

# Ōtorohanga College Hostel FALLOON HOUSE



## 2020 PROSPECTUS



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Ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana



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Home away from home  
*Kāinga rua*

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## MOTTO

'Home away from Home'

## THE HISTORY OF FALLOON HOUSE

The idea of a Hostel at Ōtorohanga College originally came about because of the need to provide a broader education for the students of Kawhia and the difficulty of staffing the Kawhia District High School. Three years of planning went into the operation. When Mr Graham Falloon arrived in 1974, the proposal was that a 24-bed complex was needed for double that number. A Board sub-committee visited Dargaville High school to inspect its complex and the first meeting took place with departmental officials and Mr Elliott, the architect. Ten months later the project was completed – an amazing effort. The hostel was only the second of its type in New Zealand.

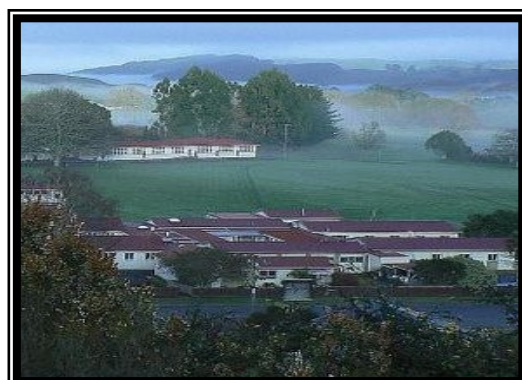
Part of the building (two wings and a 'flatette') had previously been the old Ardmore Teachers' Training College. After only two years, a new wing was built to increase the beds to 60 and later, solar heating was installed as an experiment.

At the official opening, tribute was paid to the architects, Gerald Elliott and Dennis Wilson, contractor Jack Wall, George Warren, chief executive officer and an ex-pupil of the Ōtorohanga District High School, Mr Koro Wetere, MP. The Hon. Phil Amos, also an ex-pupil, officially opened the hostel on 5 February 1975.

February 1975 saw the hostel open with a full complement of pupils from Forms 3 to 6 and five first-year teachers as supervisors. For the first term staff and pupils worked in and around the builders whilst they worked to complete the facility. There were 48 students who had not lived in a communal situation and many of whom found the food very different from home. The rules were as few as possible and very gradually most students realized their necessity. The frozen food concept was found very monotonous and was gradually changed. Staff at the time were Janet Sweetman, Barbara Yeoman, Josie Montgomery, John Cumpstone and Chris Thodey, a dedicated staff. Supervising the students in their first year was tiring work, often exasperating, and occasionally funny.

The introduction of tertiary education courses at the College, coinciding with reduced numbers in the hostel, allowed adult students to be accommodated. In 1992 there were six students from the Nannyng course catered for.

Over the years the Hostel has gone from strength to strength. Mr Brian Tuson and his wife followed Mrs Gluyas, then Mr and Mrs John Paitai in 1985, then Mr and Mrs Wayne Orsler. An acting Manager, Mr. Wayne Robinson, was appointed in term 3 of 2012 followed by the appointment in March 2013 of Mr Roy and Mrs Caroline Willison as the Hostel Boarding Director and Day Supervisor respectively.





## **Facilities**

Falloon House can cater for up to 67 boarders from Years 9 - 13. The Hostel accommodates for two Girls Dormitories consisting of 12 individual rooms per dorm, 1 single room and 1 double room for senior students. There are three Boys Dormitories with 2 dorms being a mixture of two/three bed cubicles and individual rooms in each dorm. The 3rd boy's dorm consist of 8 individual rooms for senior students.



The hostel also has a fully-equipped industrial kitchen, dining room, laundry, sick bay, lounge, large TV room and recreation room with Pool table. Students also have access to computers but must adhere to the Ōtorohanga College Computer and ITC use guidelines.

Other facilities that hostel students have access to are the school netball / tennis courts, sports fields and the school gymnasium.



## **Telephones**

Each student is permitted to have a cell phone which can be used at designated times. Students are asked to hand their phones to Supervisors prior to bed time every night.

Students may use the hostel phone, but permission from the Hostel Director or a Supervisor is required.

## **Leave**

Any student taking leave from the hostel to go to town must follow the appropriate procedures:

- Students must sign out prior to departure and sign in upon arrival back at the hostel
- Students must meet all expectations of curfew - 5pm for all students
- There is 1 set town visit for Hostel students per week (usually Wednesday afternoon)



Any special leave from the hostel must be requested by a parent/caregiver in writing or by phone to the Hostel Boarding Director

## **Parents / Visitor Access**

Parents have access to their child at all times and are welcome to attend the evening meal at any time - a phone call is appreciated

## **Falloon House Hostel Fees**

**Hostel Fee's have been reviewed by the Board of Trustees and it has been decided that there will be an increase of \$275.00 per year in 2020.**

### **Boarding Fees**

Boarding fees must be paid on a term by term basis. We incur considerable costs in keeping the boarders safe, healthy and well cared for. At the same time, every attempt is made to keep the boarding fee costs affordable for all our families within our contributing school districts. In taking this approach, Falloon House operates on a very thin margin. Therefore it is crucial all families pay their boarding fees to help keep Falloon House economic and more importantly, open.

The Boarding fees for 2020 is **\$6,000.00 per annum**, inclusive of GST, per boarder. The boarding fee is invoiced at the beginning of each term, which amounts to **\$1,500.00 per term**.

### **Boarding Allowances**

The Ministry of Education provides assistance to school students who need to board away from home in order to receive their education.

If a boarder qualifies for the Ministry's School Boarding Allowance, the maximum entitlement is **approx. \$3,200.00 per annum** or **\$800.00 per term**. The boarding bursary is deducted from your term's boarding fee invoice, so the net boarding fee payable per term is **\$700.00**.

Over the 40 weeks of boarding in a school calendar year, and with a School Boarding Allowance, the **\$3,000.00 net fee payable** equates to a cost of **\$70.00 per week, per child**.

### **Payment Methods**

Hostel Fee invoices are sent out each term. Payments can be made at the College's front office by cash, cheque, eftpos or by post to the College, by internet banking or by automatic payment.

Please note that these are estimate's due to the fact that Boarding Allowances from the Ministry of Education may differ per student due to allowance entitlement.

### School Boarding Allowance

Students are eligible to apply for a Boarding Allowance if they can demonstrate they are facing barrier (s) to achieving educational success, and that boarding away from home will remove those barriers.

#### For information regarding School Boarding Allowance contact:

Ministry of Education

National Office, Wellington

Phone (04) 463 8000, or

Email: [boarding.allowances@education.govt.nz](mailto:boarding.allowances@education.govt.nz)

Application documents can be downloaded: [www.education.govt.nz](http://www.education.govt.nz)

### Applications

Applications for the hostel close on **30th November** each year for the following year. Students need to be enrolled at Otorohanga College **before entry** into Falloon House can be accepted.

Applicants will be advised in writing of their acceptance.

All requests for information and applications can be obtained from:

#### Ōtorohanga College Office

Bledisloe Avenue

Otorohanga 3940

#### Ōtorohanga College Hostel— Falloon House

77 Hinewai Street

Ōtorohanga 3940

Hostel Boarding Director: Mr. Roy Willison

Hostel day Supervisor: Mrs. Caroline Willison

[022] 412 8495 or [07] 873 8029

Enrolment forms and information booklets are available from the College Office, Hostel or can be downloaded from the Otorohanga College Website: [www.otocoll.school.nz](http://www.otocoll.school.nz)

Tours of the Hostel are welcome and can be made by appointment.

