



AS MUCH AS YOU CAN DO, SO MUCH DARE TO DO



Saint Ignatius' College  
RIVERVIEW

# Guide to Boarding





Saint Ignatius' College Riverview acknowledges the Cammeraigal people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land upon which we are privileged to live and educate. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people who dwell on this land.

First Nations people are respectfully advised that this publication may contain words, names and images of people who have passed away.











## Hymn to St Ignatius

Your greater glory, Lord,  
Ignatius solely sought,  
with Christ to rule  
by love his kingdom and thought.  
His time, his world he strove  
to mould and make a new  
in faith, in love, in hope,  
and in service, Lord to you..


We aim to provide a holistic Catholic education for young men that inspires them to seek understanding, strive for justice and commit to the service of others with discernment and courage, to develop young men of competence, conscience and compassion who strive for excellence in all they do.



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A photograph of four students in school uniforms standing in front of a brick building. The building features several crosses, including a large one on the left and a smaller one on the right. The students are wearing khaki shirts and blue striped ties. The student in the center is looking up and to the right, while the others are looking in various directions. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

“ Our pastoral care program, which is central to College life...ensures that every student is known and cared for. ”

# Welcome

## from the Rector & Principal



**FR THOMAS RENSHAW SJ  
(OR1990), RECTOR**

We are very pleased to welcome you to Saint Ignatius' College Riverview. Established in 1880 as a boarding school with just 12 students, today the College's boarding community continues to thrive with almost 300 students who hail from different parts of Australia and all over the world.

As a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition, Saint Ignatius' College Riverview provides holistic education for young men from Years 5 to 12. Our pastoral care program, which is central to College life, is underpinned by the Jesuit spirit of *cura personalis* (care for the individual), which ensures that every student is known and cared for.



**MR MARK TANNOCK,  
PRINCIPAL**

We invite you to delve into the pages of this Guide to Boarding, where you will find the information you need to make an informed decision that is right for your family. And, of course, we welcome any further queries you may have using the contact details on the back page.



*Thomas Renshaw SJ.*

**FR THOMAS RENSHAW SJ (OR1990),  
RECTOR**

*Mark Tannock.*

**MR MARK TANNOCK,  
PRINCIPAL**



A full-page portrait of a middle-aged man with a shaved head and a light beard, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a dark blue pinstriped suit jacket over a white dress shirt and a dark blue tie with a repeating pattern of small white elephants. His hands are clasped in front of him, and he is wearing a ring on his left hand. The background is a soft-focus view of green plants with large leaves.

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# The Boarding Community

## from the Director of Boarding

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview is a full boarding school that cares for every aspect of our students' needs. Our boarding facilities and pastoral care system are designed to provide for their optimal physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing whilst they are in our care. Weekly schedules involve daily academic routines and fun weekend recreational activities, providing a balance to help them achieve their personal best whilst fostering a strong sense of community and camaraderie.

The boarding community at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview comprises a special mix of students from a variety of communities across Australia and abroad. From the moment a new boarder arrives on campus, they are greeted by a senior 'buddy' who helps them settle in and

transition successfully – everything from where to drop off laundry to how to tie a tie. The early days of developing tentative new connections quickly morph into flourishing friendships as the boys share meals, play games and celebrate birthdays together in a supportive and nurturing environment.

Our highly trained staff are selected not only for their commitment to child safety, but also their sense of care for the individual wellbeing of each student. We are proud to foster an environment that encourages students to discover and develop their unique talents and pursue those interests in a safe and caring environment.

**MR ANTHONY BEGG, DIRECTOR OF BOARDING**



# Making Connections

Boarding lies at the heart of the Saint Ignatius' College Riverview community, uniting a vibrant cohort of students from NSW, across Australia, and overseas. This diverse blend of young people from varied backgrounds fosters a unique shared experience, cultivating a strong sense of camaraderie and belonging that is unparalleled.

Boarding at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview offers students the opportunity to form a second family, surrounded by supportive staff and a close-knit band of boarding brothers. Each new boarder is welcomed into the community not only by dedicated staff and peers but also through a buddy system, where an older student helps guide them as they settle into their home away from home.

The boarding community provides a warm, nurturing environment with strong pastoral care. Boarding Houses operate on a horizontal system, grouping students of similar ages together to foster friendships, encourage age-appropriate activities, and create spaces where students can inspire one another to reach their full potential.

