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GREY KOLLEGE SEKONDÊR COLLEGE SECONDARY

A SOUTH AFRICAN PARALLEL MEDIUM SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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WELCOME TO MURRAY HOUSE

WHERE IT ALL STARTS



IMPORTANT HOSTEL GUIDELINES

The following information may address many of your concerns. Please take note of it and discuss it with your son in detail. Kindly note that changes may occur. Other relevant information can be found on the school's website.

All grade 8 boys must arrive on **MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2024 @ 08:00**

The first academic school day will start on **WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2024 @ 07:30.**

GREY WEBSITE: www.greycollegesecondary.com

MATRONS AND TEACHERS ON DUTY

Each hostel has a **Teacher on Duty** who takes responsibility on a particular day. Your son will find the name of this teacher on the notice board in the Hostel.

Parents are advised to contact the Housemaster or Assistant Housemaster regarding any queries, problems, suggestions, requests, or complaints. Matron is also available to every boy/parent. If necessary, the Housemaster will consult with the School Principal and give you feedback. We urge you to follow this route to ensure that matters are resolved efficiently. You will be supplied with the telephone numbers of staff members.

During weekends the **Matrons** of the three hostels at Grey College take turns to be on duty. The Matron on weekend duty will attend to all medical issues, regardless of the hostel in which your son is. The name and contact number of the Matron on duty will be available on the notice board.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU AND YOUR SON TO SAVE THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS ON YOUR PHONES:

Mr. Jannie Geldenhuys – Housemaster	: 073 269 5157
E-mail address	: murray@gc.co.za
Mr. Rudee Barker – Assistant Housemaster	: 073 420 4522
E-mail address	: rbarker@gc.co.za
Mrs. Kim Prinsloo – Hostel Mom	: 083 425 6341
E-mail address	: kprinsloo@gc.co.za
Mr. Anton Meyer	: 082 560 0917
Mr. Nico Venter	: 071 875 6297
Mr. Rikus van Wyk	: 072 699 8153
Mr. Bobby Joubert	: 082 441 1826

DORM PLACEMENTS

The placement of new residents in Murray House is handled by the Housemaster and will take place at his discretion. Changes may occur only with the permission of the Housemaster and are allowed only from the second term. In case of a fundamental issue inside a dorm, the Housemaster may, at his discretion, make changes during the first term.

We urgently request the assistance of parents/guardians in this regard – **please encourage your son to make new friends, have a positive attitude and be open and responsive to getting to know other boys.**

ROOMS / DORMS

- ✘ Parents must provide all linen (*bedding*), towels and toilet paper for their son.
- ✘ Hostel boys are responsible for making their own beds, sweeping the room and for the dorm's general neatness.
- ✘ Along with the sets of bedding that you provide, **it is compulsory to include a mattress protector.**
- ✘ Hostel boys are not permitted to sleep under a blanket on a mattress with no mattress protector and sheet.
- ✘ Cupboards must be always neat, and **MUST** be kept locked (when your son is not in his dorm) in the interest of all boys.
- ✘ Dorm inspection occurs daily.
- ✘ Cupboard inspection takes place bi-weekly.
- ✘ Boys may bring their own (**VERY WELL MARKED**) mattresses, should they prefer. (1.9m x 75cm). **THIS SIZE IS NARROWER THAN A STANDARD SIZED SINGLE BED MATTRESS.**
- ✘ When he moves to a different hostel, he takes his mattress with him.
- ✘ Mattresses can be purchased from any mattress retailer, or you can contact.
GARETH 072 278 3740 or DAVID 064 601 4970

EATERIES

The boys eat their meals at Hamilton Hall. The menu is approved by a dietitian. Apart from the delicious meals enjoyed at Hamilton Hall, there are two coffee/tea stations in the hostel:

(1 upstairs and 1 downstairs) each with a microwave oven and kettle. There is a large fridge in the games room upstairs. The Grey Tuckshop is situated right across from the hostel. The Engen One Stop is very close to the hostel.

PERSONAL SAFETY & PROTECTION OF HIS BELONGINGS

“ZERO TOLERANCE” POLICY REGARDING ALCOHOL, SMOKING, VAPING, DRUGS AND PORNOGRAPHY, CELL PHONES

Your son’s personal safety and the protection of his personal belongings are important to us, thus many of the rules are based on safety. You will also notice that opportunities during which boys are allowed to leave the campus are prescribed and regulated.

All hostels are equipped with CCTV cameras that are operational 24 hours a day, with a recording monitor to the Housemaster’s office. The teachers have an APP on their phones that enable them to view the activities in the hallways, it also a helpful tool to assist in case of an incident which may require playback of footage to a particular day/time to identify possible suspects.

