



# Tuia

**BURNSIDE PRIMARY**

Shining Stars For A Bright Future

## French Special Programme Tuia Burnside Primary School

Tuia Burnside Primary School offers the opportunity for students to learn the New Zealand school curriculum in an environment where the content is delivered in French 60% of the time.

### **Special Programme - French Language Bilingual Unit - La Decouverte**

The school offers a bilingual French special programme of study for students who comply first with the eligibility criteria (A), and if a place is available under the priority for acceptance criteria (B).

#### **A: Eligibility**

An interview by FRENZ (the supporting partner organisation for French bilingual education in New Zealand) is necessary for all applicants. Prospective students require:

1. A caregiver who is French-speaking and able to support their bilingual education.
2. An understanding of French to a level appropriate to their age, as assessed using a documented methodology developed by FRENZ.

#### **B: Priority for Acceptance**

The maximum number of students that can be accommodated in the Special Programme at any one time is 50, with approximately 8 students per year group. When the maximum number of 50 is reached the following priority steps are followed.

1. First priority is given to any applicant who is already a student at the school or is living inside the school's geographic zone.
2. Second priority is given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the special programme.
3. Third priority is given to any student who is the sibling of a former student of the special programme.

4. Fourth priority is given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the special programme.
5. Fifth priority is given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the board of the school or a child of a member of the board of the school.
6. Sixth priority is given to all other applicants.

If there are more applicants in any of the priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group will be by a ballot conducted in accordance with instructions by the Secretary, under Schedule 20, Clause 3 (1) of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Parents will be informed of the date of any ballot by public notice in a medium appropriate to the area served by the school.