“ A home away  
from home ”





# Charles Fraser House

## Years 6 to 8

Charles Fraser House is home to our youngest boarders across Years 6-8. The House is divided into mini-dorms of eight beds each with individual partitions and personal lockers. The dorm system fosters inclusion and openness, allowing boys in their first year of boarding to mix easily as a group and learn to live together away from home.

Facilities within the House include study areas with individual cubicles allowing for quiet and private study, accompanied

by views over the grounds and plenty of sunlight; kitchenette facilities to store and prepare snacks; indoor recreation areas with large screen televisions, board games, pool tables and table tennis sets. Boarders have access to outdoor basketball courts, ovals and cricket nets on the adjoining campus, as well as the Gartlan Sports Centre's gym, swimming pool and other indoor facilities.

**Charles Fraser House is named after the legendary Jesuit who spent much of his long life here at the College, both as a student and a teacher.**





# St John's House

## Years 9 & 10

St John's House is home to our Year 9 and 10 boarders, comprising a combination of single rooms and shared rooms of four. Students each spend two terms of the year in a single room and the other two terms in a quad room, allowing them to experience periods of quiet privacy, as well as learning to live and get along with others in close quarters.

Study desks are conveniently located in each room with free access to tutors for academic assistance outside of school hours.

An outdoor BBQ area is available for students to enjoy together on Friday nights.

**St John's House is named after Jean de Brébeuf (1593-1649), a Jesuit missionary who inspired thousands to the faith and was known for his gentle character and heart of gold.**



Supervised study times in all boarding houses.



Bathrooms are available on every level in convenient proximity to bedrooms; all facilities have private cubicles with lockable doors.



# Kevin Fagan House

## Years 11 & 12

Kevin Fagan House is home to our senior boarding students. Year 11 boarders share double rooms while Year 12s occupy single rooms for quiet study in their final academic year, with all rooms containing underfloor heating for comfortable

temperatures in winter months. Each room is equipped with study desks and every level offers breakout rooms for group study, as well as kitchenettes and recreation areas.

**Kevin Fagan House is named after an eminent Old Boy from the 1920s who was a famous surgeon, war hero and true ‘man for others’.**

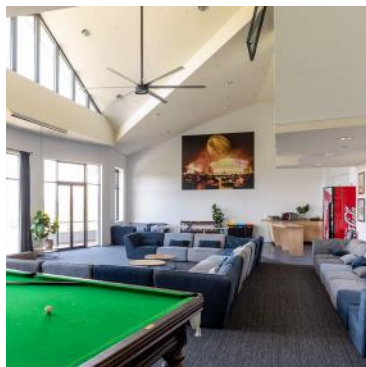


Tutoring is available in the boarding house as part of our academic support structure.



Every boarding house has recreation rooms with extensive leisure facilities including:

- / board games
- / table tennis and pool tables
- / large screen TVs
- / gaming consoles





# First Nations Program

The boarding and wider College community are strengthened by a First Nations Program that sees boys come from all across Australia to live, learn and contribute to the diverse nature of the College. Riverview embraces the depth of culture and identity brought to us by our First Nations students and their families while aiming to redress the inequalities of access and educational outcomes by supporting them to their highest potential.

## Extended Boarding Facilities

**Boarders at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview have access to the full range of facilities on campus, including:**

**Health Centre** | The Health Centre is staffed by medical professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during term time. Our team of registered nurses are available around the clock, a doctor is in residence each day, a physiotherapist comes 2-3 times a week, and medications are administered before and after school. Two therapy dogs, Anya and Eli, play an important role in providing emotional support for our students.

**The Gartlan Sports Centre** | The Gartlan comprises two indoor basketball courts, a 25m indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, weights room, indoor cricket pitch and facilities for fencing, water polo, touch football, futsal and more.

**The Woods Music Centre** | Facilities for musically-inclined students include a state-of-the-art 25-station computer music lab, 16-station electronic drum-kit lab, electric guitar lab, keyboard lab, silent electronic ensemble practice studio, DJ equipment, recording studio, music library, 23 practice studios and an auditorium.

**Faber Farm & Agricultural Precinct** | The agricultural precinct at Riverview is a wonderful part of the school, and is home to some well-loved steers, sheep and a host of chickens. Innovative facilities offer students hands-on experience in sustainable farming practices, as well as the handling of cattle for various shows throughout the year, and growing crops for a full farm-to-table experience.

