



SHOTOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL



International Prospectus

Creating a climate of possibility ...



Welcome to Shotover Primary School

Shotover Primary School opened in 2015 and caters for new entrants to year 8 children. We are very fortunate to have purpose-built spaces that were designed with the latest knowledge about learning in mind.

We have extensive, up-to-date resources, as well as a committed, highly capable team that make up the Shotover Primary School staff.

Our work at school is important. We want your children to look back and acknowledge that we prepared them well for the future. We are confident in this task because we strive to ensure learning is meaningful.

As well as looking to the future, we value the past in making Wakatipu the place where we live today.

We innovate and evaluate new ideas and programmes to assist in creating a better future. This commitment is summed up in our vision statement - Creating a climate of possibility.

This means it is our goal to provide your child/ren with programmes and teaching that will enable learning to occur.

We thank you for entrusting us with that privilege.



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School App:
HERO
(download from the App Store or on Google Play)

Welcome from our Principal: Mr. Ben Witheford

Leading Shotover Primary School is an honour and a privilege. Each day I come to work with a highly committed group of adults who work hard to ensure our vision is becoming real.

Our collective goal is to create a stunning learning community for all those connected with it, but most importantly for the children. We aim to create a place that they enjoy being at and being part of: and a place that encourages and aspires to create success for all.

We are inspired by a number of thinkers and experts here at Shotover. Our ultimate vision to 'Create a Climate of Possibilities' was conceived and written based on the work of Sir Ken Robinson, particularly his presentation How to escape Education's Death Valley. We are guided on a daily basis by this one-page plan. It outlines where we are heading and what is important to us.

Education has a huge purpose and influence in creating and moulding young lives so that they are productive members of the world in which they find themselves. I enjoy immensely the challenge of leading and creating a school community that gives all children that opportunity.



Our Vision

As a school with a contemporary outlook, our staff are highly skilled and work collaboratively to foster safe and supportive learning environments that will prepare children to engage in a world that is characterised by constant change. Shotover Primary School endeavours to be aspirational and empowering, offering a diverse range of opportunities for children. It seeks to make the school the heart of the community.

All children are valued as individuals and have opportunities to engage in personalised learning to maximise their potential, with a holistic approach to a curriculum that looks outward.

As a school, we value excellence and the personal qualities that lead to achieving it. We also build innovation and curiosity by encouraging creative thinking and drawing from the beauty and diversity of our natural alpine environment, the richness of our heritage and the legacy of our partnership with Tangata Whenua.

Staff and children experience and are encouraged to adopt equity through fairness and social justice, community responsiveness, ecological sustainability and integrity through honesty, accountability, leadership and ethical behaviour. A sense of worth is fostered in all children to enable them to engage fully in the world and pursue their dreams and aspirations



School Location

New Zealand

New Zealand is a special place to visit, and to travel and study in. We have beautiful beaches, magnificent forests, snowy mountains, green farmland, interesting cities and towns, and friendly, welcoming people.

The population of New Zealand is 5.1 million people. English and Māori are the two official languages, although English is the common language.

New Zealand is very popular with international students. We have an excellent educational system that is recognized around the world.



Queenstown

Queenstown caters for a full range of hobbies and interests ranging from hiking, mountain biking and water sports to the thrill-seeking adventures of jet boating, sky diving and of course bungee!

When the cooler months arrive Queenstown transforms into a world-class winter resort, with four ski areas available and a range of activities, restaurants and ways to relax and unwind.

If you're looking for a slightly slower pace there are plenty of recreational activities including guided tours, boat cruises, scenic flights, or spa and wellness options. t



Choose New Zealand

Many International Students choose New Zealand, due to our rankings:

#3 Global Peace Index

New Zealand is ranked the third most peaceful country in the world (Vision of Humanity).

#1 Student wellbeing

New Zealand was the first country in the world to have an international student wellbeing strategy

1 Preparing students for the future

New Zealand is ranked the #1 English-speaking country in the world in preparing students for the future (Economist Intelligence Unit).

Schooling in New Zealand

New Zealand Curriculum

Learning Areas:

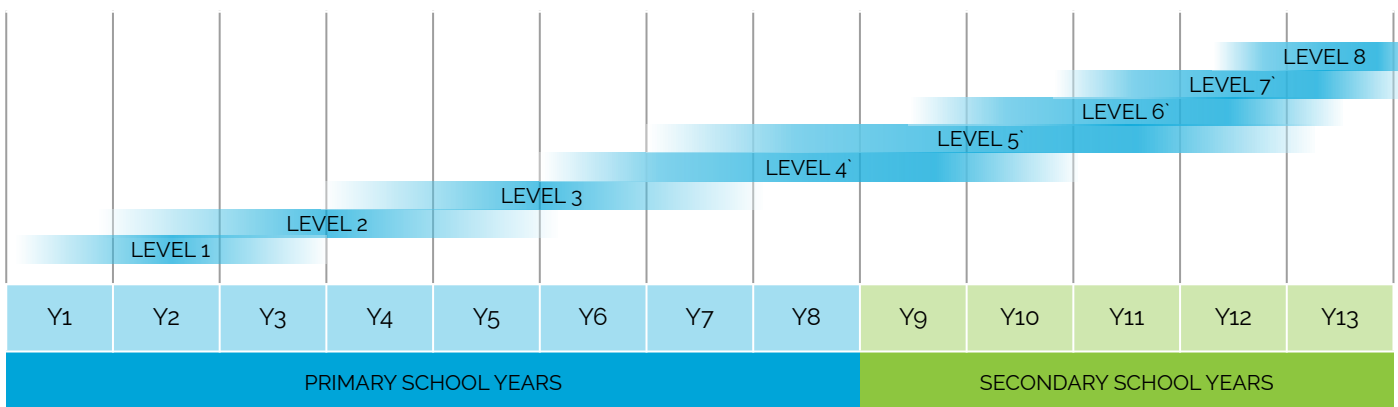
- English
- The Arts
- Health & Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Technology
- NZ Histories
- Te Reo Māori & Kapa Haka

The New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) is divided into levels. The achievement objectives within each of the levels are broad statements for each learning area. Each of these levels takes 2-3 years for children to work through. Children in both Year 1 and Year 2 are expected to be working within Level 1 of the NZC. Children in both Year 3 and Year 4 are expected to be working within Level 2 of the NZC, and so on.

Parents/caregivers can see from the diagram below that each curriculum level is spread across multiple year levels. It is usual for a child to be working across two curriculum levels. They may still be mastering some learning goals at the lower level, while extending forward with other goals at higher levels.



Years and Curriculum Levels



Schooling at Shotover Primary School



Our Grounds

Shotover Primary sits on a substantial sized site and is the heart of a small, multicultural, welcoming suburban community of Queenstown.

We boast 5400m² of green field, five separate playground areas, two outside courts, an indoor full-size court, and separate technology and music suites. We also have an on-campus vegetable garden and native plant nursery.



Schooling at Shotover Primary School

ESOL Lessons

(English for Speakers of Other Languages)

All international students are provided additional ESOL tuition, which focuses on accelerating their English language acquisition. The children will be regularly withdrawn, in small groups, from their classes for English lessons. Our ESOL tutors are experienced NZ English Language teachers.

Making Learning Obvious

We believe that learning and talking about learning should be an ongoing process involving the mentors, families and the child. Over the course of a year we deliver this in various ways which may include Learning Conferences, student reflections and learning updates on Hero (our student management app), open days, whole school celebrations and informal conversations. We strongly encourage parents/whānau to contact their child's mentor to discuss learning and progress at any time throughout the year.

mentors = teachers
whānau = family

Real Time Reporting

Shotover Primary School uses Hero to report in real-time about your child's progress using goals that align with the NZ Curriculum Levels. Mentors and children will share examples of how your child is working towards achieving the goals. Rather than receiving a summary report twice a year, posts about your child's learning are provided in context, relating to current learning, and you will receive small regular updates from the mentors as well as reflections from children in Years 4-8.

Parents can access information at any time about their child's progress and achievements throughout the term/year. These updates provide a wonderful link between home and school and help parents and caregivers to lead conversations from home.



Extra-Curricular Opportunities



Sporting Opportunities

Shotover Primary School has a wide range of sporting opportunities for our students to engage in. We encourage participation and healthy competition in the sports arena.

A winter programme of ice skating (junior school) and ski/snowboarding for the senior students occurs in conjunction with the winter season.

Other amazing sporting opportunities including representing the school in netball, athletics, Cross Country, Triathlon and Orienteering are a great way to enhance a sense of belonging.

We have a Sports Coordinator who provides extensive sports activities within the school as well as providing a link with after school options, such as netball, hockey, cricket and Rippa rugby (a safe, non-contact version of our national game), and gymnastics.

Cultural Opportunities

There are numerous opportunities including, dance groups, choirs, bands and Kapa Haka.

Music tuition is available in a wide range of instruments.

Education Outside the Classroom

School Camps

School camps operate in Term 1 and Term 4 for senior students: year 5/6 students stay overnight at local locations and those in year 7 & 8 travel further afield to locations such as Fiordland, or to overnight snow camps in the Cardrona Valley.



Nature Play

Our junior students experience the outdoors with Nature Play. Guided afternoon or day-long exploring sessions are held in a Nature Reserve area a short walk from the school grounds.



Swimming & Water Safety

Swimming lessons at the community pool teaching swimming techniques and water safety happen annually.



Application Information



Our Code of Practice

International students enhance the learning environment of our school and provide a valuable cultural student mix. We have been accepted as a signatory and have agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 (The Code); published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from the school or from the NZQA website at:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiary-and-international-learners-code/>

Conditions of Acceptance

It is Shotover Primary School's policy that it will only enrol International Students who reside with their parents/a legal guardian or a designated caregiver.

A designated caregiver means a relative or close family friend designated in writing by a parent or legal guardian as the caregiver and accommodation provider for that student. All students must have the appropriate medical insurance and student visa before they can start school.

