EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE
Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga

Hostel Report

School Name: Christchurch Boys' High School

Profile Number: 327

Location: Christchurch

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 have attested in the Hostel Assurance Statement that they meet the requirements of the Hostel Regulations 2005.

The school hostel, Adams House, is owned and operated by Christchurch Boys' High School Board. It accommodates boys in a structured, respectful, and caring environment. Adams House is actively supported by the school community and parents.

Students experience a positive living and learning environment. They are very well supported to participate in all aspects of the academic, cultural, and sporting life of the school. Adams House Head of Boarding and staff work with the boarders to promote a culture and climate that reflects the school's traditions and values.

Actions for Compliance

ERO identified non-compliance in relation to Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC):

- hostel policies and procedures for EOTC are not consistently implemented. This includes failure to obtain parent permission and final approval for high-risk trips before these occur.
  [Reg. 56 (2) (e) Hostel Regulations 2005; Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Education Outside the Classroom Guidelines (Ministry of Education) 2025]

In order to address this, the School Board must ensure that EOTC policies and procedures are implemented appropriately.

The hostel owner has not yet addressed the area of non-compliance identified.



Sharon Kelly
Director of Schools

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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