



## Orientation for International Students

Ōtūmoetai Primary School offers international students a comprehensive orientation process for students.

### Enrolment orientation

- An initial orientation will be done with the prospective student and parents before or during the enrolment interview.

### First-day support

- On the student's first day, the student will be met by the principal and shown to the classroom. All students are mainstreamed immediately upon arrival, with a small group withdrawn for further orientation, English testing, and teaching as required.
- The classroom teacher is responsible for ensuring the new student has a buddy group consisting of two or more other students whose role is to help the new student with daily routines, timetables, and activities during the breaks. The teacher also ensures that the student knows where to find the toilets, sick bay, etc.

### First few weeks

- The ESOL teacher continues to monitor international students during the first few weeks while they settle into the class and the school.
- The classroom teacher is also available to support the student and the parents/caregivers.

### Ongoing support

- Once the initial period is over, the ESOL teacher continues to monitor the student's progress through informal meetings, ESOL teaching times, and (where necessary) formal meetings with the student, the classroom teacher, and the parents/caregivers.
- Translators are available if necessary. A translator may be another student or an adult, depending upon the situation and the requirements.
- We emphasise to students and parents/caregivers that they can talk with the classroom teacher, or the ESOL teacher to discuss any queries or concerns at any time.