

# Student Welfare

## Pastoral Care

All international students at Marist College are cared for by several staff members.

- The Deans have particular pastoral responsibilities for students in their appointed year level and monitor academic progress.
- The Tutor Teacher has responsibility for their whanau class of students.
- The International Manager is the first point of contact for any pastoral concerns and works closely with all school staff, onshore support person and homestay families.
- The International Student Teacher has an overseeing care for International Students and a primary responsibility for English language achievement.
- The Principal welcomes any pastoral concerns relating to student progress.



*“Everyone is so nice to each other. It’s like we are all sisters.”*

## Accommodation Options

All International Students at Marist College must be in College approved accommodation under appropriate supervision. There are three options of accommodation; homestay, living with a parent and living with a designated caregiver.

Homestays are the preferred option at Marist College. There are many families in the Marist College community who welcome international students and have girls attending the College with whom International Students can readily relate.

### Homestay

Living in a homestay arranged by Marist College, the student can improve their English language skills and experience the kiwi way of life. These families are carefully selected and provide a high standard of care. All homestay hosts are visited in their homes where the room on offer and home are inspected.

Our homestay families are generally from the wider Marist College and local community. They are carefully monitored and International students met with regularly to ensure that everyone has a positive experience. Students will always have their own fully furnished room, all meals including lunch to bring to school is provided and laundry is done. Most of our homestays are within walking distance to school or on a good transport route.

## Living with Parents

Immigration NZ allows parents to live with and care for their child while they study in New Zealand. It is expected that parents will remain in New Zealand while their daughter attends Marist College and an appropriate visa for the parent needs to be shown. It is the parent’s responsibility to provide the College with their local address and advise any changes of living situation or circumstances.

## Designated Caregivers

A designated caregiver is a relative or close family friend known by the student’s parents and committed to staying with the student for the whole of her time at Marist College. In order to be approved, the designated caregiver agrees to provide references, complete police vetting and meet with the homestay coordinator in their home. The parent will be required to complete a Designated Caregiver Indemnity Statement.

## Onshore Support Person

All International Students are required to have an onshore support person living in New Zealand. Parents may nominate who this person is. Alternatively, Marist College can arrange this if required. There is an additional fee for providing an onshore support person.