



STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

International Students at Stanley Bay

We are pleased to advise that we have recently become a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 (**International Students Code of Practice**). This means we are now able to enrol international students. This comes with numerous benefits both for the children and the school.

By hosting international students we will increase the cultural diversity of the school. SBS children will have the opportunity to learn alongside people from other countries, make new friends, be exposed to other languages and discover new perspectives. We hope that learning and collaborating with students from around the world will help to broaden their understanding of the world, develop tolerance and respect for other cultures.

For the school there are undoubtedly financial benefits. International students pay a fee to enrol which will help the long term financial status of the school by creating an income stream. The income from international students will help to offset shortfalls in the operational funding provided by the Ministry of Education and help us to continue to provide quality teaching and learning programmes.

Taking international students also comes with responsibilities. In order to become a signatory we have undergone a rigorous application process through NZQA. This has required us to demonstrate that we have put in place systems and resources to ensure that international students enrolled at SBS receive the appropriate support. International students enrolled at SBS will be included in all aspects of school life and will follow regular class programmes. If a student requires learning support an English Second Language Teacher or teacher aide will be employed and the cost of that additional support will be covered by the student's fees. We have an International Student Coordinator who will be responsible for the pastoral care of students.

We have also put in place certain restrictions on the enrolment of long term international students, as follows:

- The number of long term international students we enrol at any given time will be limited.
- When placing students significant consideration will be given to class sizes.
- There will be no more than two long term international students in any one class.

We are excited about this development, and the opportunities it will bring to the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lucy Naylor in the first instance.

Rachel Keane (Chairperson)
on behalf Stanley Bay Board of Trustees