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International Learners

The School Board and the School Community welcomes international learners into our school.

Botany Downs Primary School offers International Learners:

- A teacher who is responsible for international learners and parent liaison
- Full mainstreaming of all students into age appropriate classes
- English tuition groups (ESOL classes)
- We provide Chromebooks for our Year 3-6 students and iPads for Years 0-2 for learning with digital technologies during school hours
- Parent information sessions
- A welcoming, inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated
- Bilingual teachers available to help with translation

Code of Practice for Pastoral Care of International Learners:

Botany Downs Primary School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Learners published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of this Code of Practice are available on request from the school or links can be found on the following websites <https://www.botanydowns.school.nz/policies/> or <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/the-code/>

Health and Travel Insurance:

Most students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand unless they are:

- ❖ A resident or citizen of Australia; or
- ❖ A national of the United Kingdom in New Zealand; or
- ❖ The holder of a temporary permit that is valid for two years or more.

If you do not belong to one of these special categories and you receive medical treatment during your visit, you will be liable for the full costs of that treatment. We cannot accept any child into our school who does not have proof that they have medical insurance that will cover the cost of medical treatment in New Zealand for the duration of the stay in New Zealand.

Immigration:

Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights of employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>

Fees for Study:

The schedule of fees for tuition as well as additional costs is included in this application pack as is our Refund Policy.

Admission:

Students from Year 1 (5 years old) to Year 6 (11 years old) are welcome to apply to study at Botany Downs School. Acceptance will depend on enrolment information provided and space availability in a class at the child's year level. All international learners must be living with a parent at all times. Our minimum length of enrolment is 3 weeks.