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Capernwray New Zealand FAQ For

The Crossing General Information

Lectures:

Are lectures compulsory? Yes - Attendance at lectures is compulsory and the only reason for absence is sickness or an outreach commitment. (A General Course Outline is given on this site). Lectures are scheduled for mornings and evenings, leaving afternoons free to study and complete assignments. Lecturers include our resident faculty and visiting speakers from a variety of churches and Christian agencies, from New Zealand and overseas.

Meals:

Are meals compulsory? Yes - All meals are compulsory (except for weekend meals that you may sign out for.)

What style of food is there? - An international nutritious menu with fresh foods are planned so as to provide a healthy and balanced diet which may or may not be different from home.

Is there allowance for diets? NO - There is no allowance made for special diets. However: Meals are served in a style that allows for freedom of choice. If you have a medical certificate from your doctor then this will be considered on a case by case basis.

Clothing:

What do we wear in class? Casual dress is allowed for lectures but it is important to bring at least one set of good clothes for Church & special occasions e.g. Graduation. Men should bring a jacket and tie. All students are expected to maintain a clean, neat and tidy appearance. Students should show moderation and modesty at all times, no matter what the prevailing fashions may be elsewhere. This especially applies to swim wear. (eg No bikinis please)

Do I need work clothes? Yes- Each Wednesday is work day around the property, so please bring appropriate clothing with you.

How do I wash my clothes? - A laundry room at the school allows you to wash for \$2 and dry a load for \$4. Wash price includes laundry powder. Students may find laundry costs higher in NZ e.g. the local Laundromat cost is \$8 for a wash and dry, \$10 includes folding.

Climate:

What are the temperatures like?- Winter months are June, July, August, & Sept and overnight lows can reach 1-2 degrees Celsius (32-34 Fahrenheit) with daytime highs about 10-13 degrees Celsius (54-59 degrees Fahrenheit) so please bring warm clothing with you, including a warm jacket. We do have snow at The Crossing. Overseas students may find The Crossing less well insulated than you are used to. Summer is temperate (not tropical!) Daytime highs during November, December, January and February may reach 30 degrees Celsius (87 degrees Fahrenheit), cooling to 12-14 degrees Celsius (54-47 degrees Fahrenheit) at night. Burn time is about 10 minutes so sun block is essential SPF35+.

Are the bedrooms Heated? - Yes! Each bedroom is supplied with a small space heater.

Linen:

Do we need to bring our own sheets etc? Sheets, pillows and pillowcases and quilts are provided by the school but you will need to bring your own towels. (Face cloths, handtowel, bath and beach/pool towels.)

Music:

Can we bring or use iPods, Mp3 etc? If you wish to listen to music during your time here at school, it may only be listened to with a iPod or MP3 etc so as not to disturb other students or guests.

Musical Instruments:

Can I bring my musical instruments? Yes! If you play a musical instrument please feel free to bring it along. We would love to have this gift and talent here at school.

Telephone & Mail

How can I ring Home? We have a public phone and use a card system for students wishing to phone home. Cards can be brought in Geraldine. We also allow Skype, and time restrictions apply.

What are the campus numbers? The student telephone number is 64 3 693 9687.

When can we receive calls? Students may receive calls before 8:00am and after 1:00pm, and not during evening lectures between 7:00pm and 9:00pm, and not on Wed workdays between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Please remind your friends and family of time differences if you are an overseas student.

What is the address to send Mail?

Address: Please have your mail addressed to:
(your Name)
Capernwray at The Crossing
124 Woodbury Rd.
R.D.21
Geraldine,
New Zealand

What does it cost to send a letter? The cost to post a letter to North America, to the UK and Europe is \$2.00NZD and to Australia is \$1.50NZD

Can I send and Receive Faxes? Yes - You may receive faxes on 64 3 693 9789 for a charge of 50c cents per page. The cost of sending a fax overseas is \$3.00 for the first page and \$1.00 each page thereafter. (Cost subject to change).

Computers & Email:

Can we use computers? - Yes! We have a shared MAC computer facility which will send and receive emails and for typing assignments and down loading pics from cameras.

What does it cost? The cost for the use of the computer facility is included in a compulsory once off 'Student Equipment Fee' paid per semester before you start school. \$200.00NZD

Can I bring and use my own laptop? - Yes

Can we access the internet onsite? - Yes. Time restrictions apply. Cost for usage is included in the Student Equipment Fee.

Book Costs.

What other books do I need? A Bible (NASV or NKJV preferred). Costs for any other books are included in the Student Equipment Fee. Some of these will be yours to take with you when you leave. General Stationary is your responsibility to provide.

Electrical Appliances:

What voltage do you have in NZ? NZ runs 240 volts and so requires a plug adaptor and a transformer if you bring an electric shaver or hair drier. You can buy these things very cheaply to use while you are here. Laptops etc usually are fine and will run the world over but you need a good plug adaptor.

Finances:

How much pocket money should I allow for? You should probably budget for around \$200NZD approx per month for personal needs and spending money for laundry, social trips etc. You will find that food, personal and cosmetic items cost more than overseas.

Do we get to travel during the term? Yes! There are breaks between semesters and terms that extra finances should be allowed for - at least \$150NZD upwards per week, but that depends on the activities you choose (Bungee jumps, Heli-skiing, scuba diving...). It is required that all students will be away from the school during the breaks.

On Arrival in NZ:

Can I stay at the campus before school starts? "NO". Accommodation is not available at the school prior to the official start date. You will need to make your own arrangements for accommodation if you arrive in NZ before that date.

How do I get from Christchurch International Airport to Geraldine? The Christchurch International Airport is about 2 hours drive away from the school. There are shuttles and buses that travel daily from Christchurch into Geraldine or Orari which we recommend as the most simple and cost effective way to get here. Inquire at the Information Site in the airport upon arrival. We will pick you up from the bus stop in Geraldine or Orari. If you are arriving the day that school starts we can arrange a shuttle for you from Christchurch International Airport to Geraldine or Orari. Prices for shuttles and/or buses are approximately \$40NZD (Prices vary between company's and are subject to change). Please plan your arrival at the school to be no later than 5:30pm on the starting day in time for the opening banquet dinner.

Where can I stay if arrive early? If you are arriving a few days before school starts, there are Youth Hostels in Central Christchurch. Accommodation and detailed travel information will be sent with your acceptance letters. You can also check out the following link which has a list of a selection of hostels for you to look at, along with their web addresses.

<http://www.backpack-newzealand.com>

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