



# FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE

*A Catholic College in the tradition of the De La Salle Brothers*



## LA SALLE HOUSE HOSTEL FOR FDMC

*Conducted by the De La Salle Brothers*

# 2022



# HOME AWAY FROM HOME



*Faith, Service, Community, Excellence*



# La Salle House

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**La Salle House exists to enable young men from Catholic families and other families, who live in Taranaki and beyond, to board and access a secondary education at Francis Douglas Memorial College.**

Boarding is an integral part of Francis Douglas Memorial College. Catering for up to 130 boarders in Years 9–13, our on-site Hostel provides a nurturing environment for them to settle into life away from home.

Students at the College and its hostel are exposed to the Gospel values of Jesus Christ as modelled through the moral heroes of Father Francis Vernon Douglas and St John Baptist de la Salle. La Salle House routines and support systems teach our boarders how to put those values into practice. This leads to proud Hostel traditions – empowering them and inspiring others to live their lives as proud College men.

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## BOARDING HOUSES



### **La Salle House has four boarding houses:**

- Year 7–9 Hostel
- Year 10 & 11 Middle Hostel
- Year 12 Br Anthony Hawkins Hostel
- Year 13 Hostel

Boarders in Years 7–9 share partitioned dormitories and have dedicated and supervised study time. Lights are out and quiet from 9.30pm till 7.00am for Junior students. Year 10 & 11 boarders have partitioned but more individual cubicles in their dormitory including a study desk. Year 12 boarders have individual rooms with study desk. Year 13 boarders have individual rooms and live in a similar arrangement to flatting. At each year level there is a supervisor connected to the boarding house.

## FACILITIES



### Facilities

Boarders have access to the Chapel, sports fields, swimming pool and gymnasium, as well as shared common rooms with television.

Boarders meet for full Hostel gatherings, meals in the dining hall, with all meals provided by the Hostel Chef. All boarders have access to dental and medical services, with our Matron ensuring care or advice is available during the school day. A brand new laundry facility is also on-site for full laundry provision.

The majority of our boarding families come from around Mount Taranaki.

We are a **five day** Boarding school. In the winter months, students can stay on Friday night for sport on Saturday.





### Student Support

The transition to living away from home can require a settling in period, particularly for boys who join us in Year 7–9. Each boarding house has its own Supervisor. To support boarders each new boy is also assigned a House named after a De La Salle Brother (Firman, Hawke, Foley, Watson) where they participate in various competitions throughout the year (e.g. Kapahaka, Swimming & Athletic Sports, Singing). Within these Houses, big brother figures make the younger boarders feel welcomed and more at home. The Director of Boarding, Supervisors, Matron and other Hostel staff are always available when additional support is needed.

### Medical

Briar Sutherland is our Matron. Briar attends to students' medical needs including transportation to Carefirst, physio, dentist. She also holds and dispenses all prescription medications.

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



### NCEA Results

There is a strong focus on academic performance throughout the Hostel, which is reflected in our yearly NCEA results – where 100% of boarders acquired NCEA Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy. Over 85% achieved University Entrance in 2021.

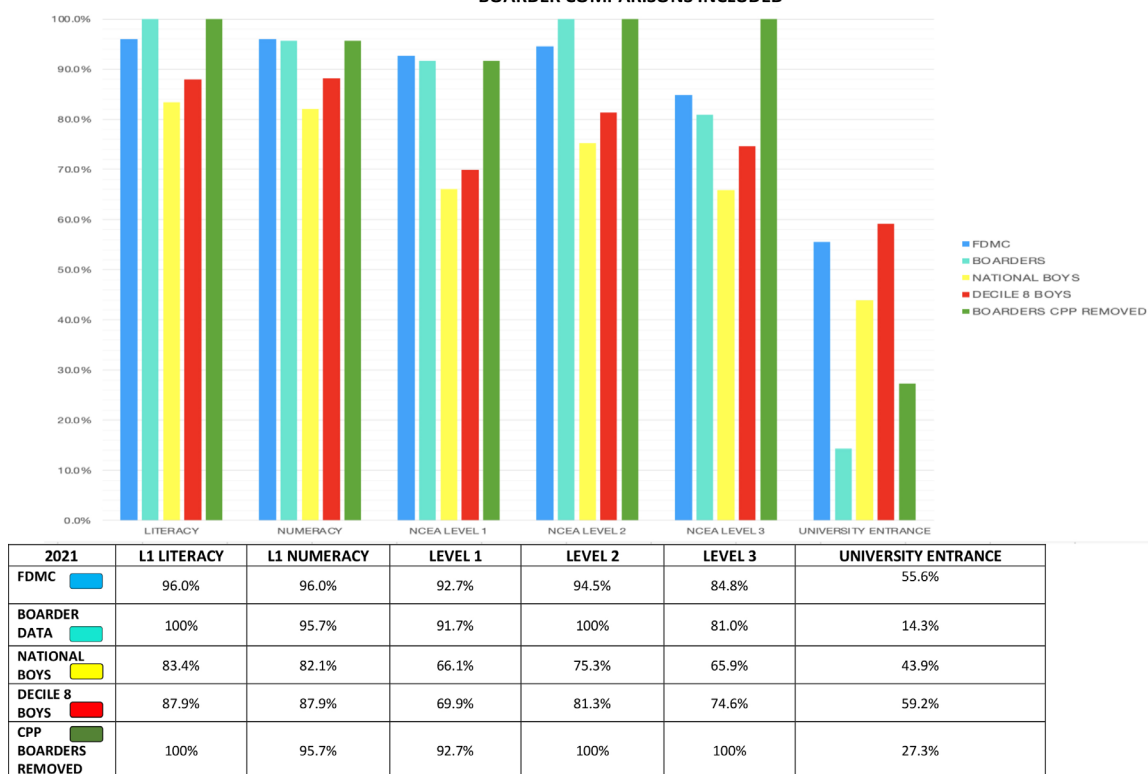
Formal supervised study sessions are scheduled for all boarders. All boarders are required to study for an hour and a half each evening.