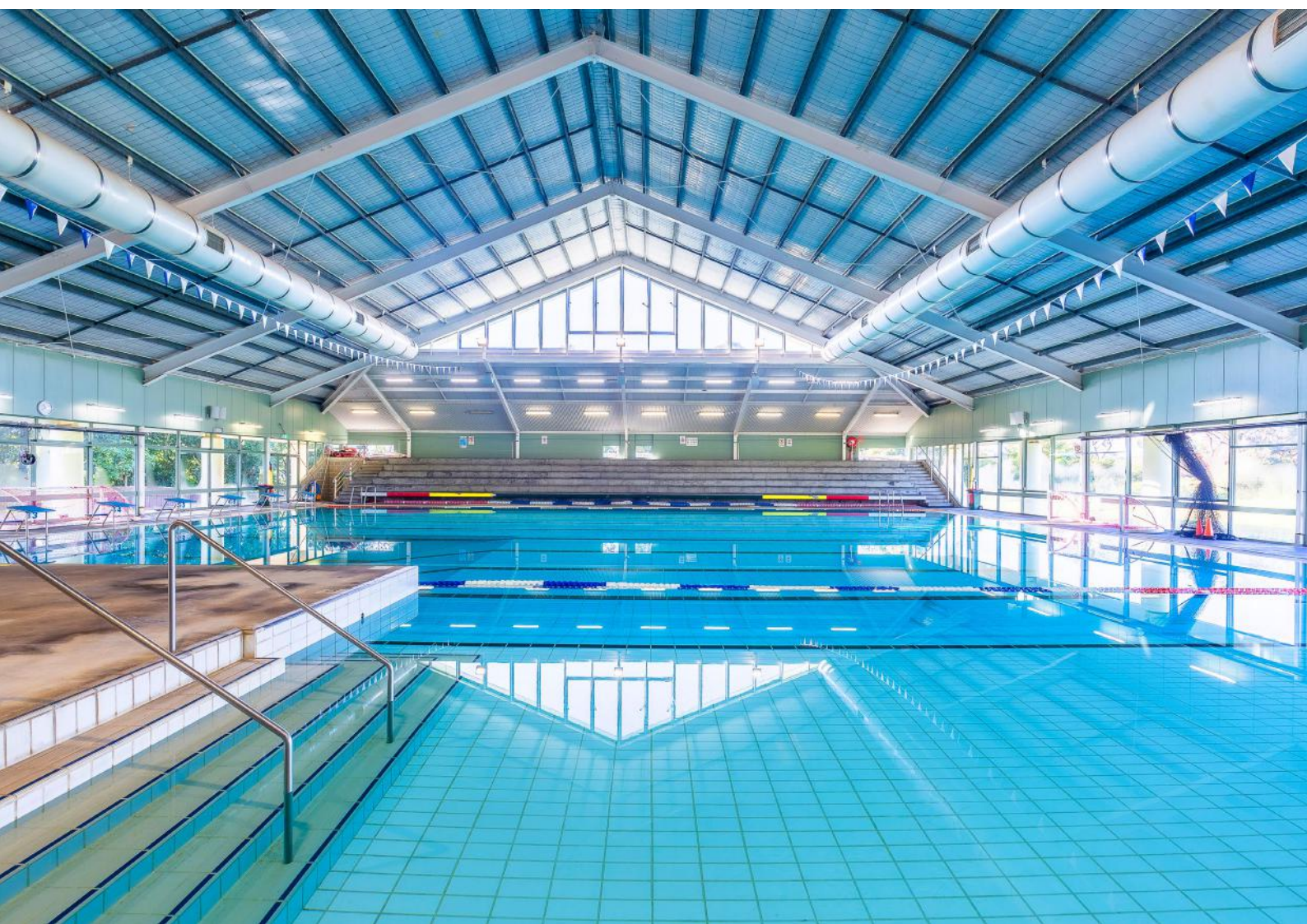
**Fields & Gardens** | The College has multiple fields and open spaces across 110 acres, available for games of touch footy, cricket, long walks and moments of quiet reflection.

**Boathouse** | Uniquely situated along Lane Cove River, Riverview is the only school in Sydney with a boathouse and pontoon on the main school campus. Established in 1882, the boathouse has since been upgraded to house modern rowing equipment and sleeping facilities within, so students awake to stunning views and can launch into the water within minutes.

















