Essential Resources for Boarding Professionals

These resources are available on line. Just click on the blue link and you should be directed to the resource. If that doesn't happen, then copy and past the blue address into your web browser.

Protective Practices for Staff

This is a comprehensive and well-written document on protective practices for adults working with young people. It provides guidelines for boundaries in a range of different areas. This document could provide much of the material required for a review of your staff code of conduct, or to ensure the residence policy document on boundaries for residential staff is in line with current education guidelines.
http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/ProtectivePracticesforSta.pdf

Indigenous Boarding

Boarding for Indigenous Students – the 'What Works' document.
http://www.whatworks.edu.au/upload/1250832097332_file_6Boarding.pdf

What works document that looks at 'Reducing Suspensions'.
http://www.whatworks.edu.au/upload/1284012446636_file_2Suspensions.pdf

Body image

A set of very useful, readable information sheets on body image. Print some of these sheets out and have them around your residence.
http://www.youth.gov.au/sites/Youth/bodyImage/informationsheets

Self-Harm and Suicide

Headspace: Myth buster: Suicide Ideation
http://www.headspace.org.au/media/37817/suicidal_ideation_mythbusterv2.pdf

This resource from 'Stand By' is a national framework for the prevention of suicide and this document is very useful as residences develop policy and procedure around suicide prevention. The resource is called "Life, A framework for prevention of suicide in Australia.
http://www.livingisforeveryone.com.au/uploads/docs/LIFE_framework-web.pdf

Beyond Blue; Self-harm and self-injury fact sheet.
https://www.bspg.com.au/dam/bsg/product?client=BEYONDBLUE&prodid=BL/0479&type=file

Bullying and Cyber Bullying

Beyond Blue fact sheet on bullying and cyber bullying.

https://www.bspg.com.au/dam/bsg/product?client=BEYONDBLUE&prodid=BL/1181&type=file

Alcohol and Drugs

Beyond Blue; Fact sheet about alcohol and drugs.

https://www.bspg.com.au/dam/bsg/product?client=BEYONDBLUE&prodid=BL/1182&type=file

Behaviour Management

Whole school behaviour management guidelines. From the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. This is a document designed for schools but is applicable to boarding residences. The section on suspension and suspension procedures (page 17) is important for boarding practitioners.

http://www.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au/media/uploads/webdocuments/WholeSchoolBehaviourManagementGuidelines.pdf

Social Media

Guidelines for staff – WA Department of Education

http://det.wa.edu.au/standardsandintegrity/detcms/education/standards-and-integrity/binary-files/social-media-in-schools.en?oid=com.arsdigita.cms.contenttypes.FileStorageItem-id-13014186

Good student resource on **'sexting'.**

http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Cyber%20issues/~/media/Cybersmart/Teens/Documents/So%20you%20got%20naked%20online.pdf

This is the parents guide to **'on line' safety**. Good for hose parents / boarding supervisors as well.

http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/~/media/Cybersmart/Parents/Documents/Parents_guide_to_online_safety.pdf;

This is the www.cybersmart.gov.au guide to apps and platforms that young people are using today.

http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/About%20the%20technology.aspx

St Johns Disaster Resilience Toolkit

All residences should have this document.

http://stjohn.org.au/assets/uploads/fact%20sheets/english/FS_disaster_toolkit.pdf

Mandatory Reporting

Western Australia

http://www.mandatoryreporting.dcp.wa.gov.au/Resource%20Documents/Information%20booklet%20for%20mandatory%20reporters.pdf

Northern Territory

http://childrenandfamilies.nt.gov.au/library/scripts/objectifyMedia.aspx?file=pdf/54/35.pdf&siteID=5&str_title=Reporting%20Child%20Abuse%20and%20Neglect.pdf

NT Flow Chart for reporting

http://www.childrenandfamilies.nt.gov.au/library/scripts/objectifyMedia.aspx?file=pdf/55/75.pdf&siteID=5&str_title=Child%20Sex%20Abuse%20Flowchart.pdf

South Australia

http://www.childwise.net/page/44/state-legislation-reporting-sa

http://www.families.sa.gov.au/pages/protectingchildren/MandatoryNotificationObligations/?reFlag=1

Queensland

http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety/protecting-children/about-child-protection/mandatory-notifiers-and-reporting

http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/resources/childsafety/child-protection/child-sexual-abuse-brochure.pdf

New South Wales

http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/kts/guidelines/documents/mandatory_reporter_guide.pdf

Victoria

http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/cpmanual/intake/overview-of-intake-of-reports-under-the-children,-youth-and-families-act/1122-mandatory-and-other-required-reporting

Tasmania

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/63047/FINAL_-OTS_Mandatory_Reporters_Fact_Sheet.pdf

ACT

http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/5660/Keeping_Children_Young_People_Safe_November2012.pdf