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Term 1 2020

So much to do, so little time!

Welcome to a new and exciting year of our 'Love It' program! Please do embrace and enjoy a program of fun and fulfilling activities that have been put together especially for you. We want you all to participate and get the most out of what is on offer and most importantly to have fun.

You will find that there are a host of activities but please, if none of them tickle your fancy, don't hesitate to put forward your own suggestions so that we can make them happen.

Let the adventure begin!



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Plan ahead

Use the table below to make sure you can come along to your favourite activities. Don't forget we still have also have plenty of pool and gym access and of course, you can create your own adventure.

WEEKEND	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Week 1 27 January to 2 February	Welcome dinner	Movie Marathon Hornsby Odeon	Balmoral Beach
Week 2 3 to 9 February	Boarders Get Baking Movie Night – you choose	First weekend of sport Take it easy!	Mega Skate at Macquarie Centre
Thursday 13 February Great Race to Pymble (3.30pm – 7.00pm)			
Week 3 10 to 16 February	Boarders Get Baking Rom Com Binge Night	Lazy Saturday Afternoon	Wet 'n' Wild
Week 4 17 to 23 February	Boarders Get Baking	Glebe Markets	Harbour Bridge Walk and Rocks Market
Week 5 24 February to 1 March	North Sydney Noodle Markets	Angus Cup Games Night	Clontarf Beach Picnic and Swim
Week 6 2 to 8 March	Boarders Get Baking	Hornsby Odeon Cinema trip Emma	Palm Beach and Barrenjoey Lighthouse walk
Pymble presents: Fame the Musical			
Week 7 9 to 15 March	Boarders Get Baking Ravenswood Social Years 10 -12	Year 7 night out	Food Safari to Cabramatta
Week 8 16 to 22 March	Boarders Get Baking	Giants V Geelong AFL Giants Stadium	Knox catch up Wahroonga Park
Week 9 23 to 29 March	Earth Hour	Disney Plus night in with Choc Tops and Popcorn	Manly Adventure
Tuesday 31 March: End of Term Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt			
Week 10 30 March to 5 April	Boarders Get Baking	Easter Craft with Anne	Sydney Royal Easter Show
Week 11 6 to 8 April	Home time!		

KEY: Onsite – no cost; Offsite – no cost to you, may require opal card; Offsite – bring your opal card, you may also want to bring a small amount of spending money. Offsite (mostly!) – bring your opal card, entrance costs (most subsidised) will be billed to your account, you may also want to bring a small amount of spending money.



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Week One

Friday 31 January: Welcome Dinner from 6.00pm

Enjoy a delicious barbeque dinner on the Marden Lawn, featuring Albert's fabulous Friday feast. After you have eaten your fill, join in our own Boarder disco under the stars.

Or if you don't feel like dancing, head back to the Houses and relax!

Saturday 1 February: Sports Trials or sleep-in or both!

Good luck with the various sports trials! We know you'll make us proud!

And in the afternoon and/or evening....

Movie Marathon at Hornsby Odeon

Hornsby Odeon is an 'old school' movie theatre built in 1914. No reclining chairs here but some really great movies. Choose one or go for back to back.

A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood

This film is winning hearts everywhere and has some lovely lessons for our Boarding community. Tom Hanks (as in Forest Gump) portrays Mister Rogers in, a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his scepticism, learning about empathy, kindness, and decency from America's most beloved neighbour.

Time: Departs Boarding at 3:45pm, movie starts at 4:20pm

Transport: Train

Cost: Spending money

Little Women

Two words - Timothée Chalamet! Thought that might get you interested! Here's what the website says: Writer-director Greta Gerwig (Lady Bird) has crafted a Little Women that draws on both the classic novel and the writings of Louisa May Alcott, and unfolds as the author's alter ego, Jo March, reflects back and forth on her fictional life. In Gerwig's take, the beloved story of the March sisters - four young women each determined to live life on her own terms -- is both timeless and timely. Portraying Jo, Meg, Amy, and Beth March, the film stars Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh, Eliza Scanlen, with Timothée Chalamet as their neighbor Laurie, Laura Dern as Marmee, and Meryl Streep as Aunt March.

Time: Departs Boarding at 5:40pm, movie starts at 6:30pm

Transport: Train

Cost: Spending money



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Sunday 2 February: Balmoral Beach

Enjoy a day at one of Sydney's cleanest and most idyllic harbour beaches. Find a shady spot and lap up the gorgeous scenery and watch the passing parade. If it gets too hot, take a dip in the netted swimming area or enjoy an ice cream at the local café. Don't forget the sun cream!

