



# MORRINSVILLE

## Intermediate School

**Kia U Ki Te Pai** Whatever You Do, Let It Be Your Best

### **Morrinsville Intermediate Notice – Makuhari Student Hosting Information**

***We are currently asking families to consider hosting a Japanese student as part of an annual exchange***

Every year our school is one of a number in the Waikato area which hosts visiting students from Japan when they stay in New Zealand during March. They will be arriving on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March and departing Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. The exchange between the two schools has been an annual event for a number of years and some of our Year 8 students will be returning the visit to Makuhari, Japan, at the end of the third term. It is expected that if your child would like to be considered for the Japanese exchange that your family will host a student.

This is an excellent opportunity to take part in a cultural exchange and for your child to make friends with a student from a very different culture from our own. The costs of hosting a student are reimbursed through a hosting grant of \$335 and there should be no significant cost to any family taking up the opportunity to host a student. The Homestay Application Form is on the back of this notice and additional forms are available from the school office.

This year there are 18 Japanese students coming to our school (12 boys and 6 girls who are all 15 years of age). Generally they have a wide range of ability to converse in English, but they have Japanese-English Dictionaries and apps on their phones so communication is usually not a problem.

During school days while they are in New Zealand, the Japanese students come to school each day with your child and they will be involved in either a programme here at school or “outside” activities arranged by the tour company. They will be with you each evening and during the two weekends of their stay. Although there is no obligation to spend money entertaining your visitor during the weekends, most families take the opportunity to plan something interesting or special for their guest eg: a trip to a farm or the beach, a bush walk etc.

Host families are asked to supply a cut lunch for their visitors each day. Sometimes the Japanese students return from their excursions late in the afternoon and will need to be collected from school. During the days spent at school students being hosted by families on bus runs are able to arrange for their visitors to travel to and from school on the bus.

If you are interested in hosting a student please complete the form on the back of this notice. If you would like further information please call the school on 07 889 6629 or email [m.cook@mi.school.nz](mailto:m.cook@mi.school.nz) Please return the completed Homestay Applications by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Regards,  
Jenny Clark  
Principal

# MORRINSVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 2019

## Japanese Homestay Application

Host Student's Name & Age \_\_\_\_\_

Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name & occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name & occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's Names & Ages \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate if boys or girls)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number/s

(including mobile)

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any smokers in your home Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

(if so please name who this is)

Family Pets

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Family Interests & Hobbies

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**Any other information that may be useful** (including the name of the Makuhari student who you stayed with during a visit there – if applicable)

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**If your rooming arrangements allow you to only host a boy or a girl, please state your preference** Girl / Boy / Either

**How will your host student get to school each day?** Eg: car, bus, walk \_\_\_\_\_

**If accepted as a host, all adults in the house agree to be police vetted** Yes / No

**We agree to host a Japanese Student**

Parent/Caregivers Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account Number for Hosting Fees: \_\_\_\_\_