

BOARDING ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2026





### **Boarding House Reception**

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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 2026. 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 27 January 2026.

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 10 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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 11 SEPTEMBER 2025

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.

#### FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025

8.30am – 1.00pm Students Profiling Morning

All new students are requested to attend the profiling morning.

1.00pm – 2.00pm Boarding Lunch

Our Academic Growth Coordinator and Dean of Boarding will host a light lunch for our Boarding families. They will talk through our online 'Sisterhood' onboarding program as well as issue a device to all boarders

for these online sessions for 2025.

#### FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER - SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025

Friday 21 November Coffee Chat for Boarder Sleepover

3.30pm Year 7 2026 students to sleepover in Boarding House.

Girls will be treated to dinner, Quiz Night, and other 'get to know' games with our current boarders. Please bring a pillow and sleeping bag along

with clothes for Friday and Saturday.

Please note that parents don't sleepover this night. Girls only.

Saturday 22 November Welcome Brunch and Boarding Team Meet and Greet for Parents and

Girls

9.00am – 10.00am Our Dean of Boarding will share important information to support our

boarding families joining St Hilda's.

10.00am - 11.00am 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.

11.00am – 11.30am Questions for Boarding Team

#### **TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2026**

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 28 JANUARY 2026**

#### 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 7.00m 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 30 JANUARY AND SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 2026

#### 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 12 Boarding Officials 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.

#### St Hilda's Sisterhood Program

#### Term 3 and 4 Online Connections

We invite the girls to join us for weekly online sessions throughout Term 3 and 4 2025. These sessions are held to build friendships amongst our incoming boarders as well as highlight different aspects of St Hilda's Boarding and school life to help support their transition to senior school and boarding life.

#### The proposed dates are:

- Thursday 11 September 2025, 1.00pm 2.00pm: held after profile testing and program overview orientation, and issue of device to incoming boarders.
- Tuesday 16 September 2025, 4.00pm 5.00pm: Teams Session 1
- Tuesday 23 September 2025, 4.00pm 5.00pm: Teams Session 2
- Tuesday 14 October 2025, 4.00pm 5.00pm: Teams Session 3
- Tuesday 21 October 2025, 4.00pm 5.00pm: Teams Session 4
- Tuesday 28 October 2025, 4.00pm 5.00pm: Teams Session 5
- Tuesday 4 November 2025, 4.00pm 5.00pm: Teams Session 6
- Tuesday 11 November 2025, 4.00pm 5.00pm: Teams Session 7
- Tuesday 18 November 2025, 4.00pm 5.00pm: Teams Session 8
- Friday 21 November 2025: Orientation Sleepover



# BOARDING 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

