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Hale@home has been the flagship boarding transition programme in Western Australia since it began in 2013. This innovative programme was the first of its kind in WA, using technology to bridge the gap between students living in rural/regional areas and their future school.

Hale@home works to provide academic support and instruction to boys who must negotiate a significant transition to their first year of boarding life at Hale School. The programme is designed to build boys' confidence about their academic prospects at the School, as well as introduce them to technology and thinking tasks whilst they remain at home and in their existing school.

The premise for Hale@Home is to give incoming boarding students fun and interactive opportunities to get to know each other and Hale staff the year before they begin at the School.

As parents to children who come from a very small school and who need to attend boarding school when they are 11 years old, we definitely feel more comfortable with them going away as they have more confidence to talk to the boys they have met throughout the programme the prior year."

– Rae Kirchner, Munglinup





WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE HALE@HOME PROGRAMME?

In summary, Hale@Home offers future boarding students:

- › Interactive weekly online sessions the year before boarding.
- › A project-based programme designed and presented by Hale School teachers to engage and connect the boys.
- › Sessions led by boarding staff who will also be the main pastoral care contacts when boys enter boarding at Hale.
- › Additional learning support for boys who have gaps in their academic knowledge.
- › A school laptop to use, allowing boys to become familiar with the technology and programmes used at school.
- › Where possible (distance permitting), an in-person visit by the boarding staff.
- › A mid-year camp for all participants, held at school, where they and their families can connect in person.
- › A subsidised fee of \$1200 and no fee for siblings of current boarders.





WHY DO HALE@HOME?

The main aims of Hale@home are to:

1. **Connect** with other future boarding students and with Hale School.
2. **Engage** with the learning tasks and become confident interacting with each other and staff.
3. **Progress** with the use of technology and increase their optimism about their transition to Hale School.

Research and feedback on the programme show that it strongly supports our aims of lifting the boys' confidence and optimism about dealing with the transition to boarding life. By the time they become roommates, the boys already know each other and staff from their regular online and face-to-face interactions.

Parents also enjoy being part of the Hale@Home community, sharing the journey to boarding and feeling they are part of a team preparing their son for life at Hale School.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR HALE@HOME?

You are welcome to register for our free Bridge to Boarding online programme in Term 4, which gives a taster of Hale@Home for the following year.

Please contact our Admissions staff for further information and registration: admissions@hale.wa.edu.au (+61) 08 9347 9733.



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