Application for full year accommodation in a Residential College

Make an online application for a Residential College from 1 August and before the 30 September. Ensure your school receives the Confidential Reference form before the end of August. This needs to be forwarded to our office before the 15 September.

Before you start your application you will need the following information:
- Your contact details
- The contact details for your guardian
- NSN for Students studying in New Zealand
- Your three college preferences.

College places continue to be offered between October and when University starts in February. Applications for Residential Colleges can still be made after 30 September although it is likely they will be placed on the general waiting list.

If you are still on the waiting list in mid-February, temporary accommodation is available. Contact the Accommodation Office for assistance.

The Colleges are occupied by residents in late February. Spaces can become available within the first 4 weeks after term commences. Some students in temporary accommodation are accepted into the Colleges at this time.

TIP
Ensuring your application is completed and returned before 30 September ensures it is processed before selection commences.

TIP
Complete the application form in full. Missing information will cause delays in your application being processed or accepted.

TIP
Be sure to fill in all the information about your interests and responsibilities.

TIP
If you are accepted into a college and payment of fees or a deposit is requested, be sure to pay by the deadline. Note that the deposit and initial payment are not covered by student loans/allowances.

TIP
Be aware that some of the Colleges are over-subscribed with applications. If your 1st preference is unable to make an offer your application will be forwarded to other colleges with vacancies.

TIP
Be aware that if you turn down an offer of a place in a college another offer is not guaranteed.

TIP
Please let us know as soon as possible if you decide not to study at Otago or no longer require accommodation in a College. There are other students on the waitlist awaiting an offer.

TIP
Each year there are a large number of withdrawals from late December through to mid-February. Further offers of place are made during this time.