Time: Departs Boarding at 10:00am, return around 3:00pm

Transport: College vehicle

Cost: Spending money

Week Two

Friday 7 February Boarders Get Baking: Cupcake Heaven

All of you seem to love baking and I know you LOVE yummy food. Take this opportunity to work with Mrs Wiedemann in our specialist Food Technology room and bake until your heart is content, and your tummy is full. This first session will be all about setting you on the path to producing delicious food, getting to know the environment and talking through your baking aspirations (we can make them come true!).

Saturday 8 February: Lazy Saturday Night

The first full week back at school is always exhausting. Hang out with your mates in your House Lounge and enjoy some down time watching Netflix, Stan or Disney Plus together. Dinner will be in-house with some special treats to follow.

Sunday 9 February: Mega Skate at Macquarie Ice Rink

For over thirty years, Sydney's iconic Macquarie Ice Rink has been both a playground and training facility to all levels of skating from recreational, national, international and Olympic champions. Located within Macquarie Shopping Centre, I am sure there will be time for a little look around the shops too!

It is the only facility in Sydney to provide a full-size Olympic rink so channel your inner Torvil and Dean (ask your parents!) and enjoy some time in the cool.

Time: Departs Boarding at 10:00 am, return around 3:00pm

Transport: College vehicle

Cost: \$10.00 and spending money



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Week Three

Thursday 13 February: Great Race to Pymble

Head off in your Spirit Circles for an adventure around Sydney. Travel on ferries, buses and trains to key Sydney locations and finish with a picnic under the Harbour Bridge before returning back to *Pymble*. Yes, it will be fast and furious but also lots of fun as well as a great chance to get to know your fellow Boarders from across the years. All with the added bonus of earning House points for the Angus Cup while learning how to negotiate the Sydney transport network.

Time: Departs Boarding at 3:45pm, returns 7:00pm

Transport: Buses, trains, ferries

Cost: Bring your Opal card

Friday 14 February: Boarders Get Baking – sweetheart alert!

You are old hands at this now. Enjoy your time baking until your heart is content. Speaking of hearts, how about baking something sweet for your sweetheart?

Don't forget to talk to Mrs Wiedemann about the things you want to cook – we can make it happen! Newcomers are always welcome.

Followed by... Rom Com Binge night - Valentine's Special

I am sure you will be exhausted from your Thursday night and ready to celebrate a special Valentine's Day with your Boarding sister. Choose your favourite Rom Com from Stan, Netflix or Disney Plus and bunker down in the lounges for a relaxing night with some special friends!

Saturday 15 February: Up to you

Why not making it an early night in and ready yourself for a day of action at Wet n' Wild? If you would rather be off site, have a talk with your Housie and make some plans!

Sunday 16 February: Raging Waters (Wet 'n' Wild)

Formerly known as Wet 'n' Wild, Raging Waters is the place to make summer memories. With over 30 rides, slides and attractions, Sydney's biggest waterpark has something for everyone. Have fun in your Spirit House Circle teams, challenge your Boarding sisters on the H2Go Racers, experience the thrills on the 360 Rush, Chill out by the Beach or slide the brand new Whirlwind.

Alex and her team of Spirit House Captains have some fun challenges planned so get set to win points for the Angus Cup.

Time: Departs Boarding at 10:00am, returns around 4:00pm

Transport: College bus

Cost: Nil



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Week Four

Friday 21 February: Boarders Get Baking

Another opportunity to channel your inner Jamie Oliver. Embrace and enjoy! Not sure what Mrs W has planned but I know it will be delicious!

Saturday 22 February: Glebe Markets

In days when recycling is a way of life, Glebe is a great place to find recycled fashion, CDs and books. You never know what treasures your rummaging fingers may turn up. Enjoy the adventure to Glebe Markets and find a treasure or sample gourmet foods while relaxing on the lawn and listening to the live bands.

Time: Departs Boarding around 1.00pm returns around 5:00pm

Transport: College bus/car

Cost: Spending money

Sunday 23 February: Harbour Bridge walk and Rocks Market

A Sydney must do, catch the train to Milsons Point, head up the stairs to start your walk across the iconic Harbour Bridge. Take the challenge and climb the 200 stairs in the 87 metre high pylon to discover some fascinating historical facts with 360-degree city views.

On the other side, you will find the Rocks Markets. Have a look around this vibrant open-air waterfront market, with stalls for local crafts and street food before heading back on the train for *Pymble*.

Time: Departs Boarding around 10.00am returns around 3:00pm

Transport: Train

Cost: Opal card and spending money

Week Five

Friday 28 February: North Sydney Noodle Markets

Almost the last chance to attend this twilight food fair which is a firm favourite with families, local residents and anyone making the most of the balmy summer evenings leading into the weekend. With a great variety of tasty international cuisine, live music, and a fun program of activities for the kids, no wonder this is a popular event (and has been since 1990!).

