

Longburn Adventist College 2020–2025

<p>“Your home to belong in His design inspired to serve with His purpose and lead with His divine heart”</p> <p><i>“Tō kāinga kia noho whai wāhi i Tāna hoahoa, whakaoho ki te manaaki i Tāna kaupapa, me te arataki i Tōna ngākau tapu”</i></p>			
<p>CRAFTED FOR EXCELLENCE</p>			
Transformative Christ-centred community	Robust Academic support	Thriving well-being community life	Sustainable Mission-focused governance
BELONG	SERVE	LEAD	HEART
<p><i>“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10</i></p>			

Longburn Adventist College (LAC) is a state-integrated intermediate and secondary school (Year 7–13) owned and operated by the NZPUC.

LAC House is governed by a Board of Governors including: Kheir Boutros (Chairperson, NZPUC), Eddie Tupā’i (NZPUC Leader), Adrian Webster (NNZ President), Mr Carrasco (NZPUC) Ms Burnett (Principal), Mrs Hann-Roleston (past Principal of PNACS) and Mrs Henry (Boarding Director).

There are currently 33 boarding students in LAC House. Domestic students come from across New Zealand, Pitcairn and Australia while international students come from Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. This year we have had short term visits from Japan. Over the last five years, students have also come from Tahiti, Tonga and Fiji. Boarders come from predominantly SDA homes.

Boarding Numbers from 2020–2025 (mid-year)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Boarding	41	44	35	42	38	33
International Students	20	11	10	18	14	15

The dorms have been led by Mrs Henry, who came out of retirement to assist as part-time Boarding Director. This is the first time the role has been separated from her role as Head of Dorms and Head of Girls Dorm and it is expected to continue into the future. Mrs Henry’s contributions to the running of the dorms has been deeply valued because of her extensive experience. There have been changes in the personnel leading out in each dorm over the last 5 years. Mr Souza ably led the boys dorm from 2020 to 2024, with Mr Matoto starting in 2025.

Ms Malardē led in Girls’ Dorm during 2021–2022 followed by Ms Fidow in 2023. These staff have been assisted by 2–3 volunteers in each dorm. Generally, SDA volunteers have been sourced from ASA and have come from a range of countries including North America, Brazil, Philippines

and Europe. These people come with a servant heart and are keen to serve the Lord in different places. They come here on a religious workers visa for a year, but there is growing demand for those wanting to extend their stay. The pandemic presented challenges for sourcing international staff but loyal LAC alumni and other helpers from around New Zealand stepped in to assist through this difficult time. Since then, we have been able to locate volunteers, with current volunteers coming from Brazil, Tonga, Fiji and Thailand.

Celebrations

Our facilities are kept in a tidy condition and the refurbished rooms are serving students well. The boys' bathroom facilities have had some tidy up work completed with the refurbishment expected to finish at the end of 2025. Plans are in place to refurbish more rooms and tidy up the girls' bathroom. Boarders have access to facilities on the campus including a gymnasium, fully equipped weights room, multi-sport turf, spacious grounds, chapel, cafeteria and multi-purpose space.




LAC House has access to a range of vehicles including a new 42 seater bus purchased in 2024, 2 minivans and a car. Having transport options is essential for the smooth running of the boarding programme as students are involved in a range of sport and cultural activities, going to church in Palmerston North as well as visiting other churches in the region and for weekly town trips and other social activities such as beach trips and snow trips.

Boarding staff provide an environment where students can grow their faith, learn to live as a whanau despite coming from a range of different backgrounds and learn to serve. They build leadership skills through their daily activities and in service for church and other events. Dorm students are regularly seen leading out in local churches and develop experience in leading out when visiting other churches.

The dorms are assisted by kitchen staff who faithfully serve vegetarian cuisine, Mr Damon who has returned as Business Manager and a range of maintenance and grounds personnel.

Longburn Adventist College Campus, Palmerston North



  		
<h2>7 LAC HOUSE DISTINCTIVENESS</h2>		
<p>By 2027, LAC will be known as a Boarding House that:</p>		
<p>ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION</p> <p><i>Future-focused and well-resourced curriculum</i></p>	<p>LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</p> <p><i>Invests in quality, professional staff</i></p>	
<p>CHRIST-CENTRED EDUCATION</p> <p><i>Invest in lives today for tomorrow and eternity</i></p>		
<p>STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY</p> <p><i>Caring life reflects God's creation</i></p>	<p>CULTURAL INCLUSIVENESS</p> <p><i>Fosters and nurtures student identity and cultural diversity</i></p>	<p>THRIVING BOARDING LIFE</p> <p><i>Fostering well-rounded development and showcasing talent</i></p>
<p>THRIVING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP</p> <p><i>Deep partnership and collaboration with family, church and community</i></p>		
<h3>THE LAC HOUSE WAY</h3> <h3>BELONG SERVE LEAD HEART</h3>		
<p><i>Crafted for Excellence</i></p> <p><i>Ephesians 2:10</i></p>		

Future Challenges

While we currently retain our International students, growing these numbers will be a priority for the future.

Boarding fees present the most significant challenge to our domestic students and the school is looking for a financial model where local churches could assist with boarding fees. The value of education in an SDA institution combined with living in a 'SDA' boarding home is an alternative, particularly for those living in areas with no direct access to a Christian school.

LAC is committed to providing SDA education with integrity in an ever-changing, challenging world where we equip our young people for their future and eternity.



Rosalind Burnett
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Adventist College