Study sessions are supervised and staff are there to assist and support the boarders. By Year 11, senior boarding students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own time management of study, preparing them for their future learning ventures in either NCEA, at a tertiary institute, a workplace and beyond.

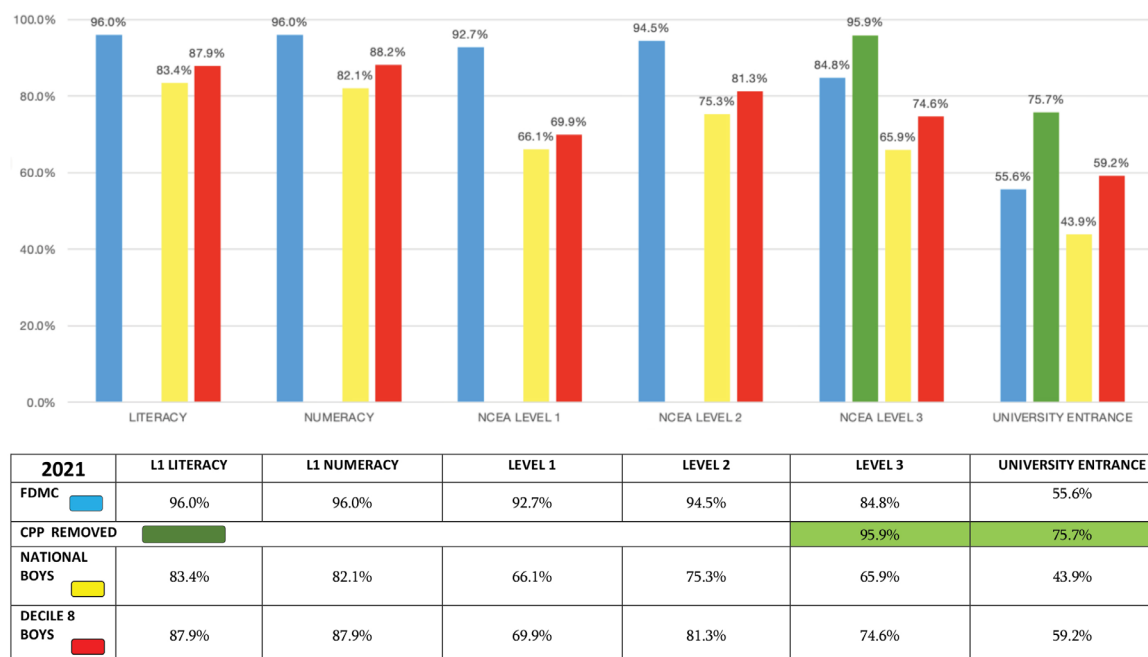


## NCEA COMPARISONS

**2021 NATIONAL AND DECILE 8-10 BOYS SCHOOLS – ENROLMENT BASED COMPARISONS  
BOARDER COMPARISONS INCLUDED**



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CPP STUDENTS REMOVED**



## TRANSPORTATION

### Transport

- A chartered bus transports only our students to and from the hostel to Hawera at 3:40pm on Friday and departs for school at 7:00am on Monday morning, at a cost of \$120 for 10 rides. Tickets are available from the school office and can be charged to your boarding account.
- A Pickering's bus can be booked to travel to Opunake at 4pm on Friday and departs for school at 7:00am on Monday morning.
- There is no bus service for students who stay over on Friday nights to engage in a school activity. Parents frequently come to spectate then take their son home.

### Communication

All Supervisors and the Director of Boarding are accessible by cell phone and their numbers are given to parents.

Students are allowed cell phones. For Year 7–10 students they are collected before lights-out and reissued next morning once cubicles are acceptably tidy. They may not be used during supervised study or mealtimes.

Parents are able to share in their son's life every weekend, so our students get the best of both worlds.

**Newsletters are circulated each month.**





### Costs

For **\$63.55 per school day** the student gets:

- Three sit down meals, morning and afternoon tea and supper
- Comprehensive adult supervision
- Full laundry provision and daily building cleaning services
- 1.5 hours of supervised study with adult assistance and computer room access
- Free ultra fast broadband internet
- At-your-doorstep access to lots of activities and free transport within the city boundary
- Reporting on progress online and personally
- The companionship of up to 32 Lasallian brothers

### Enrolments

Enrolment for boarders at La Salle House is primarily for students in Year 9, with limited spaces available in other year levels. Consistent with the Special Character of the College, preference is given to families with an established connection to the Catholic Church.

Prospective enrollees for the hostel are interviewed by the Principal and Director of Boarding in Term 2. A tour of the hostel is given at this time.

Before the end of July the 33 Year 7–9 beds are offered to families who then have to pay a deposit if wishing to secure their place.

Wait-listed families are normally informed of the outcome before early August.

### Contact

Contact for further information and a tour of the facilities:

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