

# The Boarding House at Medbury



## From the Headmaster

**Boarding at Medbury offers boys unique life opportunities, enabling them to develop independence and make good friendships, discover inner strengths, and enjoy the full benefits of Medbury's culture.**

For those intending to board at secondary school, Medbury provides an invaluable foundation, making this vital transition seamless. The organisation skills and self-discipline Medbury establishes, will serve the boys throughout their school life and beyond. I look forward to meeting you and showing you around his new 'home away from home'.

Ian Macpherson  
Headmaster



## 'A Home Away from Home'

**We understand that it is a significant decision to send your son to a boarding school.**

Being a boarder further develops the skills of organisation, accepting routines, completing tasks and realising the need for self-discipline. It also builds confidence, encourages the boys to think beyond themselves, and become an integral part of the wider 'Medbury Family'.

### A Family Atmosphere

Boarding has been an integral part of Medbury since the School was established in 1923. Medbury has a warm, friendly environment, where the boarding staff know the boys well and work very hard to support all aspect of every boarder's life. Generations of the same family have had the opportunity to enjoy boarding life, and today the boarders continue to encourage each other, and often develop life-long friendships.

## What Boarding at Medbury offers your son

- An inclusive, welcoming place to grow as an individual with the support of his 'brothers'.
- Structure, guidance and encouragement from a dedicated team of staff.
- Access to unrivalled, modern facilities and a comprehensive programme of activities.
- A culture of caring, respect and tolerance that will help him gain confidence and independence.
- The option for boys to go home on a Friday and return on Monday.
- Regular contact with family.
- The opportunity to benefit from a comprehensive Medbury School education.



## 'A Home Away from Home'

### **A Stimulating Environment**

The Boarding House accommodates up to 38 boys, ranging from age seven to thirteen. Facilities include two dormitories, a common room, and a quiet room, where boys can enjoy their own space. Quality first aid facilities are operated by the resident Matron. All members of staff have first aid certificates. Outside of school hours, the boarders have use of the school swimming pool, library, astro turf, climbing wall and sports fields. The boys also have access to digital Sky TV, an X-box, a DVD player, board games, Lego and a pool table.

'Boarders' Weekends', regular outings, Saturday sport, barbecues in the summer, and extra curricular activities, all keep the boys busy. Meals are served in

the dining room, and the menus are designed to be balanced, nutritious and appetising, while satisfying busy, active boys.

### **Qualified and Experienced Staff**

Medbury's boarding staff are experienced and committed to each boy and the School's philosophy. A Director of Boarding, Boarding Masters and two Matrons all reside on campus.

### **Supervised Homework**

Teachers supervise and assist the boarders with their prep (homework) within a regular scheduled time. Parents appreciate the benefits of this structured and organised study.

### **Regular communication with Parents**

All the boarders are encouraged to communicate regularly with parents and family members. They can do this by email, telephone, Skype or letter writing. Parents are welcome to make a prearranged or 'pop-in' visit. Boarder exeat weekends, weekend and tea leaves are integral to boarding life.

### **International Students**

Medbury welcomes International students from throughout the world, who bring a special dimension to the Medbury community, giving boys an opportunity to experience and understand different cultures.

**We take our responsibility for your son extremely seriously and we are committed to the highest standards of care, in all aspects of boarding life.**

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