



## Cultural Support for International Students

Ōtūmoetai Primary School offers international students cultural support to help ensure their health, safety, and wellbeing, while keeping them in touch with their culture.

We give our international students information and advice on how to interact with people from different cultural backgrounds and how to adjust to a different cultural environment in New Zealand. We also make sure they know about the cultural and community support available to them.

We keep a record of cultural support people who speak the student's first language, and this is discussed with the student on enrolment and during their orientation. If appropriate, we will "buddy" an international student with another international student of the same ethnicity.

Ōtūmoetai Primary School also encourages our international students' cultures to be acknowledged and integrated into their learning environment.

We involve international students in school life and show interest in their culture in a range of ways, including:

- classroom discussions
- displaying pictures in the classroom
- greetings or songs in the student's first language
- observing special cultural days.