

## Cost of Living – Budgeting for Life in Whangarei

Once you have paid for your tuition fees, Immigration NZ, and travel to New Zealand, you need to be sure you have enough money to live in Whangarei.

A general guideline for living costs is minimum \$1000 per month, or minimum \$12,000 per year, which will cover your basic living costs if you stay in Homestay accommodation. However, most students wish to have spending money for personal items, entertainment, cellphone and internet usage etc, and should factor these costs into their budget.

The table below provides some estimated costs per month, in different accommodation types.

### Estimated Living Costs for Four Weeks (Raumanga Campus, Whangarei)

*(These costs are in \$NZD, and are approximate only. Students should do their own research about cost of living in New Zealand to make a realistic personal budget).*

Item	Living in NorthTec-approved Homestay	Sharing a flat/house with three other students	Living alone in a one-bedroom flat/apartment
<b>Rent</b>	\$720	\$400	\$800
<b>Food</b>	No cost - included	\$400	\$500
<b>Electricity/heating</b>	No cost - included	\$30	\$80
<b>Water</b>	No cost - included	\$15	\$40
<b>Phone (landline)</b>	No cost - included	\$15	\$50
<b>Phone (personal cellphone)</b>	\$40	\$40	\$40
<b>Internet connection</b>	Not included	\$10	\$40
<b>Public transport to and from NorthTec</b>	\$120	\$120	\$120
<b>Compulsory insurance (if not prepaid)</b>	\$50	\$50	\$50
<b>Textbooks and study materials</b>	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>TOTAL BASIC LIVING COSTS</b>	<b>NZD \$ 1030</b>	<b>NZD \$ 1180</b>	<b>NZD \$1820</b>
<p><b>Additional costs to include in your budget</b>            This table does not include additional personal spending money – students should research the cost of entertainment, presents, personal items, toiletries, clothing, Immigration NZ visa renewals, car running costs etc and add these to their personal budget according to their personal situation and expectations</p>			