

What are good table manners in New Zealand?

Here are some tips from NMIT international students on what good table manners in New Zealand are:

- Slurping or burping at the table is considered rude to most New Zealand families. Try to eat and drink quietly.
- If you need the salt or pepper, don't just reach across the table. Just say "Please pass the salt."
- Often the whole meal is put onto your plate and then brought to the table. You can tell your host family if there is too much food for you on your plate - it is not considered impolite to say something.
- New Zealand people wash their dishes with detergent in hot water and dry them with a "tea towel". In New Zealand, the fathers and children often help with the dishes.

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