



# Sacred Heart College Hostel Limited

## Frequently Asked Questions Sacred Heart College Hostel

### How many places are there for Sacred Heart College Hostel?

Sacred Heart College Hostel has up to 130 places in total for boarding students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Year 9, 10, 11 boarders live in Father Champagnat House and Br. Clement House; Year 12 and 13 boarders live in Br. Leonard House.

### How many International boarders can the Hostel take?

Sacred Heart College Hostel can take up to 25 International students at one time. The Deputy Headmaster – Boarding, allocates places for the best possible nationality mix to make sure International boarders are well integrated into the Hostel environment.

### What are the costs of living in the Hostel as an International student?

Please visit Sacred Heart College website for the most updated information for the cost of full annual boarding fee (Mon-Sun) for Sacred Heart College Hostel in 2024. The annual boarding fee covers up to 40 weeks of accommodation at hostel. International boarders also need approximately \$3,850 for temporary homestay accommodation for up to 10.5 weeks when the Hostel is closed at each school term and public holidays. There is a cost of \$175 for laundry bag and hostel bed sheets, and a name label fee of up to \$65 for each boarder.

### Can I have a guaranteed place in the Hostel?

No, you need to send an inquiry to the Director of International Students first and apply for a place in hostel. The Deputy Headmaster – Boarding, will advise the availability of places at the time of inquiry.

### What is the procedure of applying for a place in the Hostel?

Once the Deputy Headmaster – Boarding, confirms that there may be a place for you, the Director of International Students will guide you to complete an online Sacred Heart College Hostel Application Form, Guardianship Agreement and Health Record Form, which you will need to fill out and return with the necessary accompanying documentation, to the Director of International Students. An interview will then be organised for you to meet in person or by zoom. Normally the Deputy Headmaster – Boarding, and the Director of International Students will undertake the interview.

### Why do I need to have an interview for the Hostel?

The purpose of interview is for the Deputy Headmaster – Boarding, and Director of International Students to establish: 1) You have sufficient English to cope in the Hostel environment, to be able to understand verbal instructions and communicate your own needs clearly. 2) You have a positive and diligent approach towards your studies. 3) You understand that in order to be successful in the Hostel, you need to work at making friends and becoming involved in all aspects of hostel life. 4) You understand the special character of Sacred Heart College as a Catholic, Marist, Champagnat school.

### What can I expect in the interview and after the interview?

You will be asked questions regarding your character, your academic reports, your interests etc., and you will be given the opportunity to ask any questions you have. The interview normally takes about 30 minutes. You will be informed a decision from the Director of International Students whether your interview is successful or not.

### What do I need to prepare if I am accepted into the Hostel?

You will be provided a number of documents for living in the Hostel. The Director of International Students will guide you through this process.

### What happens when the College is closed for the school holidays, long weekends and public holidays?

Some International students have their own arrangements to live with relatives, family friends, guardians, or go back to their own countries for holidays. Other International students choose to stay with a New Zealand homestay family that is arranged and approved by the College at their own costs.

### Who can help me with temporary homestay arrangement?

The Director of International Students will discuss with you to make such an arrangement and your parents/guardians will be informed too.

### What kind of living environment do I expect when living in the Hostel?

Our Year 9 to 11 students share dormitories partitioned into cubicles, normally 4 or 6 students share one cubicle. Each student is equipped with cupboards, book shelves and shoe rack. From Year 11 boarders have their own desks and chairs by the beds. For Year 12 and 13 students, they have individual rooms. Year 12 boarders sometimes need to take turns to stay in Year 11 dormitory for several weeks as a result of limited spaces. All students have access to common rooms with television, computers and recreational facilities. The sports fields, aquatic centre and College gymnasium are also available for boarders' use when they are not used or occupied by the school.

### Who are the main contact persons in the Hostel?

Name	Telephone	Email
Mr Sean Bristow Deputy Headmaster - Boarding	09 529 3642 DDI 09 529 3660 ext. 858 021 398 455 (Mobile, any time)	<a href="mailto:sbristow@sacredheart.school.nz">sbristow@sacredheart.school.nz</a>
Ms Brigitte Owers Finance Manager	09 529 3660 ext. 806	<a href="mailto:bowers@sacredheart.school.nz">bowers@sacredheart.school.nz</a>
Mr Robin Shah Catering Manager	09 529 3660 ext. 875 DDI 529 3670	<a href="mailto:rshah@sacredheart.school.nz">rshah@sacredheart.school.nz</a>
Health Centre	09 529 3660 ext. 852 DDI 529 3667	<a href="mailto:Healthcentre2@sacredheart.school.nz">Healthcentre2@sacredheart.school.nz</a>

### Who is looking after me in the Hostel?

The Headmaster of Sacred Heart College has overall responsibility for the Hostel, and its day-to-day running is carried out by the Deputy Headmaster - Boarding, Mr Sean Bristow and staff. Students are not permitted to leave the property without permission.

