

Predeparture Book



St Dominic's
College

While you are in your own country:

- Get a dental check up in your country as this is expensive in New Zealand
- Get an eye check up or get new glasses if needed as again this is expensive in New Zealand
- Have enough New Zealand money on you for about 1 week. Maybe \$500 cash for buying new things. Large amounts of money should be in a bank cheque or traveler's cheque which can be used to open a bank account in the first few days of arriving.
- Some countries have regulations about how much money you can take out of the country so check with your authorities.

Important documents you should have with you when you arrive in Auckland Airport:

Valid passport and student visa –unless you come from a country that is on the visa-waiver programme.

Air ticket

New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card—given to you on the flight.

Copy of Offer of Place

Contact details of the person who will collect you from the airport.

This will most likely be Jenny Goodwin or Kim Williams



International Flights

On the day of departure, you should arrive at the airport at least 2-3 hours early to check in

- The weight limit for luggage is usually 20 kilos, but this depends on the airline and the route you take. Hand luggage is 6 kilograms.
- Weigh your luggage in advance before you go to airport.
- On the flight you will be handed a New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card. This must be completed in English.

If you are not sure how to complete the form you can ask the airline staff on the flight for help.

- New Zealand Customs requires passengers to declare the amount of cash they are carrying.

Normally you are allowed to carry foreign currency equal to NZ\$10,000.00 in value. If you have more you will be asked why you are bringing the money. Please do not hide money in your suit case.

- Please **DO NOT BRING ANY MEAT, PLANTS OR FRUIT INTO NZ**. It is illegal.

Please make sure you place them in the rubbish bins at the terminal before you get to the Customs area if you do have some with you.

NZ Customs will remove any food you hold at the border; they may even charge a large fine. (Please refer to NZ Passenger Arrival Card)

- Do not bring in large amounts of pain killers or cold remedies.

Immigration New Zealand and NZ Customs warn that these drugs are being imported for the manufacture of methamphetamines and students are being used unwittingly as couriers for this illegal activity.

- If you wish to carry medicines for your personal use you should keep them in their original packs to avoid possible trouble with Customs. Some students even bring a certificate from their doctor to say they have been prescribed these medicines.

Arriving in new Zealand:

- Make sure you have given St Dominic's College the correct arrival date and flight numbers.
- After you collect your luggage and complete Immigration and Customs Clearance, you should go to the Arrival Hall . Someone from the school will be there with a sign with your name on it as well as 'St Dominic's College'.
- Important numbers for you: Jenny 021 0651942



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HELLO!

Jenny or Kim will then drive you home to your homestay house. And tell you when to come to school.

Insurance:

- Make sure you have insurance arranged before you leave your
- Country. Sometimes your agent has organized this for you or they have asked St Dominic's College to arrange. Please check.
- The insurance policy must include:
 - Day-to-Day medical expenses
 - Emergency medical assistance
 - Travel and personal belongings
- Please see our website for a detailed outline of policy.



Within a few days of being at school Jenny will take you to the bank to open a bank account.

- It is very important to open a new bank account in New Zealand
- It is safer to put your money into your account
- Do NOT keep large amounts of cash with you.
- Banks in New Zealand are very secure; they do not collapse.
- Banks are open between 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.
Some banks are open in the shopping malls Saturday and Sunday .

You will get an ATM card or EFTPOS card with your account. All cities have 24 hour automatic teller machines (ATM). You can use your EFT-POS card in shops, cafes and restaurants in NZ.

Currency of NZ

The New Zealand Dollar is the only currency used in New Zealand. One dollar (\$1) = 100 cents. There are several different notes and coins used:

Notes: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100

Coins: 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2

You can exchange money at the airport or at any bank.



Electricity:

- New Zealand uses 240 volt three phase electricity and most plugs are 3-pin.
- Many shops like Dick Smith Electronics have adapter plugs that students can buy so they can use their own appliances.
- Do not try and force your overseas plug into the New Zealand power connection.



Mobile phones are an important and we want you to have one with you at all times.

There are two options of payment: prepay card and monthly rental. Most students go for the prepay option.

