



Hostel Report

School Name: Rathkeale College

Profile Number: 245

Location: Masterton

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 hostel manager and the hostel owner has attested in the Hostel Assurance Statement that they meet the requirements of the Hostel Regulations 2005.

Boarders are housed across three buildings, one of which has recently been fully refurbished. Boarders value the access they have to the school's substantial grounds and facilities, including for music, arts and sports. The generous provision of transport by the hostel means boarders are able to pursue a wide range of individual and group interests beyond the school.

High staff ratios, including teaching and pastoral staff living on-site, support boarders with their learning and wellbeing needs. Hostel processes and practices for operation are aligned with the school's for consistency. Senior boarders take significant leadership roles in providing activities, tutoring and care for juniors. As a result, the hostel culture is well established and relationships between year groups are characterised by respect and inclusion.

Leaders and the board monitor boarders' learning and wellbeing, with a focus on providing a safe emotional and physical environment.

Actions for Compliance

ERO identified non-compliance in relation to:

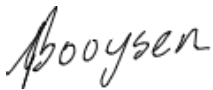
- The requirement for the owner to review the hostel's policies and procedures required by regulation 54, including reasonably practicable steps to consult with boarders and their parents at least every 3 years.

[Hostel Regulations 2005 regulation 57]

In order to address this, the board must:

- take steps to ensure that all policies and procedures required by Hostel Regulations 2005 regulation 54 are reviewed for effective implementation.

The hostel owner/Manager has since taken steps to address the areas of non compliance identified.



Shelley Booyesen
Director of Schools

25 September 2023

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