### What are the daily routines for the boarders?

Time	Activity
6:45-7:00	Get up
7:00-7:25	Breakfast
7:25-8:00/8:10	Preparing for the day
8:00/8:10	Morning prayer
8:20	Go to school
11:00	Morning tea at dining hall
12:50	Lunch at dining hall
15:15	School is finished, followed by sports training
17:30	Dinner
18:45-20:15	Year 9-10 study
18:45-20:45	Year 11-13 study
20:45	Year 9-10 night prayer
21:00	Year 11-13 night prayer
21:30	Year 9-10 lights out
22:00	Year 11-13 lights out

Boarders are not permitted to return to the Hostel during the school day other than for receiving morning tea and lunch.

Senior Students (Year 12-13) are able to study till 11pm in their own rooms if required.

### Will I have enough food at the Hostel?

The Hostel has its own Catering Manager and staff, who work in pleasant conditions in a spacious Dining Hall. You will be provided breakfast, morning tea, lunch, dinner and super every day. The school also has a tuck shop where you can buy snack food.

### Can I bring my mobile phone into the Hostel?

Yes, but for Years 9 and 10 boarders, we suggest their mobile phones be simple, and they must be handed in to the Deputy Headmaster – Boarding, or Night Supervisor before bed time. Failure to hand in a mobile phone may lead to the privilege of having the mobile phone discontinued. For Years 11 to 13, the boys are responsible for their own mobile phones. All boarders keep their mobile phone throughout the weekends. The Hostel is not responsible for any damage and loss occurred. All boarders have access to Wi-Fi at the Hostel.

### Can my parents call me at the Hostel? And what are the phone numbers to call?

Yes they can. They can either call student's mobile phone at certain time, or call these numbers:

- Years 9 and 10 boarders:           0064 9 529 3660 ext 866     DDI 0064 9 529 3662
- Year 11 boarders:                 0064 9 529 3660 ext 867     DDI 0064 9 529 3664
- Years 12 and 13 boarders:       0064 9 529 3660 ext 868     DDI 0064 9 529 3668

For outgoing calls in the Hostel, students use their own mobile phone and the Hostel phone with their own phone card.

### Can I bring my laptop into the Hostel?

Yes. All boarders may bring their laptops, Cromebooks, or devices and are responsible for their own safety. The Hostel provides a lock for each student, and is not responsible for any damage or loss.

### What personal stuff do I need to bring to the Hostel?

Apart from school uniform, we suggest you bring:

<i>Personal Items</i>	<i>Other Clothing (With respect to clothing 'LESS IS BEST')</i>
Duvet	7 x pairs underpants and singlets as required
Pillow and 2 x pillow slips	Socks as required
2 x fitted sheets (purchased from the Uniform Shop)	2 x pairs of night attire
4 x towels	An assortment of jeans, shorts, T shirts, sweatshirts, sports practice jerseys, pullovers, jacket, summer sandals, sports shoes, casual shoes
School bag	Many handkerchiefs
1 x Laundry bag for taking clothes to laundry (a pillow slip with drawstring is OK)	2 pair College PE (rugby) shorts
1 x mesh laundry bag for socks & underwear (provided by the Hostel);	1 plain white T shirt
1 x set toiletries;	Musical Instruments
1 x set shoe cleaning product;	A bedside lamp and an alarm clock (Years 11-13)
Spare name tags & small items of sewing equipment	Optional Extras: iPod with headphones; Sports gear
1 x mug	
Phone cards (if required)	
NB. All clothing must be named, including allocated laundry number	

### Where do I study at the Hostel?

All boarders are required to study - Years 9 and 10 for 1.5 hours and Year 11 to 13 for a minimum of two hours every night during the week. The study is supervised by teachers and staff who can help students with any difficulties. Boarders may have access to the Library and computer rooms.

### Do I need to do my own laundry?

All laundry is done on the property by the Hostel staff.

### What if I am sick in the Hostel?

You will be taken to see the matrons or Nurse at Health Centre for a basic check, and referred to see a doctor if required. Boarders have access to medical services as required. The Matrons look after students who are indisposed at any time of the day or night. Your Auckland based guardian is responsible for providing emergency accommodation for you if the Deputy Headmaster - Boarding considers you too unwell to remain in the Hostel.

### Do I need to play sports at the Hostel? And what sport activities can I do?

Yes. Boarders have access to the full range of sports offered at the College and enjoy the advantage of not having to travel home on completion of sports practices after school. All boarders play a summer and winter sport.

### Do I need to pray at the Hostel?

Boarders gather together for prayer every morning and night. Mass is celebrated every Saturday evening.

### What is required if I want to go out at the weekend to visit friends or do other activities?

Year 9-10 boarders need to ask their guardians to send an application through online app - Orah to the Deputy Headmaster - Boarding, no later than Thursday night for approval. Families organise their sons' visits home with the Deputy Headmaster - Boarding, during term time. If parents give permission, their sons can visit the homes of other students or local relatives nominated by parents. Senior boarders can go out with permission from the Deputy Headmaster - Boarding.

### What are the Term dates in 2024?

Term 1: Wednesday 31 January whole school commences - Friday 12 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3: Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October - Wednesday 10 December

During Term Holidays 2024: 6 February (Waitangi Day), 23 March - 2 April (Easter Holiday), 3 June (King's Birthday), 28 June (Matariki), 6 September (Mid-Term Break), and 28 October (Labour Day)

Normally, students can come back to the Hostel one day early in the evening, and leave at 1pm on the last day of each term.