

P5 Boarding Statement

The Purcell School aims to provide a boarding environment in which individuals can feel secure, valued and respected; free from fear and anxiety and where they are supported to reach their full potential.

The Purcell School puts Safeguarding at the heart of everything it does, and the safety and well-being of all students is key to what we do. Boarding house teams understand they have a 'duty of care' to safeguard and promote the welfare of all students, and to work in partnership with students, parents, wider pastoral teams and external agencies, as appropriate, to best fulfil this duty of care.

The School is continually appraising boarding provision to enable it to constantly improve its care for boarders; the School welcomes both parental and student input in helping it to meet its aims.

The Boarding Ethos Derives From:

- House communities which promote mutual respect, kindness and honesty amongst all their members, students and staff.
- House communities in which students are known and valued as individuals.
- An atmosphere based on trust and a shared understanding of the 'duty of care', where students feel able to approach all members of staff confident in the knowledge that they will be listened to and treated with respect.
- An atmosphere in which students are accountable for their individual actions and play their part in helping staff fulfil their duty of care towards them.
- An atmosphere which promotes tolerance, inclusion and kindness – and where bullying, harassment and intolerance are recognised as unacceptable.
- An environment which enables students to develop their academic and musical talents through well-structured study time, good routines, the promotion of personal self-discipline and healthy lifestyles, including sleep and nutrition.
- An environment where a range of activities, hobbies and opportunities for leadership and initiative assist in the personal, social and cultural development of each student.
- An environment which is comfortable, suited to the needs of students and which provides appropriate levels of privacy.

The Boarding Ethos Will:

- Develop students' responsibility for self, for others and for the environment;
- Develop students' qualities of leadership and ability to work as part of a team;
- Encourage students to contribute to the needs and welfare of others in the house and school, as well as those in the wider community;
- Celebrate the contribution and achievement of students, individually and collegially.

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