



WHANGĀREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Carruth House is the boarding hostel at Whangarei Boys' High School, offering full board during school terms for up to 80 boys in years 9 to 13.

SUPERVISION AND CARE

The hostel offers a safe, homely and supportive environment for boys, under the care of Mr. Michael Gilmour, the Director of Boarding, and Mrs. Kiri Hauraki, the Matron. Two housemasters also live on-site. Our supervising staff have a wide range of experience in working with teenage boys and they take a practical and positive approach to the boys' wellbeing and development.

LIFE IN THE HOSTEL

Carruth provides boarders a home with traditional values; promoting excellence, integrity, loyalty, respect, and a high standard of personal conduct.

With a large, structured family environment and daily routines, boys are given the opportunity to develop into 'fine young men' under the guidance of caring and supportive staff. Parents are welcome to contact staff at any time to discuss their sons.

MEALS

Great care is taken to ensure the boys are well fed with three well-balanced nutritious meals a day, along with morning tea, afternoon tea and supper.

DAILY DUTIES

Boys are expected to keep their living areas tidy, and are assigned daily duties to help around the hostel. The housekeepers take care of the boys' laundry and ensure the hostel is clean.

DISCIPLINE

Boarders are expected to comply with Carruth and WBHS policies, procedures and rules. The hostel has a structured discipline system for addressing misbehaviour, with a focus on encouraging boys to take responsibility for their actions. Bullying, fighting, theft, drugs and alcohol are considered serious offences and are dealt with appropriately.

CLOTHING

Boarders are required to have full day school uniform and "Number One" dress uniform. After school (except when on town leave during the week) and at weekends, boys wear ordinary clothing, as at home.

LEAVE

Boys are able to take weekend leave with caregiver assigning permission, following sporting commitments. There is also one exeat weekend each term where the hostel is closed.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Prefects are an important part of life at Carruth. Along with being 'big brothers' and role models for our juniors, prefects take on leadership roles within the hostel, helping staff take care of the boys and organising activities.

HOMEWORK AND TUITION

The homework period in the evening is an important part of hostel life and a major reason why boarders do so well academically. Supervised by housemasters, Juniors have 1 hour of prep, and Seniors have 1½ hours, Monday - Friday. Tuition is provided for those requiring assistance.

SPORT, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The school offers a wide range of sports and activities and boys are expected to play for the school where possible. The school fields, swimming pool and tennis courts are available for boys to use after school and weekends.

The hostel is within walking distance of Kensington Gym, hockey turfs and many other sporting facilities in town. Junior sport is organised after school and all boys are strongly encouraged to join sports teams and after school and weekend activities.

Rugby, League, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Golf, Basketball, Athletics, Waka Ama, Swimming, Tennis, Surfing, Surf Lifesaving, Sailing, Martial Arts, Cycling and Adventure Racing are just a few of the activities the boys are able to participate in while living at Carruth.

The school has a strong performing arts department, which the boys can fully participate in. They can also take part in school and community drama productions, music performances, music lessons and Kapa Haka. Many Carruth boys are also involved in youth group.

ENROLMENT AND FEES

Enquiries:

Mr Michael Gilmour, Director of Boarding

Phone (09) 430 4179, Mobile 021 242 1108

Email: carruth@wbhs.school.nz

All enrolments require a personal interview with the Principal and acceptance is at her discretion.

For 2021 the annual boarding fee is \$10,000 (inc GST). This can be paid in four equal instalments of \$2,500 prior to the start of each term.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Ministry of Education Boarding Allowance

The Ministry of Education provides some financial assistance for boarding, in certain circumstances.

Please check out www.education.govt.nz/school/student-support/boarding-allowances

for more information.



APPLICATION FOR CARRUTH HOUSE 2021

Thank you for your enquiry for a position at Whangarei Boys' High School and Carruth House. At Whangarei Boys' High School, it will be necessary for your son to be allocated a place at the hostel before being considered for a place at the school. Enclosed are the necessary enrolment forms for both the School and the Hostel.

Please complete and return the following documentation:

- The Hostel Application Form (Blue)
- The School Application Form (Green)

Please also include the following documentation:

- Copy of birth certificate or passport
- Latest school report
- Evidence of address

As places in the hostel are limited, please return your completed application forms as soon as possible.

All prospective boarders will be interviewed by the Director of Boarding and the Principal, and will also meet with the relevant year level Dean. Once a student has been accepted by the School, a \$300 non-refundable Building Fee is required to secure your place in the hostel.

The Carruth orientation night, when new Year 9 students stay over for one night in the hostel, happens early November each year.

Applications should be addressed to:

The Director of Boarding
Whangarei Boys' High School
PO Box 5034
Whangarei 0140
New Zealand

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either the school or Hostel.

Yours sincerely

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