



2021 ESOL International Students

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

Our values are Inquiring Minds, Taking Responsibility, Respect and Personal Excellence



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.

Mrs Cebalo
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.

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.

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.

We have school teams for Netball, Basketball, Miniball (Junior Basketball), Hockey and Flippaball (Water Polo). Older students can also qualify to represent the school in the Inter-School Sports competitions including Athletics, Rippa Rugby, Touch Rugby, Netball and Cross-Country Run.



Older students can join our School Choir, and every even year (2018, 2020 etc) we have a school production which includes singing, dancing and drama roles. We also have the Music Education Centre here on Thursdays – parents can pay for their children to have piano or guitar lessons with the MEC during school time on Thursdays.



Year 5 and 6 students could also join the school Kapa Haka (Māori Cultural Performance) group. It's a lot of fun and a great way to learn more about Māori culture.



We have a lunchtime Chess Club which all ages can join, a Technology Club and a Coding Club.

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 in class time, with a small group of students who are at a similar level to you. I take the Year 1,2,5,6 ESOL groups, and Mrs McMillan teaches the Year 3 and 4 groups.

We are very lucky at Browns Bay School to have four bilingual Teacher Aides. They also take ESOL groups or they might work individually with you. The Bilingual ESOL Teacher Aides are:

Cecilia Chen (Mandarin)

Gemma Lee (Korean)

Annie Wang (Mandarin and Japanese)



The ESOL 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.



Stationery – As you are an International Student your stationery has been included in your fees. I will organise this for you and it will 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'.

Safely to and from School – Many children walk to school with their parents, friends, or our 'Walking School Bus'. On this page on our school website you will find brochures in English, Chinese and Korean. <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/school-information/travelwise/walking-school-bus>

If you are coming by car there is a drop-off zone on Masterton Road – cars can stop for a few minutes to drop you off or pick you up, but they cannot park.

Whether you walk or come by car, if you need to cross a road near our school you must cross at one of the school crossings.



Drop off/Pick up area



Wait at the crossing



Signs out - wait



Cross now. Cross at the crossing only.

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 Chinese Teacher Aide and parent group coordinator is Cecilia Chen. Cecilia works in the ESOL room every day except Wednesdays. Cecilia has a Wechat group for the Chinese parents of our school. If your parents join this group, Cecilia and other parents may be able to help them with any questions.

Gemma Lee is our Korean Teacher Aide and parent group coordinator. Gemma works in the ESOL room on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Gemma has a KakaoTalk group for the Korean parents of our school. If your parents join this group, Gemma and our Korean parents may be able to help them with any questions.

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