



PENRYN COLLEGE

Boarding Booklet

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Welcome to the Penryn boarding family!

Dear Parent(s)

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your child. We look forward to getting to know both you and your offspring in the years to come. Please pop in for a chat or a cup of tea when you are on campus.

We strive to create a home away from home for our Boarders and we undertake to keep your child safe in your absence. Our mission is to prepare our scholars for a happy and successful future and we pay attention to their physical, psychological and spiritual well-being at all times.

This booklet contains information that we hope you will find helpful. We included a copy of the boarding rules and disciplinary structure. Feel free to contact us if you need any clarification. Please sign the declaration at the back of the booklet to acknowledge that you understand the contents of this document and undertake to abide by the rules and arrangements of the boarding establishment. This signed declaration will allow your child to take up his/her place as a Boarder at Penryn.

Yours faithfully

The Boarding Staff

Dear new Boarder

Welcome to the Boarding establishment at Penryn!

You are about to enter a very exciting phase of your life. We hope that in the next few years you will become an independent, confident, happy and caring young adult who participates with enthusiasm in all that the College has to offer. We also hope that you will reach your full potential in whichever sphere suits you best.

If you are feeling a bit nervous, don't worry! Most of the new Boarders who joined us in the past felt the same way about leaving home and entering a new environment. Within a very short period of time you will have made new friends and will not be able to remember the nerves and the jitters.

We have compiled this booklet that contains the boarding rules and information you might find useful. We hope that you enjoy reading it and ask that you sign the declaration at the back of the booklet to acknowledge that you understand the contents of this document and undertake to abide by the rules and arrangements of the boarding establishment. The signed declaration will allow you to take up your place as a Boarder at Penryn.

Our best wishes for your success as we start our journey together!

The Boarding Staff

1. Introduction

The boarding experience at Penryn is unique because our Boarding houses are all co-educational. As a result, brothers and sisters can be placed in the same building if they – and their parents – want that to be the case. As you can imagine, it is strictly forbidden for scholars to go into an opposite sex dormitory and breaking this rule can lead to immediate expulsion. At night, a very good alarm system keeps the Boarders safe and in their own dorms! Whenever possible, Boarders stay in the same Boarding house from Grade eight to Grade twelve and this contributes to a family-like setting that provides support and security. The Boarding parent accommodation opens directly into the common room of the boarding and, as a result, a close relationship can be established with the Boarders.

There are five Boarding houses on the campus. Kiaat is for long-term Boarders who only go home once or twice a term and has space for 16 boys and 16 girls in four wings. Scholars share a cubicle with a roommate and stay in their own Boarding house over weekends. They have a very large common room and have access to DSTV. Unfortunately, it is impossible to accommodate all the termly Boarders in Kiaat, but we try to move the seniors who fall in this category, into this house.

Acacia is the largest Boarding house on the campus and houses 18 boys and 18 girls in two wings. This house is at present open to both weekly and termly Boarders, but will over time become a termly Boarding house like Kiaat. Mahogany, Marula and Waterberry are mainly for weekly Boarders and can each house 12 boys and 12 girls who also share their cubicles in pairs.

In the common room of each Boarding house, there is a TV set, a fridge, a kettle, a toaster and a microwave oven. Some crockery and cutlery are also provided, but you are more than welcome to bring your favourite mug with you! The caterer provides bread, milk, butter, peanut butter; syrup, tea and coffee on a daily basis in each common room.

