



Pre-Arrival Guide for International Learners

Thank you for choosing the Rolleston College!

If you are reading this you should have received a letter confirming that you have successfully applied for and been offered a conditional place at Rolleston College. It is not an exhaustive list, however the checklist will help guide you on next steps to ensure that you are well prepared and enjoy your time with us.

1. Accept your Conditional Offer

You must accept your conditional offer with a \$1,000 deposit and or pay your invoice in full by the due date specified to secure your place at Rolleston College.

2. Pay your Fees

International Students who are enrolled for a full year must pay the full year tuition fee on or before the date. Please refer to the invoice attached to your Conditional Offer of Place Letter for payment instructions.

3. Apply for a Student Visa

You are responsible and need to apply for a student visa! If you have any questions, see your agent. For full details of student visa requirements, go to <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/study>

4. Medical, Travel, Accident and Dental: Insurance Required

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. So if your child receives medical treatment, has an accident (www.acc.co.nz) or requires dental care during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment and related costs. In many cases there are no fixed or recommended fees so the Ministry of Health recommends that you always ask about the fees for the treatment you need and be prepared to shop around.

In all cases international students in New Zealand must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance for the duration of their study. This can be arranged through your Agent or Rolleston College at the parent's expense. Southern Cross is Rolleston Colleges preferred insurance provider. For more information, please refer to the [SCTI International Learner Brochure](#) included within this guide.

5. Book your Flights

We suggest you arrive in Christchurch in time to complete your enrolment in person the week before school starts, and in time for your orientation and your welcome.

To ensure you arrive in time we suggest you make your travel plans early and book your flights as soon as possible. Check with your travel agent about transit visa requirements if you have to travel through another country on your way to New Zealand.

6. Complete Your Enrolment “Course Selection”

We strongly recommend that you select your course options as soon as possible and definitely before you arrive in New Zealand. If you are unsure, we are happy to help during orientation week.

7. Travel to New Zealand

When you arrive in New Zealand, you will go through an arrivals process. This will involve immigration, customs, and biosecurity checks. It is very important that you do not try to bring anything into New Zealand which is prohibited, and that you declare anything which is restricted on your arrival. For information on quarantine matters go to www.mpi.govt.nz

It is important to read the information on the arrival card carefully. If you are not sure about an item you are carrying, declare it. Or if you fail to declare any goods that are considered a biosecurity risk and you may receive an instant fine of at least NZ\$400, or be prosecuted.

8. Accommodation: Designated Caregiver or Homestay Caregiver (under 18)

As the parent of an international student, you can choose whether your child lives with a Designated Caregiver (close family or friend) or if you want the College to organise a Homestay Carer. In either case, Rolleston College requires your approval and must ensure that the caregiver, their residence and living conditions are appropriate and safe throughout their time in New Zealand. If you have not already done so, please advise the school on your preference.

9. School Communications

Rolleston College will regularly send out communications via email. Please take time to read these communications very carefully as they help keep you informed.

10. Any questions or queries

If you have any questions please contact our International Student Services Team on +64 3 930 0089 or email them at alison.xie@rollestoncollege.nz