

Frequently Asked Questions

Yanco Agricultural High School – As you sow, so shall you reap

Selecting the right high school for your child is an important decision. To help you to decide whether Yanco Agricultural High School is the right school for your child, we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions and answers (below). If you require more information on any aspect of the education or school life on offer at our school, please contact us.

Is Yanco Agricultural High School a private school?

No. Yanco is a NSW government school.

Where are students from?

Students come from all over NSW and some from interstate.

How many day students are there?

There are no day students at Yanco. All 320 students who attend our school are boarders. The majority are full time boarders and the others only board during the week. There are buses that leave on Friday (returning on Monday) to Lockhart, Wagga (via Coolamon), West Wyalong, Deniliquin (via Finley) and Hay (via Griffith and Goolgowi). Many full time boarders use these buses for a weekend home visit.

How much are school fees?

The Boarding Fee for 2009 is \$8102 per year (fulltime) and \$7100 per year (weekly). This fee is set by the NSW Government each year. There are no tuition fees.

Families may be eligible for some financial assistance from the NSW and Federal Governments. Please contact us for details.

What is the typical daily routine?

Breakfast is served between 7.15am and 7.45am. This is followed by a dormitory inspection and then the students leave the dorms for the school day. Recess is at 10.50am, lunch at 1pm and school finishes at 3.15pm. Students may then return to their dorms to get changed and pursue recreational activities. Dinner is at 5.30pm and prep starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 8.30pm. This is followed by supper and lights out at about 9pm.

What are the dorms like?

The number of students in a dorm will vary depending on the numbers in each year group and the building that they are in. All students have their own lockable space for personal belongings. Most Year 11 and 12 students have their own room.

What about laundry and cleaning?

Dormitory buildings are cleaned every day and our school laundry washes all student clothing and linen.

Are there any leave restrictions?

No. There are no restrictions on leave except if students have been restricted to certain activities. Written parental permission is required for leave or changes to leave arrangements. The middle weekends of each term are *Designated Leave Weekends* when all students are away from the school.

What happens on weekends?

Many students participate in local sporting teams on the weekends. Others are involved in school sport on Saturday morning and the rest of the weekend is 'free'. Movies or other activities are held on Saturday night.

What extra activities do you offer?

We have many extra-curricular activities including a variety of sports, music and social activities. Our school has a very supportive P & C and parents are welcome at school at any time. The Yanco school calendar has many important dates among which are the Beach Carnival and Gala Day held in March, the McCaughey Ball in June and the Art Show in October.

What if my child becomes sick?

Our school has a well-equipped medical centre with qualified nurses to attend to any medical problems. If appointments need to be made with local doctors, dentists etc all arrangements are organised by the matrons and a member of staff accompanies students to medical facilities.

How big are classes?

Class sizes depend on the number of students per year but average around 20.

Are boys & girls in separate classes?

The majority of classes are coeducational. However, in our 'middle school' (years 7 and 8) there are some single-sex classes.

Can students take horses to Yanco?

We have an **Equine Studies** course for years 9-10 and years 11-12. Students in these courses have priority in stabling their horses at our school depending on availability of stables and yards. Our *Equine Policy Booklet* provides more detail. Students in year 7 and 8 cannot have horses at the school, but can 'buddy' with older students who do have horses.

Does Yanco develop Show Stock?

Show Stock are an important and highly successful part of Yanco, with teams in cattle, sheep, poultry and horses. Interested students should express their interest at the start of the year.

More information

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