Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

International Student Prospectus

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Welcome from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura i Pukehinahina.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Gate Pā School — where every child's learning journey is at the heart of what we do.

Gate Pā School is a warm, inclusive kura where students feel a strong sense of belonging from the moment they arrive. We value the rich history of Pukehinahina and the importance of manaakitanga (care) and aroha (compassion), which guide how we support every child and their family.

We believe that when students feel safe, happy, and connected, they are able to learn, grow, and achieve their best. Our dedicated staff work closely with families to ensure each student is supported academically, socially, and emotionally.

We are proud of our diverse community and provide opportunities for all students to develop cultural understanding, including learning te reo Māori me ōna tikanga.

At Gate Pā School, we nurture confident, capable learners who are ready for the future. We look forward to welcoming your family to our school community.

Rochelle Jensen
Principal / Tumuaki

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About Gate Pa School

Gate Pā School is a primary school located in Tauranga, New Zealand, for students aged 5–11 (Years 1–6).

Our vision

Empowering Tamariki to Become Rangatira who Value the Past to Create the Future.

We are a school where:

- Students feel safe, valued, and included
- Learning is meaningful and engaging
- Culture and identity are respected and celebrated
- Strong partnerships with families are at the centre of everything we do

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RANGATIRATANGA	MANAAKITANGA	TŪMANAKOTANGA	WHANAUNGATANGA
Leadership	Caring	Self belief	Identity
Role model	Kindness	Risk taker	Relationships
Responsible	Respect	Inquisitive	Collaboration
Confident	Service	Resilient	Belonging

Why Choose Gate Pā School?

Choosing the right school is about more than education — it's about belonging.

At Gate Pā School, students benefit from:

Strong Foundations in Learning

We focus on literacy and numeracy, supported by rich learning across the curriculum.

Strong Foundations in Learning

Students are supported to feel confident, safe, and connected.

English Language Support (ESOL)

We provide targeted support to help students develop confidence in English.

Culture and Identity

Students experience te reo Māori and tikanga Māori as part of everyday learning.

Hands-On Learning Opportunities

Including:

- Garden to Table programme
- Learning in our native bush (gully)
- Outdoor and inquiry-based learning

A Beautiful Tauranga Location

Tauranga offers a safe, family-friendly lifestyle close to beaches, parks, and outdoor activities.



Student Visa and Application Requirements







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Student Visa

All international students, whether previously enrolled at another school or not, must obtain a student visa to attend Gate Pā School. The visa must specifically name Gate Pā School as the educational provider.

Enrolment Eligibility

Gate Pā School is able to offer placements for a limited number of international students. Each application will be considered individually, taking into account:

- The school's existing student roll
- Class sizes, and
- Available resources to support international students

Conditions of Acceptance

Gate Pā School enrols long-term international students who reside in New Zealand with their parents or a legal guardian. To begin the enrolment process, students must have:

- A valid student visa
- Medical and travel insurance that meets New Zealand's requirements

Short-Term Study (Visitor Visa)

Students from visa-waiver countries may be eligible for a short-term visitor visa, which allows them to study in New Zealand for up to three months. For longer periods of study, a student visa must be obtained before the visitor visa expires.

To check whether you are eligible for a short-term visitor visa, visit:

Immigration New Zealand – Visa Waiver Countries

Passport and Immigration Requirements

Before commencing studies, Gate Pā School requires copies of the following documents:

- Student's passport (with a valid visa)
- Parents' or legal guardians' passports (if applicable)
- Passports and visas will be checked for immigration status, and photocopies will be retained by the school for our records

For further information about visas and study requirements in New Zealand, please visit:

Immigration New Zealand

For any enquiries about enrolling as an international student at Gate Pā School, please contact:

- international@gatepa.school.nz
- 07 578 5325









Student Accommodation

Accommodation Requirements

Accommodation arrangements are determined by the student's age and enrolment type, in accordance with the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

Individual Students Under 10 Years Old

Must live with a parent or legal guardian for the duration of their enrolment.

Individual Students Aged 10 and Over

May live with:

- a parent or legal guardian
- an approved designated caregiver
- an approved homestay
- other accommodation approved by the school in accordance with the Code

Homestay Accommodation (Short-Term Students Only)

For short-term group study programmes, Gate Pā School may arrange homestay accommodation for students aged 10 and above. Group students under 10 must live with a parent or legal guardian in the same homestay residence, as required by the Code.

