



## Christchurch Billeting Request: Saturday October 5, 2019

The NZSSC is seeking billets for one night during our South Island tour in October. The tour includes concerts in Dunedin and Timaru, and concerts in Christchurch at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, and for SCAPE Public Art at the Art Gallery. Billeting is a vital way to keep choir membership fees at an affordable level, so you will be offering invaluable support to all our talented young members and their families – this is greatly appreciated!

Hosts are asked to provide **bed and breakfast overnight on Saturday October 5**. Students should be collected from St Mary's Pro-Cathedral after our concert (about 9.30pm). On Sunday October 6, students will need breakfast and a ride into the city for 9.30am rehearsals (venue TBC) and an outdoor concert at the Art Gallery. If you are able to stay for our 11am concert and can offer a ride to the airport for flights home after the concert, that would be also greatly appreciated!

**We require members to be hosted in at least pairs** - they can share a room but not a bed, and a sofa bed or air mattress is just fine.

In thanks, we offer complimentary concert tickets to our Saturday night concert: *one ticket per two billets hosted*.

Please see the schedule below and contact me (details below) if you are able to help, or with any further questions.

Saturday October 5	7.30pm	NZSSC concert at <b>St Mary's Pro-Cathedral</b> . We hope you are able to attend the concert as our guest!
	9.30pm	Collect billets (with luggage) from <b>St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street</b> . Students will have had an early light dinner, but some supper will probably be appreciated!
Sunday October 6	9.30am	Drop billets at Sunday rehearsal venue (TBC) with all luggage for travel home. Please join us for our 11am concert as part of SCAPE Public Art. If you are able to offer transport to the airport after the concert, flights depart from 1pm.

Thank you very much.

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## New Zealand Secondary Students' Choir Billeting Guidelines

*(For short stays, some may not apply)*

- We prefer members to be **billeted in at least pairs**. At the beginning of the choir cycle, the students may not know each other well but we pair them up carefully and expect them to support each other in times of homesickness, ill health etc.
- Students can **share a room but not a bed**. Camp beds/mattresses are quite acceptable.
- The age of the students ranges from 14 to 19. ALL members, regardless of age, agree to abide with the NZ secondary school rules which include **absolutely no alcohol or non-prescription drugs**.
- Members/hosts can contact choir staff at any time:  
Carole Randall (NZSSC Student Welfare and Logistics Manager) 027 295 6477  
Anna Bowron on 021 113 4520.
- Please ensure students' have a **contact number for you**, both work/day and home.
- It is a choir rule that students **never go out on their own without permission** from NZSSC. (The exception is going out with their parents.) If a student asks to go out, eg to visit a non-choir friend, to go shopping, they must confirm their plans with an NZSSC staff member in advance. Staff will generally contact the student's parents to ask if they are happy with the arrangements. If students ask to go out to meet other choir members, the minimum number of students to gather is FOUR. They should have your phone to contact if needed and a timeframe of the outing should be agreed by students and hosts. See note about swimming below.
- A reasonable **curfew time is 10.30pm**. Our members work very hard at rehearsals and need plenty of sleep during a course.
- We are very happy for hosts to take their billets out socially, sightseeing, swimming etc. Host supervision is *essential* when swimming.
- We do not allow students to stay overnight at other hosts' homes without NZSSC pre-arrangement.
- We expect our members to be fine youth ambassadors for NZ and always present themselves well both on and off stage. If you do not have this experience while billeting members, please feel free to let us know.