

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The Home shall be conducted for boys between the age of eight and seventeen years who have been assessed as being severely emotionally disturbed and who are in need of long term residential care.
2. The length of stay should be determined by the Review Board which consists of the Secretary of the Residential Child Care Advisory Committee (Chairman), the Manager, Homes Social Worker, the Parents Social Worker, the Unit Supervisor, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Mental Health Visitor, Parents, and any other Agency with which the boy has contact.
3. Admittance to the Home is subject to the Medical Certificate being signed by a Medical Practitioner with a Psychiatric back-up, all forms and questions being answered, and Parent or Guardian being in full agreement to the placing of the boy.

The Parent/Guardian paying towards the boys upkeep a weekly amount (as agreed with the Management) being in addition to the Family Allowance-Payment direct to the Home by the Department Of Social Security.

The Parent/Guardian also agree to provide clothing as may be required by the Boy.

The Parent/Guardian also agree to pay all Medical, Dental and Optical expenses, and give the Management permission to seek any medical aid, and consent to the use of anaesthetic in emergency.
4. After the initial settling in period, boys are rostered, one week-end on a fortnightly basis, subject to the boys behaviour at the Home, and whilst on leave with his parents, parents should ring the Home on Wednesday or Thursday prior to the week-end to confirm travelling arrangements.
5. Parents are invited to discuss the boys progress with the Manager or Child Care Worker, and with the School Principal.
6. The Homes Social Worker, and Manager are available for counselling to Parents and Guardians.
7. Fathers are invited to attend camps run by the Home during the school holidays, and families are invited to Open Days, and to participate in Petes etc.
8. Camps are held during school holidays for boys unable to go to their own homes, and for those boys who would like to go for a part of their holiday.
9. Education of the boys is provided by the Mount Barker High School for older boys, and the Education Department provide teachers for the Primary boys on the property.
10. Boys are encouraged to play sport, learn handicrafts, and music, to take care of animals (domestic) and when ever possible, are taken to visit the Museum, Art and Culture, Zoo.
11. Religion is a part of the Boys training: Grace before meals, Sunday Worship in small groups in the Roman Catholic, Methodist, or Baptist local Church, with an evening service when all boys have returned from leave.
12. Personal Effects: Boys are encouraged to bring their favourite toy, or possession to keep with them in the section. However, all moneys should be handed over to the Unit Supervisor for banking. Sweets and toilet requirements are provided by the Home, also pocket money for outings etc. No Boy should be encouraged, or given cigarettes to bring into the Home.