



Exchange student policy

There are 2 types of exchange students:

1. **Formal exchange:** When a St Catherine's College student is billeted with a student overseas and both travelled to the country of the other. An agreement or MOU has been signed between the 2 schools. The homestay is usually organised by the 2 schools.
2. **Informal exchange:** A request from a family living in New Zealand to host a student from overseas (friend or family) but no arrangement or MOU has been signed between the 2 schools. The homestay has not been organised by St Catherine's College.

Duration

For formal exchanges, the length of the stay is organised by agreement between the 2 schools. For informal exchanges, the student's stay can vary from a couple of weeks to a year, depending on the agreement between the host family and the principal

Fees

The fees for attending St Catherine's College is \$500 per term to cover the curriculum fees. For formal exchanges, there are no fees attached to the programme. For informal exchanges, if the student attends the school for more than one term, the host family will be charged for the attendance dues. For 2026, the attendance dues rates is \$1,147 for the year.

In both scenarios, the host family will not receive any financial support from St Catherine's College and hold full financial responsibility for the student.

Enrolment

The host family must fill out an enrolment package for the student and agree to play the role of primary caregiver for the student from the first day they attend school to the day they leave school.

An exchange student is enrolled at St Catherine's College when the host family meets with the Principal and an agreement is signed and the enrolment documents are completed and handed to the office, or when the MOU between the 2 schools is signed.



The exchange student will follow the timetable of her “host sister”. If the student does not have a host sister, the student will be able to choose her timetable.

School expectations

All school rules and codes of conduct apply to the student for the duration of her enrolment at St Catherine’s College.

The student is expected to respect and uphold the special character and the values of the school at all times. This means that the student must attend all special character-related events organised by the school including masses, liturgies, mission days as well as religious education classes.

The student is encouraged to join an extracurricular activity if possible (depending on the length of her stay) to connect with the school community.

The student is encouraged to submit all work and assessments whether the credits are counted or not. If the student wishes to be enrolled in external examination, the family must pay the fees to NZQA (\$360)

At the end of her stay, the student will receive an informal report (upon request) with her teachers' comments and grades.