



TIKOKINO, HAWKE'S BAY

## Information Pack

### **ORIENTATION:**

Two Orientation Days are held at Smedley Station each year. Anyone intending to apply for a cadetship is strongly recommended to attend. Parents are also welcome. The dates and times of the Orientations are advised to a network of secondary schools and are also obtainable from Smedley Station.

### **APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT THE END OF JULY:**

Applications on the prescribed form must be received at Smedley Station by the end of July. If the information submitted in support of the application is more than that sought in the form of application, you must provide 8 copies of each additional page for it to be considered by the Interviewing Board.

### **INTERVIEWS:**

Those applicants selected for interview are interviewed at Smedley Station by the Howard Estate Advisory Board.

All applicants are notified. Those successful are required to advise acceptance of the award of cadetships.

### **CADETSHIPS COMMENCE:**

Cadetships commence mid January.

### **ALLOWANCES & REQUIREMENTS:**

Cadets receive a weekly allowance while in training. This allowance increases in the second year of the cadetship. Other allowances are payable to assist with the purchase of a saddle and clothing and to purchase a dog in the second year. More details of the allowances and the other requirements of cadets are contained in the brochure "Cadetship Information".

### **TRAINING:**

Cadets receive:

- (a) Practical instruction and training in all phases of farm operations carried out on Smedley Station and
- (b) Instruction in the principles of agricultural science and technology and their application to the establishment and maintenance of pasture crops, and stock.

They are enrolled in the NZ Qualifications Authority "National Certificate in Agriculture" Level 4 and study by correspondence.

The academic part of the Smedley programme is delivered by Agriculture New Zealand. They provide the tuition, study material, assessments, enrolment, reporting to external parties such as NZQA, moderation, and quality assurance against the quality management systems of Agriculture NZ. The materials and academic standards are those that are delivered to other trainees within Agriculture NZ. Cadets who complete all academic requirements will be awarded the National Certificate in Agriculture – Levels 2,3 & 4.

Smedley Station has its own practical certificate, presented on completion of the 2 year cadetship.

Lectures and workshops are provided by specialist tutors and cadets attend Agricultural Field-Days where applicable.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Through the generosity of Rabobank, bursaries are offered to cadets who have completed the two year course at Smedley. The bursaries are awarded for graduating cadets to undertake relevant agricultural diploma and degree courses at either Lincoln or Massey Universities.

### **HISTORY:**

Josiah Howard of Tikokino, Hawke's Bay the original owner of Smedley Station, died on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1919. He left his property to His Majesty the King without restriction, but in the confidence that the Government of New Zealand would use the property as a foundation or endowment for the purpose of agricultural education. On the 24th of October 1919, the Howard Estate Act was passed providing that Smedley Station be held by Public Trust in trust for the Crown, as a permanent endowment for the purposes of agricultural education.

The first intake of 5 cadets arrived at Smedley Station in 1931 and over the years the number taken on annually has been increased. Now 11 cadets enter Smedley each year for the 2 year cadetship.

### **STATION:**

The Station comprises of 5,054 (3186 effective) hectares of flat to steep hill country made up of 3 blocks.

The Station runs sheep, cattle, bull beef and deer. It carries approximately 31,000 SU.



### **LOCATION:**

The station is situated at the end of Smedley Road that intersects with State Highway 50 just north of Tikokino. The Station is bounded to the south by the Makarora Road to the West by the Makarora River near the Ruahine Range and to the north by Gwavas Forest.

### **MANAGEMENT:**

A resident Manager is responsible for the running of the Station, including the

organisation and co-ordination of both the theoretical and practical aspects of cadet training.

**BUILDINGS:**

Smedley Station has the usual range of farm buildings for a station of its size, but with the addition of a hostel and a modern dining room and kitchen complex.

Cadets are each allocated to a room that they share with a second year cadet.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

The Public Trust is responsible for the administration of Smedley Station and Cadet Training Farm. The Howard Estate Advisory Board (established 1927) advises Public Trust. The Board comprises of 6 members appointed by the Governor-General on the nominations of the Hawke's Bay organisations of:

- Federated Farmers
- School Trustees Association
- Rural Local Bodies and Chambers of Commerce
- Urban Local Bodies and Chamber of Commerce
- Agricultural & Pastoral Societies; and
- The Smedley Ex-Cadets' Association

# SMEDLEY STATION & CADET TRAINING FARM

## RULES FOR CADETS

### A. GENERAL:

1. All cadets are expected to do their utmost to make Smedley a credit to all concerned and show by their general conduct that they are making the most of the opportunities of receiving a thorough training in practical farming.
2. Farm buildings, implements, tools and stock are the property of Smedley Station and must be cared for and maintained in good condition.
3. No cadet shall interfere with any fittings in the quarters or with any of the implements or plant without the authority of the Manager.
4. No horses or dogs shall be brought to Smedley Station except with permission of the Manager.
5. All firearms will be kept under secure conditions, and housed and used at the Manager's discretion. All cadets bringing firearms to the Station must hold a Firearms License.
6. Cases of sickness or injury must be reported immediately to the Manager.
7. Leave of absence is to be obtained from the Manager. Cadets granted leave of absence must notify the Kitchen Staff immediately of the duration of such leave.
8. The use of bad language is discouraged.
9. Neither alcoholic liquor nor drugs shall be brought on to Smedley Station. Nor will cadets be allowed on licensed premises in Smedley time without the permission of the Manager. **Failure to observe this rule may result in dismissal.**
10. Cadets must be in their rooms and have lights out by a reasonable hour.
11. Cadets must be medically fit and have had anti-tetanus injections before reporting to the Station.
12. All possible care is to be taken with tools and other equipment and at the discretion of the Manager, cadets may be liable for the loss or damage occasioned by their negligence.
13. Cadets are required to work towards the achievement of the theoretical component of their cadetship. They will also keep diaries and other records as are required by the Manager.
14. No Station vehicles are to be used for any reason unless authorised.
15. Cadets need to make their own arrangements to insure personal belongings.

