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INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CONSIDERING APPLYING FOR ENROLMENT

THE SCHOOL

Rosmini College is a boys-only, Catholic secondary school situated in Takapuna, on the North Shore of Auckland, New Zealand. Though owned by the Catholic Diocese, the school is integrated into the state system, offering education for Levels 7 to 13, generally an age range of 11 to 19 years. The school limits its roll to about 1000 boys.

PLACES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Rosmini College has agreed to observe and be bound by the *Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students* published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international>

The school can provide tuition for about sixty international students, preferably spread across all year levels. To be considered for a place, applicants must have arranged their own accommodation. Accommodation may be with one or both parents living in New Zealand OR with a Designated Caregiver who must be a relative or close family friend OR in a homestay which has no more than four overseas students.

TUITION FEES AND COURSE-RELATED COSTS

The tuition fees for 2013 are \$NZ15,000.00 (\$13,000 School Fee and \$2,000 Admin Fee) payable in full once enrolment has been approved. These fees cover teaching costs, Catholic Attendance Dues, ID cards, standard text-book usage and non-returnable classroom notes. The tuition fees may change from year to year.

There are additional costs for every student (including non-international) that will vary for each student according to year level and subjects studied. Stationery, school uniform, class trips, materials fees in some subjects, special tuition such as in music, external examination entries (Years 11-13) and sports participation fees are the possible areas of cost. (For a student involved in ALL of the above, approximately \$NZ1000.00 would normally cover a year's charges.)

Non-school based costs applicants must also consider involve accommodation, insurances including health and general living costs. These will vary according to personal choice and circumstances.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete the school's own *International Student Enrolment Application Form*, a copy of which is attached. This form details basic information that must be supplied to the school for enrolment to be considered. Once the application has arrived at the school it will be processed promptly so that tuition can begin as soon as possible for successful applicants. A personal interview with the applicant and his parents/caregivers will be a requirement and a test of English

proficiency is most likely to be given. A copy of the Tuition Agreement, which will apply if enrolment is accepted, is attached for your information.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

The following will be taken into account in considering applications.

- enrolment places available at each year level
- English language proficiency, both written and oral
- academic subject background
- suitability of the school's programme to meet the applicant's needs
- Immigration acceptability
- pre-arranged accommodation
- assurance that on-going costs can be met
- evidence that adequate health and travel insurances exist
- full disclosure of all relevant details on the application form

SPECIAL POINTS TO NOTE

Immigration

Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>

Eligibility for Health Services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health and can be viewed on their website at <http://www.moh.govt.nz>

Accident Insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at <http://www.acc.co.nz>

Medical and Travel Insurance

International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

These are the standards we expect. Many will not have taken these tests so they will, as necessary, form part of the enrolment process.

Y7 – Y8 – Intermediate school

Minimum for entry to Beginners Class: *Pitman Basic* test in English Usage – at least 5/10, plus ability to write basic sentences in English.

Y9 – Y10

Minimum for entry to Beginners class: Pass in *Pitman Basic* ESOL test.

Y11 – Y12

Minimum for entry to examination classes: Pass in *Pitman Elementary* ESOL test.

Y13

Minimum for entry to Exam classes: *IELTS 5* or *Pitman Intermediate* level.

REFUND CONDITIONS

Once tuition has begun there is no automatic entitlement to a refund of fees. Applications for refunds must be made in writing to the Principal stating why the student is withdrawing from a course.

If the applicant has not begun his course, fees will be refunded less an administration fee of \$2000.00

If the applicant has begun his course, the following will be considered in determining any refund

- an administration fee of \$2000.00
- tuition costs incurred by the school, including those affecting staff employed for the full year on the basis of enrolments
- any other costs considered relevant.

No refunds will be made

- after the end of Term 1.
- to any student expelled from the school
- on the basis of a change of immigration status after 1 March.

FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND STAFFING

The main two-storey block contains administration areas, general classrooms, technology workshops, art rooms, specialist computer rooms and the Library.

Other buildings grouped around the main block include a new state-of-the-art Technology Centre (2006), a specialist Science block (2002), Auditorium (2001), a music suite, Gymnasium (2009) and sports pavilion, as well as extra classroom spaces and a Chapel.

The college is situated on 7 hectares of land which, apart from the buildings, provides for 3 rugby and 2 soccer fields in the winter, these converted in summer for cricket and athletics. There are sealed tennis courts. Sport is a major element of the school's curriculum and a variety of indoor sports are available as well as those noted above.

Equipment in specialist rooms is up-to-date and in keeping with current curriculum needs. Computers play an increasing role in the overall educational structure and funds are constantly being invested in enhancing hardware and software supplies such that the usage of the computer as a tool can be extended to many subject areas. Music and Art equipment continue to be up-dated and extended in range. The new Technology Centre and the Science Block have been accompanied by the provision of new curriculum-centred items. The existing gymnasium was modernised and extended in 1999 to provide specialist fitness areas and a new gymnasium completed in 2009.

The school is staffed in accordance with Ministry of Education entitlements and in addition employs extra staff from its own funds, some of whom are specialists in providing English language assistance to international students. Among the staff especially appointed to meet the needs of international students is a Liaison Teacher whose special role is to look to the welfare of the international student group. This teacher is particularly concerned with helping students to fit into a new culture and to progressing in their learning so that they can quickly form part of the normal school programmes.

COURSES/QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE

Rosmini College prepares students for the New Zealand Ministry of Education qualifications with Entrance to University an ultimate, basic goal for most students. External examinations occur in Years 11 to 13 normally though some Year 10 can be involved. The junior part of the school is educated in the areas specified by national rules.

Applicants for Years 11 to 13 will discuss subject preferences at their interview.

A list of the subjects being offered in any one year in the senior school can be made available on request.

The school aims to integrate international students into the general teaching programmes of the school with the standard national qualifications as the final targets. It does not see itself as an English language school where the total focus is on English tuition only.

Though specialist English language assistance is provided through special staffing, particularly in the earlier stages of a student's enrolment period, the school will only consider applications from those whose existing knowledge of English will provide a sound basis for progressive movement into the normal school programmes.

ACCOMMODATION

The school does not arrange accommodation for students and will not consider applications from those who have not made private arrangements.

However, under the regulations governing the enrolment of international students in New Zealand, the school must be informed of details of arrangements that have been made and of any subsequent changes.

The school is also required to check periodically on the suitability of the arrangements. An *Indemnity Document for Designated Caregiver*, which is part of the Enrolment Application Form, must be completed for this purpose.

TO FINALISE APPLICATION

Please complete the attached *Enrolment Application Form* and return it as soon as possible to the school.

FINALLY

On behalf of Rosmini College, I welcome your application. I assure you it will be given fair attention and I hope I have informed you of the key issues you need to know before applying. Please do not hesitate to contact us if something you wish to know is not mentioned above.

T J GERRARD
PRINCIPAL