Personal belongings and valuable articles such as cell phones must be locked away in your son’s personal cupboard when he is not using these. It is handy to bring an extra set of a lock and keys.

After registration at Murray House, parents/guardians are allowed to enter the dorms on the 15th of JANUARY 2024 to help their boys settle in. AFTER 17h00 on the 15th of January 2024, the general rule will apply where PARENTS/GUARDIANS are only allowed to enter their son’s dorms at the beginning of the first term of grade 8. Due to security reasons, dorms are always PRIVATE.

Parents/Guardians may use the visitors’ restrooms on the ground floor underneath the staircase in Murray House but are NOT allowed to enter the dorms when making use of the facilities (restroom) there are also restrooms available at the Hamilton dining hall. During the term, you are always welcome to visit your son after school. During school hours, parcels or any other deliveries may be left with the Matron, who will then ensure that your son receives it after school.

Grey pupils enroute to and from Mimosa Mall and the Loch Logan Waterfront or other shopping centres, at times become the target of thugs who want to rob them from cell phones and money. Boys must therefore always walk in groups of at least three boys per group, and refrain from speaking to strangers on the way. We also advise that boys not use their phones on the way to the Malls. Please address the issue of safety with your son.

DRUGS

Due to the increase in the use of drugs among children in general and especially the use of marijuana in schools, it is essential to have conversations with your son on a regular basis. Please also study the school’s drug policy. Pharmacies sell elementary devices (urine test for most drugs) over the counter. Do not hesitate to use these, as boys are particularly exposed when they visit the Malls or go to parties. This includes the exchange of medication and an addiction to self-medication, prescribed medication, and alcohol abuse. Always be on the alert to look out for signs of addiction.

Grey College as well as its Hostels maintain a "ZERO tolerance" policy regarding alcohol, smoking, drugs, and pornographic material. The use of cigarettes / vapes (any kind of drugs that can be smoked), alcohol (liquor) any other form of drugs or steroids, as well as pornography, is strictly prohibited. Boys should note that they are not allowed to use any of these substances (e.g., alcohol) in the presence of adults or with the consent of adults, at school, in public or at private parties. If found guilty, this will lead to expulsion from the hostel/school.

CELL PHONES

To decrease the misuse of data, e.g., pornography, internet chatrooms and late-night chats, we would like you to consider the following settings:

- Your son's cell phone can perform essential functions only.
- You ensure that your son's cell phone/laptop/tablet blocks any access to pornographic sites.
- You regularly check on the time of day (especially *late at night*) when your son is online or using WhatsApp.
- If possible, use the application that can track a phone.

We urge you to discuss with your son the ethics surrounding the use of a cell phone, such as suitable times to use it, and that you as parent/guardian carefully manage the use of his cell phone.

FIRES

There are three fire extinguishers on each floor that could be used for small fires. The hostel has an emergency evacuation plan – in English and Afrikaans – displayed at strategic locations in the building. Prescribed small red containers with emergency keys behind glass are also situated at two exit doors. In case of emergency, break the glass, take out the key and unlock the padlocks. Every boy must take note of the emergency evacuation procedures. These procedures will also be practised throughout the year.

EXTRA CLASSES

- ✦ We find that some of the boys experience a decline in their academic achievements towards the end of the second term. Many parents are worried when the marks are substantially lower than the marks received in grade 7.
- ✦ Once the boys find a balance between extra-mural activities and academics, learn how to plan, learn to study independently, and start writing down their homework, the battle is halfway won.
- ✦ There are many factors that play a role and, although this is not the case with all the boys, we do end up spending a lot of time with concerned parents during the second term. Rest assured that Grey College teachers offer a variety of extra classes every week. Many teachers offer additional afternoon classes (Mathematics, Science, etc.) FREE of charge. The school will send out a letter with the specific timetable for these classes.
- ✦ However, as it is not always possible for boys to attend the free afternoon classes, teachers may be available for alternative time slots (sometimes in the evenings). These alternative extra classes may not always be free of charge, but the school determines the very reasonable fees and will inform you of the cost in advance.
- ✦ The school values communication between parent/guardians, boys and staff, and teachers truly go out of their way to assist the boys. You are always welcome to express your concerns, for us to find a solution that benefits our boys.
- ✦ Should you deem it necessary to arrange extra classes that clash with our hostel's mealtimes and/or take place after supper, it is imperative that you as parent/guardian apply for permission on "Boardwell" on the morning of the extra class. Although permission will not always be granted on our system, we use it to keep track of where boys are.

IMPORTANT!!!

If your son misses a meal due to extra classes, he should arrange with a roommate to dish up for him.

Your son needs to supply his own lunchbox and not expect of his roommate to dish up for him without providing the necessary lunchbox.