



BETHLEHEM
COLLEGE

EXCELLENCE
through CHRIST

INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

Bethlehem College



TAURANGA, BAY OF PLENTY NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

- A beautiful and safe coastal city with a mild, pleasant climate
- 2.5 hours drive south of Auckland, or 30 minutes by air
- A top holiday and tourist destination—sun, surf, sand and shopping
- A growing population of 140,000+ people
- A great place to live, learn, work and play



BETHLEHEM COLLEGE YEARS 1-13

- A co-educational, state-integrated, inter-denominational, Christian school
- Three Schools in one College: Primary, Junior and Senior Secondary
- Beautiful, established, park like grounds
- Expansive sports fields
- Extensive, well-resourced facilities
- 10 minutes to the city
- 20 minutes drive to Mount Maunganui Beach

Nau mai, Haere mai

Welcome to Bethlehem College



At Bethlehem College we believe that every child is unique and remarkable, with gifts that deserve to be cultivated through courage and effort.

As a Christ-centred learning community our purpose is to provide a complete learning experience that encourages students to strive for excellence. We have clear, high expectations for the academic progress of each of our students, alongside a commitment to

service, leadership, cultural and sporting endeavours.

In establishing a secure foundation for the learning, discipleship and the pastoral care, our staffing team is committed to establishing a caring, supportive and loving environment for each student.

If you believe that our commitment to the faith, excellence, service and leadership

MARK 12:31

**YOU SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOUR
AS YOURSELF.
THERE IS NO OTHER
COMMANDMENT
GREATER THAN THIS.**

PURPOSE

To provide a Christ-centred, complete learning experience that encourages students to strive for excellence in all educational and personal endeavours.

VISION

To be a Christian learning community of excellence where lives are transformed.

MISSION

Bethlehem College aims to provide a Biblically-based, Christ-centred education, equipping students for effective service and leadership.

are in line with the aspirations you have for your children, then we would welcome your application to enrol at BC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larne Edmeades'.

**LARNE EDMEADES
PRINCIPAL**



Providers of a Christ-centred and complete education

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

MANY PARTS, ONE BODY

Our four curriculum pillars are based on the many parts that combine to

form the 'complete education' on offer at Bethlehem College. These four educational aspects (intellectual, cultural, physical, and moral) along with our accommodation, support and pastoral care, are all essential factors in developing the special Bethlehem College character.



CHALLENGING *THE*
INTELLECTUAL



DEVELOPING *THE*
CULTURAL



EXERCISING *THE*
PHYSICAL



SHAPING *THE*
MORAL



CHALLENGING *THE* INTELLECTUAL

- Decile 9 rating
- Committed to effective teaching and learning
- Primary, junior and senior secondary, international students
- Blended learning iPad classes (Y6–Y9)
- Bring your own device (BYOD) Laptops (Y10–13)
- Extensive range of NCEA subject choices
- High academic expectations
- Proven excellent NCEA results
- Specialist English classes
- IELTS preparation classes
- Literacy programme for University Entrance
- Options of Pathways to University and/or tertiary studies

LEARNING THE CURRICULUM

The core of our academic curriculum is a broad general education, focused on literacy and numeracy, and the development of scholastic ability in all students. This starts with the 8 Learning Areas of the NZ curriculum; English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education & Health, the Arts, Technology and Māori Language.

We have a blended approach to learning, combining both digital devices and pen/paper. These learning tools sit alongside paper and writing skills; they do not replace them.

OTHER

Academic Deans give guidance and assistance with subject choices, to help them gain the necessary qualifications to continue with a tertiary education.

THE EDUCATION ON OFFER AT BETHLEHEM COLLEGE

Primary	
YEARS 0-6	Where the foundations are established.
AGES 5-11	Our aim is to foster in all students, a curiosity to learn, creativity and a desire to work hard to achieve their personal best. Age appropriate technological and digital tools are integrated into the teaching programme.
Junior Secondary	
YEARS 7-9	Where students are encouraged to experience growth and change.
AGES 11-14	The College is embracing the world of technology by promoting and nurturing the concept of blended learning. This can assist and enhance learning, and also transform the learning process for some students. It is compulsory for all Junior Secondary (and Year 6) students to own an iPad, and to bring these to school.
Senior Secondary	
YEARS 10-13	Where specialisation is introduced and students explore their potential. NCEA Level 1, 2 & 3 and Scholarship
AGES 14-18	Alongside the standard academic subjects, a range of options are also available such as; automotive engineering, computer studies, early childhood education, horticulture, music, photography, physical education, sport, social sciences and textile technology.

Throughout the year, there are ongoing assessments. Reporting is completed in Terms 2 & 4 across the school, with interim progress reports during the year. Copies of these reports are forwarded to parents and/or agents.



