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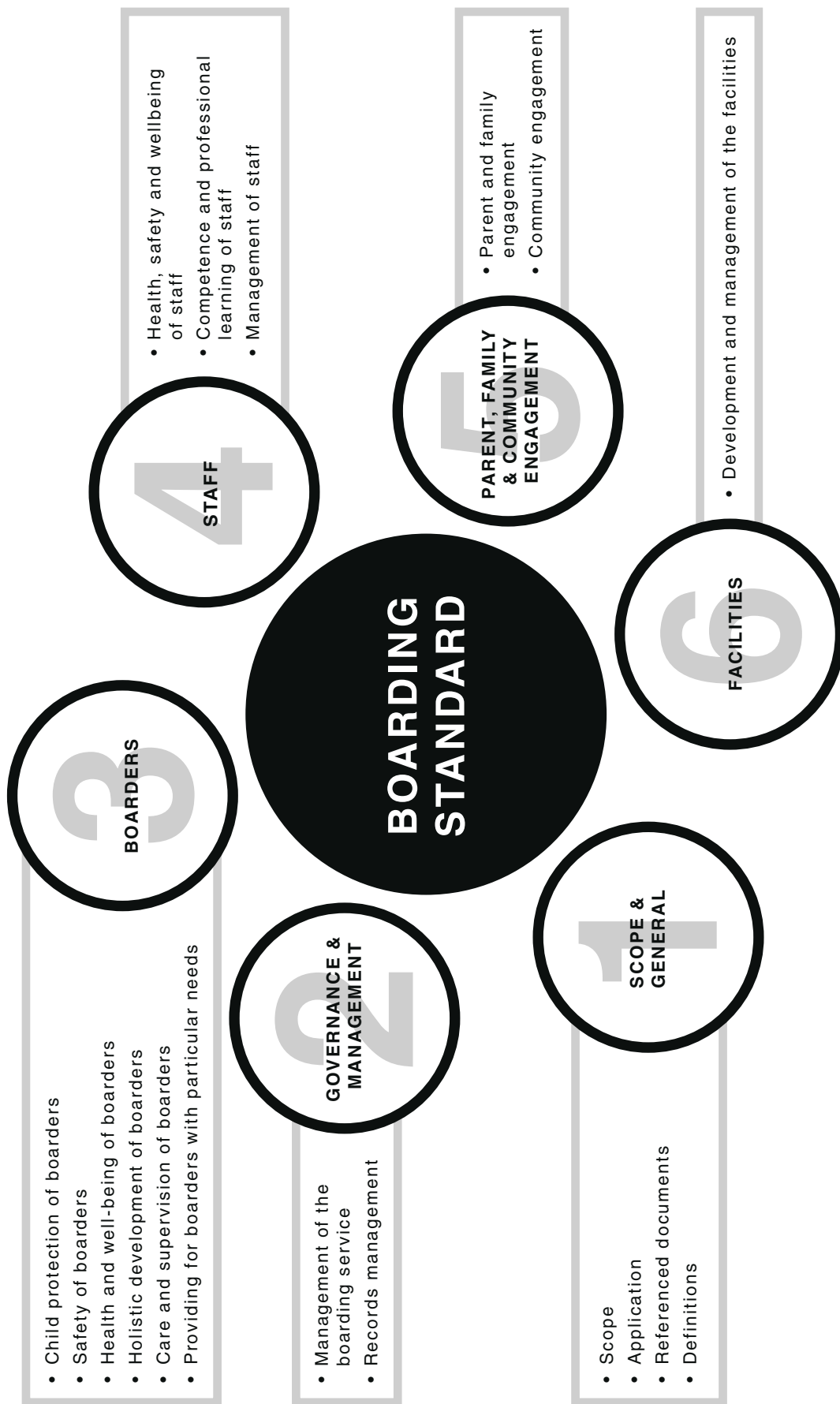
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The objective of this Standard is to provide owners, operators, managers and staff of boarding services with a framework of required topics that need to be addressed in order to deliver a safe, healthy and productive environment for boarders.

This Standard covers functional elements commonly found across boarding services and addresses them under relevant sections. The chart on the following page illustrates the structure of the document.

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INTRODUCTION

This Standard is designed for application in boarding services operated by Australian state and territory government agencies, by non-government schools and systems and by local government and community committees. This Standard is designed to promote and safeguard the welfare of students for whom boarding accommodation is provided.

Legislative requirements affecting boarding services in Australia vary from state to state and between states and territories. This Standard provides a common framework across all jurisdictions and is intended to be of benefit to service providers and users.

Experience in other countries suggests that a national boarding standard is effective in promoting quality boarding services.

Many sections of this Standard may align with policies and procedures that already exist and are documented.

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