



Hostel Report

School Name: Waitaki Boys' High School

Profile Number: 365

Location: Oamaru

Background

The Chief Review Officer has the authority to carry out reviews (which may be general or in relation to particular matters) of the provision of a safe physical and emotional environment that supports learning for students accommodated in hostels under section 470 of the Education and Training Act 2020. This function is delegated to review officers who have the powers to enter and carry out review of hostels under section 472 of the Act.

Findings

The hostel manager and the hostel owner have attested in the Hostel Assurance Statement that they meet the requirements of the Hostel Regulations 2005.

Waitaki Boys' High School Hostel, Don House, is located on the school site. It is governed by the Waitaki Boys' High School Board through a board subcommittee. Current boarders come from the wider Otago region and the Chatham and Cook Islands. A small number of international students also live at Don House.

There have been significant changes in hostel staffing in recent years including the Director of Boarding and Pastoral Care Manager. These staffing changes have led to considerable positive developments in hostel management, operations, policies, and procedures.

Boarders receive high quality pastoral care and support with their health and wellbeing. There are effective formal and informal systems for monitoring and managing this. Students spoken with valued the ways in which hostel staff do everything they can to ensure boarders get the most out of their time at Waitaki Boys' High School.

Hostel staff are working productively with school staff to support boys' learning at the school. Communication is effective and 'prep' and other activities time outside formal classroom learning are being increasingly personalised to boarders' needs. Whānau voice about important aspects of hostel life is being sought regularly and responded to. Recent surveys indicate high levels of satisfaction from parents about their son's experience in relation to hostel life and their care.



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About the School

The Education Counts website provides further information about the school's student population, student engagement and student achievement. educationcounts.govt.nz/home