

What is Fiordland College?

Fiordland College is a co-educational Year 7-13 College. It provides education for boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 19 years.

The College was founded in 1976. It is of modern construction and set in 6.77 hectares of well maintained grounds. Fiordland College is a small school with approximately 220 students and 20 full-time staff. This has enabled the College to maintain a very advantageous student/teacher ratio.

Location

Fiordland College is situated on the outskirts of Te Anau, which is adjacent to Lake Te Anau and on the fringes of the Fiordland National Park.

The town is very well served by transportation links with other centres. It is 1¾ hours by road from Invercargill, 2 hours from Queenstown and 3½ hours from Dunedin. Te Anau is the centre of the Southern Lakes/Milford Sound tourist industry and, therefore, its transportation and service facilities are of an international standard.

Safety

Te Anau is a township of some 3,000 people. The size and supportive nature of the community make it a very safe and secure environment. As a small town it lacks the number and intensity of problems and diversions that occur in large urban centres around the world.

Welfare and Support

Student welfare is of prime concern. In brief it is catered for in the following ways:

- With only 220 students and 20 staff, students are assured of personalised attention on a daily basis
- A full-time counselling service
- Support staff specifically appointed to oversee the welfare and concerns of international students
- Ongoing support and assistance from homestay parents and families

International students are very welcome at Fiordland College and we endeavour to take the best possible care of them. We encourage our students to participate in all areas of College life and oversee their welfare and programmes on a day to day basis.

We have an appointed International Student Director who has responsibility for the progress and happiness of the students in all areas, ie

- College Life
- School Programmes
- Homestays

The Director maintains close and caring ongoing contact with the students and provides advice and guidance for them when required. She is available for consultation at any time by students or parents, and keeps parents informed of their child's progress on a regular basis. She, or another school representative, will meet students on arrival and escort them to Te Anau to meet their homestay families and help them settle in.

The Principal is also available for consultation by students and parents, and takes an ongoing interest in the education and welfare of the students.

At the College the students will be fully incorporated into ordinary classroom life, choosing from a large range of teaching subjects. They will be given "buddy" friends at first to help them around the school and to help familiarise them with classroom procedure. International students also undertake special tuition in English.

Health Services

Because Te Anau serves an international tourist clientele it possesses health services of a very high standard. The Fiordland Medical Centre offers a 24 hour medical and ambulance service.

English Language

International students will receive special tuition in English. They will also join in the normal classes offered to New Zealand students.

Sports and Outdoor Education

A wide range of sports and activities is catered for by the College, and an even wider range exists in the local community. Rugby, netball, hockey, swimming, athletics, football, tennis, basketball, badminton and squash are examples of some of the sports catered for. Because Fiordland College is situated by New Zealand's largest National Park, the College has a strong commitment to outdoor education. Camps are held at each form level and cover such diverse activities as tramping, cycle touring, skiing, kayaking and bush craft.

Health Insurance

Health insurance is compulsory. Uni-Care Educational Ltd is a company that offers a comprehensive insurance plan that is acceptable to the College.

Flight Arrangements

Bookings should be made direct to Queenstown International Airport. (Unaccompanied students will be met there, and a separate fee will be charged if students are not enrolled for a full year).

Uniform

Students in Years 7-12 are required to wear the full school uniform. Students in Year 13 are not required to wear uniform.

International Programme Staff

<p>Principal Ms Lynlee Smith MEd Admin (Hons), PG Dip Ed, BA, Dip Tchg</p>	<p>Ms Smith is the Principal of Fiordland College. Ms Smith has overall responsibility for the International Programme and takes a personal interest in the enrolment of all students in the school.</p>
<p>International Director Mrs Marie Galland BA, DipTchg</p>	<p>Student Mrs Galland has been the International Student Director since the programme started in 1993. She oversees the academic programme offered to our international students and also arranges and monitors their homestay placements. Mrs Galland evaluates the level of English of new students and guides them into appropriate courses of study. She also teaches ESOL to the international students. She reports regularly to parents on progress. Mrs Galland is the person students should go to first if they have any problems or queries about their studies, homestay etc.</p>

Facilities at Fiordland College

Visitors to Fiordland College frequently comment on the school's attractive appearance. The school's physical resources are a real benefit and a means of enhancing the students' education. The College offers excellent facilities including:

- Learning Centre: a study space equipped with laptop computers for individual study
- Two modern, well-equipped laboratories
- Technical block catering for Hard and Soft Technology, Graphics, Food & Fabrics and Art in spacious rooms with up-to-date equipment
- 2 Computer Suites
- Well-stocked, attractive, stand-alone Library
- Senior Common Room. The Common Room provides facilities for the more mature students which encourages academic effort and rewards achievement.
- Music Suite, equipped with wide range of modern equipment including a Keyboard Laboratory
- Significant collection of light and sound equipment for the Drama and Musical productions. (These are performed either in the school's general purpose Hall or the local Community Hall).
- Distance Education facility – provides learning opportunities through on-line video and audio-graphic conferencing
- General purpose Hall doubles as a well-equipped Gymnasium
- 25 metre, heated Swimming Pool on site
- Our grounds feature
 - One full-sized Basketball Court
 - Four Tennis Courts/Netball Courts
 - Fields for - Rugby, Hockey and Soccer (in winter)
Athletics, Softball and Cricket (in summer)

For specific information on the following, please refer to the documents indicated:

Homestay	Refer to "Accommodation Policy"
Curriculum & Entry Standards	Refer to "Course Information"
Visa & Immigration Matters	Refer to "Application Procedure"
Fees	Refer to "Fees Structure"