



ONSLOW COLLEGE

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Kia ora - hello!

PREPARING TO COME TO NEW ZEALAND:

We are very pleased to be meeting you soon in Wellington. We hope that your time with us is successful, educational and enjoyable. It is both exciting and challenging to come to live in a new culture. Here are some reminders and information for you to make your first few weeks go well.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

Please remember to bring the following:

- Your own laptop for using in class. **THIS IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.**
- A graphic calculator if you have one at home. You will need this for your Mathematics class (Year 11, 12 and 13 students).
- Suitable Clothing. You need to bring light wool jerseys, jeans, trousers, a warm waterproof jacket, long sleeved fitting underwear (thermal wear) to keep you warm.
- Other clothing items that you may like to bring include swimwear (you may need this for Physical Education class or Outdoor Education class, shorts, skirts, T-shirts, sweatshirts, and walking shoes. Also, you may also wish to bring some clothes for formal occasions.
- Money: It is advisable to bring a small amount of cash. Your parents may want to organize a debit or credit card for you to use while you are in NZ. We recommend approximately \$50 a week for pocket money.

YOUR FIRST WEEK AT SCHOOL

Monday 17 July

8.15am Come to the school office and someone will direct you to the International Department

8.30am We will start with a Mihi Whakatau (A Māori Welcoming Ceremony) then follow by:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT/SUBJECTS SELECTION

You will meet with our International Director, Ms Candice Forster-Heke, who will help you to plan your school timetable.

We will provide morning tea and students can go home by lunchtime (approximately 1pm).

Tuesday 18 July, 9.45am ORIENTATION DAY

Remember to bring your laptop to school. Please come to the International Department.

- *introduction to International Department staff members, Principal and Sports Director*
- *meeting your buddy*
- *school tour*
- *learning about how to access the school computer network and student portal*

- information to help you to enjoy Onslow and Wellington life.

We will provide a light lunch on this day. Depending on how the day goes, you may go home between 1 - 2 pm

Wednesday 19 July 8.45am FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN

Come to the International Department at **8.30am** and your buddy will help you to get to your first class.

The school day finishes at 3.10pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW:

Smoking in New Zealand: Smoking or vaping is not allowed anywhere at school.

Drinking: The **age** for purchasing alcohol in New Zealand is 18. It is illegal to supply alcohol to someone under the age of 18 years unless the person supplying the alcohol is the [parent or legal guardian](#), or the person supplying alcohol has the express consent of the young person's parent or legal guardian **and** the alcohol is supplied in a responsible manner.

Driving in New Zealand: Onslow College does not allow international students to drive a car or own a car.

Internet and Telephone Use: The school and our host families have unlimited internet/Wi-Fi for students' laptop and phone.

Be careful about bringing food from your own country: New Zealand has very strict rules about bringing in any food especially meat products or fresh plants products. You **MUST** declare any food products to Customs on arrival.

Safe travelling! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us.

We look forward to meeting you.

Ngā manaakitanga

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