Gate Pā School requires the following information to be provided upon enrolment:

- Student's full name
- Current residential address in New Zealand
- Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) contact details (phone and email)
- Emergency contact details for a family member in the student's home country

If a student is found not living with their parent or legal guardian, Gate Pā School is required to notify Immigration New Zealand, which may result in the student visa being revoked.

Any changes in personal details, either in New Zealand or overseas, must be communicated to the school immediately.

Further Information

For general information about accommodation, transport, and living in New Zealand, families can also visit the Nau Mai NZ Study website:

https://www.naumainz.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz



Medical and Travel Insurance

As required by The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021, all international students must have appropriate medical and travel insurance for the entire duration of their stay in New Zealand.

Minimum Insurance Requirements:

The insurance policy must cover:

- Medical care in New Zealand, including hospitalisation, specialist visits, and prescriptions.
- Emergency evacuation (e.g., to the home country in case of serious illness or injury).
- Repatriation of remains in case of death.
- Travel costs in case the student needs to return home due to serious illness, injury, or family emergencies.
- Personal liability insurance, covering accidental damage to property or injury to others.

Proof of Insurance:

- The policy must be translated into English and meet minimum coverage standards outlined in The Code
- A copy of the insurance policy must be provided to Gate Pā School before enrolment begins

Maintaining Insurance Coverage:

- Insurance must cover the student's full period of enrolment, including travel to and from New Zealand.
- If a student's insurance is cancelled or expires, they will be required to remain absent from school until appropriate replacement insurance is obtained.
- Students without valid insurance cannot be enrolled at Gate Pā School.

Termination of Agreement, Tuition Fees, and Refund Policy

Termination of Agreement

- The school's responsibility for the student ends on their last day of enrolment
- Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by providing two weeks' written notice
- If the agreement is terminated, the Fee Protection and Refund Policy will apply

Cost of Tuition

The International Student School Fee is set annually and must be paid in advance before tuition begins.

Duration	Tuition Fee (NZD)
Full Year	$13,000
Two Terms	$7,000
One Term (10 weeks)	$4,000
6-9 weeks	$600/week
Less than 6 weeks	$150/day

This fee includes:

- Access to the full school curriculum
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) support, where required
- Stationery
- Use of all school facilities, including:
  - School swimming pool
  - Native bush learning area
  - Outdoor learning spaces
- Participation in the Garden to Table programme

This fee does not cover:

- School uniform
- School camp
- Sports teams and extracurricular activities
- School photos
- Other non-educational activities



Enrolment and Administration Fees

- First Time Enrolment: When a student enrols at Gate Pā School for the first time, they must pay an enrolment and administration fee. This fee is only paid once for the first enrolment period. It cannot be refunded if the student changes their mind or leaves the school.
- Re-Enrolment: If a student continues at Gate Pā School for another enrolment period, they must pay a re-enrolment fee. This fee is lower than the first enrolment fee and helps cover administration costs. It cannot be refunded.

All fees must be paid before the student starts school.

For the latest fee information, please check the school website or contact our international team - international@gatepa.school.nz

Refund Conditions

If a student withdraws from their course of study before the completion date, they may be eligible for a refund of tuition fees.

- Gate Pā School will assess each refund request on a case-by-case basis.
- The school aims to act fairly and transparently when considering refund applications.
- Refer to the Fee Protection and Refund Policy for full details.

Fee Protection

Fees paid by international students are secure and protected against any potential interruptions to the course.

The school has internal financial procedures in place to ensure income and expenditure are managed responsibly.

The Fee Protection and Refund Policy must be signed and accepted before enrolment begins.

Gate Pā School holds sufficient reserves to issue a refund if the school is unable to continue providing tuition.

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021



When students from other countries come to study in New Zealand, it is important that they are well-informed, safe, and properly cared for. New Zealand schools have a legal responsibility to look after the welfare of international students.

The Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students (The Code) is a government document that sets out the minimum standards of advice and care that must be provided to international students by schools and their agents. The Code is not about academic standards, but rather pastoral care, student well-being, and safety.

The Code applies to all schools in New Zealand that enrol international students. Schools must be a signatory to The Code in order to enrol students on an international study visa.

What The Code Means for International Students

The Code ensures that:

- Schools maintain high professional standards.
- International students are recruited ethically and responsibly.
- Students receive accurate and up-to-date information before making decisions.
- All contractual agreements with international students are fair and transparent.
- The specific needs of international students are recognised and supported.
- Students under 18 years old live in safe accommodation.
- Schools have fair and clear processes for handling student concerns or complaints.

