



Frequently Asked Questions for International Boarding Students

How many places are there for Sacred Heart College Hostel?

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

Does Sacred Heart College Hostel accept International Students?

Yes, Sacred Heart College Hostel welcomes both domestic and international students. The Deputy Headmaster for 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 for International Students. The annual boarding fee covers the accommodation in the Hostel during 4 school terms, public holidays and school's mid-term breaks. The Hostel is closed during term holidays with all students off-site.

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 the Hostel. The Deputy Headmaster for 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 for Boarding confirms that there may be a place for you, an online application for both Sacred Heart College and the Hostel, together with the Health Record Form, Caregiver Agreement and other necessary accompanying documentation, needs to be completed and submitted. On receipt of your application, an interview will then be organised for you to meet in person or by video conference. Normally the Director of International Students, and the Deputy Headmaster for Boarding will undertake the interview.

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

The purpose of interview is for the Deputy Headmaster for Boarding, and the 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 family, character, academic performance, interests, personal goals for attending the College and the Hostel 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 Hostel is closed for the school holidays?

International boarders need temporary accommodation when the Hostel is closed at Terms 1, 2 and 3. Some International students have their own arrangements to live with relatives, family friends, caregivers, or return to their own countries for holidays. Other International students may choose to stay with a homestay family that is arranged and approved by the College at their own costs. All International boarders return home at the end of Term 4.

Who can help me with temporary homestay arrangement?

You will need to inform and discuss with the Director of International Students to make such an arrangement, and your parents or caregiver will be informed too.

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

Year 9 to 11 boarders live in share dormitories that are partitioned into cubicles, normally 6 students share one cubicle. Each student is equipped with cupboard, desk, chair, bookshelf and towel rail. 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 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?

Mr Nick Croxford - Deputy Headmaster for Boarding
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Mr Felix Latussek - Catering Manager
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Health Centre
Tel: 09 529 3667 / 529 3660 ext. 852 E: Healthcentre2@sacredheart.school.nz

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 for Boarding, and the hostel staff. All International Students who are accepted into the Hostel, MUST have an Auckland-based Caregiver to act in place of their parent. This may include a family relative, close friend, or an external paid caregiver, subject to the College's approval.

What are the daily and weekend routines for the boarders?

Please refer to the Boarders Information Brochure.

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. Breakfast usually includes cereal and a hot dish, lunch is a cooked meal with salads and fresh fruit, and dinner includes fresh vegetables and a dessert. The school also has a tuck shop where you can buy snack food.

Can I bring my mobile phone and devices into the Hostel?

Yes. For Years 9 and 10 boarders, their mobile phones must be handed in to the Hostel Supervisor before bedtime. Failure to hand in a mobile phone may lead to the privilege of having the mobile phone discontinued. For Years 11 to 13, the boarders 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. All boarders may bring their laptop, Chromebook, or other devices, and are responsible for their own safety. The Hostel is not responsible for any damage or loss.

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

Yes they can. They can call student's mobile phone either after school or during the weekends.

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

Please refer to the Boarders Information Brochure for Suggested Clothing List.

Do I need to study at the Hostel?

All boarders are required to study in the evening. On school days there is 1 hour of supervised study with 45 minutes of preparation time each night. This involves getting organised and ready for the following day. The Years 9 - 11 boarders study at the Hostel canteen, the Years 12 - 13 boarders study in their own rooms. The study is supervised by teachers and staff who can help students with any difficulties.

Do I need to do my own laundry?

The Hostel laundry staff wash and iron boarders' clothes on a roster system for each Year Level. Students are allocated a laundry locker where they place and collect their laundry from. It is essential that all clothing items, including school uniforms, are name labelled to prevent them from being lost or missing.

What if I am sick in the Hostel?

If you become unwell while in the Hostel, you will be referred to the Matron or school Nurse at Health Centre for a check and referred to see a doctor if required. An assessment will be made on whether you can remain in the Hostel or require medical treatment. Typically, international boarders with a minor illness can remain in the Hostel for 48hrs, and the caregivers will be notified in advance. If you become too unwell to remain in the Hostel, your caregiver will be notified, and you need to be collected by your caregiver.

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

Yes, you are expected and encouraged to play sports while you live in the Hostel. All 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. Playing sports is not only beneficial to your health but also makes easier for you to make friends and become part of the boarding community.

Do I need to pray at the Hostel?

Yes, all boarders gather 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?

ORAH is an online app for boarders management system, and for weekend leave or travelling off-site requests. It is required that you and your caregiver download the ORAH App and use it to manage your leave request. More information about how the system works can be referred to the Boarders Information Brochure.