

Be here Bruce House

BOARDING FACILITIES FOR YEAR 9 – 13 BOYS & GIRLS



SAINT KENTIGERN



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Bruce House is a small and friendly hostel on the Saint Kentigern College campus. It is set in beautifully landscaped gardens with superb views of the Tamaki Estuary and offers one of the best boarding facilities for Year 9 – 13 boys and girls in New Zealand.

Our boarders come from as far afield as Germany, the Solomon Islands and China. Some are from rural homes in New Zealand, and some simply live too far across Auckland for daily access by bus. Many choose to live at Bruce House to avoid daily commuting or to take advantage of before and after school co-curricular commitments.

Students enter a welcoming, family community where they are supported by a team of skilled and caring staff. They are encouraged to participate and maximise their potential in academic, sporting, cultural and leadership aspects of College life. Through their involvement in the many opportunities available, and the camaraderie that comes from shared experiences in a communal environment, our students develop a strong sense of common identity and school spirit.



Be here
to live life

“The school is our backyard, we have access to all the facilities such as the gym and swimming pool. Coming here is the best thing I have done. It has changed my life.”

STUDENT QUOTE



The Bruce House community has long been regarded as 'the heart' of Saint Kentigern College. Students enter a very special, close knit community where they develop lasting friendships and a strong sense of school spirit.

The staff are caring, highly experienced and professional. They understand the needs of students living away from home and are available for support and guidance.

Living on campus makes it easy for students to be active participants in the many sporting and cultural activities on offer which means boarders tend to get involved in every facet of College life.

Early morning practices and evening rehearsals are easy for boarders to schedule without the added stress of travel time, so they are able to take full advantage of the extensive range of extra curricular activities at Saint Kentigerns. There are over 30 sports on offer and an extensive performing arts programme with many opportunities for students to be involved in music, dance and drama. For those who prefer to be behind the scenes, there are plenty of roles to play in lighting, backstage, set construction, makeup and front of house. There are also opportunities for students to join groups on the weekend through groups like the Tramping Club and the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

“Boarding is my favourite thing about school. I love living with my friends, it’s so fun.”

STUDENT QUOTE





Be here
to learn

“I started boarding in Year 11 and immediately found the extra study time and academic support motivating and that I was achieving my academic goals.”

STUDENT QUOTE

Saint Kentigern College has an outstanding reputation for academic results and our boarders have a bigger advantage than most. With no commute, dedicated prep time, and easy access to tutors and academic support our boarders have the opportunity to 'learn about life' and achieve great academic outcomes.

ALLOCATED PREP TIME

Prep is from 7.00 – 9.30 pm, Monday – Thursday and on Sunday evening. It provides supervised 'quiet' time for home work and study each evening.

Boys in Year 9–11 use the dining room for prep whilst the boys in Year 12 and 13 are allowed to study in their rooms. Year 9 and 10 girls study in the Lower Villa common room. While Year 11–13 girls study in their rooms. Staff are available during this time to assist students with their studies.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT FROM STAFF

Boarders receive dedicated support from our tutors and boarding staff to ensure that they maximise their academic potential. Several school teachers live in the boarding house and have the task of helping students with their school work. In particular, every evening during prep time, one or more professors of humanistic or scientific subjects are available to help the students.

PEER MENTORING

Bruce House has a academic mentoring programme set up for students that would like extra help with their home work or tutoring in a specific subjects. For many, the chance to ask older students for help makes a significant difference to their learning progress.

ZERO COMMUTING INCREASES AVAILABLE STUDY TIME

We have found that when students stop commuting to school they have more time and energy to spend on their studies. They are often more motivated and therefore more likely to achieve their academic goals.





Be here
to connect

“It is the personal relationships which have been life-changing, the friends whom I will never forget and always value. They have made this experience one of the best in my life. If I could, I would do it all over again.”

