



# 2018 ESOL International Students

Welcome to Browns Bay School. Whether you are visiting for a while, or are staying for a year or more, we hope you enjoy your time at Browns Bay School.

You will find “Kiwi” kids friendly and outgoing. If you need help, just ask and they will be happy to help you.

Come over to the ESOL room, and say hello to me if you need help with anything or just want a chat. I look after the International Students and I teach the ESOL groups.

Have a wonderful stay at our school.



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ESOL teacher.  
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**Hats** – From “Labour Weekend”, at the end of October, until Easter you must wear a hat when outside at school. This includes playtime, lunchtime, and when doing sport and P.E.

**Stationery** – As you are an International Student your stationery has been included in your fees. I will organise this for you and it will be given directly to your class teacher.

**Library** – The school library is available for you to use during class library time and during lunchtimes. You are able to borrow 2 books at a time. Your teacher or a class librarian will issue your books in your name. You are responsible for these books and must look after them carefully. They need to be returned to the school library within 2 weeks. There is a special place to return them to – just ask your teacher if you’re not sure. Your teacher may also give you home reading books each night to read and return to school the next day, but you may not borrow library books from your class library, just the school one.

**Sickbay** – The sickbay is where you go if you are hurt or are unwell. A teacher must send or take you there. Do not just go there without asking a teacher. The office staff will look after you and will call a family member if they think you need to go home. Don’t come to school if you are unwell – it is important to rest and get better.

**If you are absent** – If you are going to be away from school due to illness, your parents need to contact the school that morning giving your name, your room number, and why you are away. They can e-mail your teacher or leave a message at the school office on 479 4301. Or they may prefer to contact another child who can tell your teacher that you’ll be away. We call that person your ‘buddy’.

**Lunches** – Most Kiwi kids bring their lunch and morning tea in a lunch box from home most days. You will eat lunch outside with the rest of your class on fine days, and inside your classroom if it is raining.

The lunch room is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you wish to buy your lunch or morning tea. Your teacher will give you a lunch room menu so you will know what foods are available and how much they cost.

To buy morning tea you must go over to the lunch room at the hall at morning tea time and pay for what you want there.

To buy lunch you need to write your order on an envelope and seal the money inside, then put this in the lunch order box in your classroom before school. A lunch order monitor will take all lunch orders to the lunch room at the beginning of the day. They will collect the lunches at 12.30 and will bring them over to your classroom and give them to you. If you need change from the money you've paid, the lunchroom staff will attach it to your lunch order.

**ESOL** – In your first week or two at school I will assess your English so that I can place you in an ESOL group. You will have 2 or 3 ESOL sessions per week with a small group of students who are at a similar level to you. I take some ESOL groups, and our Teacher Aides take some. The ESOL Teacher Aides are Gemma (Korean), Cecilia and Annie (Chinese). The sessions are 30 minutes long and include speaking, listening, writing and reading. We also learn about vocabulary and grammar.

Bring your parents in to look at your ESOL work whenever you want, and encourage them to look at your classroom work too.



**Uniform** – All students must wear the school uniform at Browns Bay School. As an International Student some items of uniform have been included in your fees. The number of items depends on how

long you are studying with us. You can try on the uniform items at the school office, then I will order them online from the website. If you need any other uniform items, your parents can order and pay for them online. Heidi at the office can give you an order form with the details for ordering and paying for the uniform.

**Sporting and Cultural** - If you are interested in playing in a school sports team or joining the school choir then let me or your class teacher know and we will tell you who to talk to.

**Any Problems?** - If you have any problems or worries at school you can of course always talk to your teacher about them. She will always try to help you. You may also come and talk to me. I am in the ESOL room.

Our Korean Teacher Aide and parent group coordinator is Gemma Lee. Your parents can contact her at [gemma@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:gemma@brownsbay.school.nz).

Our Chinese Teacher Aide and parent group coordinator is Cecilia Chen. Your parents can contact her at [xchen730@gmail.com](mailto:xchen730@gmail.com).

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