GREY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Warring Lodge



Hostel Information Booklet
2026

HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

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– Tria Juncta in Uno –

Welcome boys and parents,

The aim of Grey Junior School's Warring Lodge Hostel is to provide a secure and caring 'home away from home' environment for your son, in order for him to achieve his full potential in all facets of school life.

Warring Lodge is a weekly boarding establishment, offering a holistic and vibrant culture with a foundation based on sound family values. We celebrate rich and long-standing traditions, which have guided us in providing a world class educational programme preparing our boys for the challenges of the future.

The Warring Lodge Handbook contains material that provides clarity and guidance on many matters that you may encounter over time.



The Handbook is a good place to start when seeking answers to many frequently asked questions. Please feel free to make contact with either Luke or Lynné Crawford whenever you require information and/or advice.

We are committed to providing a boarding environment that supports your son in academic, cultural and sporting endeavors. We look forward to working together with you and your family in achieving this, whilst your son enjoys his tenure at Grey Junior School's Warring Lodge.

Yours sincerely,
GD Butler
HEADMASTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents,

We are exceptionally proud to welcome you to our boarding establishment. Warring Lodge is home to Grey boys from Grade 1 to Grade 7, providing a vibrant, structured environment where your son will be challenged to grow, mature, and thrive. Our warm, caring, family-like atmosphere emphasizes individual responsibility and encourages each boy to reach his personal and inherited potential.

This handbook is designed to provide you and your son with important and useful information about boarding at Warring Lodge. We kindly ask that you read through it carefully before your son's arrival and revisit it regularly so that your family is familiar with our procedures and practices.

Our dedicated hostel staff will be here to support and reinforce these principles throughout your son's boarding experience. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

We look forward to welcoming your son to our Warring Lodge family!

Yours sincerely,

Luke Crawford
HOSTEL SUPERINTENDENT



MISSION STATEMENT & VALUES

The aim of Warring Lodge is to provide a secure and safe environment in which each individual boy is encouraged to achieve his full potential. Warring Lodge strives to support the boys in their cultural, academic, personal and sporting growth, while also encouraging them to widen their horizons through a variety of experiences offered both at school and in the hostel. In doing so, Warring Lodge seeks to develop leadership and support skills by gradually guiding each boy to take responsibility for himself as well as for others.

Boarding at Warring Lodge is founded on open, honest and trusting relationships rooted in mutual respect for each individual, with the communication of shared values seen as essential to a strong and successful boarding community. All staff involved with boarders are committed to providing a safe, comfortable, and inclusive environment where every boy can flourish, free from intimidation, discrimination, or harassment and where privacy is respected. Warring Lodge embraces the holistic development of the whole person - emotionally, morally, intellectually, socially, culturally, physically, and spiritually - and provides ample opportunities for growth while promoting a balanced lifestyle. Each member of the hostel community is expected to contribute and participate, encouraging healthy diversity, a sense of belonging, a broadened experience and achievement. Students are supported in pursuing their academic and intellectual endeavours in a positive, encouraging atmosphere that is conducive to learning, while also being guided towards self-discipline, independence, confidence, and self-worth. Initiative and leadership are encouraged through an understanding of responsibility, service and respect for others. Open and honest communication between pupils and staff is actively supported, and, most importantly, parents are encouraged to be close partners in the holistic education of their children.





COMMUNICATION & DEVICE USE

At Warring Lodge, we are proudly a non-tech hostel, as we believe constant access to technology is not necessary for the healthy development of junior boys. By limiting personal devices, we encourage real connection, active play, creativity, and strong friendships within the hostel community. Boys have access to normal telephones to phone home, and parents are always able to contact their children or hostel staff when needed. It is helpful for parents to agree on how often their child will communicate with them at home, with a regular daily time planned so that he knows he can make consistent contact. This approach supports better focus, healthier routines and emotional well-being, while allowing boys to enjoy a balanced, age-appropriate childhood where they can grow with confidence and independence.

DAILY ROUTINE

WAKE UP. GET DRESSED. MAKE BEDS AND TIDY. INSPECTION.	**06:10**
BREAKFAST	**06:45**
WALK TO SCHOOL WITH THE MASTER ON DUTY	**07:20**
RETURN FROM SCHOOL. LUNCH. FREE TIME. GRADE 1 - 4 PREP.	**14:00**
PREP	**16:00**
DINNER	**17:20**
PREP	**18:00**
BEDTIME	**20:00**



TUESDAY 18:00 - 18:30
HOSTEL SCRIPTURE.