STUDENT QUOTE



EXTENDED WHANAU

Bruce House is a home away from home where all ages support and encourage each other. Boarders become like brothers and sisters and just as they would spend time together at home, our girls and boys eat their meals together, socialise and support each other. The staff, their families and the students families are all encouraged to join in with Bruce House activities. This makes Bruce House feel like a home with extended whanau. It is the ideal place to make the most of Saint Kentigern's.

CARE & SUPPORT

Dedicated boarding trained staff care for the boarders and contribute to their academic, social, co-curricular and pastoral care. They aim to know each of our pupils as individuals and meet their needs by building strong relationships with pupils and their families. The College Chaplain, Counsellor and Careers Advisor are available for assistance in personal matters and the school nurse takes care of the students health needs. House prefects and tutor groups ensure boarders feel safe and happy and have access to a wide range of support networks.

LEARN INDEPENDENCE

Boarders develop independence and good self-management which, coupled with the tolerance they learn living alongside many others, means they often make ideal College leaders in their senior years. The experience of boarding prepares students well for the transition to living independently as an adult.





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for tomorrow



HAMISH ALEXANDER, FOUNDER SOUTHERN PAPRIKA

Hamish, a Bruce House Border from 1973 – 1977, started his successful venture, Southern Paprika with his wife Robyn in 1984 leasing land and growing crops of melons and field capsicum for the domestic market.

They established a joint venture with Dutch company Levarht's to supply capsicum to Levarht's customers in Japan from New Zealand in the Northern Hemisphere winter. Southern Paprika then grew rapidly into a large-scale specialist in the capsicum market and since inception, the distribution network has strengthened and now incorporates consigning product to various supermarket chains and markets in Japan, Australia and Canada, while keeping up with the ever-increasing domestic demand in New Zealand.

In their glasshouses complex they have almost 1 million capsicum plants each producing around 40 capsicums per plant per season. The company now has a total of 27 ha of state-of-the-art glasshouses, and they are New Zealand's largest single site glasshouse grower of quality capsicums.



DAVID TOMEAPEAU, LAWYER

David was born and raised in Tonga. At 16 years old, he moved to Auckland to attend Saint Kentigern College from 2003-2005 as a boarder.

After College, David played representative rugby for Wellington and Otago but unfortunately had to take time out from it due to injury. David completed a BA in History and Media from the University of Otago, gained his LLB from Waikato University and started his professional career practising at Simpson Grierson as a corporate solicitor. Now at ASB as a Compliance Specialist, he met his wife, Mafi at law school and they now have two little boys who keep them very busy.

'I am grateful for the opportunity to attend and access so much at Saint Kentigern which has been a big part of defining who am today. I will always be a proud Old Collegian and very proud to be part of a history of Tongan boys who have come from Tonga to attend Saint Kentigern since 1987.'



TAYLA EARLE, CENTRE FOR NORTHERN MYSTICS

Reflecting on my experience at Saint Kentigern College, I am confidently able to say that the people, culture and support I had, played a significant role in my growth.

This growth has allowed me to pursue my childhood dream of playing netball professionally, both in the ANZ Premiership and internationally.

I started playing with a netball in my backyard as a toddler and since then the passion in me for the game has never gone away. I look forward to every day on the court with my coaches and teammates with the ultimate goal of being the best that I can be for them and me.



DR ERNEST WILLOUGHBY, INAUGURAL WINNER OF A SAINT KENTIGERN DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Leaving the College as Dux Medallist to attend the University of Otago Medical School, he had significant academic success winning prizes for anatomy, clinical and theoretical medicine before starting as a House Physician/ Surgeon at Auckland Hospital. He became Senior Registrar in Neurology before heading to USA where he was Clinical Fellow at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre and the Cornell Medical Centre, both in New York.

Returning to New Zealand he became a Senior Lecturer in medicine at the University of Auckland School of Medicine and Neurologist at Auckland Hospital. He has served on various University of Auckland School of Medicine committees, New Zealand and Australian Medical Research Councils, and the New Zealand Neurological Foundation where he was Chairman.

Dr Ernest is a widely published author, and it is his considerable work in the field of multiple sclerosis in New Zealand, USA, the International Federation, and World Health Organisation that he is internationally recognised for.



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