Time: Departs Boarding around 5:00pm returns around 8:00pm

Transport: Train

Cost: Opal card and spending money



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Saturday 29 February: Angus Cup Games night

Get together in House teams and challenge each other to monopoly, twister, uno, bananagram (ask Lu!) or whatever takes your fancy. Just make sure you win those points for your House and have lots of fun.

Sunday 1 March: Clontarf

Help us celebrate Elena and Steph's birthdays at this stunning sandy fore lawn in the beautiful Middle Harbour. Not much surf, but a beautiful netted pool, lots of shade and a cute little kiosk. Enjoy one of Albert's delicious picnics and enjoy the Harbour vista.

Time: Departs Boarding around 10:00am returns around 3:00pm

Transport: College Bus

Cost: Nil

Week Six

Friday 6 March: Boarders Get Baking

How much good food can you take? Regular attendees will be feeling pretty clever by now, having mastered the basics. Challenge yourself, reinvent or share a treasured family recipe and make the most of this lovely opportunity to learn life skills that will bring you joy throughout your life. Newbies are always welcome to come and share the love (and goodies!).

Saturday 7 March: Hornsby Odeon

Yes, we know you've already been but who doesn't love a movie and good old-fashioned choc top? This time we are aiming for the Jane Austin classic, Emma. Following the antics of a young woman, Emma Woodhouse, who lives in Georgian and Regency era England and occupies herself with matchmaking in a sometimes misguided, often meddlesome fashion, in the lives of her friends and family.

Time: TBC

Transport: Train

Cost: Nil

Sunday 8 March: Palm Beach to Barrenjoey Lighthouse

This is a fantastic outing for those wanting a great walk on Sydney's northern beaches. Features of this track include views of the Central Coast, Palm Beach and the South Pacific Ocean as well as the historic remnants of old lighthouses. Ask Albert to pack you a picnic and cool off with a swim at Palm Beach lagoon.

Time: Departs Boarding around 10:00am returns around 3:00pm

Transport: College Bus

Cost: Nil



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Week Seven

11 to 14 March GMCPA Pymble Ladies' College presents: Fame with fabulous Pymble Boarders!

A star is born, well several actually! Come to the GMCPA and see our fabulous production of Fame the Musical. You will be supporting your school, your fellow boarders and you will have a great time. Chat with your House Supervisors today about a group booking.

Cost: \$30.00 (billed to your account)

Friday 13 March: Ravenswood Social for Years 10, 11 and 12

Catch the train down the line for a night of fun at our Boarding neighbours home at Ravenswood. Sure to attract the loveliest of local Boarders, look out for friends from home and make new friends with fellow Boarders.

Time: Departs Boarding around 6:00pm returns around 10:30pm

Transport: Train

Cost: Bring your opal card

And for our Marden girls – you've got the campus to yourselves!

Cook until your heart is content in Boarders Get Baking. Challenge your House staff to a table tennis game, start the Hand Ball game of all Hand Ball games. The College is at your finger tips!

Saturday 14 March: Year 7 night out

Spend some time just with your Year 7 Boarding sisters at this exclusive event specially designed for you. Mrs Dickens is going to find a delicious local restaurant where you can feast on yummy food and get to know each other away from Pymble grounds. A must attend for our magic 13 girls.

Time: Departs Boarding around 5:30pm returns around 8:00pm

Transport: College Bus

Cost: Nil

Sunday 15 March: Cabramatta Food Safari

Explore the bustling streets of Cabramatta, home to Australia's largest population of Vietnamese migrants and some of the best Vietnamese food. Sample traditional pho, sugar cane juice and the iconic pork roll!

Time: Departs Boarding around 10:00am returns around 3:00pm

Transport: College Bus/ public transport

Cost: Opal card and spending money



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Week Eight

Friday 20 March: Boarders Get Baking

Food, fun and fabulousness will be exuding from our Food Technology rooms. Wonder what Mrs W has in store this week?

Saturday 21 March: Giants v Geelong AFLW and AFL – watch the women fly! Giants Stadium -

The GIANTS may be the Australian Football League's youngest club, but they are quickly becoming one of the mightiest. In the first of three games you have the option of attending this year, you can watch not only the men play but be inspired by the amazing women's league.

Time: Departs Boarding around 4:00pm returns around 10:00pm (AFLW 5:10pm, AFL 7:25pm)

Transport: College Bus

Cost: Spending money

Sunday 22 March: Catch up with our neighbours in Wahroonga Park

This is the chance for our Marden girls to come along for a social in Wahroonga Park with our Knox and Loreto Normanhurst neighbours.

