



## Local Boarding at Nga Tawa

### Rationale

In response to the need expressed by families in the Rangitikei for single sex, special character education for their daughters, Nga Tawa has launched a new two-day boarding option. Families living in the existing day girl zone (a 25km radius from Nga Tawa, extending to 30km from 2018) will have the option of their daughter(s) enrolling as 'local boarders'.

Day girls are valued members of our school community however, boarders because they live on campus, have a richer experience of Nga Tawa. Learning time lengthens as students are able to work collaboratively in the evening to increase and reinforce their understanding of concepts. Group work begun in class is able to be continued. Academic staff are available to support with prep and tutor individual students. Co-curricular sport and cultural activities are readily accessed. Practice rooms are available for music practice, individually and in groups.

The ability to self-manage and relate to others, two essential 21st Century skills are developed and strengthened by community living. These skills are foundational to successful employment and an effective transition into living in university hostels and flats. They are fostered by specific boarding programmes and opportunities for leadership as well the relationship building with peers and simply having fun with friends that occurs mainly in the evening outside of the structured academic day.

### What is a 'Local boarder'?

- Students are classified as boarders
- Students are allocated a bed (for students in Years 9-11) or room (for Years 12-13) exclusively for their use.
- Students have access to facilities on the same terms as full boarders.
- Health and safety requirements will be met as for all boarders.
- Students will board for two nights each week. These nights are selected and fixed at the beginning of each term.
- Students return home on the non-boarding nights before 5.00pm.
- Applications for both remaining a local boarder or returning to day girl status or boarding will close at the end of week one Term 4.
- If a return to day status for the following year is preferred, application will be in accordance with the day girl enrolment process.