

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **A smart choice for boarder families as new offer opens the door for siblings and cousins to stay together**

**As part of National Boarder Week (May 12- 18) and to celebrate the resilience of regional and rural families across NSW and Australia in times of the prolonged drought and hardship, Scots All Saints College has announced a new Extended Boarder Family Package with multi-student boarding accommodation discounts to keep siblings and cousins together while living and learning at school.**

Head of Scots All Saints College, Mr John Weeks said the new boarder multi-student family discount recognises the importance of keeping families together on one campus within regional NSW.

“It’s no secret that apart from a quality education, diverse opportunities and strong values, boarder families want a good location, safety, security and convenience when choosing a boarding school for their sons and daughters. With the impact of drought and financial hardships, evidence-based research shows it’s important for families to have value for money and to stay together to support one another in these times of need,” Mr Weeks said.

“The new Extended Boarder Family Package will deliver on this checklist bringing considerable savings to rural and regional families through annual boarding fee discounts for a minimum of 3 or more students in an extended family throughout their time at Scots All Saints College. This offer is on top of the already generous sibling discounts for 2 or more children and individual students are now encouraged to apply for a newly launched All-Rounder Scholarship to further assist which could save thousands off annual school fees throughout the time the student is at the school,” he said.

As a leader in education throughout Australia and internationally, Head of College, Mr John Weeks will officially take up his role on 1 July, bringing a new family-focused vision that will introduce important parent and teacher collaborative student wellbeing programs, such as Positive Psychology to the College.

Mr Weeks said: “As part of the Next Gen. Boarding at Scots All Saints College, we are building an inspired learning environment in and out of the classroom to suit the needs of our families and cater to the unique needs of our boarding community.”

“As a new regional College of choice with three campuses in Bathurst and Lithgow, we have deep-seated country values developed over more than 218 years in educational excellence. As a traditional rural school, formed by the merger of The Scots School and All Saints’ College in 2019, we are building on this heritage and culture to provide outstanding learning experiences for children of all ages in a safe, idyllic, country setting.”

“We have listened to our boarding families from regional and rural NSW who want a one-stop school where siblings and extended family can live and learn together in one convenient location. They prefer not to travel long distances to see their children and spend lots of time and money just to visit their children.

“We have designed an Extended Family Boarding Package to enable students to build strong relationships with their siblings and cousins by having a more affordable, smart choice for their education in a caring, quality environment where they can have space to be...together.”

Scots All Saints College has recently invested more than \$1.2 Million on refurbishment to the dedicated Senior School and Boarding facilities on Scots Campus, Bathurst as part of stage 1 of upgrades. With more than 150 acres of space for students including a working farm, performing arts centre, sporting ovals and sports facility, indoor swimming pool, and modern, innovative library space, students can enjoy the comfort of a true home away from home with their siblings and family with them.

A genuine invite is extended to families to talk to us about how we can help them. Scots All Saints College will be hosting a Try Boarding Sleepover on Sunday 23 June and a chance to experience the Senior School where students from Year 5 to Year 12 join the classes, meet the teachers and get to know their peers before enrolling.

The Extended Family Boarder discount is a limited time offer available for this year only. To be eligible, 3 or more family members will be enrolled for 2020. Students who do not qualify for the isolated children's funding should talk to us.

For further information, please contact Scots All Saints College on 02 6331 3911.

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