

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 Principal 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. Most boarders come from the wider Otago region. A new Director of Boarding was appointed at the beginning of 2026.

Formal and informal systems effectively monitor boarders' wellbeing. Student feedback about aspects of hostel life is sought regularly and responded to. Boarders report that they experience a positive and supportive hostel environment. They have access to school facilities as part of normal hostel life and are involved in wide range of co-curricular activities. Senior school staff support boys' learning through their presence in the hostel each week during prep' times.

The hostel's documentation is up to date. There is regular reporting to the Board subcommittee and the School Board.



Sharon Kelly

Director of Schools

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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