



Dunstan High School Hostel

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Boarding Application Information 2027



Boarding Application Process

Thank you for considering an application to board at Dunstan High School Hostel. Before deciding to apply for a place at the Hostel you are welcome to view the facilities and meet with management to discuss hostel life. Please contact the Office Manager on 03 448 8595 or office@dunstan.school for an appointment.

How to apply

1. Complete the Dunstan High School Hostel Application Form
2. Complete the Dunstan High School online Enrolment Form (dunstan.school.nz/our-school/enrolment)

When complete, please return them to the School Enrolment Office – the postal address is:

Enrolments, Dunstan High School, 12 Enterprise Street, Alexandra 9320 or email: office@dunstan.school.nz

When your forms are received at our office, an appointment will be made for you to have an enrolment interview and tour of the facilities with the Director of Boarding and the School Principal.

If you wish to be considered in our first round of offers please ensure that your application has been received by our office no later than 9pm Sunday 14th June 2026.

Application review process/timeline

Within one week of the closing date for applications (Sunday 14th June 2026), the Director of Boarding and the School Principal will review the applications received and decide on which applicants will be offered a place at the hostel, pending referee checks. Applications will be considered with due regard to the assessment guidelines outlined below, with final decisions ultimately made at the discretion of the Director of Boarding and School Principal.

Families who have been successful in their applications will receive a formal offer within ten working days of the application closing date, and will be given five working days to accept or decline the offer.

All other families will be advised, on the same day as first round offers are made, that they have been unsuccessful in their application. This advice may also include notification that a second-round place or waiting list position will potentially be offered at a later date.

Late applications

We may accept applications for enrolment at any time. Applications made after the closing date will be considered and places may be offered if available.



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If Your Application Is Successful

School Open Evening for new Year 9 students

A school open evening will be held in Term 4 2026 for all new students entering into Year 9 in 2027. Students who are enrolled at the Hostel, as well as their parents, are invited to attend this open evening. However, attendance is not expected if long travel distances are involved.

Home Visits for new Year 9 students before they come to the Hostel

In order to get to know our new students and their families, and also to meet them in their home environment, the Director of Boarding and Hostel Matron will arrange to visit you at home, usually during the Term 3 holidays.

Hostel Sleepover

A one night sleepover will be arranged for all confirmed new Year 9 students during Term 4. This is an opportunity for your child to get a feel for boarding and helps them to settle into life at the Hostel when they start school the following year. This will be the Sunday before the “Taste of Dunstan” day for all the Year 9 students for 2027.

Welcome Evening for New Year 9 students

In January, students whose enrolments have been confirmed will receive correspondence outlining orientation and welcome procedures for the new school year. This will include a welcome BBQ tea for new Year 9 students and their families the evening before the first day of school. This gives students a chance to settle in before the arrival of all the other students and for families to familiarise themselves with the students’ new home.

Contact Details

If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact:

The Director of Boarding
Dunstan High School Hostel
99 Russell Street
Alexandra 9320
T: 027 312 7883
E: hostel@dunstan.school.nz

The Office Manager
Dunstan High School
12 Enterprise Street
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Applicant Selection Guidelines

1. Suitability of the student for Dunstan High School Hostel life. Preference will be given to applicants who, in the view of the Director of Boarding and School Principal, have demonstrated appropriate behaviour, principles & ethics, and engagement with learning, sporting & cultural activities, that will support them through the opportunities and challenges offered through hostel life, and help them to fit in with and contribute to, hostel culture.
2. Applicants with siblings currently attending the Hostel at the time of application will be prioritised.
3. The children of former Dunstan High School Hostel students may be given preference over students without family ties to the hostel.
4. Consideration will be given to ensuring a balanced range of ages, genders, year group sizes and needs across the entire student cohort.
5. The geographical location of applicants may be taken into account. Applicants for whom transport to and from school is challenging will be given due consideration.
6. International Students. The Hostel may enrol international students to further the school's international goals. Total numbers of international students will be limited, as will the number of students from any one country. This will protect the quality of the experience for international students as well ensuring an overall balance of students at the Hostel.
7. The Director of Boarding and School Principal will give due regard to the assessment guidelines outlined above, with final decisions ultimately made at the discretion of the Director of Boarding and School Principal.

Fees

Currently, boarding fees are \$10,900 per annum. We expect the 2026 fees to be in the region of \$11,250 per annum. Fees will be confirmed in approximately September this year. Fees are payable in four instalments and must be paid by direct debit.

Payment Options

Annual fees are payable in advance in four installments and must be paid by direct debit. Parents may prefer to establish a regular weekly or fortnightly payment by direct debit, which can be arranged through the school office.

Casual Boarding

Casual boarding may be available on Sunday nights all year and Fridays during Terms 2 and 3, at the discretion of management, and will be invoiced separately. The current rate is \$30 per Sunday night and \$60 per Friday night. The hostel closes at 10am on Saturday mornings when Friday nights are available.

Boarding Allowances

A range of government financial support is available for students who board at the Hostel. Visit the Ministry of Education website for eligibility details, frequently asked questions and application forms. Boarding allowance applications for the following school year are due by 31 October each year.

<http://parents.education.govt.nz/secondary-school/your-child-at-school/boarding-allowances>

Account Enquiries

Please contact accounts@dunstan.school.nz or 03 448 8595 and ask for the accounts officer. All other enquiries regarding fees should be directed to the Hostel Manager.

All prices include GST. Current pricing is valid for enrolments starting before 1/2/26.



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