



## Medical and Sickness

In a large boarding institution, it is vital that any medical problem is dealt with immediately. At Tibbs House there is always a Matron available for the boarders, 24 hours a day.

In all cases, the Matron will initially assess any problem and, if necessary, refer them to Cairnhill Health Centre which is situated next door with a full range of medical care including physiotherapy. Any charges over and above ACC, incurred on a boarder's behalf during his time at Tibbs House, are payable by the boarder's family. If your family has a Community Services Card for healthcare please provide a copy of the card and its number for your son's medical file.

The hostel has a three-bed sick bay where your son, if ill or injured, will stay until assessed. If his condition appears likely to persist for more than a day or two, or if the sick bay is full, we will ask you to make provision for him to be cared for away from Tibbs House. This being the case, guardians in Auckland are essential for overseas or out of town parents.

We also request that all parents, when going on holiday, notify us of their intention and provide us with an alternative contact number for emergencies and placement of their son(s).

**If your son becomes ill at Tibbs House** it is important for him to report to the Matron immediately. She will assess the illness, then contact you if need be. We need to keep accurate records of illnesses in the Hostel, so the Matron must be the first point of contact.

**If your son becomes ill at School** it is important for him to report to the School Nurse in the Health Centre (open daily from 8am until 3:30pm). The Nurse will assess him and then, if necessary, contact the Matron. It is vital that Tibbs House students do not leave School grounds, even to return to the hostel, without both the School nurse and the Matron being aware of their condition and whereabouts.

**If your son is too ill to return to Tibbs House** at the end of the weekends or holidays, or if you have any doubts about your son being able to return to the House, please keep him at home until he is well enough to return. Contact the Matron and when he returns to Tibbs House he should report to the Matron on duty. It is also the parents' responsibility to contact the School Attendance Officer to explain his absence for those days away from School.

It is essential that we are told of **all** medication that your son may be taking. Please phone the Matrons if there is any new, even short-term, medication that your son is required to take. Your cooperation in this is appreciated and essential to the welfare of your son.

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their son's inoculation record is accurate and up to date when he starts at Tibbs House.

It is important that parents inform Tibbs House of any change to their son's medical record, especially any recent medical issue requiring an operation that could be important to the ongoing medical care provided by Tibbs House.