

Argyle House – Residential Hostel

Argyle House is the Hamilton Boys' High School's residential hostel. Located within the school grounds it has facilities to accommodate 135 boarding students. Argyle House is a central part of the school community with a long tradition of academic and co-curricular excellence.

Accommodation Facilities

The two-storey hostel has a range of excellent accommodation facilities which include three-bed cubicles and modern twin rooms for junior students to motel-style units and single rooms for senior students. The accommodation is of a very high standard. All rooms each have their own study facilities.

Juniors (years 9 and 10) have a spacious lounge, a large TV room with Sky and video facilities and a games room for pool and table tennis. Juniors also have a 'prep' room where they can complete their homework or study, a seminar room for tutorials, a well equipped computer room, a music room.

Seniors (years 11,12 and 13) have their own separate lounge with Sky TV and other facilities, a relaxation area and telephone, laundry and kitchen facilities. All seniors have facilities to complete their 'prep' in their units.

Student Care

The daily life of the boarder is under the direct personal supervision of the Hostel Manager, the Senior Master, five Masters, two Assistant Masters and the two Matrons all of whom reside in the Hostel. The Matrons take care of any medical needs which the boys may have. A qualified Catering Manager and staff provide all meals to ensure the boys' nutritional needs are met.

Study

Evening studies and prep are an important part of life at Argyle House. They are supervised by three masters each night during the week who provide help to the boys where they need it to complete their homework or study. Year 9 and 10 students study in the Prep Room while senior students work in their own rooms. The hostel's computer laboratory is available for prep.

Team Building

Argyle House is one of the six Houses of Hamilton Boys' High School House competition at the school is strong and generates tremendous pride and team spirit amongst the boys and in the hostel. Argyle House also has its own in-House competition for the Matthew Allen Memorial Cup.

School Clubs and Activities

A vast range of opportunities are available to boarders to join in sports, clubs and activities available both within and outside school. The hostel has its own mini-van to transport boys to venues to attend music lessons, sports training and numerous other activities. At school the boys can participate in any of more than twenty cultural activities and forty different sporting codes.

Applying for Admission to Argyle House

Applications can be made for any boy eight years of age and over for admission to Argyle House when he reaches Year 9. Because there is an absolute limit on the number of places available we recommend that parents or guardians who know they would like the child to board at Argyle House when they go to high school make an early application. The total number of places available for Year 9 students at Argyle House is normally about thirty.

All applications for admission to Argyle House must be received by 11 May in the year preceding the student's intended arrival at the school. Naturally the student must be eligible for admission to the school before a place at Argyle House can be offered. Application forms will be sent to all those who have completed an initial application form.

The school's criteria for student selection for a place in Argyle House are:

- the primary consideration when awarding a place is to select students who have the greatest need and who have the ability to contribute most to hostel life;
- both the hostel and the school must confirm that each has the ability to meet the individual needs of the student

In making selections, consideration must be given to the mix of students chosen for hostel places which reflects the community as a whole, maintains a balance of form levels and ages and contributes to a good mix of interests.

If a student meets all the criteria he will be invited to attend an interview with the Hostel Manager and Senior Master.

Following these interviews the first allocation of places for the following year is made in June.

Application forms must be completed in full (including attachments) along with the Confidential Medical Information and Permission form and submitted to The Board of Trustees Office, Hamilton Boys' High School, Private Bag 3201, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240.

Fees

Argyle House has been established solely for the benefit of the residential students at Hamilton Boys' High School. The current fees are \$9,200 per annum (including GST) plus a Building Levy of \$300, but are subject to annual review. For all new enrolments a deposit of \$1,000 is required to be paid by 30 November of the year of enrolment. This is refunded when your son leaves the hostel provided there are no outstanding fees. The fees are payable in 9 equal instalments commencing 7 February. In the event of withdrawal from the hostel, it is required that a term's notice be given in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees otherwise one term's fees will be payable in lieu of such notice.

Bursary Eligibility

Some students may be eligible for a boarding bursary or secondary school scholarship. Details of eligibility can be obtained from your present principal or through the Ministry of Education. (www.minedu.govt.nz)

Scholarship

1. A Year 10 scholarship is awarded by the hostel committee to the outstanding Year 9 pupil.
2. A Senior Boarding Scholarship is awarded to a Year 12 or 13 student, who is able to demonstrate he would clearly benefit from being a boarder at Hamilton Boys' High School; that he is unable to access the same academic, sporting or cultural achievements at his local school.