Time: Departs Boarding 1:30pm returns around 4:30pm

Transport: Train

Cost: Opal card

Week Nine

Friday 27 March: Earth Hour

Started by WWF and partners as a symbolic lights-out event in Sydney in 2007, Earth Hour is now one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the environment, engaging millions of people in more than 180 countries and territories. It has become a catalyst for positive environmental impact, driving major legislative changes by harnessing the power of the people.

Join our Boarding family and our Knox Boarding neighbours for an evening of trivia, conversation and fun under the stars, all in support of this important event

Saturday 28 March: Disney Plus movie marathon

Enjoy a night in with the ultimate streaming destination for Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars & National Geographic. High School Musical throwback, Clone Wars or my personal favourite, Little Mermaid – you choose!



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Sunday 29 March: Manly unlocked

Enjoy the autumn sunshine and take the Manly ferry to enjoy spectacular harbour and ocean views. Once you are there take a stroll around the markets or along the beautiful beach front. Make sure you take this opportunity before the iconic Manly ferries retire.

Time: Departs Boarding around 10:00am returns around 3:00pm

Transport: Train and ferry

Cost: Opal card and spending money

Week Ten (almost there!)

Friday 3 April: Boarders Get Baking Easter Edition

What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole? Hot cross bunnies! Come along to BGB and make some delicious and pretty Easter treats to share with your mates or even to take home for your family.

Saturday 4 April Easter Craft

Channel your inner Martha Stewart and work with our very own influencer, Anne Tucker. Anne is the queen of all things craft and will help you create beautiful Easter gifts for your family and friends. Weather permitting, the back verandah of Joan Hammond will be transformed into craft heaven ready for you to enjoy.

Sunday 5 April: The Sydney Royal Easter Show

A bit more country in the city is a good thing! Come along and meet farmyard animals, taste award-winning produce and feel the adrenaline of the Carnival at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Time: Departs Boarding around 10:00am returns around 3:00pm

Transport: Train

Cost: \$15.00 plus opal card and spending money (you might want a little extra for rides 😊)

Week Eleven

Tuesday 7 April: End of term dinner, Chapel and Easter egg hunt

You are almost there! Come along and celebrate with your Boarding Sisters and our *Pymble* Staff a beautiful Chapel service and an extra special formal dinner. Follow this with our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!



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And for something a bit different...

Prefect Supper Club – Lang House

The Prefect Supper Club is a great opportunity for our youngest and oldest Boarders to get together for an evening of relaxed conversation, friendly advice and, of course, a delicious supper. Dates coming your way soon!

View from my Window and Speaker Series

'View from my window' continues to be a highlight in our Chapel service. During this special time, individual Boarders take the opportunity to share stories and images from their homes. The presentations are captivating and heart-warming, helping us all appreciate the variety of backgrounds from which we come and the experiences that we bring to Boarding. Greta has started us off brilliantly with her presentation on Boarding in Scotland and I can't wait to hear about Ali Gap's home in Vermont. Please let me know if you would like to share too. Hopefully some of our Boarders' relatives might also share their stories and enrich our understanding of the diverse community in which we live.

And over to you...

Build your own adventure (this is a really important opportunity!!!)

Get together with a group of friends and put together a proposal for your adventure. Whether it is a night out at a favourite restaurant, a trip to a local market or an inner-city expedition. Get your ideas down on paper, suggest a date and we will do the best we can to make it happen.

Organise a sleepover

We would love you to invite a friend from the Day School to stay over on a Friday or Saturday night. Propose some dates to your House Supervisor and make it happen!

Or better still...

Invite up to 5 of your friends from the Day School for a pizza and movie night. Once again, propose some dates to your House Supervisor and make it happen!



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And if after all that fun, you feel you need a little fitness...

FITNESS CENTRE SESSIONS

DAY	TIME	AREA	INSTRUCTOR
Monday	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Fitness Centre	Rachel Maenpaa
Wednesday	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Fitness Centre	Rachel Maenpaa
Sunday	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Fitness Centre	Rachel Maenpaa

PS Yoga is coming!

And then, if you need to cool off...

POOL TIMES

DAY	TIME	AREA	INSTRUCTOR
Monday	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Pool	Ben Lenhen
Wednesday	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Pool	Ben Lenhen
Sunday	3.00pm to 7.00pm	Pool	Ben Lenhen

And (yes there's more), don't forget...

We have tennis courts, an ag plot, games galore, lego, bikes, music studios and plenty of lovely things to do right here on your doorstep!

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