

Mazenod Boarding College Joining your Pamily with ours

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Principal's Welcome

Thank you for considering Mazenod College Boarding School for your son's educational journey. Set in the picturesque Lesmurdie hills on 22 acres overlooking Perth city, our campus is a tranquil environment of tall trees, open areas and purpose-built facilities designed for boys to flourish. I believe we provide the perfect balance of educational, sporting, cultural, spiritual, recreational and personal pursuits to support your son. A Mazenod boarding experience is a journey in growth guided by the charism of St Eugene de Mazenod and the Oblate tradition of community. The personal and spiritual care of each boy is our priority.

I would like to personally invite you to visit us to see our happy and nurturing boarding community at work.

Simon Harvey, Principal Mazenod College

Welcome Home

We hope you will be very happy here with us and that your Mazenod College Boarding experience will be a transformational one.

You're about to embark on one of the biggest journeys of your life. It's also a journey for your parents. That is why here at Mazenod, we don't just enrol you, we enrol your whole family!

We understand that it is a difficult decision for your parents to send you to boarding school and we are committed to helping families have the best experience possible by creating a friendly, supportive environment, with programmes tailored for each year level, designed to help you to thrive during your stay. You will be encouraged to become actively involved in a broad range of both College and boarding activities to ensure that every moment with us is one well spent.

Your transition from a boy to a young man is a challenge filled time through which you will need to feel safe, supported and special.

Boarding at Mazenod aims to recreate many aspects of home – intimate, nurturing living to cater for you through the varying stages of your spiritual, emotional, cultural and social development.

We work on the premise that if we focus on how boys best live and learn, we will provide you with a positive life changing experience. At all times, you will be challenged to explore new interests and discover and explore your individual skills and talents.

We are home to boys from rural Western Australia as well as some local boarders who join us for shorter stays. We encourage all our boys to recognise their own responsibility for academic success and we support you with resources, including access to our wonderful teaching staff four nights a week to help you balance your schoolwork and your co-curricular responsibilities.



There is a place for every student in our boarding family to exercise his talents and gifts, experience success and challenge himself and we know you will find where you belong in our residential family. Our staff will always be available to guide you as you develop your independence, and we will work with your parents and your teachers to inspire you to "be the man you want to be" so that you make a meaningful contribution in society at whatever level and in whatever unique way you can. Care, consideration and respect for others is at the core of our Cebula Residential Community. Living in a boarding environment is not without pressures, but kindness, patience, empathy, and care for your peers need to always be your prevailing priorities.

Annamaria Cream, Director of Boarding

A Family Away From Home

In our Cebula Residential Community, a sense of home permeates every part of boarding life as boys get to know and develop an appreciation for the diverse cultures and backgrounds that make up our boarding family. We are a united and inclusive residence of boys and young men from Year 7 to 12 who call the Kimberley, the Pilbara, throughout the Murchison, the Wheatbelt, and to the South West of the state, home.

With over 20 dedicated staff members led by the Director of Boarding, Annamaria Cream, the boarding team works together to create an environment filled with warmth and care - a second home. They understand the challenges adolescents and their parents face and ensure that they are side by side with each boy through every phase of the boarding journey.

We are committed to providing the highest levels of support, helping to develop young men with the confidence to master opportunities that will lead them to success in all their future endeavours. Many of our own teaching staff join us during the afternoons and evenings to assist with homework and study sessions, ensuring that academic excellence is within each boy's reach.

By choosing to board with us, your son's education and personal development is taken care of 24/7. All our practices are directed towards realising your son's talents and moulding him into 'the man he wants to be".

Boarding enables students to achieve their very best and to learn about the value of cooperation, respect, sharing and consideration. It also allows them to form close relationships with their school mates and create bonds that will last a lifetime.



Boarders have access to all the College amenities and are provided with opportunities to participate in diverse sporting and recreational pursuits.



Weekend Time - Our Recreation Programme

The aim of our vibrant and dynamic weekend recreation programme is to complement the College's varied academic and sporting options, allowing the boys down time to undertake a range of fun filled activities with their friends.

Boys love to compete and be challenged so we aim to create activities and opportunities where in a safe, controlled environment they can explore out of their comfort zones and build confidence, self-esteem and a sense of personal achievement.

Camaraderie and mateship are keys to a successful boarding experience and our boarding activities are designed to foster this. Whole of boarding activities, where our senior boarders mentor the younger boys, are also a hallmark of the Mazenod Boarding Experience. Our recreation programme is developed with both student and parent input and also includes events with other boarding schools. In-house activities run by our staff focus on Act, Belong, Commit and ensure that every boy's mental health and well-being is monitored through involvement in active pursuits where social interaction, connection and wellness are key priorities.





Your son's holistic development is our priority. From the moment he steps into Mazenod we take care to provide him with dedicated academic tuition, dynamic experiences to enhance his own interests, and challenges to extend his horizons.



Transition To Our Boarding Family

Boarding life for our boys begins well before they leave home. It's not always easy to start at a new school, let alone a boarding school. We recognise this and work with families to ensure that we can dispel any concerns, making the lead up to joining us, one of excitement and anticipation of the life changing experience that awaits.

Our **Boarding Ready Programme**, designed for students entering Year 7 or Year 8, helps build friendships and connections between students before they move into boarding. The online programme uses a range of initiatives to engage the boys in conversations and activities to help them get to know each other prior to the Orientation Day and Sleepover. **Boarding Ready** begins up to 6 months prior to the boys commencing at the College and involves significant staff who will feature in the boy's day to day life as a boarder.

The programme also allows for the promotion of academic readiness and reassures new students and their parents about the boarding journey they are about to embark on.

Boys joining us in other year groups are also well catered for prior to their arrival to ensure a smooth transition to residential life at Mazenod.







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NEW BOARDING WING NORTH PERSPECTIVE







BEDROOM PERSPECTIVE

NEW BOARDING WING SOUTH PERSPECTIVE



The Future Of Boarding

Serving the needs of our boarders and their families well into the future has been at the heart of plans for a purpose-built boarding facility with building due to commence in late 2023. The forward-thinking facility has been designed around how boys best live and learn. It will deliver flexible communal spaces to reflect Mazenod's focus on building connection and a sense of belonging. This new state-of-the-art addition to the Cebula Residential Community follows the refurbishment of Daly House with new doors, new carpet, paint and furnishings. Hughes and Lewis Houses are also due to undergo renovations as part of the College's residential strategic plan.





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