



Bucklands Beach  
Primary School

**Our enthusiasm  
makes the difference**



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# International Students

## Can I come to your school?

A very warm welcome to all international students. We have a friendly, caring environment that is perfectly suited to international students where you can receive a first class education and have a great time doing it.

Bucklands Beach Primary School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Copies of the code are available from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at:

[www.minedu.govt.nz/international](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/international)

# Join us

Principal,  
Dorothy Bodley



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# Welcome to our school

Read our most frequently asked questions below

## Is my English good enough?

Students who arrive from different countries often need extra support with English. At Bucklands Beach Primary School (BBPS) each student is assessed on their individual needs on arrival, and is placed in an appropriate class with other students of a similar age. International students are provided with small group remedial English lessons focused on learning to speak English confidently, learn new vocabulary and reading and writing skills. International students at BBPS experience full immersion of English in the classroom, playground and community, resulting in all children being confident English speakers when they leave.

## Where is the school situated?

Bucklands Beach Primary School is a small community school on the Bucklands Beach peninsula in East Auckland. Graduate students from the school go on to Bucklands Beach Intermediate School and Macleans College, approximately one kilometre away.

Our local community offers beaches, a golf course, parks, a Korean and Asian population. Ferries and buses provide transport to large shopping centres and CBD.

## What is the school like?

There are 350 – 400 students enrolled, of which 75% are New Zealand European, 17% are Asian and there are 4 Korean international students at the moment.

**BBPS has the highest socio-economic community decile ranking of 10/10.**

## Facilities

- A strong ICT focus with computers & interactive whiteboards throughout the school to enhance learning and teaching.
- A well stocked information centre and librarian to assist students.
- High quality teaching and learning resources are available to support lessons.
- There is a large hall with a kitchen and stage, for assemblies and productions as well as indoor sports.
- Large open playing fields are available for organised sport and leisure times of students.
- A heated pool is available for swimming lessons over summer.
- There are established gardens and vegetable plots where students learn about environmental sustainability.
- An impressive adventure playground keeps students active at break times.
- There is a fitness track around the school and basketball and netball courts.

We are a friendly, small school. Parents and children soon make friends and make the school the centre of social activities.

The school was reviewed by the Educational Review Office in 2010. The report was outstanding. It can be read at [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz)

## What does BBPS believe in?

Our school vision is that “we are a community of enthusiastic, highly competent learners”.

We value excellence, respect, perseverance, reliability, honesty and curiosity.

### BBPS believes in...

- Academic excellence
- A broad curriculum with a diversity of sporting and cultural activities
- High quality care of students and families, in academic, social and emotional needs
- Strong partnerships with families, where the school and parents work together in the best interests of children

We encourage students to be reflective and take increasing responsibility for themselves and for learning. We encourage students to make good choices and learn positive social skills.

## What will I learn?

We provide excellent academic standards with a focus on Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Programmes include art, music, drama, sport and physical education, science

We have a specialist English support teacher, a Librarian and a Sports Specialist.

There are additional opportunities provided for music instrument tuition and a wide range of after school tuition in art, sports, chess and martial arts.

A Before and After School Care programme is available on site.

## What else will I do?

- Learn to sail – yacht club nearby
- Rugby and soccer - strong clubs nearby (and at school)
- Horse riding
- Children's golf lessons
- Martial arts
- Take advantage of some of Auckland's best beaches in walking distance of the school
- Ferry to the inhabited islands in the gulf.
- Water sports
- Fishing

## What they say?

“The best thing about BBPS is having fun with my friends”

“The teachers are good because they help me and they are kind”

“I like to play in the playground or play with Amy or find pretty rocks”

“I like New Zealand because I like kiwi fruit and I like hokey-pokey ice cream”

**Sunny – 8 yrs**

“I am learning English and Maths and Maori words”

I like to talk with my friends and the teachers”

**Amy – 8 yrs**

