



Frequently Asked Questions for Sacred Heart College Hostel

- **How many places are there for Sacred Heart College Hostel?**

Sacred Heart College Hostel has 170 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?**

SHC Hostel can take up to 30 international students at one time. The Dean of 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 hostel as an international student?**

Full annual boarding fee for SHC hostel in 2012 is \$10,408 which covers up to 39 weeks of accommodation at hostel. International boarder also needs approximately \$2500 for temporary homestay accommodation for up to 8 weeks when the hostel is closed at each school term and public holidays. There is also a \$20 laundry bag fee and a name label fee of up to \$45 for each boarder.

- **Can I have a guaranteed place in hostel?**

No, you need to send an enquiry to the Director of international Students first and apply for a place in hostel. The Dean of Boarding will advise the availability of places at the time of enquiry.

- **What is the procedure of applying for a place in hostel?**

Once the Dean of Boarding confirms that there may be a place for you, you need to fill out the SHC Hostel Application Form, SHC Hostel IT Agreement Form, SHC health Record Form and send them through to the Dean of Boarding for consideration. The Director of International Students at Sacred Heart College will send you these forms and organize an interview for you to meet in person or by phone. Normally the Dean of Boarding and the International Dean will undertake the interview.

- **Why do I need to have an interview for the hostel?**

The purpose of interview is for the Dean of Boarding and International Dean 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 opportunities to ask any questions you have. The interview normally takes about 30-45 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. The majority of international students choose to stay with a New Zealand homestay family at their own costs.

- **Who can help me with temporary homestay arrangement?**

The International Department of the College will help with such arrangement.

- **What kind of living environment do I expect when living in SHC Hostel?**

Year 9 to 11 students share dormitories partitioned into cubicles, normally 4 or 6 students share one cubicle. Each student is equipped with cupboards, and 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 a few 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 gymnasium at the College are also available for boarders' use.

- **Who are the main contact persons in hostel?**

Name	Telephone	Email
Mr. Michael O'Donnell Dean of Boarding	09 5293660 ext 805 (daytime only) 027 2935514 (Mobile, any time)	modonnell@sacredheart.school.nz
Mrs. Val Worth Finance/Admin Manager	09 5293660 ext 850; DDI 09 5293677 Fax 09 5293676	vworth@sacredheart.school.nz
Br. John Koorey Yrs 12 & 13	09 5293660 ext 854 DDI 09 5293643 027 283 3851 Mobile	
Mr. Michael O'Donnell Yrs 9, 10 and 11	09 5293660 ext 805 (daytime only) 027 2935514 (Mobile, any time)	
Mrs. Carmen Bader Catering Manager	09 529 3660 ext 875 DDI 529 3670	
Infirmery -Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, Matron -Mrs. Natalie Thomas, Matron	09 529 3660 ext 852 DDI 529 3667 09 529 3660 ext 852	

- **Who is looking after me in hostel?**

The Principal of Sacred Heart College has overall responsibility for the Hostel, and its day-to-day running is carried out by the Dean of Boarding, Mr Michael O'Donnell and staff. Students are not permitted to leave the property without permission. The Dean of Boarding, Mr Michael O'Donnell is responsible for Yrs 9, 10, 11 boarders; Marist Brother. John Koorey is responsible for Yrs 12, 13 boarders.

- **What are the daily routines for the boarders?**

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 and free time
 17:30 dinner; 18:45-20:15 Yr 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;
 20:00 Year 11-13 light out;

*The boarders are not permitted to return to the hostel during the school day. Senior students (year 12-13) are able to study till 11pm in their own rooms if required.

- **Do I have enough food at 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 and dinner every day. The school also has a tuck shop where you can buy snack food.

- **Can I bring my mobile phone into the hostel?**

For Years 9 and 10 boarders, mobile phones are not a necessity, however, if the boys do have their own mobile phones, they should be simple, and they must be handed in to the Dean of Boarding before bed time, and the boys collect them from him at the end of school day. A failure to hand in a mobile phone may lead to the privilege of having the cell phone discontinued. For Years 11 to 13 - the boys are responsible for their own cell phones. All boarders keep their mobile phone throughout the weekends. The hostel is not responsible for any damage and loss occurred.

- **Can my parents call me at 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 telecom phone with their own phone card.

- **Can I bring my laptop into hostel?**

For Years 9 and 10 boarders, laptop computers are not a necessity. Exception is permissible by approaching to the Dean of Boarding. Years 11-13 boarders may bring their laptops and are responsible for their own safety. The hostel is not responsible for any damage and loss occurred.

- **What personal stuff do I need to bring to the hostel?**

Apart from school uniform, we suggest you bring

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

- **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 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 and the domestic side is under the supervision of a Matron.

- **What if I am sick in hostel?**

You will be taken to see the matrons at Health Centre for a basic check, and referred to see a doctor if required. Boarders have access to dental and medical services as required. The matrons look after students who are indisposed at any time of the day or night.

- **Do I need to play sports at 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 hostel?**

Boarders gather together for prayer every morning and night. Mass is celebrated every Saturday evening. Br John Koorey organises the liturgies.

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

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

- **What are the Term dates for 2012**

Term 1 31 January (Year 7, 9, 12, 13) & 1 February (Year 8, 10, 11) - 5 April

Term 2 23 April - 29 June

Term 3 16 July - 28 September

Term 4 15 October - 11 December

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

- **What are the public holidays, school mid-term break dates for 2012**

Public holiday: 1-4 January, 30 January, 6 February, 6-10 April, 25 April, 4 June, 22 October, 25-27 December

SHC mid-term break date: 5 June (SHC Day) & 31 Aug (SHC Midterm break)