How Do I Know If a School Is a Signatory to The Code?

The New Zealand Ministry of Education keeps a register of all education providers that are signatories to The Code.

- If a school is not a signatory to The Code, they cannot enrol international students.
- If a school is not a signatory, you will not be granted a student visa by Immigration New Zealand and cannot study at that school.



What to Do If You Have a Problem

At Gate Pā School, we want all students to feel safe, happy, and supported.
If you have a problem or concern, there are people who can help you.

Problems at School

If you have any concerns about your learning, classmates, or school experience, you should:

1. Talk to your classroom teacher – They are here to help and support you.
2. Talk to the Principal (she is also the person responsible for International Students) – Rochelle Jensen - international@gatepa.school.nz
3. Talk to your education agent – They may also be able to support you.





Problems with Enrolment

If you have questions or problems about your enrolment, fees, or visa status, you should

- Talk to the person responsible for International Students – Rochelle Jensen international@gatepa.school.nz
- Talk to your agent
- Contact Immigration New Zealand:
  - Website: www.immigration.govt.nz/contact
  - Phone: 0508 855 8855

Health Problems

If you feel unwell, injured, or have any health concerns:

- Talk to the person responsible for International Students – Rochelle Jensen international@gatepa.school.nz
- Talk to your agent

Problems with Accommodation

If you are living with a designated caregiver or in a homestay and have a problem, you should:

- Talk to the person responsible for International Students – Rochelle Jensen international@gatepa.school.nz

Complaints Process

At Gate Pā School, we are committed to providing a safe, fair, and supportive environment for all international students. If you have a problem or concern, we encourage you to speak with us first so we can work together to resolve it.

Step 1

Talk to Someone at School

If you have a concern, please follow these steps:

1. **Talk to your classroom teacher**
   They may be able to help with any learning or school-related issues.
2. **Talk to the Principal (Rochelle Jensen - international@gatepa.school.nz)**
   She is also the person responsible for International Students
3. **Talk to your agent**
   If you came to New Zealand through an education agent, they may also be able to assist you.

Step 2

Formal Complaint Process

If your concern is not resolved through informal discussions, you may make a formal complaint by following Gate Pā School's official complaints process.

The school will carefully review your complaint and try to resolve the issue as fairly as possible.

Step 3

External Complaint Resolution

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the school's complaints process, you may contact an external organisation for help.

1. New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)

- NZQA handles complaints about schools that do not follow The Code.
- If you believe Gate Pā School has breached the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021, you can complete the form on the NZQA website: https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us/complaint/education-provider/

2. Study Complaints – Independent Dispute Resolution Service

- If your complaint is about fees, refunds, or other financial or contractual matters, you can
- contact Study Complaints for independent dispute resolution.

Phone: 0800 00 66 75 | Website: www.studycomplaints.org.nz

At Gate Pā School, we take all complaints seriously and will always try to resolve concerns fairly and quickly.



New Zealand School System

New Zealand has a high-quality education system that provides a structured learning pathway from early childhood through to tertiary education.

Schooling Level	Years/Grades	Age
Early Childhood	Pre-School	Birth-5 Years
Primary School	Years 1-8	5-3 years old
Intermediate School	Years 7-8	11-13 years old
Secondary School	Years 7-13	11-18 years old
Tertiary	University onwards	17 years old onwards

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Early childhood education provides care and learning for children before they are old enough to start school.

New Zealand has over 4,000 licensed early childhood education services, including:

- Kindergartens
- Childcare centres
- Play centres
- Home-based care
- Playgroups

ECE is not compulsory, but it helps children develop important skills before they start primary school.

Primary Schools (Years 1-8)

Primary education starts at Year 1 and continues to Year 8. Students follow the New Zealand National Curriculum, which includes:

- English
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts
- Technology
- Languages

At Gate Pā School, we provide education for Years 1–6. Our teaching focuses on developing strong foundations in structured literacy and mathematics, while encouraging curiosity through inquiry-based learning and hands-on experiences.

Learning is enriched through te reo Māori and tikanga Māori, supporting students to understand and value Aotearoa New Zealand's bicultural heritage.

Students are regularly assessed to monitor progress and ensure they are meeting their learning goals. Our approach helps each learner build confidence, independence, and a love of learning, preparing them well for the transition to intermediate school (Years 7–8).



Intermediate Schools (Years 7-8)

Intermediate schools bridge the gap between primary school and secondary school.

