



# ERO Hostel Report

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**School Name:** Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

**Profile Number:** 140

**Location:** Hamilton

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## Background

The Chief Review Officer has the authority to carry out reviews (which may be general or in relation to particular matters) of the provision of a safe physical and emotional environment that supports learning for students accommodated in hostels under section 470 of the Education and Training Act 2020. This function is delegated to review officers who have the powers to enter and carry out review of hostels under section 472 of the Act.

## Findings

The boarding manager and the proprietor have attested in the Hostel Assurance Statement that they meet the requirements of the Hostel Regulations 2005.

Leaders of boarding give priority to the wellbeing of students in their care. They respond to student feedback and make changes to better meet the needs of boarders. Refinement of established systems and processes to support students and for effective functioning of the boarding houses is ongoing.

Boarding life supports students' academic, cultural, and sporting endeavours.

The review of the school boarding houses identified the need to police vet all staff who may have contact with boarders. To further improve practice and fully meet all regulatory expectations, the boarding houses should carry out regular earthquake drills.

**Recommendation** ERO identified non-compliance in relation to:

- police vetting for non-teaching staff every three years.  
*[s 104 Education and Training Act, 2020]*

Since the onsite visit the school proprietors board has addressed this matter.



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## About the School

The Education Counts website provides further information about the school's student population, student engagement and student achievement. [educationcounts.govt.nz/home](https://educationcounts.govt.nz/home)