



## Welcome to Our School

Dear Students and Parents

Birkdale Intermediate School has been providing a high quality education for Year 7 and Year 8 students (ages 10 - 13) since its founding in 1965. The school has 500 students, which allows for a friendly, family atmosphere. Our vision is to provide a high quality education in a caring environment. The school prides itself on the varied programme it offers students both inside and outside the classroom. Set in spacious grounds the school has modern well-equipped classrooms, Gymnasium, Technology and Arts Centres and a newly completed Performing Arts Theatre. The school has a national and international reputation for the teaching of thinking skills and recently received an international award for its innovative use of information and communication technology.



Spacious Grounds



Performing Arts Centre



Well Equipped Classrooms



Extra Curricular Opportunities



World Class Facilities

Please visit our web site at [www.bis.school.nz](http://www.bis.school.nz)  
Contact us for more details at [office@bis.school.nz](mailto:office@bis.school.nz)



Technology Centre

# International Students

The school has been taking small numbers of international students for over 10 years and has experience in providing for their needs. Students are placed in classrooms with a New Zealand student as a friend. We believe this gives these students an excellent chance to learn English and get to know New Zealand children during their stay with us. A Deputy Principal has the task of seeing that each student makes the most of the opportunities open to them and a trained English (ESOL) teacher works with small groups on a regular basis. Mr Coote our Principal has visited Korea and studied at the Korea University.

We believe that our students benefit greatly from learning alongside students from other nations. It widens their outlook while providing an opportunity for our guests to learn English. We have strong links with Birkenhead College one of the top 10 Auckland secondary schools and the University of Auckland which is in the top 100 universities in the World. This makes for a smooth transition should your child wish to continue their education here in New Zealand.

*Fee*  
NZ\$11,800 per year

*Short term stays*  
NZ\$2,950 per term

NZ\$295 per week

Yours sincerely

Richard Coote  
Principal



...a reading programme which develops strong and independent thinkers and helps students to gain deep understandings of text.

...a maths programme which develops each child's level of ability, making them problem solvers.

...science and social science programmes which grow deep thinking students by asking them to solve real world problems.

...a technology programme focussed on students learning practical skills and knowledge to produce solutions in food, fabric, hard materials, robotics and electronics.

...in the visual and performing arts students have the opportunity to develop and express their creative thinking and ideas in painting, sketching, printing, clay sculpture, music, dance and drama.



Sports Development



Visual Arts Centre

# Some of Our Students



*Amy Cho Sumin: Seoul*

I like making models and drawing sea creatures in Art. I made lots of friends. The teachers were kind and helped me learn English.



*Jerome Briggs-Castle: Auckland*

I am always interested in learning about the Korean culture because it is so different to ours. I am lucky because my Korean buddy taught me to talk a bit of Korean while I supported him in learning to talk English.



*Kealan Munro: Auckland*

I enjoyed showing my buddy around our school. I am very chatty so we always had lots to talk about. He learnt about life in New Zealand and I learnt about what young teenagers do in Korea.



*Jenny Kang Min Ui: Seoul*

I made many friends who helped me practice English. I practiced my piano skills in music lessons at school. I made a soft toy and a handbag in technology which I am very proud of.



*Stephanie Neeve: Auckland*

We have no Korean students in our class, so when our Korean student arrived we were all very excited. We shared interests in music, food and culture. Our Korean buddy felt quite special as he made a new family in our class.



*Sung Young Choi: Incheon*

The students are kind to me. I like playing new sports. We have large open places with lots of green fields to play on at our school.



*Bo Dam Kim: Seoul*

I play basketball, soccer and I love all the sport we play during Physical Education and lunch time. My English is getting better because I have many kiwi friends who are helpful. I love the clean air, the blue skies and the green trees. I love the big flat houses and the big playing spaces at school.

# Our Homeland

Auckland is one of the best cities in the world to live in, according to Mercer's 2009 Worldwide Quality of Living Survey. In their survey of 215 cities, Auckland was ranked fourth-equal with Vancouver.

Tourism Auckland chief executive, Graeme Osborne says, 'A ranking of fourth in the world is brilliant and will help to further boost our international reputation as a world-class city and a great place to live, work or visit.'

North Shore offers a lifestyle that's unique in the Auckland region and among the best in New Zealand. There are more than 225,800 residents, spread across the 13,000 hectare region which provides beautiful coastline, rich culture and leading-edge enterprise.



Pohutukawa Flower

New Zealand's scenic beauty is world renowned. But many visitors are surprised to discover an energetic, modern society among the mountains, rivers and coast.

New Zealanders are a famously hospitable people with a lively interest in other cultures. An education here is frequently the beginning of lifelong friendships.

As a former British colony, New Zealand's education system is based on the prestigious British system. We offer world-class facilities, resources and teaching staff, and our qualifications are valued and transferable throughout the world.

Young and free of constricting traditions, New Zealand has learned to be self-reliant and to forge its own way in the world. New Zealand's youth and fresh outlook make it the natural home for fresh ideas.