

Amesbury School Application Brochure



Amesbury School

Learning for life; learning to live. Joy for learning; joyful living.

Introduction

We are delighted that you are interested in having your child study as an international student at Amesbury School. Amesbury School was built in 2012, and is a vibrant, welcoming and nurturing learning environment, with a diverse student body.

The school is located in Churton Park, in the northern hills of Wellington, just 14 minutes north of the CBD and 25 minutes from Wellington International Airport by car. Churton Park is a developing suburb, in the green hills of Wellington and is centrally located to Wellington City, Porirua and the Hutt Valley.

Amesbury 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 NZQA website at www.nzqa.govt.nz.



Why Amesbury?

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| WELCOMING | Amesbury School prides itself on being an inclusive, diverse and welcoming environment. Our school community is made up of families from all over the world, many who have recently arrived in the country. |
| SAFE | Situated on expansive grounds in a greenfields suburb in the capital of New Zealand. A safe, beautiful, welcoming community. |
| PERSONALISED | Personalised learning programmes are developed for each child, focussing on meeting the needs of the whole child. Children are actively involved in their learning journey and the process of making sense of their experiences and the world. |
| 21ST CENTURY | State-of-the-art facilities, in a purpose built modern learning environment with integrated technology. Amesbury has a higher than 1:1 student:device ratio. |
| BI-CULTURAL | Māori culture is integrated into the school environment, practices and rituals. |

An Amesbury Education



Amesbury School teaches the New Zealand Curriculum for Year 0 – Year 6 (5 year olds through to approximately 11 years old). See [here](#) for background on the New Zealand Education system and the national curriculum. Following completion of Year 6 at Amesbury School, a student can go on to attend a school offering tuition for Year 7 and beyond. Our International Student Co-ordinator can provide you with connections to other schools offering tuition for international students beyond Year 7.

QUALITY ASSURANCE RESULTS

The Education Review Office reviews all primary schools in New Zealand on a regular basis and provides a public report on the quality of the education received at the school. Please find a link to Amesbury School's latest ERO report [here](#).

PERSONALISED LEARNING

Full information about education at Amesbury School is outlined on the [Amesbury website](#). The school is set up to educate 21st Century learners through personalised learning programs that meet the needs, interests and desires of each child in a rapidly changing world. From the school design and furniture choice, through to the use of highly effective learning management software to track student progress, the school is committed to ensuring each student experiences educational success at Amesbury School.

Amesbury School has a custom-designed software system called ALF, that tracks the goals and achievements of every student, enabling the planning of personalised learning programmes for each child, focussing on meeting their individual needs. Students, teachers and parents can all access ALF, so that even parents who remain in their home country can be actively involved with their child's learning and progress at Amesbury School.

21ST CENTURY DESIGN

Amesbury School is committed to providing an environment that caters for the needs of all students. Our purpose built 21st Century environment allows us to work flexibly to ensure all children's learning is engaging, meaningful, personalised, joyful and empowering. For a bird's eye view, you can [fly](#) through the school spaces, and [view](#) the original architectural plans for the school.

Resources

THE AMESBURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Amesbury School has fluid and organic environments to allow real learning to take place. Characteristics of our indoor learning environments include:

- Uncluttered, orderly
- Calm, welcoming
- Open, flexible - able to be designed and redesigned, configured and reconfigured by students and teachers
- Sense of spaciousness and good sightlines
- Efficient – quick and easy transitions and reconfigurations
- An environment that supports and enables a wide range of learning activities and learning styles
- Strong links between the indoor and outdoor spaces
- Enabling people to connect together in different ways – real and virtually
- Multiple display systems – teacher and student controlled

Standard classroom furniture is not evident in the hubs (learning areas). Rather, each hub (which has several spaces - called suites - and a range of possible configurations) is furnished to accommodate learners in a variety of contexts across the space and utilise a range of furniture to facilitate this. Teachers do not “own” a particular area of the hub; they work with a range of students in a range of spaces across the hub over the course of the day. Furniture choices not only reflect this way of working, but encourage it.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Amesbury School has a large hall, library, large meeting room, teachers’ workrooms, media room and parents’ area with coffee making facilities. Our grounds include two playgrounds, two courts, a three quarter length soccer pitch, bike tracks including a skills and pump track and a wetlands area. Inside, our hall has a half size basketball court and hoop, and is marked out for two badminton/volleyball courts. Sports equipment is available to play with during breaks and students can bike or scooter to school, with bike/scooter parks made available during school time.

