boarders**

5.00 – 7.00pm **Welcome BBQ**

We invite our new families to set up their daughter's room in the morning and welcome everyone back again at 5.00pm for the BBQ.

## WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2025

**First Day of School** Our Boarding Team will wake the girls between 7.00am and 7.15am. They then need to get dressed in their summer uniform and come to the dining room for breakfast, at any time between 7.00am and 8.00am. After breakfast, they should tidy their bedrooms and come down to the Boarders' Reception at 8.15am ready for school.

Our Boarding Team and Boarding House Prefects will make sure the girls are walked over to school at 8.20am.

Our Year 7 girls will complete a packed lunch order for the first two weeks, and we will take their lunch to the Year 7 area.

All other years will come to the dining room for recess and lunch.

We invite all families to come and see the girls after school and hear the stories of their first day.

## FRIDAY 31 JANUARY AND SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025

**Boarders' Closed Weekend** We ask girls to stay in the Boarding House from 3.30pm on Friday until 9.00am on Sunday. The Boarding Team and Year 11 Peer Support Girls will run a series of activities and games designed to help the new girls to get to know their fellow boarders (including those from other year groups). Although the closed weekend officially concludes at 9.00am on Sunday, there will be activities planned for the day, although these are not compulsory.



## Term 4 online connections

In order to support our Boarders into the academic courses in 2025 the School will be running the 'Ready to Board' program in Term 4. Your daughter will receive a SmartLab account. SmartLab is an online program that requires students to work through a series of lessons and tasks.

All correspondence for SmartLab will be coordinated by Michelle Higgins, our Head of Learning Enrichment. Once you receive the email, simply click the link and log on using the details provided. There are multiple components in the Literacy and Numeracy programs, each beginning with a diagnostic test. Please note that the diagnostic tests are challenging. Once we have the results, we will assign work at an appropriate level for the students. The recommended activities will be capped at 45 minutes per week for each program to avoid the tasks becoming onerous. However, if students wish to do more, they are welcome. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Michelle Higgins [Michelle.Higgins@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:Michelle.Higgins@sthildas.wa.edu.au).

Rachel Stenslunde, Dean of Boarding, will facilitate online catchups for the girls, so that they continue to make connections with each other.

The proposed dates are:

- Wednesday 9 October, 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Wednesday 23 October, 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Wednesday 6 November, 4.00pm – 5.00pm



## CLOTHING LIST AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Perth generally has a warm, sunny climate in the summer and spring however it also has some cold, wet days in the winter. For most of the year, girls tend to wear lightweight clothing, but we would advise girls to bring a jacket and fleece for colder days.

- Casual clothing
- School Uniform
- Sleepwear
- Swimming towel, bathers, hat and sunscreen
- Toiletry caddy (plastic) and personal effects
- Drinking mug, plate, bowl, fork and airtight container for food
- 1 large mesh laundry bag for clothes and 1 small mesh laundry bag for washing socks, bras + underwear, and washing powder (Mesh bags can be purchased from Uniform Shop)
  
- Coat hangers
- Headphones
- Permanent laundry marker/stick-on labels with name
- Laundry Basket
- King single or single bed doona (quilt) and cover
- Pillow and two pillow slips
- Two sets of King single size sheets (107cm x 204cm x 30cm)
- Two bath towels
- A cuddly toy or two, photos of family, pets and friends (thumbtacks)
- Brown shoe polish for school shoes
- Small Alarm clock
- Water bottle

