



TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

11 May 2020

Boarding Vacation Program – June/July School Holiday Period

Dear Parents,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact travel both interstate and internationally, there is an obvious concern for boarding families which would require this travel for their sons and daughters each break. At this stage most interstate, and all international, travel would require a 14-day self-isolation on both legs of the journey. We understand that this is not practical, nor ideal, for boarders and their families. To that end, we appreciate the stress that is now present for our parents and boarders who have been separated for quite some time since school commenced.

The two usual options to families in this situation are either: holiday with friends or family here in Queensland, or registering for Homestay through the Director of Enrolments. However, for the next school holiday period, TGS Boarding is considering offering a third option of operating our own '**Boarding Vacation Program**'. This option, however, can only be viable though with a minimum number of 15 boarders signing on.

The Boarding Vacation Program will differ in structure to that of the regular boarding arrangements, as a consequence of low staffing and boarder numbers. However, there will be a good offering of entertainment and activities for boarders to enjoy themselves, as well as taking the time to relax and recharge after such an intense term. The cost has been kept as low as possible, and is reliant on minimum numbers to cover costs.

The total cost per boarder is \$1125.00, making the daily cost \$75.00 for the 23-day vacation period. This cost can be added to your next school fee statement.

Boarding Vacation Program Details

| Inclusions | Exclusions |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner catered by TGS Catering• 24/7 Supervision by Boarding Staff• Washing facilities and consumables• Program of activities *mostly cost free• Transport to local shopping and other accessible public areas• Access to boarding and school recreational facilities• Internet and Boarding House streaming apps. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associated costs for activities and entry to events• Bus/car transfers to personal events or outings |

In terms of activities and entertainment, a full vacation program will be published closer to the end of the term. This is due to the changing COVID-19 preventative restrictions. At this stage the Australian and Queensland governments have mapped out their plans for communities to return back to regular life, however with no assurances on what will happen and when, we are unable to make a definite plan at this stage. Our aim is to have a program that would include:

- Beach Trips
- Sightseeing tours around the region
- BBQs at a National Park
- Fishing adventures
- Cooking and baking days
- Cinema and Ten Pin Bowling experiences

Should you be interested in your boarder/s attending the vacation program please email boarding@tgs.qld.edu.au to register your details by **midday on Thursday, 21 May**. It is our aim to then confirm with boarders and parents by the end of Week 5, that the Boarding Vacation Program will go ahead.

Please don't hesitate to contact Boarding Reception should you have any questions.

Warm regards,



Mr Jaye Beutel
Head of Boarding