

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a white straw hat with a blue band and a blue school blazer over a white shirt and blue striped tie, is smiling broadly. She is outdoors, with a green field and trees in the background. The image has a blue and white geometric pattern overlay on the right side.

To be the best she can be

A guide to Boarding at Stuartholme



STUARTHOLME SCHOOL

“Being a Boarder offers a great range of opportunities...”

Boarding at Stuartholme

A family and a home.

Stuartholme School provides a specialist boarding experience, framed and infused by the Goals of Sacred Heart Education. The School currently takes Boarders from Years 7 to 12.

We encourage each girl to discover, develop and value her talents, and to be the best she can be. This is achieved through a balanced, well-rounded educational programme which is enhanced by comprehensive care in a comfortable and protective boarding environment. For over 95 years we have challenged our students through a broad range of academic, sporting, social

and cultural experiences to become confident, committed, compassionate young women capable of transforming their world.

Located five kilometres from Brisbane city, in the foothills of Mt Coot-tha, Stuartholme School provides a naturally beautiful environment which is conducive to a balanced educational experience.

As an international Sacred Heart School, Stuartholme enjoys a reputation for providing a devoted, supportive learning environment, fostering a sense of community and belonging for each girl.



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“My favourite quote from Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat is:

“You come as you are and you are cared for with great love.”

...and this underpins all that we do. We work in partnership with parents to provide a loving, caring and positive experience for our Boarders.”

Nonie Ayling, Director of Boarding

Study at Stuartholme



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Stuartholme School offers 25 OP subjects, a broad Vocational Education Programme and 47 Co-curricula activities.

In addition to Learning Support and Academic Enrichment Programmes, Stuartholme offers an active Outreach Programme which fosters social responsibility and commitment. Our National and International Exchange Programmes, through our global Sacred Heart network, offers each girl the opportunity to experience other cultures, educational environments and unique life experiences fostering independence and character building.

One advantage of the boarding environment is the additional time in which girls can apply themselves to their study, which then assists in forging healthy learning habits for school and in the future. Study takes place in a supportive environment under close supervision in Years 8, 9 and 10 with progressively more scope for independent study in Years 11 and 12.

24/7 high speed wireless broadband and a well-resourced Library Centre, managed by a Teacher Librarian, are available to Boarders until 8.30pm.

The Boarding House is centrally positioned over two floors in our main building, originally built in 1920. The School's accommodation has a capacity for 160 students and provides an individual space with bed, wardrobe and 'study nook' with high speed wireless broadband for each girl. The bathrooms have been recently refurbished with many mirrors and 'Hollywood lights' for those special occasions ie. semi-formals, formals and supervised dances.

The Boarding House

In addition, there is a common room known as 'The Nest' which includes kitchenette facilities and a pool table. A separate TV Room with comfortable lounges for relaxation is also available. The Senior girls have their own Common Room with simple cooking facilities, leather lounges and study spaces. The girls also have access to other School facilities including the art department, tennis courts, music practice rooms and the recently built Aquatic precinct.

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat acknowledged that the quality of leadership is inherent in all of us. At Stuartholme School a formal structure has been established to develop the quality of leadership. Senior girls take on the mantle of leadership and act as role models for the rest of

the Boarders in The House. The Big Sister-Little Sister Programme allows Boarders in Year 12 to care for an individual Year 7 or 8 girl as she starts her new life in the Boarding community. Other new Boarders are mentored by 'buddies'.

Each floor has its own House: Amiens and Grenoble. Elected by their Boarding peers, each House has a Captain and Vice-Captain, who lead the Student Representative Council (SRC), which is made up of a year representative from each House. The SRC provides a forum for Boarders to voice their ideas and work on projects for the benefit of The House and the broader School community.





Security

Security of the girls is a high priority with external entrances locked and alarmed at 4.00pm. Night Supervisors are on active supervision seven nights a week to ensure girls are secure. They are also ready to assist those who may become ill during the night or who might just need to have a talk.

Security, staff and support services



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Staff

Led by a team of dedicated staff, under the Director of Boarding, this small community fosters a sense of family, belonging and inclusiveness with girls developing and building lifelong friendships with their peers. The Boarding House is organised, supervised and provides pastoral care through the structured 'House System'. Senior Supervisors work closely with Boarding Supervisors, and accept responsibility for the special care of each age group.

Support Services

Stuartholme School is a strong advocate of good overall health and wellbeing. Boarders are provided a varied and well-balanced range of food, as assessed by a Dietician. Special dietary needs can be catered for. On school days, morning tea and lunch are provided in a takeaway form so that Boarders can freely interact with the day students. Evening meals are set in a homely dining setting where girls are encouraged to develop good eating habits and table manners.

The well-appointed Sharon Beirne Health and Wellness Centre is staffed by a team of registered nurses who support and work in close co-operation with the Boarding House staff, especially in organising and supervising medical and dental appointments. A visiting GP and Physio also come to The House two days per week.

Professional and caring guidance from the School Counsellor, School Chaplain, Careers Advisor and Boarding staff is also available to Boarders.

“Being a Boarder has been an exceptional experience and I am thankful to have been exposed to this aspect of School life. The independence I have gained within the Boarding community is something that will always be part of my life”.

Molly, Year 12

Activities

The Boarders are able to enjoy and take advantage of the many academic, sporting, social and cultural opportunities offered by the School.

At weekends, Boarders can visit family and friends or remain in The House and participate in a structured programme of events. Some examples of activities include visits to the Lyric Theatre, social activities with other Boarding Schools, shopping excursions, a trip to the cinema for the latest movie, watching sporting events, ice skating and trips to the Queensland Museum.

Enrolments

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“They begin to be sisters as well as best friends...”

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