

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CENTRAL OTAGO GOLF ACADEMY

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### ***What level of golf does the programme cater for?***

- We are looking for students who are keen and enthusiastic about golf. You will be committing yourself to a year of golf training, coaching and playing with the goal that you will improve your handicap, golf knowledge, and course strategy. Ideally you should be a current player with a recognised official handicap. Our golf coaches can cater for all handicap ranges. The main requirement is enthusiasm and commitment.

### ***Describe the Cromwell Golf Club.***

- The Cromwell Golf Club is situated about 1½ kilometres from the College. This par 73 course is built on free-draining soil with gently undulating terrain. This allows virtually year-round playability and the course is seldom closed. Most holes are tree-lined and there is an excellent variety of hole configuration. The greens are well-maintained. Perhaps the best advertisement for the course is the fact that it has played host to numerous Otago, South Island and National championships which have included age-group and masters competitions.
- In 2003, the Cromwell Golf Club embarked on a major rebuilding exercise which incorporated new greens, the resiting of certain holes and a housing development. All of these have enhanced the course.
- The club has a very active junior membership and has a policy of catering for junior and student membership.

### ***Who are the coaches for the programme?***

- Cromwell College is fortunate to have on staff Mr Colin Cowie. Colin has had a long and successful coaching record. He has an outstanding record of personal golf achievement including playing representative golf for Otago, winning five provincial titles and finishing second in the South Island Championships. Colin has also won numerous club tournaments. He was an original shareholder / owner of Park International Golf Club in Hamilton along with John Roche and John Griffin.
- The programme also utilises professional staff from The Hills in Queenstown and Wanaka.

### ***What does the fee cover?***

- College fees
- Accommodation at the College Apartments
- Food
- Cromwell Golf Club Membership
- Golf Coaching
- Transportation to tournaments, coaching, and courses outside Cromwell

- Tournament and competition entry fees

***Are there any additional costs?***

- Your own personal golf equipment
- Extra trips out of Cromwell
- Some school subjects have different course costs – these are covered in the senior course book, eg, Bursary Physical Education and Photography
- Certain golf tournaments which are outside the Golf Academy programme but which a student may wish to enter.
- Other College sports teams which you may wish to play for will have subscription costs, tournament costs etc.
- All extra-curricular optional activities, eg, rugby, learning a musical instrument etc, have possible extra costs
- Personal spending money

***What supervision is there at the Apartments?***

- Two adult supervisors live on site. The supervisors assist with all aspects of the supervised flatting programme.

• ***What contact is there with the home?***

- Cromwell College publishes a fortnightly newsletter which is mailed to all parents. A fortnightly electronic newsletter is sent by e-mail to all who wish to be on the mailing list. Parents are also sent a copy of the school's information calendar at the beginning of the year. This calendar lists all the major dates and events which happen during the year. It also contains information about day to day life at Cromwell College. Regular school reports are sent out to parents. In addition, the head supervisor makes a point of contacting parents personally on a regular basis. The Golf Academy publishes its own newsletter.
- The College website at [www.cromwell.school.nz](http://www.cromwell.school.nz) is extensive and is updated weekly. The Golf Academy has its own page on the site.

***What happens during school holidays?***

- Students have several options during the school holidays. Most students go home, but others may make arrangements to stay with school friends in Cromwell. You will know the dates of all holidays at the beginning of the year. This should help in purchasing cheaper airfares, planning family holidays etc. The hostel is closed during term breaks.

***When are decisions made about who gets into the programme?***

- Cromwell College has a 'rolling entry' programme. As applications come into the school, decisions are made about acceptance. This gives the College a good idea about future numbers and it gives students a chance to plan for their next year's education. You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible.

***Can I talk to students and/or parents of students who have been through the College's Apartments Independent Living Programme?***

- The College has a list of parents who have sent their children to Cromwell College in the past, or are with us this year. Please contact the school office.

- Each year, the school holds public information evenings throughout New Zealand. Parents and students from previous years and parents of current students attend these meetings to share their experiences of Cromwell College.

### ***What about skiing and snowboarding?***

- Skiing and snowboarding are very popular activities during Term 3. The College has a very good arrangement with Cardrona Ski Field where we get very cheap season lift tickets. During Term 3 we can make arrangements for weekend skiing for golfers.

### ***What are the participation requirements for the Golf Academy?***

- A six day (and occasionally seven) week is the bottom line in participation at Cromwell College. We require students in the Golf Academy to fully commit to the programme. That means keeping on task for academic goals set at the start of the year, abiding by the rules of Cromwell College and the Apartments, being a useful member of a household and being able to give 100% to golf coaching and playing sessions.

### ***How many subjects do I have to do at school?***

- Cromwell College requires all students in Years 12 to take 6 subjects and 5 subjects in year 13. Many students in Years 12 and 13 study subjects at different levels.

### ***What about correspondence study?***

- Occasionally, a student may wish to study a subject which is not offered at Cromwell College, and in these situations correspondence study may be offered. Close and careful watch is kept over all students who are on correspondence, and students have regular and specific deadlines which must be adhered to. Correspondence study is offered through the Correspondence School, Open Polytechnic of New Zealand, Telford Rural Polytechnic and OtagoNet. We have also had students who have studied through Cromwell's branch of the Otago Polytechnic.

### ***What equipment is essential and what is recommended?***

- Golf clubs, trolley (if desired), shoes and golf wet weather gear.
- A mountain or road bike and helmet is useful, but not essential. The Apartments are about an 8 – 10 minute walk from the Cromwell College campus. Many students use their bikes for daily transport to and from the Apartments.
- Academy players will be provided with a uniform shirt, vest and beanie. Students are required to supply their own trousers and shorts.

### ***What other activities are available in Cromwell?***

- Cromwell College fields team sports in basketball, netball, rugby and hockey. Students may also compete in the individual sports of tennis, swimming, athletics, yachting, skiing, squash etc. Our sports people are very successful and we have had South Island and national champions in many sporting codes. The school also has a highly developed house system where students are assigned to one of the four houses – Pisa, Nevis, Kawarau and Clutha. Interhouse competitions take place in many diverse activities such as trivia, cricket max, ultimate frisbee, table tennis etc. Trips to Queenstown, Wanaka and Dunedin are also popular with the students.

***What success have students in your academy had?***

- Since 1997 Cromwell College has twice won the Otago-Southland Intercollegiate Championships and represented the region at the national finals. We have had numerous individual Otago Secondary School Champions.
- Since the start of the Golf Academy in 2000, Cromwell students have held many representative positions on Central Otago and Otago age group and senior teams.
- Individual students have won numerous tournaments and age group competitions since the Academy was founded in 2000.
- As well as competition success our students have had personal success in course management strategy and handicap reduction.

***What are the Apartments like?***

- Located about one kilometre from the College campus are the Apartments. The Apartments are set on 1.5 hectares of land with extensive grassy areas. Each apartment houses up to six students and has bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom. Every student has their own bedroom. The kitchens are fully equipped with appliances. In addition to the individual units the Apartments complex has a large common room, courtyard, computer room with Internet and e-mail access and shared laundry facilities. The three adult supervisors all live on site with the students.

***Can I have my own car at the Apartments?***

- The College discourages individual automobile or motor cycle use by Apartment students. Students must make an individual application to the principal for an exemption to this policy.