

Year 9 Program On Queenslea Drive

Frequently Asked Questions

What is *The Making of Men* program?

This innovative program operates throughout the entire Year 9 educational year. It incorporates the academic and co-curricular program plus a live-in experience, as well as a Koorungal visit and specifically written Health and Wellbeing (HW) material. The program has been designed with the intention of addressing what is known to be a time of significant adolescent development for boys.

What does the reference 'On Queenslea Drive' refer to?

This is the title of the live-in experience of *The Making of Men* year long program.

For approximately 19 days boys live on campus and participate in a life changing experience.

The title *On Queenslea Drive* was chosen due to its wonderful synergy with the title of our overseas tour program *Beyond Queenslea Drive*.

What are the details of the On Queenslea Drive Program?

The Year 9 Rites of Passage program is a three-week period in which all the boys of a particular House come together on campus and reside in a purpose-designed area located on the ground floor of the current Music building. This area contains a reception space, bunk beds, lockers, showers and toilets as well as accommodation for one of the program co-ordinators. There is also a laundry and drying area within the facility.

Why did the School introduce this program?

The School recognised the need for a comprehensive program addressing the adolescent development that occurs, more often than not, when boys are in Year 9.

It is a contemporary program involving the whole community (including mothers/significant females and fathers/significant males) to ensure our young men are provided with targeted sequential learning experiences focused on their identity, relationships and purpose.

Is the On Queenslea Drive component compulsory for all boys?

Yes, it is a compulsory live-in experience for approximately 19 days. Boys participate in their House groups and also attend their Year 9 Koorungal camp in House groups. This is seen as a great opportunity to build relationships within these respective groups.

This offering is an integral part of your son's education and attending the program will provide your son with an opportunity to participate in life changing experiences with his peers.

Boys attend normal classes and attend their normal co-curricular commitments; however, their co-curricular commitments may need to be modified during this period to accommodate specific elements of the OQD Program.

During the three weeks, what will happen with outside-of-school programs?

Time has been put aside on the first Saturday for boys to play community sport. However, due to the demanding nature of the program the boys will be encouraged to instead use this time for their 'life admin' tasks (washing, ironing and homework). Parents will be able to discuss particular circumstances with the [Head of Year 9 On Queenslea Drive Program](#).

When does the On Queenslea Drive Program occur?

As with our current Koorungal camps, the live-in experience of the program is spread across the year. The dates for 2020 are available [here](#).

The program concludes with a celebratory dinner recognising their journey and all that the boys have learned during their Rites of Passage.

How do boys attend appointments eg. dentist and doctor?

Parents are able to collect their son if he is required to attend appointments outside the School.

How do boys study for academic exams?

There is no impact on the academic program. Time is put aside for homework most afternoons and on weekends.

How are the boys kept safe?

The boys are supervised at all times. The accommodation meets all building codes and standards and is already fitted with a compliant fire detection system and alarm panel.

How did the School decide on the time frame of three weeks?

This is a period considered long enough to create the basis for change and fit into the normal annual school program for the nearly 200 boys, in groups of approximately 24.

Will I be required to pay additional money for the program?

There is no increase in fees for this program. As with other Christ Church programs, it is part of the inclusive fee.

Where will my son eat his meals?

Boys eat most meals in Sandover Dining Hall, and at different times to boarders.

How will my son do his homework and revision for tests?

Boys are supervised at the end of the day to ensure they complete their homework and study. This is done in the ICT Centre or an alternative room.

Will the School control the use of technology, phones and laptops?

Yes, laptops will be used at school and collected before bedtime and placed in a locked charging station. No phones are permitted 'in program.' Boys will hand their phone in at the beginning of the program. Parents are asked to help support this process.

Will boys in the program interact with the boarders at all?

The boys may interact with the boarders on the ovals or by the river, however they will not interact in the boarders' recreational rooms.

Will we receive an On Queenslea Drive Program handbook?

An electronic copy of the *On Queenslea Drive Handbook* is issued via email to parents of boys participating in the program prior to commencement.

How will boys stay in touch with parents during the On Queenslea Drive experience of the program?

Boys do not have contact with their parents during the On Queenslea Drive Program. Except for the mother/significant female and father/significant male weekends, the boys need to be 'separated' from their parents. Parents are asked to support this critical component of the program by not emailing their son(s) whilst 'in program.'

Boys who need to contact parents for an emergency whilst 'in program' can do so through the Head of Year 9 On Queenslea Drive Program. Parents are also able to contact the Head of Year 9 On Queenslea Drive Program for any significant issues that they need to inform their son(s) about.

Definitions

The Making of Men - a year-long program specifically designed for Christ Church Year 9 boys in recognition that the transition from boyhood to manhood is a journey and takes time.

On Queenslea Drive – the title of the live-in experience of The Making of Men program. This experience is conducted on the Claremont campus in a purpose-designed area located on the ground floor of the current Music block.

Rites of Passage – a ceremony or event marking an important stage in someone’s life, the transition from childhood to adulthood.

Health and Wellbeing (HW) – The health and wellbeing of boys is nurtured through a range of programs taught in Religious Education and Health subjects.

Kooringal – The School’s Outdoor Education campus located near Dwellingup, in the South of Western Australia.

Sandover Dining Hall – dining room located on campus.