Term 4 – Friday 11 November 2011

Message from the Dean of Boarding

As we rapidly approach the end of year, it is timely to reflect on what has largely been a very positive year in boarding. With a committed effort to add value to the development of the boys under our care, we have endeavoured to provide quality programs across the full range of the boarder experience. This, however, has only been accentuated by the efforts of the boys themselves. It is always a source of pride for all those involved in boarding to see our boys so well represented in all facets of College life. Their combined efforts in 2011 deserve acknowledgement and we look forward to building on these in 2012.

As always, the final weeks of the year will be a busy time. On Sunday evening, 4 December, the College will host its Annual Carol Service commencing at 7:00pm. As this is a significant occasion in the life of our boarding community, it is a compulsory event for all boarders. Senior House end of year functions will be held from approximately 5:00pm on Thursday 8 December. This represents an opportunity for parents, boys and staff to celebrate the year’s achievements as well as farewell our departing Year 12s. Invitations for these events should have been received. If this is not the case, please contact your son’s Housemaster for details. Speech Day is to be held on Friday 9 December and attendance at this event is also considered compulsory.

In regards to departure, boarders will be free to leave on Thursday 8 December with parents or guardians, however, must be present for Speech Day. Boarding houses will officially cease operation at 6:00pm on Friday evening, 9 December. Boys are asked to have vacated by this time.

Looking forward to 2012, all returning boarders will be welcomed back in their Senior Houses from 4:00pm on Monday 30 January.

Boarding at Scots continues to strengthen. Our numbers for next year will place all Houses at or near capacity and reinforces our boarding community as a core function of College business. It is a great time to be part of the boarding community at Scots and we certainly will look to build on this over the next 12 months.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

Mr Phil Cooney
Dean of Boarding
From the Boarder’s Association

The Boarders’ Association has been extremely busy, with the Committee well underway to making positive contributions to the boarding experience of parents, carers and boys. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on these activities:

Communication

The most important area we have addressed is improving communication between the College and boarding parents. In 2012, this will include distribution of timely, accurate and relevant information; awareness of key dates in the Scots calendar, special events and key boarding issues.

Calendar

The introduction of a boarding calendar, to be published and updated regularly on the Boarders’ Association website to highlight key dates and events.

Boarders’ Website

The development of an improved boarders’ website that will appear under ‘Associations’ on Pipeline. This will include the Boarders’ Handbook, news and information.

Meetings

Addressing the possibility of broadcasting our meetings to allow more families to participate from home.

Catering Review

Food reviews were conducted this year with key BA members, Mr Phil Cooney (Dean of Boarding) and Mr Toby Bamford (Trippas White Catering Manager). The review provided the opportunity to understand the systems relating to the determination of menus, preparation on site and feedback from the boys and parents. We also learnt about issues that are being addressed such as manners and etiquette and discussed future dining room developments. A full report will be made available on the boarders’ website.

Partnerships

The Boarders’ Association is linked to both the Women’s Association and the Parents Association. Megan Donnelley and Linda Keeping represent the BA at these meetings. Both these associations connect the Boarders’ Association to the wider College community and provide support and funding for improvements such as the recent refurbishment of Kirkland House and a BBQ for Macintyre House. The Boarders’ Association web page will keep the boarding community updated on these organisations relevant activities and information.
I am delighted to introduce the new Boarders’ Association Committee, elected at the AGM in August 2012. Members are:

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We endeavor to ensure the Boarding community is kept advised of all events and activities at the College. Please note the list of events included at the end of this newsletter.

May we also extend a warm welcome to all the 2012 Year 7 parents who will have sons joining Macintyre House in Term 1 next year. We look forward to meeting you and please feel free to contact any of us should you have any questions or concerns as you prepare for your son’s arrival at the College.

**Mrs Megan Donnelley**  
President, The Boarder’s Association
From the Scots Boys

End of Year Boarding Dinner

The following speech was presented at the end of year Boarding Dinner by 2011 Senior Boarder Prefect of Kirkland House, Tim Allworth.

“The 29 January 2006 was a day of great significance to a significant number of boys in this room. It was the day we commenced boarding in McIntyre House at The Scots College. Along the way we have gathered a few more, and we have also lost a small number.

We haven’t won a GPS Rugby Premiership but we have come close on a couple of occasions ... this year we came very close. But we have worn out one Headmaster and started on another! We haven’t won a Head of the River but we have been the Points Score Champions for the most successful school. We haven’t won a Cricket Premiership, but we have come close .... but we have worn out one Head of Boarding and gone to work on another! We have won a Basketball premiership ... we have won a Soccer Premiership. As a group though, the most important victory we have had is we have won the respect of our peers ... that is, in my opinion. We respect each other.