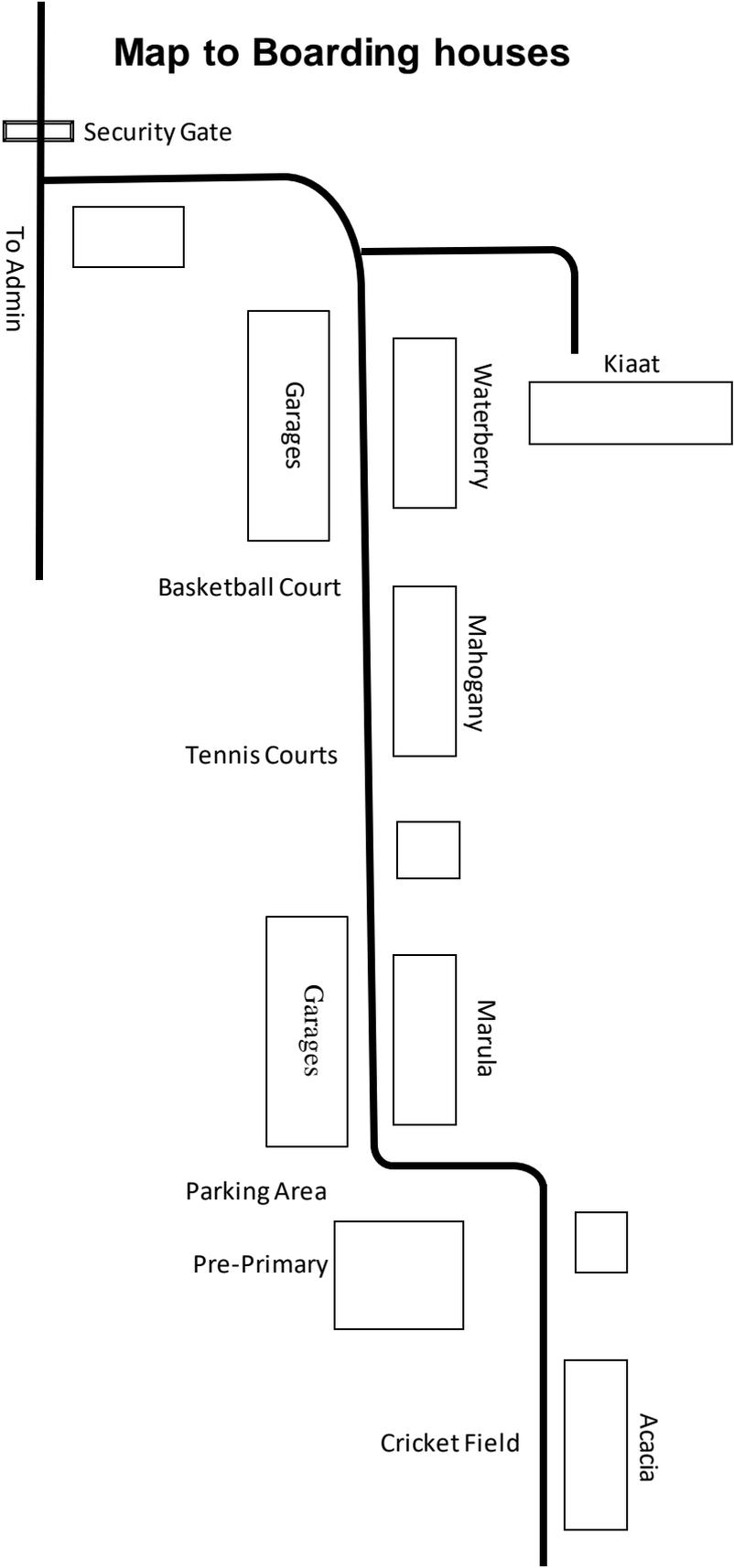
All Penryn scholars are expected to participate in both cultural and sports activities and the weekly schedule on campus tends to be a very busy one. Shopping trips during the week are impossible to arrange, but Boarders who stay in for a weekend, are taken to the Riverside Mall on Saturdays if a vehicle is available. On Sunday mornings, we provide transport to Manna Christian Church for those who would like to attend the service.

Wi-Fi is available on campus and in the Boarding houses. Boarders may bring their PC's or laptops with them but they need to secure the computer to the desk and take responsibility for the safety of their own possessions at all times. They will also have to bring their own paper if they want to use the printer in the common room.

On the next page we included a map which will help you to find your way to your Boarding house and that is followed by the contact details of the boarding staff.

**TAKE CARE OF
YOUR BODY.
IT'S THE ONLY
PLACE YOU HAVE
TO LIVE IN.**

Map to Boarding houses



4. Contact Details

Boarding Establishment	Telephone	email
Director of Boarding: Ms Marieta Pienaar	083 396 6862	boarding@penryn.co.za
Catering: Mr George Hayward	082 819 7398	wsjhb.penryncoll@chartwells.co.za
Medical Issues & Laundry: Mrs Carol van Rensburg	071 1111354	

Penryn College		
Headmaster:	Mr Albert Pienaar	013 758 9000 / 082 960 9021
Head's PA:	Mrs Diya Varghese	013 758 9000 collegehm@penryn.co.za

NB! Please use the email address below for any written communication with any of the Boarding House parents:

E-mail	boarding@penryn.co.za
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5. Boarding house requirement list