# Daily Routines

Daily routines are designed for boarders to accommodate their needs for study, rest and play. Age-appropriate variations are made to cater for different age groups, but a typical weekday routine for Year 7 looks like this:

## YEAR 7 SCHEDULE

<b>6.45</b>	Rise and make bed
<b>7.15</b>	All out of the Dormitory (closed until after school)
<b>7.25</b>	Breakfast in the Refectory
<b>7.45</b>	Students dismissed from breakfast & move to senior school
<b>15.30</b>	School ends, change for sport Those not playing sport change into casual clothes for unstructured play outside.
<b>17.00</b>	Roll call / First study
<b>17.45</b>	Dinner
<b>18.15</b>	Gartlan Sports Centre
<b>19.00</b>	Supper
<b>19.20</b>	Showers and downtime in residence
<b>20.00</b>	Second study
<b>20.40</b>	Teeth & toilet
<b>20.45</b>	Reflection
<b>21.00</b>	Quiet reading on beds
<b>21.15</b>	Lights out

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Saint Ignatius' College fosters an inclusive environment that encourages students to discover and develop their unique talents in any field of interest, from the performing arts to the sporting field. In addition, our students are offered every opportunity to further their academic interests, including:

- / Set study sessions in the daily boarding routine
- / Teachers and tutors available to assist during study sessions
- / Additional tutorials available before and after school
- / A Learning Enrichment team dedicated to assisting students with higher needs to achieve to the best of their ability



# Weekend Events

**Boarders' Mass** | Our boarding students gather together on weekends to celebrate mass in Dalton Chapel.

**Weekends sports** | Boarders have access to the Gartlan Sports Centre and all the fields, courts and facilities to enjoy both co-ordinated sports activities and casual games.

**Organised activities** | Saint Ignatius' College Riverview prioritises a vibrant social life for boarders, offering recreational activities driven by student

interests with staff support. Beyond the Co-curricular program, boarders enjoy activities like surfing lessons, scenic hikes, and sports tournaments, promoting physical fitness, adventure, and camaraderie. The program also provides opportunities to gain hospitality and recreation qualifications, equipping students with valuable life skills. Committed to nurturing the whole student – mind, body, and spirit – Riverview fosters personal growth, community connection, and a foundation for purposeful lives beyond school.

**Casual leave** | With the correct leave approval, boarders can enjoy a short 15 minutes' walk to the local shops at Lane Cove or take a brief bus ride into the city or other parts of Sydney.

**Special mealtimes** | Whether it's a birthday cake shared in the common room, boarder-led BBQs, theme nights in the Ref, or monthly dinners hosted by the Heads of Division, there are always things happening in the boarding houses to liven things up and make life in boarding that little bit more fun.









# Meet our Team



**MR ANTHONY BEGG**

DIRECTOR  
OF BOARDING

Anthony is the head of the Boarding Team and holds responsibility for the operation of the Boarding community within the College.

## Head of Division

The Head of Division oversees the care and wellbeing of the students in their Boarding Division/year group. They are also responsible for the efficient operation and team leadership of staff in their Division.



**MR TIM SEDGWICK**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF  
BOARDING & JNR HEAD  
OF DIVISION

The Assistant Director of Boarding supports and acts in the absence of the Director of Boarding, and leads the Junior Division.

## Wellbeing Team

The College Counselling team provides specialised assistance with individual counselling and psycho-educational assessments, and may also provide advice and resources for parents.



**MRS PENNY KELLY**

BOARDING  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Penny supports the day-to-day care of the Boarding community by providing pastoral, domestic and administrative support to boarders and their families.

## Boarding Supervisors

Boarding Supervisors are responsible for supervising and monitoring the welfare of the students during assigned rostered periods of duty.

## A COMMUNITY OF CARE

Boarders receive specific care *in loco parentis* through the boarding program, as well as being part of the broader system of pastoral care at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview. The College-wide House system embraces all students in a vertical system to encourage fraternity across all year groups.

**Head of House** | Each Head of House communicates closely with Heads of Division, mentors and teachers to ensure that all students are flourishing academically and in other aspects of life.

**Mentor** | Every student is part of a small mentor group which meets daily for regular conversations, motivation and encouragement.



# Enrolment

We warmly invite your interest in Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition for boys from Years 5 to 12. Our educational mission is to help young people discover and develop their unique God-given gifts and talents, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the world through positive global citizenship.

Boarder applications are given preference and are accepted at any time for students seeking enrolment in Years 6-12.

# Contact Us

To book a personalised tour of the campus, please scan the QR code below or contact the Head of Admissions on:

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