WEEKEND RETURN TIMES

Parents must notify the hostel via WhatsApp by Wednesday evening if their son will be spending the weekend with another family or travelling with someone other than a parent (excluding lift clubs). The responsible adult must sign the hostel register on collection.

Boys participating in Saturday sport may stay in the hostel on Friday night, with Friday supper and Saturday breakfast provided. Mrs Crawford must be informed by Wednesday evening.

Boys returning on Sunday may sign in between 15:00 and 19:00. Please note that Sunday supper is not provided. Boys returning on Monday must be signed in before 07:30; breakfast is available from 06:50.

Signing boys in and out is compulsory at all times, including for appointments, outings, and weekends. Boys must be signed back in upon their return.
Family and friends are welcome to visit or take a boarder out for the afternoon. Boys may be signed out from 14:00 and must return by 17:00. The duty master must be informed before departure. Unless otherwise arranged, boys are expected to attend dinner.

These arrangements are intended for occasional appointments or special events. We encourage boarders to participate in hostel life and afternoon activities.
Parents must inform the hostel in advance of any weekday birthday party invitations or similar engagements.

Visitors and parents are asked not to go upstairs during the afternoons, as boys may be changing for sport. Parents are welcome to assist with packing and unpacking on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons.



DRESS CODE



Only the full Grey uniform or phys ed whites (with white takkies only) may be worn when leaving hostel premises during the week.

In hostel, they are allowed to wear civvies. When leaving for the weekend, full school uniform is to be worn and when the boys return on a Sunday and return with private transport or with family and friends, the boys may wear civvies. If they come back on a Sunday with any public transport, the boys must wear full school uniform. If they return on a Monday, school uniform is required.

START & END OF TERM



Term dates are gazetted in the term calendar and on the EdAdmin. Boarders are requested to adhere to term dates as stipulated on the calendar, unless otherwise stated by the Headmaster.

All boarders return to the hostel the afternoon / evening before the start of a new term. This allows your son to unpack and to settle for the start of term. Please provide your son with supper on that evening.

HOMEWORK



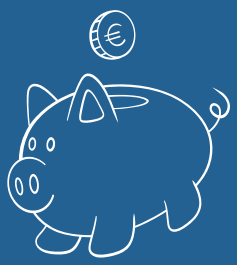
All boarders are provided with 2 x 60min sessions of prep daily with 2 staff members on duty. During exams we move over to 3 sessions per day. Sessions are normally 16:00-17:00 and 18:00-19:00.

TV & MOVIES



The television is only available during the week in rainy weather.

TUCK & POCKET MONEY



Tuck is a wonderful way to bless your son, however, please be reasonable. Each boy has an additional storage box in their tuck area where they can store these items.

An amount of R50.00 per week is suggested for tuckshop on a Friday at school. We only work with cash for pocket money as children need to learn how to work with money as it is considered a life skill.

LAUNDRY PROCEDURES



Children need 1 laundry bag, which shall be handed in every Thursday morning. It is the responsibility of the child to accurately record the items which are to be washed in the bag. All bedding, towels and casual clothing is the parent's responsibility and should be taken home on a Friday and returned with your son.



CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

School Uniform	✔
5 GJS school shirts	
5 pairs of GJS school socks	
3 pairs og GJS shorts	
1 black school belt	
Full GJS tracksuit	
GJS Anorak	
GJS Blazer for winter months	
GJS Jersey	
GJS Cap	
2 GJS Ties	
Black School shoes	
Predominantly white takkies	
4 x white shorts	
3 x white Unicorn shirts	
Sports Kit	
GJS kitbag	
GJS school bag	

Clothing	✔
7 pairs of underpants	
Slippers or Sandals	
2 pairs of pajamas	
Civvies	

Other	✔
Laundry bag	
Toiletries	
2 sets of bedding & sheets (NAVY)	
Pillow, duvet, mattress protector	

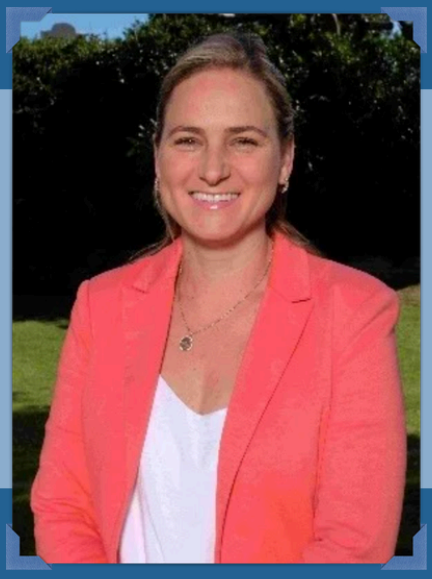


IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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