Calrossy Anglican School

Boarding
BOARDING AT CALROSSY ANGLICAN SCHOOL

Boarding at Calrossy Anglican School is a unique experience. Our focus at Calrossy Anglican School is to develop and nurture a community committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek the Gospel’s ongoing application to life as revealed in God’s Word.

The Secondary Girls boarding community is divided into four distinct houses over two campuses where boarders progress according to year level. Our Secondary Boys boarding community is accommodated at Simpson House. All houses are supervised by committed and caring staff who are actively involved in the day to day lives of all our boarders.

WELLBEING

Calrossy’s Christian, personal and caring values are nowhere more evident than in the boarding houses. Our aim is to provide students with an environment in which all members of the community conduct themselves with:

- Compassion
- Humility
- Respect
- Initiative
- Service
- Trust.

While a high standard of behaviour is expected at all times we recognise that each boarder is unique and we work hard at incorporating the individual’s needs within the community organisation. Parents are considered an integral part of our boarding community and we welcome discussion concerning any aspect of their child’s life whilst in our care.
Boarding Houses

**GIRLS BOARDING**

**CALROSSY HOUSE**

Calrossy House is the original Patterson Homestead and has a long history within the school community. Calrossy House is home to Years 7 and 8 where boarders are accommodated on two floors situated over the school dining room. Boarders share accommodation in reverse cycle air-conditioned rooms which are light and airy and have a wonderful view overlooking Tamworth.

**ASHTON HOUSE**

Ashton House was opened in 2001 and is a two-storey home to Years 9 and 10. Ashton House is situated along Raglan Street and is connected to both Sims House and the Health Centre. All rooms have reverse cycle air-conditioning, desk spaces and are hard wired for access to the school network.

**GLORIA THEW HOUSE**

Gloria Thew House is our newest boarding facility having been purchased mid-2010 and renovated for opening in 2011. Gloria Thew House is home to Years 10 and 11 with 46 boarders being accommodated in single and double rooms. Gloria Thew House is conveniently located in Burnside Avenue which is two residential blocks from the Secondary Girls Campus and within walking distance for boarders to access all the facilities available at Brisbane Street.

**SIMS HOUSE**

Sims House is home to Year 12 girls. Boarders are accommodated in single rooms to allow for increased study load and greater privacy.
**BOYS BOARDING**

**SIMPSON HOUSE**

Simpson House is situated on the corner of Tribe and Johnston Street and is approximately 1.9 kilometres from the Secondary Boys campus. Boarders are accommodated in rooms of 1, 2 or 3 according to year level and have access to their own recreational facilities of swimming pool, recreation room, courtyard and basketball area.

An advantage of our boys boarding structure is its vertical structure, where senior boys are encouraged to support the junior students.

**HEALTH CENTRE**

The health and welfare of our students is of the utmost importance and Calrossy Anglican School maintains a comprehensive approach toward the health and welfare of all our students. The school has two health facilities.

The Health Centre is on the Brisbane Street Campus and provides 24 hour care for boarders seven days a week. The Health Team are also responsible for organising transport for boarders to all medical appointments, such as dental, physiotherapy and optical.

At the William Cowper Campus, there is a short stay, three bed sick bay, nurse’s station and treatment area. Calrossy’s dedicated health team are actively involved in promoting health and wellbeing amongst students, staff and parents throughout the year.
RECREATION

In addition to being conveniently located within close distance to all sporting and recreational facilities offered in Tamworth, boarders also have access to the school facilities. These include a swimming pool, tennis courts, library and computer labs, equestrian pursuits, gym and music rooms.

Boarding staff also organise and facilitate the transport of our boarders to their individual and team commitments within Tamworth via our fleet of School vehicles.

Calrossy has strict policies regarding the movement of its students outside of the boarding houses while at the same time students are encouraged and assisted to have outside cultural and sporting interests. During the term the boarding houses organise a range of recreational activities and excursions.

STUDY

Boarders are involved in organised and supervised homework sessions Sunday through to Thursday evenings. A range of academic assistance is available both through the After School Assistance Program and during designated study times. Boarding staff work in cooperation with Student Leaders of Wellbeing in ensuring that each boarder is reaching their potential.
CALROSSY CATERING

All meals are prepared by our committed in-house catering team. Calrossy catering prides itself on serving up a diverse menu that caters for dietary requirements. Menus are designed in consultation with our School chefs, an external dietician, boarding and nursing staff and the boarders themselves.

WHY CHOOSE CALROSSY BOARDING

Here’s what some of our boarders have to say...

“Parents who are looking for their boy to live in a loving, caring brotherhood environment, you’ve got it right here at Simpson Boarding House. Simpson is about being brothers and helping each other. There is no bullying and no putting boys down. It’s all about helping them and raising them up to become better people. It’s about learning in different ways in a good home with your brothers helping you at every step of the way even when you fall. This place is awesome and we are growing in many ways.”

Year 9 Boy

“I love boarding at Calrossy and will be forever grateful to my parents for giving me this opportunity.”

- Year 11 Girl
“Through spending my years in Calrossy’s boarding facilities, I have gained endless amounts of opportunities through the experiences provided by the School. I have been a full-time boarder here since the early years of Year 7 and I have met so many people from across NSW with whom I have made long lasting friendships. This has made my high school experiences so much more enjoyable. Calrossy boarding makes a caring effort to make each and every boarder as welcomed and accepted as possible through providing both weekend activities for us to take part in such as in-school sporting activities, out of school trips to various places around Tamworth, and maybe even a food run every now and then!

Being a part of boarding here at Calrossy is a place that I can easily call a second home and is a place that I have made many memories with friends that I hope to keep forever. It may be a scary transition from staying at home with mum and dad, but I assure you that all Calrossy girls have experienced this before and know exactly how to make your start here really comfortable.”

Year 10 Girl

“I have been a boarder at Calrossy Simpson House for five years. During this time I’ve come to appreciate the inclusive attitudes of my fellow boarders, the exceptional opportunities available to me and the respectful culture which is found in every aspect of the boarding community. Boarding has allowed me to pursue a multitude of extracurricular activities such as after school music and drama and has also given me additional access to study help and advice allowing me to maximise my schooling years. It is clear that Simpson Boarding House is a wonderful addition to Calrossy Anglican School and this is reflected in the kind and professional staff and the core values of compassion and integrity that we strive to live by. Ultimately, I would have to say Simpson House is not like other boarding schools. Here we have something distinctive: a harmonious, caring environment where each student is recognised for their own abilities and valued for being themselves.”

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Year 12 Boy

“I have been boarding for 4 years now and I can undoubtedly say that these years have been some of the best of my life. The opportunities that Calrossy offers through boarding vary from simple life skills such as becoming independent right through to compulsory prep (which I can say has helped me out enormously with getting the most out of my education). I love boarding at Calrossy and will be forever grateful to my parents for giving me this opportunity.”

Year 11 Girl
Diamond School

Give your child the “Diamond School” advantage

Calrossy Anglican School is a “Diamond School” meaning boys and girls are taught together until year 6, separately from Year 7 to Year 10, then combine for some classes in the senior years.

This structure allows Calrossy Anglican School to tailor teaching and pastoral care more acutely and sensitively to meet the gender specific needs of our pupils especially during the crucial and formative years of adolescence.

This unique learning environment provides a Christian education based on strong academic traditions full of rich and diverse experiences and delivers the best of both worlds...the “Diamond School” advantage.