

Ag Day Speech

Hi, my name is Cambell Johnston, and this is Jayden Clarke and where here to talk to you about AG Day and Boarding week.

Hi, my name is Cambell Johnston, I am a 3rd generation of my family to go through Scotch. I started my journey through Scotch last year in Year 7. My hometown is a small town in the Great Southern called Nyabing. Nyabing is about an hour east of Katanning and 45 minutes south of Lake Grace. I live with my Mum, Dad, and younger brother, we have 5 farms in Nyabing where we run about 4000 breeding sheep and crop about 4000. My school that I attended from kindy to Year 6 had 40 kids in it, so coming to Scotch was a massive change because 2 classes here is the equivalent to the size of my previous school. Being on a farm you get a bit of free rein by riding motorbikes at the age of 6 and learning to drive the ute at 8 which is something that you don't get to do in the city.

Hi, my name is Jayden Clarke I'm a year 8 border and I'm the 4 generation of my family that has attended Scotch and I come from Goomalling. Goomalling is a small town in the wheatbelt about 2 and a half hours from Perth. I come from a school of about 40 kids and having about 50 times that in my year at Scotch. I live on a farm that runs sheep and crop. Some of the things we do at home is sheering and mulesing and we just finished seeding and now we are getting ready for harvesting. One of the things we do for fun at home is ride motorbikes. We also get to drive earlier than in the city, driving the farm ute and tractors from about 9 or 10. When I was 6, I first got to ride a peewee 50: the smallest motorbike you can get which drives about 40km/hr. Footy is the main sport we play in the country. A home game brings the whole community together with junior's team year 4 to 9 students. We even get to play Ressie's with the old blokes. Weekend games could be played even up to 2 hours away.

In boarding, we create strong bonds with the boys in our house as we are together pretty much all of the time. We can strengthen these bonds through activities such as Bib track, socials with other schools, recreation activities such as going to BOUNCE and Adventure World. We're also always up for a few hoops and a late Friday night game of spotlight around the Middle School. There's no need to have to hang out alone, when you've got 30 other mates and brothers to spend time with. By having stronger bonds means we always support each other and help each other out in tough situations.

In boarding, we get great support from our middle school teachers and boarding staff such as our boarding masters, academic tutors, Mr. Mecham, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Foster, Mr Hindle and Mr. Spratt. We are lucky enough to have many people that provide guidance, assistance, and advice when we need it. And there's always Mrs H, our house mum, to help us find that missing pairs of jocks underneath the couch. Indy, our house kelpie, also tries to support us with singing when we turn up the tunes and lying in the doorway for a pat on our way in and out of the house.

Boarding life gives us many opportunities and the fact that we board in the western suburbs helps us out even more. Some of the biggest things that we have here at Scotch is how close we live to the beach which is good in the summertime to get away from the house on the weekends. The location of this school is also a good part of it which makes it easy for us to go places like Fremantle and Perth for the shops. We also get a chance to play community sport such as footy for Swanbourne Tigers or whoever you want to play for, we also get to play basketball at Bendat Stadium. The sporting arenas are also close and very easily accessible like the Claremont oval which makes it good for the winter as we can go as a house to go and watch the Claremont league boys play and especially Mr Mitchell.

Being a boarder, we come from all over WA and even the world which means we are all involved in different communities. Boarding brings us all together into the 1 community which means that we have such a strong bond together.