



## Introducing the Dunedin Quarters

### Background

TSCF's ministry is part of a worldwide partnership across 150 nations. Our vision is to see students reach their fellow students with the good news of Jesus Christ, becoming leaders amongst their peers and going on to engage in the culture and society that God calls them to. TSCF has been involved in student ministry on the campuses of New Zealand for the last 78 years – we are committed to the gospel reaching the heart of New Zealand university students and impacting the heart of Kiwi society.

For several years TSCF has overseen intentional student community houses in Dunedin and in Wellington. In 2018 we have taken on four properties in Dunedin with space for nineteen students. Two staff families will be living on site and will be part of daily life in the houses. The name we have given the initiative is the Quarters. The vision for the Quarters can be summed up as follows: Lifetime friends, under God, sharing Life. Living in the houses will be much like flatting anywhere in New Zealand. The key distinctive is that residents commit to a number of shared practices that are aimed at helping them grow as a community and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. For more details see the ethos document for the Quarters that is part of this information pack.

### The setting

The quarters are four neighbouring properties on Bank Street. The street is on the edge of the boundary between North Dunedin and the North East Valley. It is a 2-minute walk to the local supermarket and shops, and the Dunedin Botanic Gardens. The area is a short walk or bike ride to Otago Polytechnic and the University of Otago.

### The accommodation

The houses are less than ten years old, insulated, six bedroom flats with two bathrooms and separate toilets. Each house comes with a heat pump, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, washing machine, dryer, microwave, a 42" Flat screen TV, all bedrooms have built in closets, and some rooms have built in desks. Before the tenancy starts, the grounds around the



houses will be landscaped to include raised veggie patches, native plants, fruit trees, a chicken coop, and a central pathway to connect the four houses together.

### **The TSCF Staff**

James and Jen Allaway: Our story spans three continents. James grew up in England and Jen in California, we met and married in Canada where we were studying theology, and together we have lived in Dunedin since 2011. We have two pre-school aged boys. Music and hospitality are core elements in our family and we look forward to getting to know the 2018 residents of the Quarters.

Simon and Rosie Sim: Simon grew up in Malaysia, and studied psychology and philosophy at Otago, and has lived in Dunedin since 2009. Rosie grew up in Dunedin, and trained and worked as a nurse. We got married in 2016, and share a love for good stories (books, movies, video games, etc.).

### **Wider Support**

The Locals programme was established by the University of Otago to provide support to first year students who do not reside in a residential college. The programme provides a range of supports, including academic tutorials. For more information visit <http://locals.otago.ac.nz/>.

### **Other information**

If you are visiting Dunedin and would like a tour of one of the properties then we would more than happy to organise this. Please contact Simon Sim on 021 166 5392 or [simons@tscf.org.nz](mailto:simons@tscf.org.nz). Please note that a minimum notice period of 24hrs is required in order to setup a tour.