

Policy Glendowie School

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POLICY & AGREEMENT



RATIONALE

Reasons for accepting International Students are:

- To provide the school with additional funds to enhance quality teaching and learning.
- To increase tolerance and understandings of cultural diversity.
- For an enhanced learning environment for students, through exposure to a range of cultures.
- To offer opportunities for our children around being Internationally minded.
- To offer opportunities for our NZ students to practise a language other than English.
- To become connected global citizens, ready to live and work in the diverse and connected world.

PURPOSE

- To provide programmes appropriate to the learning needs, abilities and stages of development of our international students, by assessing the students learning needs and implementing classroom programmes and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Language) programmes to cater for them. Our ESOL programme will support students who are long term (more than a term) from Years 2-8.
- To provide effective pastoral guidance and support for all International students and ensure the support of designated school staff to assist this goal.
- To provide appropriate facilities and resources to cater for our international students within the classroom and for the delivery of our ESOL programme.
- To expose our children to children of different cultures in order to enhance tolerance, understanding and appreciation of differences and opportunities for language acquisition.
- It is preferable to enrol students for a minimum of one year. Applications for shorter periods will be considered e.g. In February for a 3 week period with a minimum term of 4 weeks throughout the rest of the year.
- Short term visitor groups may be considered for a shorter period of enrolment.

GUIDELINES

- Glendowie School will be compliant with all aspects of the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016.
- International Students will be enrolled at Glendowie School under a Contract of Enrolment in accordance with Section 2 of the Education Act 1989.
- Appropriate staff and resources will be allocated by the school for recruitment, administration and pastoral care requirements of international students.
- There will be clear procedures in place (see below) that relate to this policy.

Procedures

- The Board will budget each year for the minimum numbers of international students expected. The BOT will continue to monitor through our BOT meetings the numbers of international students being enrolled.
- Principal's and International Co-ordinators monthly report will indicate to the B.O.T. the

number of International Students.

- International Students are exempt from enrolment scheme legislation. If an International Student gains residency then they are required to re-apply for enrolment under the guidelines of our enrolment scheme legislation.
- An International Student will not be enrolled at the school if it means a domestic student entitled to enrol is denied a place.
- The International Students have the same rights as a domestic student and are subject to the provisions of the Education Act
- The International Student is required to abide by the school policies and procedures.
- Upon accepting an International Student for enrolment, and providing the school fee is paid, an offer of place will be made to the student and a copy together with the receipt for fees will be given to the Immigration Service. This would then qualify them for a Student Visa or Visitor Visa. If a student changes school, then an application for a variation of conditions of the permit will be made to N.Z.I.S. by the parent or agent giving a letter of release from our school to them to obtain an offer of place from the new school.
- The school fee for an International Student is established by the Board of Trustees each year. We are required to pay a levy to the Ministry of Education each year, which is deducted from the Operational Grant.
- Our classroom ratios of 1:26 Junior School and 1:32 Senior School will be considered when accepting and placing International Students into classrooms. The ratio may increase but ideally by only one more.
- Consideration will be given to accepting International Students in zone, who have documents to show that their residency/work permit is imminent and at that time they would be eligible for a domestic entitlement place.
- The school will take out school liability insurance for the schools contractual obligation to the MoE.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

- The international student programme will be evaluated annually and this policy will also be part of the B.O.T. triennial review process.

RELEVANT ACTS

- Immigration Act 1987
- Human Rights Act 1993
- Privacy Act 1993
- Fair Trading Act 1993
- Consumer Guarantee Act 1993
- N.Z. Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students 2016
- Education Act 1989 (No.4 1991)

REFERENCE

- International Student Policy folder.
- Guidelines to the Code of Practice for the Care of the International Student.

COURSES OFFERED TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The following courses will be offered to International Students:

The New Zealand National Curriculum is taught to all year levels and includes –

- English
- Maths and Statistics
- Science
- Technology
- The Arts
- Social Sciences
- Health & Physical Education
- Learning Languages
- Digital Technology


An ESOL programme operates with small group tuition – this averages three lessons per week for students staying long term (at least a term)

Year 7 & 8 attend a local High School for Technology.

A sports programme operates which provides for a variety of summer and winter sports.

A puberty programme operates in Year 6 and is revisited in Year 8

Education Outside the Classroom programme (EOTC) provides a school camp for Year 7 every year.

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