# Finding a Primary Field-Based School



### What is a field-based school?

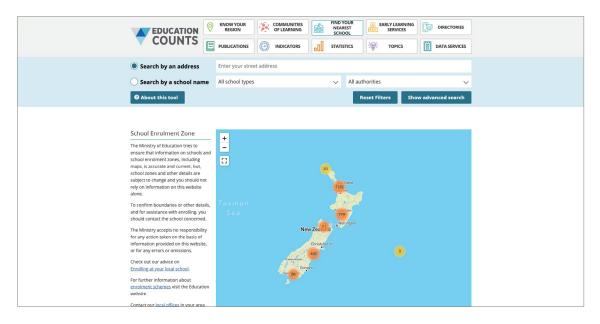
A field-based school is the school you choose to do your weekly field-based days in. This can be a paid or unpaid (voluntary) position. It is your responsibility to find a field-based school in your local area. This can be a primary, intermediate or area school and most are familiar with having student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

### How to find potential schools

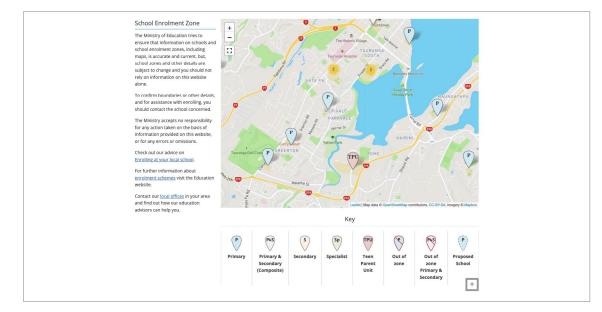
Look on the government database for schools in your local area.

Click here → <u>https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-school</u>

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:

Merivale School			
Find your nearest school 🛛 😤	Profile and Contact Details		
Profile and Contact Details	Education institution no: 1825		+ 98
Student Population	Principal:	Thomas Paekau	-
Early Childhood Education	School type:	Contributing School (Year 1-6)	P Oxford St
Student Engagement	Authority:	State	MERIVALE
Finances	School gender:	Co-Educational	PARKVALE
Technical Notes / Definitions	School zoning:	Written description of enrolment zone	Alverstoke Rd - warrier St
	Boarding facilities:	No	Leaflet   Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors, CC-BY-SA, Imagery © Mapbox
	Language of instruction:	Some students taught in te reo Mãori	OFF Show zoning
	Cohort entry:	No	
	Donations:	Donations should not be requested, unless for a school camp	
	Location:	25 Kesteven Avenue, Tauranga	
	Postal details:	25 Kesteven Avenue, Tauranga, 3112	
	School telephone:	07-5786900	
	Fax number:	07-5786900	<b>^</b>

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: <u>https://ero.govt.nz/review-reports</u>

#### 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 field-based 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 <u>akomai@ecnz.ac.nz</u> 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
- 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.



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Here is an example email for your reference:

Kia ora (Principal)

My name is ------, I have been accepted into a Bachelor of Teaching/Graduate Diploma of Teaching with Te Rito Maioha. I have been looking through your website/ or know a lot about your school etc and would like to have some of your time to chat regarding the possibility of my weekly field based days being within your school.

I have attached a brief CV, along with a brochure from Te Rito Maioha about the programme.

Please do call me if you would like to discuss this further 123456678

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Ngā mihi

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 Senior Engagement Leader Clark McPhillips <u>clark.mcphillips@ecnz.ac.nz</u>.



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