Finding a Field-Based School



What is a field-based school?

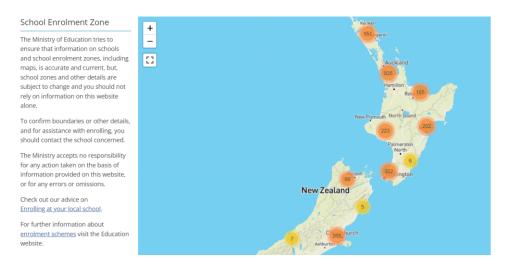
A field-based school is the school you choose to do your weekly field-based hours in. This can be a paid or unpaid (voluntary) position. It is your responsibility to find a field-based school in your local area. This can be a primary, intermediate or area school and most are familiar with having student teachers as volunteers or paid employees, so will understand this when you approach them.

How to find potential schools

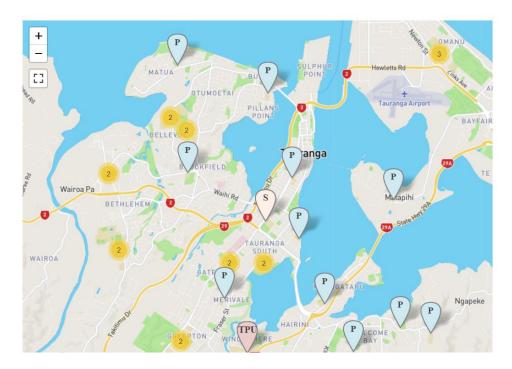
Look on the government database for schools in your local area.

Click here ______ https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-school

Click on your region in the map to pinpoint your location.



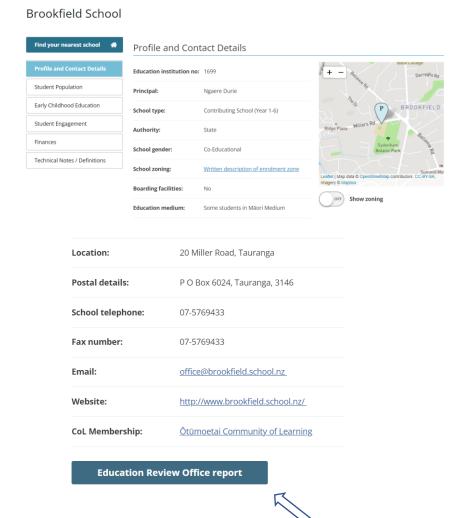
You can keep selecting options until you get to your specific suburb – then you will see all the schools in the area:



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Click on the school you are interested in, and their contact information will be displayed:



You can also view the Education Review Office report, via this page, which is a report provided by the Government on the quality of the school. You can also search a database for these reports at this link: https://ero.govt.nz/review-reports

How to contact schools

We suggest emailing the school you are interested in to introduce yourself and enquire about working or volunteering there. Remember to include the following information:

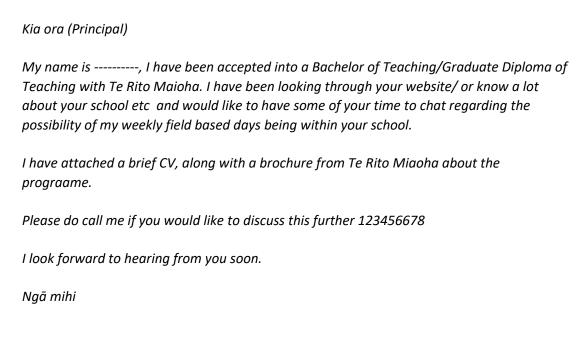
- Your name
- A brief CV
- The programme flyer (attached)
- The Student Education Agreement (attached) which outlines the requirements of your fieldbased practice hours (2 days per week for both the Bachelor of Teaching and Graduate Diploma of Teaching primary programmes)
- Confirmation you have applied to or are already enrolled to study with Te Rito Maioha (email akomai@ecnz.ac.nz if you need a record of this)
- You could also suggest connecting with the principal face to face or on Zoom for a video chat, this will help to get to know each other and build a relationship with the school

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- If you are coming from overseas, let them know when you will arrive in Aotearoa New Zealand and what area you will be living in
- In Aotearoa New Zealand you can say 'Kia ora" which means "Hello" in our native language te reo Māori.

Here is an example email for your reference:



You may need to contact a few different schools to find the right one for you and one with availability for student teachers.

For further information on this process or support finding a school please contact our Primary Programme Leader Clark McPhillips clark.mcphillips@ecnz.ac.nz.