For the rest of our lives we share a common bond ... that bond is we were all boarders at The Scots College. A moment ago I mentioned respect ... I think that word is the cornerstone of boarding at Scots. It makes no difference who you are, it is what you are that earns and receives that respect. If someone works hard, tries hard and is ready to laugh and play, they will earn and receive respect amongst all their fellow boarders. I would find it hard to believe that any Year 12 boy would not agree with that position. Just as that culture was passed onto us, hopefully we have passed the baton with that culture fully intact. The challenge is to continue year by year to strengthen that culture. I hope we have ... but that assessment is now for others to judge.”

Tim Allworth
2011 Senior Boarder Prefect
Kirkland House
2012 Senior Boarder Prefect

I have been boarding at Scots since Year 7, first in Macintyre before moving into Royle in Year 8. Boarding in itself wasn’t a new experience for me as I had already been boarding since Year 5 at Tudor House. I live on a farm 45 minutes west of Forbes, so boarding has been a necessity for me. I still found Scots vastly different and quickly immersed myself in many aspects of Scots life. I joined the Scots band as a piper, travelling to Europe for the Rotterdam Tattoo. I started off playing cricket in Year 7 and 8 at Scots but have now taken up tennis in the summer and rugby in the winter. It is with great difficulty that I balance sport and academics, but I have seen the rewards of doing so in my time at the College, with the many opportunities that I have had here. I feel proud to be part of the rich history of Scots, something that I can connect with as my Grandfathers, uncles and my father, went to Scots. I hope to contribute back to the boarding community in my position as Senior Boarder Prefect over the upcoming year as I feel boarding at Scots has given a lot to me.

Henry Hamilton
2012 Senior Boarder Prefect
Royle House

Royle House Captain

I first started my adventure at the College in Year 9, 2009. Coming from Tamworth I didn’t really have much knowledge about Sydney or the College, only through my brother, uncles and father whom are old boys. At first I was a bit shy, timid and homesick coming into the new environment and boarding in Royle. Soon enough though I managed to fit in and enjoy college life and what it had to offer. I enjoy playing a number of sports here at the College including water polo, swimming and rugby. I also play the violin and enjoy been involved in the string ensemble and orchestra. As you know, my boarding house is Royle. I have a lot of passion and time for the House and the people inside it. When I was elected to be House Captain I was completely over the moon and couldn’t wait to get started. Now that I’m in my final year at the College, I’m looking forward to 2012 and what it has to offer.

Henry Leslie
House Captain
Royle House

Year 7 boys: My first year boarding at Scots

In the following stories Year 7 boys of Macintyre House share their boarding experiences this year — 2011 has been the first experience of boarding for many.

The best thing about boarding is being well organised all the time. It allows you to focus on assignments and homework more. Another thing is I have now made friendships that will last forever. The things I am most looking forward to in my Senior Houses is having new opportunities and meeting new people.

Aden Macdougall
I have been in Macintyre House for half as long as everyone else but the experience here has been great. If I continue to board next year, I am looking forward to the added freedom we get to have in our Senior Houses.

Will Simpson

Being new to boarding, Macintyre House was a very good experience. It was great to start in a separate boarding house to senior boys. I have made lots of friends and all my grades have improved. I can't wait to move into my Senior House because I think it will be fun — I am really looking forward to it.

Nic Shannon

I thought boarding at Scots would be really strict, having boarded for a year elsewhere before 2011. I soon realised there was a lot more freedom here than first thought but with that came a lot more responsibility too. I can't wait to have the freedom that comes with being in a Senior House next year and to be in with all of the older boys, whilst continuing on a long family legacy at Scots.

Henry Hickson

The feelings I first encountered when beginning at Macintyre House were of excitement and interest as well as not knowing what to expect. Now that I have been in Macintyre House for a year, I am organised, confident when speaking to adults and feel I am able to step up to whatever challenge comes my way in future years. I am also looking forward to having extra freedom in my Senior House next year.

Jack Hyem

My experience at Macintyre House has been fun and also rewarding. My first year, particularly with all the people around me, gave me a slow but easy way to settle into Macintyre. I am looking forward to moving into my Senior House and continuing my education at Scots.

John Menzies

When I look back on my year at Macintyre House it is as if I have completed a part of my life or dominated a quest. I have made a lot of new friends who will stick with me for the rest of my life. I am looking forward to moving into my Senior House, gaining a 'bigger picture' of boarding and exploring the opportunities that are available to me. Boarding at Macintyre House has helped me gain life skills to enable me to learn many things in the coming years.

Matthew McGowen

I am looking forward to moving into my Senior House and getting to know new people, having more freedom, having a change in boarding house structure and being more independent. I will miss Macintyre House but I am also looking forward to going into a new House. I thoroughly enjoyed being with the boys in Year 7 but I will have to jump a few more
hurdles by myself whilst boarding at Scots. Whilst being at Macintyre House, I have achieved many things, including learning what it means to be a boarder and making many new friends along the way.

Sam Campbell

I believe Macintyre House was a great experience and introduction to boarding at Scots. Although, I am really looking forward to moving into a Senior House so I can meet some of the older boys and having a lot more freedom.

Jock McGregor

It has been a great year at Macintyre House this year. It included many challenges right from the first day we boarders were set the challenge of leaving our parents. I now have another challenge – finishing the year. I had many great times throughout my first year of boarding and enjoyed it sincerely.

