



# Awatapu College

## International Students

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## ACCOMMODATION

### 1. Private Arrangements

Parents may select their own accommodation for the student but under the Code of Practice, these arrangements must be approved and confirmed by the College and comply with Awatapu College International Student Homestay requirements. If parents nominate a close family friend or relative to care for their son/daughter while studying at Awatapu College, they will be required to complete 'Designated Caregiver' forms.

### 2. Homestay Accommodation Arranged by Awatapu College

- Awatapu College employs administration and homestay support staff. It is their responsibility, in consultation with the Dean of International Students, to place students in suitable homestays and monitor these arrangements.
- Parents will indicate on the enrolment form if they require the College to find homestay accommodation.
- Homestays are with local Palmerston North families who have been assessed as suitable carers. Students have individual rooms with study facilities and a good level of service and support. All homestay families are New Zealand Police vetted.

### 3. Costs

- The cost of homestay accommodation is NZ\$210.00 per week.
- The average annual fee for 46 weeks is NZ\$9,660.00 (excludes summer vacation).
- Awatapu College charges an administration fee of \$1,250.00 per year for long-term students and \$300.00 for short-term students. This fee is for administration, homestay monitoring and 'Code of Practice' compliance.

### 4. Application Process

If parents indicate that they require assistance with homestay accommodation, this must be indicated at the pre-enrolment stage.

### 5. Parent as Guardian

- If a parent is living in New Zealand with their son/daughter, the parent will be eligible for a New Zealand Immigration 'Guardianship Visa'. Contact New Zealand Immigration Service for details.
- If a parent is planning to live in New Zealand with their College son/daughter, a 'Parent as Guardian Agreement' form must be completed on enrolment.