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TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## **BOARDER TRAVEL DAY + START OF TERM INFORMATION**

### **Term 1, 2024**

Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming you on Boarders' Travel Day, Monday 22 January, in preparation for the commencement of the 2024 School year.

Our Boarding Houses will be open from 9:00am Monday morning, with staff on hand to assist with local airport collections and settling in our boarders. Please be sure to arrange any transport needs well in advance by contacting TGS Boarding Reception.

Whether you are new to the Grammar family or a returning member, the first travel day of the year is no doubt the busiest, therefore please be aware of the following important events being held on this day.

#### **Boarding Houses Open**

9:00am

#### **New Boarders' Information Session**

11:00am

Dining Room

#### **Boarding Families' Luncheon**

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Boarders' Dining Room

#### **Boarder Parent Support Group Meeting**

2:00pm

Boarders' Dining Room

#### **New Students' Orientation & Information Session (Years 7 - 12)**

3:00pm

Gymnasium

#### **NORTH WARD**

45 Paxton Street, North Ward, QLD 4810 | 07 4722 4900

#### **ANNANDALE**

1 Brazier Drive, Annandale, QLD 4814 | 07 4412 4800

#### **NORTH SHORE**

North Shore Boulevard, Burdell, QLD 4818 | 07 4412 6600

### Principal's Welcome Function

5:00pm

Middle School Plaza

Attached is a checklist guide to the "housekeeping" tasks we require your support with on the Boarders' Travel Day.

Can we please ask that you see to the relevant tasks before departing? Once your child or children are settled you are more than welcome to take them out for the afternoon.

Boarders are to be back in House by 5:15pm, where their evening schedule will commence.

<b>6:00pm</b>	Dinner for Boarders and Staff (Dining Room)
<b>6:30pm</b>	House & Mentor Meetings (Common Room)
<b>TBA</b>	Swim Test & Weight Room Induction ( <b>Wednesday, 24/1/2024</b> )

## Australia Day – Friday, 26 January

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### Boarders' Big Day Out to Magnetic Island

**8:00am – 2:00pm**

TGS Boarding will use this day to hold our annual Boarders' Retreat Day. Boarders will be travelling to Magnetic Island for the day to enjoy the day at the Picnic Bay area. The activities will be based around beach water play, ball games and scenic walks. Buses will depart from North Ward at 8:00am and will return at approximately 2:00pm. The boarding houses will be closed during this time. Therefore, it is important that boarders arrive well before the departure time.

Boarders will need to ensure they have the following items for the day;

- Hat
- Swimmers (including rashie/cover shirt)
- Spare set of clothes
- Water bottle
- Towel
- Thongs/sandals
- Sandshoes (bush walking)

Snacks and lunch will be provided on the day. However, boarders may choose to bring a small amount of pocket money for the purchase of their own snacks and treats from the local shops at Picnic Bay.

## **New Boarders to Grammar**

I look forward to welcoming you to TGS Boarding as your child commences their exciting journey as a Boarder at Townsville Grammar School.

On the Townsville Grammar School website, via this link ([www.tgs.qld.edu.au/2024](http://www.tgs.qld.edu.au/2024)) you will find the 2024 Commencement Pack. Please take some time to read through these documents.

You will receive notification of your REACH login and password during the week before School commences in 2024. REACH is the Boarding Management System that we use. For you, as parents, REACH is a very useful leave management tool. You will receive more information about its use and functions closer to you joining us.

The first day of boarding school can be an unnerving experience for both new boarders, and parents, so we have structured the day to give time to become familiar with their new 'home away from home' and make connections with staff and continuing boarders and their families.

Please don't hesitate to contact the relevant Head of House or Boarding Reception should you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,



**Dan Fox**

Director of Boarding

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# Check List

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**1. Where: Parker-Hall Building and Boarding Reception**

**Who:** **Mr Dan Fox** (Director of Boarding)  
**Ms Jenny Cadogan** (Head of Girls' House)  
**Mr Rich Freeman** (Head of Boys' House)  
**Sr Katie Gowland** (Nurse in Charge)  
**Mrs Zita Siandri** (Assistant to the Director of Boarding)

**What:**

**Boarding Reception – Mrs Siandri**

- ☐ Collect textbooks (pre ordered from Box of Books).
- ☐ Overseas boarders - submit your passport and other important travel documentation for safekeeping.

**Boarding House – Head of House – Mr Freeman and Ms Cadogan**

- ☐ Collect lock for your locker (new boarders).
- ☐ Boarding House and Room Allocation.

**Health Centre – Sr Katie**

- ☐ Submit your child's Medicare card.
- ☐ Submit completed yellow medical form.
- ☐ Inform of any important medical information.
- ☐ Duplicate private health insurance card.
- ☐ Present all medications (clearly labelled by a pharmacist).
- ☐ Update Health Centre Info in Parent Lounge

You should have received in your Commencement Pack:

1. The Boarding Handbook
2. The School Handbook
3. Boarding Contacts magnet

We would encourage you to read these handbooks with your children and become familiar with their contents. The Boarding Handbook has been edited and updated to include routines and expectations which have changed.

**To help with the packing, we would like to remind parents that:**

- Boarders need to be selective in what they bring as there is limited storage space. In particular boarders need to be circumspect regarding the volume of clothing they bring to School.
- All clothing must be labelled with **sewn on name tags** placed at the top of the garment in the centre back. Extra tags and a small sewing kit should be left with your child.
- Returning boarders are to bring their locks back to School.
- Boarders are to return to School with appropriate hair colour and style (Refer School Handbook) and boys are to be clean shaven.