Your Visa Requirements

Students must meet certain conditions during their stay in New Zealand otherwise their student visa may be cancelled.

Students must attend the place of study noted in their visa or apply to Immigration NZ to change institutions. Students must obey New Zealand laws

Students must only stay in New Zealand for the time allowed by their permit

Application Requirements

1. Enrolment Eligibility

Shotover Primary School is able to offer placements for several international students. Each enrolment application will be considered on an individual basis, taking into account the school's existing student demand, class sizes and available resources.

2. Student Visa

a) All International Students, whether previously enrolled at another school or not, who intend to study with us for more than 3 months, must obtain a student visa to attend Shotover Primary School. A student visa is particular to that student and that school. Shotover Primary School must be named on the student visa.

b) Students may study for up to 3 months with only a visitor visa. However, for longer periods of tuition, they must obtain a student visa before the expiry of their visitor visa. Students from visa-waiver countries may obtain their visitor visa on entering New Zealand. All other students must obtain the visitor visa in their home country.

c) Passports of students and parents/guardians will be checked for immigration status and must be provided to Shotover Primary School as required. (A photocopy of the passport and visa will also be taken on arrival.)

d) Parents who have a guardian visitor visa must live with their child and stay in the country while their child is here. Parents can work or study on a guardian visitor visa if they apply to New Zealand Immigration for a variation to conditions and meet the requirements. They can only work or study from 9.30am- 2.30pm.

www.immigration.govt.nz

3. Student Details and Accommodation

International Student enrolment is subject to their parent/guardian living, and continuing to live, with the student in New Zealand.

Shotover Primary School must be provided with the personal details, full name, current address and telephone number, and accommodation situation of the student. Should a student be found not living with a parent, the school is required to notify New Zealand Immigration and the student will not be able to attend school.

Shotover Primary School must also be provided with emergency contact details for a family member from their country of origin. Any changes in personal details, either in New Zealand or overseas, must be communicated to the school as soon as possible.



Application Requirements

4. Insurance

All International Students must have appropriate travel and medical insurance. New Zealand insurance cover is preferred however, where overseas policies are used, insurance details must be translated into English for the school and must meet the minimum cover standards as outlined by the relevant Code.

All international students (including group students) must show evidence of medical and travel insurance before arriving in New Zealand.

The school will keep a record of the insurance policy and expiry date.

A good option within New Zealand that offers full coverage for travel and medical insurance for International Students is the Southern Cross International Student Policy.



<https://www.scti.co.nz/our-policies/international-student>

The insurance must cover the student's travel to and from NZ, and within NZ. It must cover medical care in NZ, including diagnosis, prescription, surgery and hospitalisation.

It must also cover repatriation or expatriation to their own country as a result of a serious illness or injury, including costs incurred from family members assisting. It also must cover insurance if there is a death of a student to cover the travel costs of family members to and from NZ, costs of repatriation or expatriation of the body, and funeral expenses.

We recommend that the parent who is the guardian of the student also has travel and health insurance. Parents are also recommended to ensure their child's belongings are covered by their travel insurance.



Cost of Tuition

Tuition Fees:

We will take applications for enrolment throughout the year. These may be:

Weekly	Minimum enrolment period - 4 weeks The student may attend for less than 4 weeks but the enrolment fee would reflect a 4 week tenure.
Termly	10 weeks
Full Year +	February - December

We are happy to accept enrolments to start and end to fit in with the northern hemisphere academic calendar. We do ask that students have some English experience prior to acceptance.

The current International Student School Fees are as follows:

Weekly	\$500 per week
Termly	\$4500
Full Year +	\$16,000 per annum

Fees are in NZD and include GST.
Fees to be paid in advance of commencing tuition

This fee is inclusive of English tuition and any incidental costs associated with the school programmes.

Additional Costs

This fee does not cover the cost of the camp, school uniform, sports teams, music lessons school photos and other non-educational school-based activities.

An enrolment fee of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$750 (including GST) is charged to each student to assist with the initial enrolment process and ongoing administrative support.



Conditions

Refund Conditions

If a student withdraws from their course of study before the completion date, they may be eligible for a refund of tuition fees. The school will always investigate requests for a refund and act fairly. Refer to the Fee Protection and Refund Policy.

Fee Protection

Fees paid by international students are secure and protected against the possibility of an interruption to the course. Our school's internal procedures to monitor income and expenditure ensure that money is controlled appropriately. The conditions of the Fee Protection and Refund Policy must be accepted and signed before enrolment begins. The school holds sufficient reserves to be able to refund the student's fees if the school is unable to provide, or continue, the course of tuition.

Other Information

A copy of our latest ERO (Education Review Office) report is available online at



<https://ero.govt.nz/institution/586/s/shotover-primary-school>

Our School Policies & Procedures are available on our website



<https://www.shotoverschool.nz/shotover-policies-and-procedures>

To find out more about living and studying in New Zealand, visit the Education New Zealand new website:



<https://naumainz.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/get-started>





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