- School uniform
- Sports kit(s)
- Boarder uniform
- Pyjamas, slippers and a gown.
- Shower shoes.
- Coat hangers.
- 2 Fitted single bed sheets; pillows and pillow cases; duvet; extra blanket.
- Laundry bag.
- Hand-held steam iron without an element.
- Hand-washing powder and pegs for socks and underwear which must be done by hand.
- 2 Towels and face-cloth.
- 1 Bedside mat (optional)
- Study lamp and spare globes.
- Rechargeable or battery-powered lamp - essential thanks to Eskom!
- School bag and prescribed stationaries.
- Coffee mug; bowl; side plate; spoon; fork; knife.
- 2 Locks for your cupboard doors - a spare key with a name tag must be left with the Boarding parent.
- Medication. We suggest some Panados, plasters, Dettol, Corenza C; throat lozenges.
- Toiletries.
- Shelving paper for cupboard (optional)
- Shoe polish and brush
- Small sewing kit for simple repairs (optional)
- Permanent black marker
- Sunscreen and mosquito repellent.
- Umbrella.
- Cell phone; desktop or notebook; hi-fi, hair dryer (optional).
- Ream of printing paper.



NB! All clothing and possessions must be clearly labelled. Neither the College nor the Boarding establishment can be held responsible for the loss of any scholar's property. It is essential to have a cable to secure your notebook or desktop with. Purses, wallets, money and cell phones must be locked away in cupboards when not in use.

6. First Day of Term

- At the beginning of a new term, ALL Boarders must check into their Boarding house the day before school starts. No Boarder may arrive on the morning academic lessons resume.
- The Boarding houses open at 14:00 and parents and siblings must please leave by 17:30 at the very latest.
- Boarders must arrive on campus in Boarding uniform (see point 8 below)
- All the Boarding staff will be available to meet parents and Boarders between 14:00 and 15:00. Please use this opportunity to meet and/or greet them when you arrive.
- The following must be handed to the Teacher head of your child's Boarding house before you go to your cubicle:
 - (1) **The declaration** at the back of this booklet signed by both parents and Boarders alike. This is only required at the beginning of the year or when you arrive at Penryn for the first time.
 - (2) The **spare keys and lock** for your cupboard - beginning of the year only unless you decide to change your locks during the year.
 - (3) A **copy of both the front and back of your Medical Aid card**. This is also only required at the beginning of the year or when you arrive at Penryn for the first time.
 - (4) A letter, supported by a medical certificate if necessary, informing the boarding staff of any **special dietary needs** your child may have.
- The Boarding staff will allocate cubicles to the Boarders in their houses and their decision will be final. A list will be available in the common room and the senior Boarders will show you to your room.
- Fathers, mothers and siblings are allowed to go into the dorms on these first days between 14:00 and 17:30.



7. School and Sports Uniform

- You will receive an information pack from the College that will include the school and sports uniform requirements list.
- There is a Uniform shop on the campus where you can purchase your school and sports uniform. There is no footwear, girls' socks or sports equipment available in the shop.
- This shop is normally open from 07:00 - 08:00 and from 14:00 - 15:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but will be open for a few consecutive days at the beginning of the school year.
- School uniform must be worn from breakfast to lunch time on weekdays.
- Whenever a Boarder goes to the Mall or an appointment in town, Boarding uniform must be worn.
- Whenever school uniform is worn, it must be worn correctly and in its entirety.
- The hair, jewellery and make-up rules outlined in the Penryn College Uniform policy, apply to Boarders for both school uniform and sports uniform.
- Formals, including blazers and ties, must be worn on Fridays for Head's Assembly.

8. Boarding Uniform

- The hair, jewellery and make-up rules outlined in the Penryn Uniform policy, apply to Boarders when they wear the Boarder uniform.
- The following is considered to be boarding uniform: Penryn board shorts or skorts; College track suit or a plain navy blue track suit; long blue denim jeans; a Penryn t-shirt or golf shirt of any description; trainers; navy blue slops.
- Boarding uniform may under no circumstances be mixed or matched with school or sports uniform.
- This uniform must be worn at all times when Boarders are not in school uniform or sports kit. This includes weekends.

9. Civvies

- Civvies may be worn to classes on official Civvies Days when a small fee will be charged to raise funds for an approved charity.
- Boarders may wear civvies on Sundays as well as to church.
- Boarders may only wear civvies for outings to which they are accompanied the entire time by their parents or other adults approved by their parents.