All students will have access to devices such as Chromebooks and iPads as required for their learning.

STAFFING

Amesbury has a staff of hard-working and dedicated teachers, committed to developing personalised learning for each student to help them develop what it means to be fully human. Meet all our staff members [here](#).

Every student at Amesbury School has a whānau teacher, who is the first point of contact for both student and parent for education-related questions. The whānau teacher proactively manages the student’s wellbeing and academic progress.

International students will be given a 24 x 7 staff contact person while they are enrolled at Amesbury School.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Amesbury School currently welcomes student with all levels of English, there are no English language proficiency requirements. Our ESOL lead teacher is Associate Principal, Angela Johnston. Angela oversees a diverse group of English second language students at Amesbury.

International students will partake in four ESOL sessions a week. These will be run separately from main learning programmes, but primarily, international students will remain in the main learning environment with their peers as much as possible. This helps them settle in and integrate into the school quickly.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Amesbury School offers a range of exciting co-curricular activities, including

- Te Reo Māori.
- Mandarin Chinese.
- Art Splash.
- Dance, Perceptual Motor Programme.
- Swimming lessons.
- Sports teams including netball, miniball, futsal, hockey, flippaball. [More information.](#)
- School-wide athletics and swimming sports.
- Electives and Rotations which change every term and give all students the opportunity to try new experiences.
- Education outside the classroom at all levels including class trips, camps and optional ski trips (additional cost). [More information.](#)
- Music and drama lessons (additional cost). [More information.](#)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are a number of activities available at the school outside of school hours. These are organised by private groups or companies and include:

- Before and after school care with [Kelly Club](#)
- [Leaping Lizards Dance](#)
- [Encore! School of Music](#)

In the community, within easy walking distance, there is also a tennis club and a [community centre](#) offering after school and weekend classes for adults and children.

Amesbury International Student Orientation & Support

Upon enrolment, each student is assigned a whānau teacher. Whānau means “family” in Te Reo Māori, and the whānau teacher will be your student’s primary support contact during their time at Amesbury School. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the whānau teacher for questions and concerns.

In addition, each international student will be assigned a “buddy” from the same year group to support their transition into their new school and cultural environment.

Amesbury School has a strong ESOL programme and international students will participate in the programme, alongside domestic students requiring ESOL support. This will provide additional support to all international students.

We believe that supporting the parents of international students is also very important. Caregiving parents of international students will be “buddied” up with another parent from the school and will be encouraged to participate in the school community. Because of the diverse nature of the Amesbury School population, we may be able to provide parents with first language support.

Life at Amesbury



COSTS OF STUDY AT AMESBURY SCHOOL

The following fees apply to studying as an international student at Amesbury School:

Registration Fee (flat fee per student, non-refundable)	\$500+GST
Tuition Fee* for 2017 (fees will be reviewed annually)	\$17,000+GST
Additional Costs**	
Uniform (estimated set up cost)	\$300
Camps	Cost advised at the time.
Music/Drama Lessons (optional)	\$64 - \$248/term

*Tuition fees cover the cost of general tuition (using the New Zealand Curriculum) and the development of a personalised learning programme suited to the student, ESOL classes, incidental costs, stationery, software licences, elective fees and school swimming lessons.

** There are other additional compulsory costs to cover compulsory activities such as class trips, outdoor education programmes and school camps. These costs will vary according to the year group the student is in. All additional compulsory costs need to be paid prior to commencement of the school activity, and will be advised to parents.

