



# Working with families to choose the right school

Choosing a boarding school is a difficult and crucial decision. Zinzan Cunningham looks at **AUSTRALIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL**, an assured, safe and effective way of choosing a school – whether you are looking at Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide, Brisbane, the Gold Coast or Perth.

The Australian Boarding Schools International team has been assisting families, students and selected agents with their enrolment enquiries and questions, and further supporting and guiding them through each step of the enrolment procedure for some of the best boarding schools in Australia for over 20 years collectively.

ABS I offers to you expertise and advice about the care, safety, social and personal needs which is of utmost importance for each student. Academic choices and pathways; the professionalism, quality and dedication of teaching staff; and the facilities and opportunities offered at each of the schools represented by ABS I is outstanding.

## ABS I DELIVERS SOLUTIONS AND CHOICE

The schools presented by ABS I are day and boarding schools in Australia and have outstanding reputations and long proud histories and traditions. They focus on quality education outcomes, provide a safe, supervised and caring environment. The development of a student's 'whole character' is of importance to these schools. With so many schools in Australia opening their doors to international students, make sure you choose the right school. ABS I assists you free of charge with the enrolment process into one of these leading schools and matches your child to a school most suited to character, interests, endeavours and location.

## THE EXPERT ABS I TEAM

The ABS I team has been appointed by schools to manage international admissions. The team have professional skills and expertise to assist families. Annie Weatherburn heads up the team and has been helping families, schools and agents world-wide for over 15 years. The team is mostly based in Australia but travels extensively to meet with families and agents. With a team member also based in Asia, ABS I have further expertise in understanding how to advise your family, and are waiting to help you find the right boarding school in Australia for your child.

## WHY CHOOSE A BOARDING SCHOOL?

All ABS I boarding schools have highly regarded reputations and offer excellent supervision and care. Boarding schools ensure that there are many tutors and supervisors who also live in and therefore are on hand 24/7 to assist students with their needs, arrangements, academic work, social or pastoral needs. The residence of schools also have a nurse (often referred to as Matron).

The nurse is on duty most hours but in the event of a medical emergency there is always someone just up the hall to knock on their door. Every boarding school provides supervised tutoring each night. This 'prep' time as it is often referred to, has teaching staff or tutors available to assist students with their academic understanding, homework and assignments.

Many boarding schools set up their rooms so that senior students in final years of study have their own private area. Those seniors not in their final years of study may share with one other and the junior students usually love their social time and as such share with perhaps two or three other students.

Friendships are an important component of boarding and you will always find a friend to share your stories and to help you with a homework piece or even to listen to some music with. Boys have a great time at boarding schools because they are able to use the full facilities of the gymnasium,

basketball courts, soccer, football and cricket fields; and in today's boarding schools they have chefs that cater to every taste of every student from all countries. Boarding is definitely a wonderful environment for students and a reassuring environment for families - knowing their children are being fully supervised and cared for at all times

## LOCATIONS AS WELL AS SCHOOLS ARE IMPORTANT

The locations of ABS I schools also offer individual students their own chance to shine! Locations - just the

same as schools - may suit one person but not another. Allow ABS I to assist you in deciding on which is the best location and the best school for you. For example: is your child a budding sports star? One school may suit you better than another. Are they a talented musician? One school may suit you better than another. Are you a little shy? One school and location may suit you better than another. Are you wishing to pathway to a particular university? One school or location may suit you better than another. ●



## Australian Boarding Schools International represents

### BRISBANE

- St Margaret's Anglican

### MELBOURNE

- Genazzano FCJ College

### PERTH

- Christ Church Grammar School
- Methodist Ladies' College (MLC)

### HOBART

- The Hutchins School
- St Michael's Collegiate

### SYDNEY

- Tara Anglican School for Girls
- Kincoppal-Rose Bay School
- The King's School

### ADELAIDE

- Loreto College

### GOLD COAST, QLD

- The Southport School
- St Hilda's School

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