### B. WORK:

1. Work activities will be organised and posted on the Noticeboard daily.
2. The cadets' working hours shall be determined by the Manager based on the needs of the Station.
3. Cadets will rise at a given time so that necessary chores can be attended to before breakfast.
4. Meal times will be notified to the cadets. Cadets must be punctual and be clean and tidy.
5. Members of the staff will report periodically on the work and general conduct of cadets under their supervision.

**C. QUARTERS:**

1. Cadets shall sweep out, tidy their room and make their beds before breakfast. Where there are two cadets in a room, this will be done jointly.
2. Other cleaning work around the Hostel shall be carried out as instructed by staff.
3. Cadets shall not be allowed to change their rooms without permission of the Manager.
4. Rubbish must be placed in the receptacles provided.
5. Cadets must not hammer nails in bedroom walls nor put up fixtures of any kind without permission.
6. Electrical appliances are to be used with consideration and at the discretion of the Manager.
7. Economy in the use of lights and electrical appliances is to be observed.

**D. WORKSHOP:**

No mechanical or electrical equipment is to be used unless authorised.

**E. DISCIPLINE:**

1. Cadets must maintain good behaviour in the Hostel at all times.
2. All cadets are required to carry out the instructions of the Manager or other members of the permanent staff in charge of the work.
3. The right is reserved to terminate cadetships should any cadet's work or progress be considered at any time unsatisfactory. In addition any cadet may be subjected to a fine (to be deducted from allowance) for a breach of the foregoing rules.

# **SMEDLEY STATION & CADET TRAINING FARM, TIKOKINO**

## **CADETSHIP INFORMATION**

### **1. ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants must be between 16 and under 20 years of age and studying in at least their third year of secondary education.

### **2. SELECTION:**

In August all applicants will be advised whether or not they have been selected for interview. Those selected for interview will be advised of the interview date and time. The results of the selection process will be communicated within 2 weeks of the interviews.

### **3. CONDITIONS:**

1. Enrolment is for two years.
2. Allowances are: First Year Cadet \$38 p.w. and Second Year Cadet \$45 p.w.
3. Clothing, saddle and dog allowances are paid.
4. Successful applicants must be medically fit, and have had anti-tetanus injections.
5. The Hostel provides accommodation for 20 cadets. Each room is shared by a First Year Cadet and a Second Year Cadet.

Cadets are to provide the following equipment in addition to ordinary clothing:

Suitable farm working clothes.

Two pairs of boots - one pair steel capped leather work boots and one pair gumboots.

Waterproof clothing.

Towels

Bedding - Duvet or blankets, sheets and pillow cases.

Sleeping bag.

Suitable killing knife.

Saddlery and Harness gear. (Details provided to successful applicants).

Overalls for spraying and workshop work.

(All clothing and bed linen must be marked with the cadet's name).

Cadets should apply for a Community Services Card before starting their cadetship.

A huntaway is required at the start of the second year, followed by a heading dog when ready.

Cadets should have or be well on the way to having their motor vehicle Driver's License. All cadets are required to undertake theoretical and practical training that is assessed throughout their cadetship. If progress and results are not satisfactory the right is reserved to terminate cadetships.

### **APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT THE END OF JULY**

The Manager  
Smedley Station  
RD 4  
**Waipawa**

**APPLICATION FOR A SMEDLEY CADETSHIP**

I submit the following CV in support of my application for a cadetship at Smedley Station and Cadet Training Farm.

Name in Full:..... Date of Birth...../...../.....

Educational Qualifications from Years 11 to 13

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Period at Secondary School: ..... Are you still at School? Yes / No

Have you attended an orientation day at Smedley? Yes / No

Main Hobbies and Sports

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Previous Experience of Farm Work (if any):

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Full Name of Father & Mother or Legal Guardian/s:

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Occupations:

Full Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different from above):

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I enclose character references from the following 2 persons: One reference must be from your school. The written references must be forwarded with this application.

**Referees**

(1) Name: ..... Occupation: .....

Address:..... Phone Number:.....

(2) Name: ..... Occupation:.....

Address..... Phone Number.....

If you wish to provide more information with your application, than what is requested above, you must provide 8 copies of each page for it to be considered by the Interviewing Board.

**If I am appointed as a cadet, I shall obey the “Rules for Cadets”.**

Signature of Applicant: ..... Date ...../...../.....

**CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN/S**

I hereby consent to the above application and confirm the following are attached:

- (a) A copy of Certificate of Date of Birth.
- (b) Passport sized colour photograph.
- (c) Character References (2).
- (d) Introductory letter.
- (e) A Full CV.

Father, Mother or Guardian: .....

**YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO ATTEND AN OPEN DAY  
AT SMEDLEY STATION**