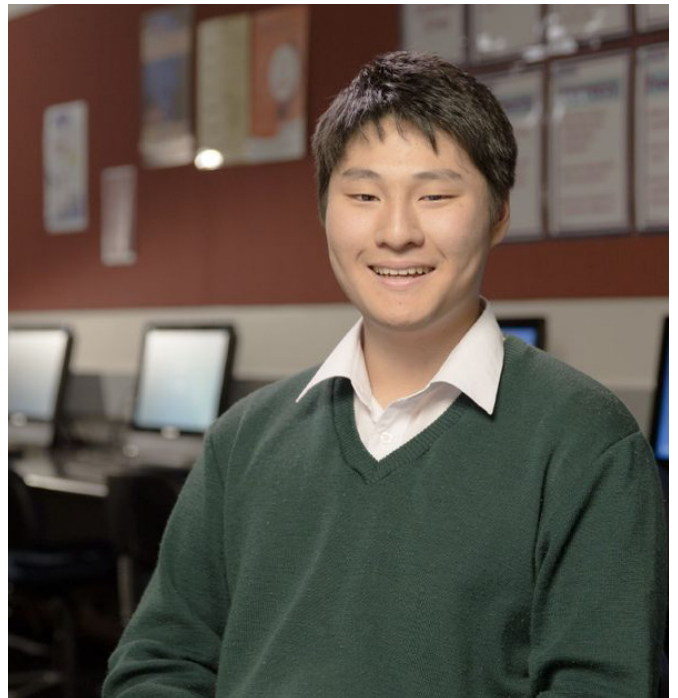




General Information

Burnside High School is the largest secondary school in the South Island of New Zealand. A co-educational school with an established reputation for academic excellence, it has 2,600 students including international students from more than 45 different countries. Located on a 16 hectare campus, it has two gymnasiums, a 750 seat Performing Arts Auditorium, a swimming pool, extensive sport grounds and a purpose built Arts Building. Burnside High School is also equipped with an exceptional range of specialist classrooms. The international student programme commenced in mid-1990s with students coming from a diverse range of countries. Their presence at the school is greatly valued by staff, as well as by local students and their families.



Outline of the EIP

The EIP is designed to provide new students with limited English the best possible start to their studies in New Zealand. There are 2 programmes available. A junior programme and a senior programme. The EIP is designed to give students an intensive introduction to English and English vocabulary in specialised subjects.

In each class there is usually only between 5 - 20 students as we believe that beginner language learners need smaller class sizes and more teacher support to make the best progress. Teacher aides are also in many of the classes to ensure students get the attention they need.





The Junior EIP

This programme is for students in Year 9 or 10 (aged 13 - 15). The weekly timetable consists of core subjects with students in the same class group for:

English	7 hours
Social Studies	3.5 hours
Mathematics	3.5 hours
Science	3.5 hours

Core subjects are taught by specialist teachers who have an ESOL training background. The focus is on vocabulary, mathematical and scientific language and English skills such as listening, speaking, reading and academic writing.

Optional Subjects:

As well as the core subjects, each student in the junior EIP is able to choose 3 optional subjects which they study for 2.5 hours per week. For these subjects students go to mainstream classes with New Zealand students. Teacher aides are available to help those students who need extra assistance.

Optional subjects are:

Electro Technology
Food Technology
Art
Dance
Digital Technology
Textiles Technology
Materials Technology

The Senior EIP

This programme is for students who are aged Year 11 or 12 (15, 16 and 17 year olds)

As these students are older, the focus is on academic coursework to prepare them for NCEA. Students may do some NCEA credits during the year in this class depending on their English ability.

Core subjects are:

English	8 hours
Social Sciences	4 hours
Science	4 hours
Computing	4 hours

Students also study in mainstream Mathematics classes with NZ students.





Burnside High School EIP Programme FAQ

1. **What is the difference between going to Burnside HS and to another school?**
Burnside High School prepares you for success in the EIP by ensuring you have all the skills you need to succeed in Mainstream classes later in your studies. We also have Year 13 support students who act as student mentors and buddies for each EIP class.
2. **How much does it cost?**
The EIP Fees are \$250 per term. As well as this you pay the usual school fees of \$14,800, and an administration fee of \$600.
3. **Do I need to have an English test?**
All international students are tested in English and Mathematics when they arrive at school. This is so we know what level you are at and can design your individual programme around your needs.
4. **Where do the students in EIP come from?**
Students are mainly from China, Japan, Thailand, South Korea Vietnam and sometimes places like Brazil.
5. **How long will I be in the EIP?**
This is a needs based course. Some students stay in the programme for 1 term only (10 weeks) some who arrive with beginner English may be in the EIP for a full year.
6. **How do the teachers decide I am ready to go to Mainstream classes?**
There is testing at the end of each term in the EIP.
7. **How many students are there in a normal year?**
Between 30 - 40 students in total each year over the two classes.
8. **Do I wear uniform at school?**
Yes - you wear the usual Burnside High School uniform.
9. **Do I get to take part in school sports teams or music?**
Yes - you can take part in any extra-curricular programme at school as long as your English level is good enough to understand the instructions.
10. **How good will I become at English?**
Students have to work hard and be prepared to study at home at least 2 hours per night as well as in classes. If students work hard they will progress very well in this class.

Individual Programme

Each student in the EIP is thought of as an individual. They arrive with different strengths and abilities. The programme coordinator has an individual learning plan for each student which they discuss so the student is aware of the areas they need to improve.

Class Trips and Events

During the year the class goes on several trips outside of school. These are a great way for students to experience Christchurch and practise their new English skills. Trips can include places like the Antarctic Center, the Museum, local universities, Orana Park or Willowbank. We also have BBQs, picnics and pizza and movie nights throughout the year.



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