



Can I work while I am studying?

To study in New Zealand you will need a Student Visa of course. A student visa is issued only to students who will be studying full-time. However, there is the possibility that you may be able to take up part time work while you are studying at a New Zealand high school.

The regulations say that a student studying full time at the Year 12 level or above may work up to 20 hours per week during the school term and full time during the long Christmas school holidays. To be able to do this, a student must apply to the New Zealand Immigration Service for a 'Change of Condition' to the student visa. Accompanying the application a student must provide:

- A letter of support from parent or guardian
- A letter of support from the school to which the student visa applies

William Colenso College will support an application for a student to work part time only if:

- ***The student has a good study and attendance record at William Colenso College***
- ***The school is convinced that by undertaking work, the student's level of study and attendance will not be adversely affected***
- ***The work offered/undertaken is considered appropriate***

Before applying to work while you are a student at William Colenso College you must discuss your plans with the International Director.

To find out more about the requirements, you can check out the details in the 'Change your visa conditions' on the New Zealand Immigration website: www.immigration.govt.nz



IMPORTANT!! If you work while on a student visa without having the appropriate 'Change of Condition', you – and your employer – could be in serious trouble with the Immigration Department.