



WOODRIDGE
COLLEGE AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Welcome to Kohler Residence. I am looking forward to getting to know those that I have not met and spending more time with those I have, all while your son is in our care. It is a great privilege to serve as Housemaster of Kohler, a task that I am passionate about. Very able staff in the form of the Assistant Housemaster, Mr Peter Maartens, Assistant Mr Ricky Gerber and interns Mr Staunton Goliath and Mr Daniel Ward, support me. Additionally we also have a few other members of staff who will be performing duties over some weekends. Our pupil Head of House is Bulumko Adam and the assistant pupil head of house is John Tanner.

The Mission at Kohler Residence is: ***“To create a homely and disciplined atmosphere where boys adhere to a sound value system, develop leadership skills and gain a sense of pride in their residence and school.”***

I would like to explain briefly, what our routine entails in order to give you some understanding of the residence. The boys have to wake up by 06:20 am to get ready for a morning inspection at 06:55. During this time, their dorms are inspected to ensure that their living areas are neat, beds are made and cupboards are neatly packed. This sets the tone for their day and ensures that the boys arrive at the dining hall in good time for breakfast at 07:15, dressed appropriately for their school day.

Boys return to the residence from school after lunch and change dress to go to sport, else they can choose to remain in residence should they have no sport on a particular day. They have “free” time from 16:30 during which they take a shower and get ready to go to supper at 18:00. Roll call in residence is taken at 18:45 and from this time it is expected that they remain in the residence area for the rest of the evening. Evening prep for homework starts at 19:00 until 20:30. At 21:15, there is a compulsory quiet time in the residence where the boys can relax or read on their beds. Lights out is at 21:30. Boys are allowed to do other activities, such as watching TV, reading or playing games, outside official prep times.

Laundry can be handed in twice a week (Sundays and Wednesdays). Laundry is returned on Mondays and Thursdays. Boys are required to **mark their laundry items clearly with a permanent marker or stitched on tag.**

In line with leadership development at Woodridge, boys are given various responsibilities and leadership roles within the boarding establishment. Matrics are put in charge of various portfolios such as Laundry, Box Room, Academics, Gym, Sport, etc. and they need to ensure that these areas run smoothly with the assistance of junior pupils. We encourage mutual respect between seniors and juniors and we have a zero tolerance towards bullying.

Weekend Arrangements

As far as weekend sign-outs are concerned, the following is expected from all parents.

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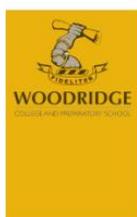
All weekend plans need to be done via Engage. No boy will be allowed out for the weekend if his parent/guardian has not correctly filled out the weekend exeat.

A systematic guide as to how this is done will be sent to you.

Medical issues and appointments are dealt with by the Sanatorium (SAN) and pupils are not allowed to have scheduled medication in their possession. This should be handed to the SAN via the houseparent and the SAN will keep record of the administration of such medication. In some cases, the SAN will delegate this responsibility back to House Parents/Form teachers who are required to keep a register of the administration of every dosage issued. Parents need to inform me if pupils are using any chronic medication for any condition (please see the boarding house handbook for more details).

I thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me should you require further information or clarification.

Kind Regards.
Ryan Scheepers



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