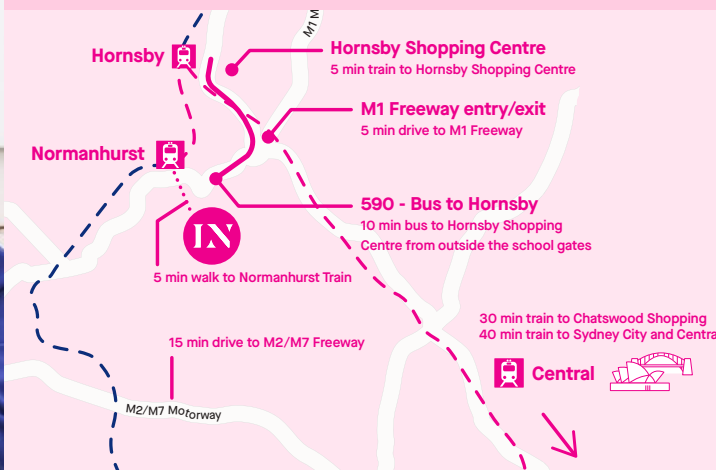




Where Are We



McCabe House: Now Open

Our purpose-built boarding house provides a welcoming home for up to 216 boarders, with dedicated spaces for study, wellbeing, relaxation and connection.



Scan the QR code to book a tour

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Loreto is proud to be a member of the Australian Boarding School Association (ABSA) which supports and develops best practice in residential communities throughout Australia.



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Boarding at Loreto Normanhurst



Why Boarding at Loreto Normanhurst?

Boarding at Loreto Normanhurst provides access to a globally connected school, with a wide subject choice, specialist facilities, sporting pathways and tertiary connections not available in many regional settings. We offer a flexible boarding model which means boarding all week with opportunity for weekend time with friends and family. One weekend a term the whole boarding community 'stays in' to strengthen relationships, belonging and connection.

A Strong Boarding Start From Year 7

Starting in Year 7 allows girls to settle early, build study habits, form friendships and grow independence across their schooling.

Year 7 is our major boarding intake, giving girls the opportunity to begin their boarding journey alongside their peers, build friendships and establish strong routines from the beginning of secondary school.

Known and Supported Every Day

Boarders are cared for within clear and consistent pastoral structures.

- Dedicated Boarding Heads of Year
- Day school house system with advisors and tutors
- Academic mentors and homework help
- Access to counsellors, nursing staff and wellbeing support
- Buddy systems and mentoring from senior boarders.

How Friendships are Formed

Girls get to know one another through:

- Commitment Weekend at the start of the year
- Community Weekends during Terms 2–4
- Structured weekend recreation programs
- Leadership opportunities and extra-curricular activities

Learning that Supports Growth

Learning at Loreto Normanhurst is guided by the Loreto Normanhurst Student Growth Model (LNSGM), which focuses on Faith, Academic, Community and Extra-curricular.

We recognise that students come from different schooling backgrounds and our academic programs support girls to build confidence and consistency over time.

In the 2025 HSC, two boarders were recognised as All Round Achievers with one placing 6th in the state for Drama.

Boarding in McCabe House

McCabe House is our purpose-built boarding facility, providing a welcoming home where girls can live, learn and grow within a supportive boarding community. The four-level facility accommodates up to 216 boarders and includes:

- Modern accommodation options, including shared dorms, twin-share and single rooms
- Dedicated study and wellbeing spaces
- Communal areas for relaxation, connection and socialising
- Contemporary facilities designed to support students throughout their boarding journey
- Views overlooking bushland and the school oval

McCabe House provides a safe, comfortable and connected environment where girls can build friendships, develop independence and feel a strong sense of belonging.



Sport and Extra-Curricular Opportunities

- Compulsory Saturday sport for all boarders in Year 7–10
- Access to a wide range of team and individual sports
- Peer teams and competitive pathways

The Rowing Under 17 VIII crew are the 2026 National State Titles Champions!

Boarders can also take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities across music, the arts, oratory, leadership and service.

All students in the 2025 Year 12 Drama cohort achieved a Band 6 with one student coming first in the state.

Faith and Community Service

- Compulsory Sunday evening mass for all boarders
- Community service opportunities encourage giving back and builds a sense of responsibility

Spaces and Facilities

Loreto Normanhurst is set on over 25 acres on Sydney's Upper North Shore and includes:

- Ovals, gymnasium and aquatic centre
- Tennis and multi-purpose courts
- Flexible learning and study spaces
- Dedicated health centre

Life Beyond the Classroom: Fun, Connection and Shared Experiences

Boarders are known as the 'Pink Ladies', a long-standing boarding tradition that reflects pride and connection within the boarding community.

Each year, boarders take part in social events and shared experiences, including the annual Pink Lady Cruise and Dinner, alongside weekend activities, outings into Sydney and informal time spent together in the boarding house.

Staying Connected with Families

Boarding families are supported through clear communication channels, key contacts within boarding, regular updates and opportunities to remain involved and connected.

Main Event

Held each May, 'Main Event' brings boarding families and their daughters together for an evening of community and fun!