Will Tracey

From the Scots Boys – An article from Glengarry

The first term at Glengarry definitely passed faster than expected.

For Intake 2, Glengarry began in the cold winter months but as the term and our time here progresses, the warmer months and sun start filtering through, and the days lengthen.

With Glengarry comes a refreshingly different experience to life at Bellevue Hill. Not only do boys spend six months away from home and live with a group of their peers, Glengarry also helps to reacquaint us with the outdoors. The hikes on the weekends introduce new sets of skills for coping and enjoying the natural world. Learning the regular subjects like Maths, Geography and Science take a whole new perspective with an outdoor, practical focus.

One highlight of the outdoor experience has definitely been Ben’s Walk Climbing hike. During two days of the hike, many of the boys experienced their first attempt at outdoor climbing. The exposed faces and the feel of the natural handholds are quite unlike the more accessible, normal indoor climbing grips. Many boys accomplished moderately difficult walls, persevering to ascend cliff faces in beautiful locations.

It's through experiences like these memories have been made at Glengarry. Whether it's from sitting around a glowing campfire exchanging stories and riddles, to the hardships faced as a dorm, hiking, growing and learning — every boy has gained something from their time here so far.

Glengarry offers a unique learning experience to Scots boys. Some of the life lessons many of the boys have learnt are the value of trying new things and how attitude can affect whole experiences.
Our time at Glengarry is already in its second term. With the academic weeks ending early, the boys will be involved in the distinct experiences associated with Glengarry such as the three day solo 24 hour Rogaine, as well as caving and optional hikes, plus so much more.

The opportunities are all there, it's up to us to make the most of it.

Eric Qian
Year 9 – Glengarry Intake 2
Brandt House

Notices

Second Hand Text Book Sale

The Senior School Second Hand Text Book Sale has been organised by the Women's Association and will be held on Friday 2 December 12:00pm-5:00pm and Saturday 3 December 9:00am-2:00pm in Anderson Hall. For full details on how to donate, pricing recommendations and contact details, please click here.

Second Hand Glengarry Sale

A second hand Glengarry sale is to be held on Saturday 3 December, outside Anderson Hall on the verandah from 9:00am, until goods are sold.

This is a great opportunity to sell any Glengarry equipment or clothing you no longer require or to buy some gear at reduced prices.

Sellers have a table to sell their items and do their own negotiation with buyers on the day.

Please note there is also a Glengarry section on Pipeline > Associations > Women’s Association site, where second hand Glengarry gear can also be sold and bought.

All sellers must contact Suzanne Clarke. Any enquires can also be directed to mikesueclarke@bigpond.com or 9327 1069.
Key Dates for Boarder Parents

Term 4, 2011

Friday 25 November 2011
Women’s Association Luncheon, 12:00pm at the Royal Motor Yacht Club, 21 Wunulla Road, Point Piper

Friday 2 and Saturday 3
Second Hand Book Sale – Anderson Hall (venue TBC), 12:00pm to 5:00pm (Friday) and 9:00am to 2:00pm (Saturday)

Saturday 3 December
Second Hand Glengarry Sale from 8:30am

Thursday 8 December
Boarding House Dinners/BBQ

Friday 9 December
Speech Day

Term 1, 2012

Sunday, 29 January
New boarders arrive, after 5:00pm

Monday, 30 January
New student induction day, 9:00am – 3:00pm
All other boarders to arrive
Boarders Association meeting, 3:00pm, Iles Theatre
Parents Association Cocktail function, 6:00pm

Tuesday, 31 January
Term 1 classes commence
Clothing pool, 10:00am – 2:00pm
Glengarry Intake 1, departs 9:00am

Thursday, 2 February
WA Morning Tea, 8:30am – 10:00am, Anderson Hall

Sunday, 5 February
Compulsory Boarders Church Service

Thursday, 9 February
Clothing Pool, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Monday, 13 February
Year 7 Camp (Monday – Thursday)
Friday 17, February
Year 7 not required at school

Monday, 20 February
Glengarry Intake 1 Parent Morning Tea

Sunday, 26 February
Glengarry Parent Visiting Day

Tuesday, 28 February
Clothing Pool, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday, 4 March
Compulsory Chapel Service, 7:30pm

Saturday, 10 March
Head of the River – compulsory
Glengarry Dorm B and D Parent Hike (over two days)

Sunday, 17 March
Glengarry A and C Dorm Parent Hike (over two days)

Saturday, 24 March
Glengarry E Dorm Parent Hike (over two days)

Monday, 2 April
Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, 3 April
Clothing Pool, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Wednesday, 4 April
Term 1 concludes, 3:15pm
Glengarry Intake 1 returns
Glengarry Intake 1 Parent Teacher Interviews, 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Thursday, 5 April
Boarders Travel Day

Friday, 6 April
Easter Break

Monday, 23 April
Boarders Travel Day

Tuesday, 24 April
Term 2 commences