LIVING IN CHURTON PARK

Typically homes in Churton Park are modern (built in the last 10-15 years) and large, with semi-rural and suburban views. Most homes in the Amesbury School zone are within walking distance of the school. The community is served by a bus network that takes approximately 40 minutes to get into Wellington City and most families have cars for transport. The Churton Park community is well served by a good supermarket and village with shops and a Community Centre. There are local playgrounds and a tennis club, all within walking distance. The suburb is a pleasant and safe environment with wide streets and walking is a popular past-time here!

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

It is a prime condition of enrolment that the student must live with a parent or legal guardian for the full time that they are enrolled at Amesbury School.

There is no obligation to choose a particular type of accommodation when you enrol your child at Amesbury School, it is at the parent's discretion. There is a variety of accommodation available in Churton Park, including rental properties, properties to purchase, or homestay. You may already know someone who lives here and wish to stay with them.

PROPERTY FOR SALE OR RENT

Amesbury School can provide you contacts for finding a rental property or property to purchase. Rentals in the Amesbury School zone start from around \$500 per week for a 3-bedroom townhouse.

HOMESTAY

You may already know someone in Churton Park and wish to organise a private homestay arrangement with them.

Withdrawal Procedures

REFUNDS

The fees paid for international students' tuition are used to employ teachers and provide resources and facilities for these students. It is therefore not possible to fully refund fees. Under the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016, international fee paying students may be eligible for a refund or partial refund of fees that have been paid under some circumstances.

Once a student has commenced study at Amesbury School, refunds will only be made in exceptional circumstances and according to the school refund procedures outlined in the Amesbury School International Student Fees Refund Policy [here](#). All applications for a refund must be in writing to the Principal, for approval by the Board of Trustees.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SCHEME

Amesbury School has a robust dispute resolution scheme to work through any concerns, issues or problems that may arise with the International Student Programme. In cases where the dispute cannot be resolved internally, international students and their parents will be able to access the Dispute Resolution Scheme, specifically for international students. For more information on the Amesbury School International Student Dispute Resolution Procedure, click [here](#). For further details on the NZQA Dispute Resolution Scheme, click [here](#).

Student Insurance



ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at <http://www.moh.govt.nz>.

Medical and travel insurance is compulsory for all international students studying in New Zealand. Evidence of an appropriate insurance policy (in English) should be supplied to Amesbury School as part of the application process. Insurance policies should cover all of the following:

- The student's travel to and from New Zealand, and within New Zealand.
- Medical care in New Zealand, including diagnosis, prescription, surgery and hospitalisation.
- Repatriation or expatriation of the student as a result of serious injury or illness, including cover of travel costs incurred by family members of assisting.
- Death of the student, including cover of travel costs for family members to and from New Zealand, costs of repatriation/expatriation of the body, funeral expenses.

We also recommend insurance for the parent accompanying the student. Amesbury School can organise insurance on your behalf.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.govt.nz.

Visa Requirements

A student visa is required for international students coming to New Zealand to study for more than three months. Accompanying parents will also require the appropriate visa and permit. For full information on visas for study, please click [here](#) or see [Study Visa Guide](#) and [Student Visa Application](#).

Full details of immigration requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at www.immigration.govt.nz.

HOW TO APPLY

If you have decided you would like your child to study at Amesbury School, please complete the Application and Tuition Form here. You will be required to send in the following documents with your application:



- The student's latest school report
- A copy of the student's birth certificate
- A copy of the student's passport
- Travel and Medical Insurance – copies of policies
- Application for Accommodation Form (if applicable)

Conditions of acceptance

- Appropriate student visa in place
- Travel and medical insurance in place for the duration of the enrolment
- Payment of all fees in advance, as invoiced
- Provision of the student's latest school reports (if available)
- Participation in an interview with the school (if required)
- Compliance with all the terms and conditions of the Application Form and Tuition Agreement, including the provision of full and accurate information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to talk to someone at Amesbury School about your international student application, please contact the International Student Co-ordinator on 477 3423 or international@amesbury.school.nz.



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