- Years 7 and 8 are taught within a primary school or at a separate intermediate school.
- These years help students develop independence and prepare them for high school.

Secondary Schools (Years 9-13)

New Zealand has three types of secondary schools:

- State schools – The most common, attended by 85% of students.
- State-integrated schools – Often linked to a religious or specialist education philosophy.
- Private schools – Independent schools with their own tuition fees.

Students at secondary school (also called high school or college) work towards:

- National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) – The main qualification for secondary students in New Zealand.

Some schools also offer vocational subjects such as tourism, hospitality, and computing.

Tertiary Education in New Zealand

New Zealand offers a diverse and high-quality tertiary education system, consisting of eight state-funded universities, 16 Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs), and approximately 550 Private Training Establishments (PTEs), including English language schools.

- Universities provide higher degree-level education, with a strong emphasis on research-led learning. These institutions focus on academic disciplines rather than vocational training. In the 2015/16 QS World University Rankings, all eight New Zealand universities were ranked among the top 100 globally in at least one subject area.
- ITPs and some larger PTEs offer vocational degree-level education, equipping students with practical skills and industry-relevant training.
- PTEs typically deliver specialised vocational programmes, mainly at the certificate and diploma levels, tailored to specific industries.

For more information about the New Zealand education system, visit:

New Zealand Education System – Study in New Zealand

English Language Support (ESOL)

Gate Pā School is proud to be a rich, multicultural learning community. We offer tailored support for children whose first language is not English through our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programme.

Support for ESOL students is personalised based on each child's needs. This might include:

- One-on-one instruction
- Small group lessons
- In-class support from ESOL-trained staff

Children who are new to English typically attend ESOL sessions several times a week. These lessons focus on everyday vocabulary, understanding classroom instructions, and learning the language needed in different subjects like maths, science, and reading.

Gate Pā School has a fully qualified teacher overseeing our ESOL programme, alongside specialist ESOL educators and bilingual support staff.

All of our teachers are trained to adapt lessons to meet the needs of English language learners.







Policies and Important Information

Gate Pā School has a range of policies that govern student well-being, learning, and behaviour. These policies ensure that all students, including international students, are safe, supported, and thriving.

To view the full list of school policies, visit:
Gate Pā School Policies

Username: gatepa | Password: gatepa

To read the most recent Education Review Office (ERO) report on Gate Pā School, please follow this link:

Gate Pā School ERO Report

School Hours and Uniform



School Hours

The school day at Gate Pā School starts at 8:55 am and finishes at 2:55 pm. Students can arrive from 8:30 am, and we encourage them to be at school on time, ready for learning.

Morning tea and lunch breaks give students plenty of time to eat, play, and enjoy time with friends. Regular attendance is important so your child can make the most of their learning each day.



School Uniform

All students at Gate Pā School wear the official school uniform, which promotes a sense of belonging and pride in our school.

Uniform items can be purchased from our school office or from our online shop -

https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login

Uniform items include:

- Gate Pā School polo shirt and fleece
- Black shorts, trousers, skirt, or skort
- Black school shoes or sandals
- School sunhat (required in Terms 1 and 4)

We ask that all clothing items are clearly named and that students wear their uniform neatly each day.

Before and After School Care

Gate Pā School children can be transported to After-School Care centres.

We currently have children who regularly attend:

- Coastkids - Greerton
  Enrol: phone 07 282 7570 or website https://coastkids.net.nz/enrol-now/
- iCare - Tauranga City
  Enrol: phone 021 078 0036
  or email: manager@icarekids.co.nz

Emergency Services

Police

Tauranga Central Police Station

Monmouth Street, Tauranga
07 577 4300

Hospital

Tauranga Hospital
(24-Hour Emergency Department)

829 Cameron Road, Tauranga
07 579 8000

Note: Tauranga Hospital has a 24-hour Accident and Emergency (A&E) department, but waiting times can be long.

Doctors

Gate Pa Medical Centre

1005 Cameron Road, Gate Pa, Tauranga

https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/gps-accidenturgent-medical-care/gp/gate-pa-medicalcentre/

You can also find other local doctors here:

https://www.healthpoint.co.nz

Dental

Local Dental Clinic:

- **Baywide Smiles Dental**
  1334 Cameron Road, Gate Pa, Tauranga
  https://www.baywidesmiles.co.nz/
- Find other dentists:
  https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/dentistry

Tauranga provides excellent medical and emergency services to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and their families while studying at Gate Pā School.

Support and care are always close by if needed.



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