



Commonly Asked Questions When Your Child Commences Boarding

- ❖ ***What counselling and support services does your school offer to students?***
 - The school has on staff - Staff Support Services, Guidance officers, Youth Nurse, Youth Support Coordinator and a Social Worker.
- ❖ ***Does the school have an anti-bullying policy and or programs?***
 - Yes, the school has within its Responsible Behaviour Plan a policy for Bullying.
 - The school support team run regular support programs for both boys and girls around a range of issues such as bullying, anger management and social skills.
- ❖ ***Is my child able to participate in outside of school activities for example, football codes, tennis, gymnastics etc.?***
 - Yes your child can participate in an outside school activity. Many students on campus play outside school sports such as Netball and Rugby League as well as other activities such as Cadets, casual work and other non-sporting activities.
 - What additional costings are involved?
 - Any additional fees such as club fees or memberships are the responsibility of the parent to pay.
- ❖ ***How far is the campus from town?***
 - The Bunya Campus is approximately 5km from the main street of Dalby.
- ❖ ***Can my child have visitors to the campus or be collected by friends or relatives?***
 - Yes your child can be collected by friends or relatives. The campus will need to know in advance so this can be submitted on REACH and staff advised of the collections.
 - Your child can have a visitor on campus as long as staff are notified of who and when they are arriving. Students can meet with visitors in the undercover area but only under certain circumstances can they enter buildings.
 - Your child will be bused by our school buses to and from school each day.
 - Students who participate in any outside school event will be driven to their activity by our SSWs and will be collected at the conclusion of that event.
- ❖ ***How does the school communicate with parents and students?***
 - The school (both campuses) send out regular communiques and newsletters. These are a great source of information for upcoming events and activities.
 - The school has a website and a Facebook page that again displays essential information, calendars and news and events.
- ❖ ***Is my child allowed to have a mobile phone? And what are the guidelines for having a phone?***
 - Yes, your child can have a mobile phone.
 - Dalby High has an Electronic Device Policy (EDP) that states how students are allowed to use these at school.
 - The Bunya Campus does have some obligations around phone usage.
- ❖ ***What level of supervision do you offer at the boarding school?***
 - Bunya Campus has strict rules around out of bounds areas and use of facilities. All students undergo a thorough induction program at the beginning of the year to outline these rules and expectations.
 - The campus is equipped with a state-of-the-art CCTV system that allows students safety to be monitored.
 - All student dorm rooms are equipped with a duress alarm for the students to utilise if they feel unwell or unsafe.

- All SSWs have mobile phones in which the students are able to contact them at any stage. These numbers are advertised widely and students are encouraged to store these numbers within their mobile phones.
- SSWs maintain active supervision throughout their shifts and will walk around the grounds checking in on students regularly. Staff will frequent student dorms and engage with students as a means of supervision.
- Bunya Campus also has an overnight Security Guard who patrols the grounds and outer boundaries hourly.
- ❖ ***If my child has a problem or concern is there somebody they could approach to talk to?***
 - Students at Bunya Campus have an array of staff available for them to talk to. Our SSWs are often the main port of call but students can also seek assistance from the Senior Student Support Worker, the Head of Campus and the Associate Head of Campus for any issue.
 - At Nicholson Campus, students can access the Support HoD's (Senior, Junior and Behaviour Support), CEC, Social Worker, SBYHN, Year Coordinator and Guidance Officers for any issue.
- ❖ ***What access to technology would my child have?***
 - At Bunya Campus, your child can access a range of IT equipment that will assist them with their learning needs. This includes the use of desktop computers and laptops, iPad, specialised software such as AutoCAD, Photoshop and Dragon Dictation.
 - Students can also access digital technology for art such as our new Intuos Pro sketchpads.
- ❖ ***How is the use of technology monitored at the Campus?***
 - All electronic devices that belong to the campus remain within the study room. Permission must be sought from the Associate Head of Campus to take certain devices out of the study room.
 - Students are responsible for their own devices however behaviours relating to the misuse of such devices can result in further consequences.
- ❖ ***How do I organise leave for my child, Day/ Weekend/Overnight?***
 - Bunya Campus has an electronic program called REACH. Reach is commonly used throughout Boarding schools for leave and associated activities.
 - All leave, appointments and personal commitments are entered on to REACH for both parent and staff approval.
- ❖ ***What policies do you have in place for homework/study?***
 - Depending on their course of study, all students are to complete 4 study sessions per week. The times vary for each year level. Students have access to a teacher aide each night (Mon – Thur) as well as teaching staff that assist students with assessment needs.
 - Student's attendance at study is monitored heavily by the Associate Head of Campus with rewards and consequences in place for students who adhere to or fail to adhere to rules and expectations.
- ❖ ***Does the school support dietary requirements?***
 - Yes the Bunya Campus has a fully commercial kitchen which caters for all students and their dietary requirements.
- ❖ ***How much are the fees and will we be invoiced?***
 - Fees for 2020 are currently \$14 735 per year, with discounts available for early payment and more than one student. This figure will increase in 2021 by the CPI only and invoices will be sent out at the end of each term.
- ❖ ***When do the fees need to be paid by?***
 - Fees need to be finalised by the end of week 2 of each term unless prior arrangements have been made with the campus and an agreement payment plan has been developed.
- ❖ ***What happens if fees are not paid?***
 - If fees are not paid in full after each term or an agreed arrangement not developed with the campus, the student enrolment will be reviewed and cancellation is evident and all outstanding fees will be directed to the finance department of Education Queensland.