**STATEMENT OF BOARDING PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE**

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| **ST ANDREW’S COLLEGE POLICY DOCUMENT** | |
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St. Andrew’s College Cambridge aims to provide a high standard of pastoral care through a well-established boarding system which aims to provide a warm, secure, friendly and family style environment for boarders.

The following aims are intended to ensure that boarders at St. Andrew’s College Cambridge are confident, open-minded people who can develop a strong sense of community in a multicultural setting. A proactive approach to life in the community is encouraged and sensitivity to others, leadership and independence are fostered. At St. Andrew’s College Cambridge we follow the National Minimum Boarding Standards.

**PRINCIPLE 1**

**TO PROVIDE A SAFE BOARDING ENVIRONMENT**

St. Andrew’s College Cambridge recognises that it is of paramount importance for boarders to live and work in a safe environment.

*PRACTICE:*

* All staff are trained in safeguarding and Prevent and those who recruit have completed the ‘Safer Recruitment’ on-line training.
* Akeva, a Health and Safety Consultancy, carries out annual building risk assessments and supports the college on an ongoing basis.
* SISO Systems are in place to ensure the house staff know the whereabouts of the boarders at all times.
* If house managers have any concerns over a student’s physical or mental health, there are procedures in place to address this.

**PRINCIPLE 2**

**TO PROVIDE A FAMILY STYLE ENVIRONMENT**

St. Andrew’s College Cambridge believes that each individual is best able to develop successfully within a happy family style environment. Each boarding house functions as a closely-knit family style unit.

*PRACTICE:*

* Small houses, each with their designated houseparent ensure that student are well looked after and closely monitored.
* We encourage students to contact their parents regularly by telephone and electronic means.
* Student meetings are held to discuss relevant boarding issues.

**PRINCIPLE 3**

**TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY AND TO LEAD A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**

* There are fixed study times so that students have allocated slots to focus on their work.
* We encourage students to take part in sports.
* We encourage students to take part in the school social programme so that they can get to know other students better.
* We encourage students to speak English so that they improve their language to the level required for university.
* We endeavour to provide healthy and nutritious meals and snacks.
* We encourage students to see the college counsellor if they feel they could benefit from her service.

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