



## Waikato Diocesan School for Girls' Hamilton

### HOSTEL NAME

N/A

### SCHOOL TYPE

All Girls State Integrated  
Anglican School

### WEBSITE

[waikatodiocesan.school.nz](http://waikatodiocesan.school.nz)

### HEAD OF BOARDING

Ms Jacqueline Smith  
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### 2023 STUDENT BOARDING LEADER

Emma Clapcott



### BOARDING YEARS

9-13



### NO. OF STUDENTS IN BOARDING

142



## WAIKATO DIOCESAN School for Girls

The first Bishop of the Waikato, Cecil Cherrington, had a vision of an Anglican Girls School in Hamilton. Waikato Diocesan School was officially opened in 1928 with a roll of 13 boarders and 70 day girls. The school opened at its permanent site in 1930, consisting of its flagship building, Cherrington, the Homestead (Bankwood House), a barn, which was used as both hall and chapel, and open-air classrooms. Developing caring attitudes towards each other and the wider community is the foundation of our boarding experience.

### FROM THE HEAD OF BOARDING

Teena koutou katoa. Boarding at Dio encourages students to become independent, open-minded, and principled thinkers. Family values are at our core, and the well-being of our young people is paramount. We encourage all students to find a good study/life balance and be proactive members of our supportive community. There is a varied program to allow time for relaxation, spirituality, study, and the opportunity to try new activities.

Our Head of Boarding, Emma Clapcott, chose the whakataukii – He waka eke noa to encapsulate her vision for our boarding whaanau this year. This whakataukii has an array of interpretations, but for boarding, the focus has been on whanaungatanga (building and maintaining relationships), kotahitanga (unity) and manaakitanga (looking after each other) as we paddle together in unison, heading in the same direction. We have had a wonderful year together with boarding events such as in-boarding weekend, theme dinners, suppers, dance offs and many more to bring this vision to life.

Ngaa mihi ki ngaa kaimahi, aakonga, whaanau whanui e tautoko ana i ngaa mahi i teenei tau.  
Nau mai haere mai 2024!

*Jacqueline Smith* | DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

### REFLECTIONS OF THE YEAR FROM THE STUDENT LEADER

It seems like it was only yesterday that I saw both my older sisters arrive and leave Dio, and now that it's my turn I can't believe how fast it's gone. My time at Dio has been a roller coaster of emotions and has definitely influenced the person I have become. To say it's been a smooth sail would be an understatement but I wouldn't have changed a thing. I have gained so much throughout my time at Dio, I've made lifelong friendships and learned valuable skills such as figuring out the latest I can stay in bed before I will be late to school.

To my year 13s, we have finally made it. Who would have thought that the group of little year 9 girls who arrived at Dio in 2019, would turn out to be some of the greatest friends I could have asked for. I have loved every minute of our time together and honestly don't think I could have made it this far without you. I wish you all the best for your futures and I know that no matter where we end up we will always have each other.

This year we have worked hard to build and strengthen our boarding community. Thank you to everyone for your support this year, it's been great. He waka eke noa. All the best.

*Emma Clapcott* | HEAD STUDENT

