

Averill House History

Averill House was named after a former Primate of New Zealand who was for many years closely associated with the College. Averill House was opened in 1961, with D M Canning as Housemaster. Subsequently the Housemasters since then have been:

- * Col I G Wellstead 1972
- * R G Bass 1973-1976
- * D A English 1977-1979
- * K Bedwell 1980
- * L J Dakin 1981-1982
- * D.C. Mackay 1983-1989
- * I Walker 1990-1994
- * R Stead 1995-1999
- * R Massari 2000-2005

The Housemaster since 2006 is Mr John Jackson.

Miss M A McInnes was Matron from 1961 to 1983 and Mrs R Bailey(1983-2000) followed. The current Matron is Mrs M Corbett being only the 3rd matron in the history of the House.

In 1962 there were 57 boys but numbers had built up to 72 by 1984 all accommodated with little or no change to the design of the House. The pressure to enter Averill remains strong in part due to the fact that in 1977 the House became a weekly boarding establishment - boys came to school each Monday morning, returning home the following Saturday, for the weekend. This is a most convenient arrangement for the numerous parents living in places poorly served by public transport in and around Auckland.

Averill also enjoyed recent upgrading and, along with the other Boarding Houses saw the provision of small reception lounges, which made social visits welcome.