

# Pre-arrival

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### PRE-ARRIVAL - Things to do right now:

It's time to complete the forms in the Offer Pack you received in the mail:

- Complete and return your Accommodation Application
- Pre-pay tuition fees and Insurance
- Apply for a Student Visa
- Book and confirm your flights to Dunedin

### Educate yourself:

If you have time, prepare yourself for your new experience by:

- Checking out NZ websites
- Learn about New Zealand – request information from the nearest Embassy or Consulate, they may offer information evenings.
- Talk to people, particularly other students who have visited NZ.

### Travel Check List

Before you leave home, ensure you have:

Made and confirmed your travel arrangements

Have packed

- Medical or optical prescriptions in English
- Travel documents
- Money, travellers cheques, credit cards
- Your receipts for your tuition and/or accommodation fees, if applicable
- List of important phone numbers such as your bank
- Photos, friends' addresses, favourite recipes
- Warm clothing (including winter jackets and woollen jerseys (sweaters))
- Full insurance policy written in English (if you have purchased your own policy)

### Important Note

Ensure you pack your own luggage and do not bring in bags or any items belonging to other people. Inspect everything you carry into New Zealand personally.

Not knowing that illegal items are in your belongings **will not be accepted** as an excuse for bringing them into the country. Heavy penalties can be imposed.

## **Arriving in New Zealand**

Before you land in New Zealand, you will receive a New Zealand Passenger Arrival form, which contains Immigration, Customs and Quarantine declarations. You must tick "yes" if any of the questions apply to you.

At your first place of entry into New Zealand, your passport and visa will be checked. Once your documents have been verified by immigration officials you can proceed to the baggage collection area.

## **Quarantine and Customs**

Items that must be declared include:

- Food, and products or ingredients used for preparing food
- Plants and parts of plants (alive or dead), including can, straw and ratten
- Animals (alive or dead), or products from animals
- Equipment used with animals
- Camping gear, golf clubs, hiking boots

If you are unsure of any item in your luggage **DECLARE IT!** There is no penalty for declaring items, but a NZ\$200 instant fine if you do not declare an item. For more information, visit the MAF website.

## **Transfers to domestic terminal**

If you enter New Zealand at Auckland International airport you will need to transfer to the domestic terminal.

You can find a blue line on the footpath outside the International terminal and can follow this to the domestic terminal if you would like to walk. There is also a free bus which runs between the International Terminal and the Air New Zealand Domestic Terminals from 6:00am until 10:30pm.

Christchurch International and domestic terminals are located in the same building and do not require any transfer

## **Airport Pick-up**

Otago Boys' High School provides a meeting service for all new international students.