Student Entry Requirements & English Support

To gain entry to Bethlehem College, international students must provide sufficient evidence of their English language ability. This ensures students can cope with the second language demands of studying mainstream subjects. Upon arrival, all students are re-assessed for language competency and are placed in an appropriate course level.

ESOL SUPPORT is provided at every level to students in Years 1–8, for whom

English is their Second Language. Students attend these, as well as mainstream classes in a variety of subjects. If a student is not yet achieving at the expected National Standard, they are required to have tutoring in, and are assessed against, ELLP (English Language Learning Progressions).

ACADEMIC English is a specialised subject offered by the college for year 9–13 students. Smaller class sizes are designed to provide students with a

higher level of teacher support to help scaffold students towards success in NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3 and the literacy requirements of university entrance.

IELTS

Senior students may also choose to prepare for the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) examination which they can sit locally.

PROGRAMME PLANNERS

YEARS 7-9

PROGRAMME PLANNER JUNIOR SECONDARY

	YEARS 7-8	YEAR 9
ENGLISH	ESOL Form Studies Literature Studies	English ESOL
MATHEMATICS	Maths	Maths
SCIENCE	Science	Science
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Form Studies	Social Studies
TECHNOLOGY	Material Technology (Wood) Textile Technology (Sewing)	Computing Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Home Economics Material Technology (Wood) Textile Technology (Sewing)
BUSINESS STUDIES	Not offered	Computer Studies
THE ARTS	Art Drama Music	Art Drama Music
LANGUAGES	French Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Spanish Te Reo Māori
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH	Physical Education & Health Nutrition and Health	Physical Education & Health Nutrition and Health
OTHER COURSES	Christian Living	Christian Living

	YEAR 10	YEAR 11 NCEA LEVEL 1	YEAR 12 NCEA LEVEL 2	YEAR 13 NCEA LEVEL 3
ENGLISH	English English Literacy Preparation	English English for Academic Purposes English for Academic Purposes Additional	English English Extension English for Academic Purposes English for Academic Purposes Additional	English English for Academic Purposes
MATHEMATICS	Maths Maths Level 1 Maths Alternative	Maths Maths Alternative	Maths Maths Alternative Maths with Calculus	Maths with Calculus Maths with Statistics Statistics & Modelling
SCIENCE	Science Science Level 1 Agriculture & Horticulture	Science Agriculture & Horticulture Practical Science	Agriculture & Horticulture Biology Chemistry Earth & Space Science Physics Practical Agriculture and Horticulture	Agriculture & Horticulture Biology Chemistry Earth & Space Science Physics Practical Agriculture and Horticulture
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Social Studies	Geography History Hospitality	Classical Studies Geography History Tourism Hospitality	Classical Studies Geography History Tourism Hospitality
TECHNOLOGY	Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Materials Technology (Wood) Textile Technology (Sewing)	Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Materials Technology (Wood) Textile Technology (Sewing)	Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Materials Technology (Wood) Sound Production Textile Technology (Sewing) Trade Training	Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Materials Technology (Wood) Sound Production Textile Technology (Sewing)
BUSINESS STUDIES	Computer Studies Enterprise Studies	Accounting Computer Studies Economics	Accounting Computer Studies Economics	Accounting Computer Studies Economics
THE ARTS	Drama Music Visual Art	Drama Music Visual Art –Design –Mixed Media	Drama Music Visual Art –Design –Painting	Drama Music Visual Art –Design –Painting
LANGUAGES	French Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Te Reo Māori Chinese (correspondence) German (correspondence) Japanese (correspondence) Spanish (correspondence)	French Te Reo Māori Japanese (correspondence) Spanish (correspondence)	French Te Reo Māori Japanese (correspondence) Spanish (correspondence)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH	Physical Education & Health Nutrition and Health	Physical Education & Health Nutrition and Health Sport Science	Nutrition and Health Sport Science Outdoor Education	Health/Home Economics Outdoor Education Sport Science
OTHER COURSES	Biblical Foundations	Christian Studies Early Childhood Education	Christian Studies Early Childhood Education	Christian Studies Early Childhood Education



DEVELOPING THE CULTURAL

- Modern Performing Arts Centre
- Dedicated rehearsal and practice rooms
- A wide variety of opportunities in dance and drama, vocals and music
- Private lessons available
- Marae Visits
- Competitions
- Music Festivals
- International Trips (currently on hold)

DEVELOPING TALENT IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

The arts are an essential part of a well-rounded education, and our quality Performing Arts Centre provides students with learning, practice and performance opportunities.

Cultural activities are incorporated into the curriculum and all students are expected to participate.

DRAMA

- Dance Groups
- Dramatic Society
- Kapahaka Group
- Musical Theatre
- School Productions
- Shakespeare Club/Competitions
- Stage Art (secondary school)
- Talent Quests
- Theatre Performances

MUSIC

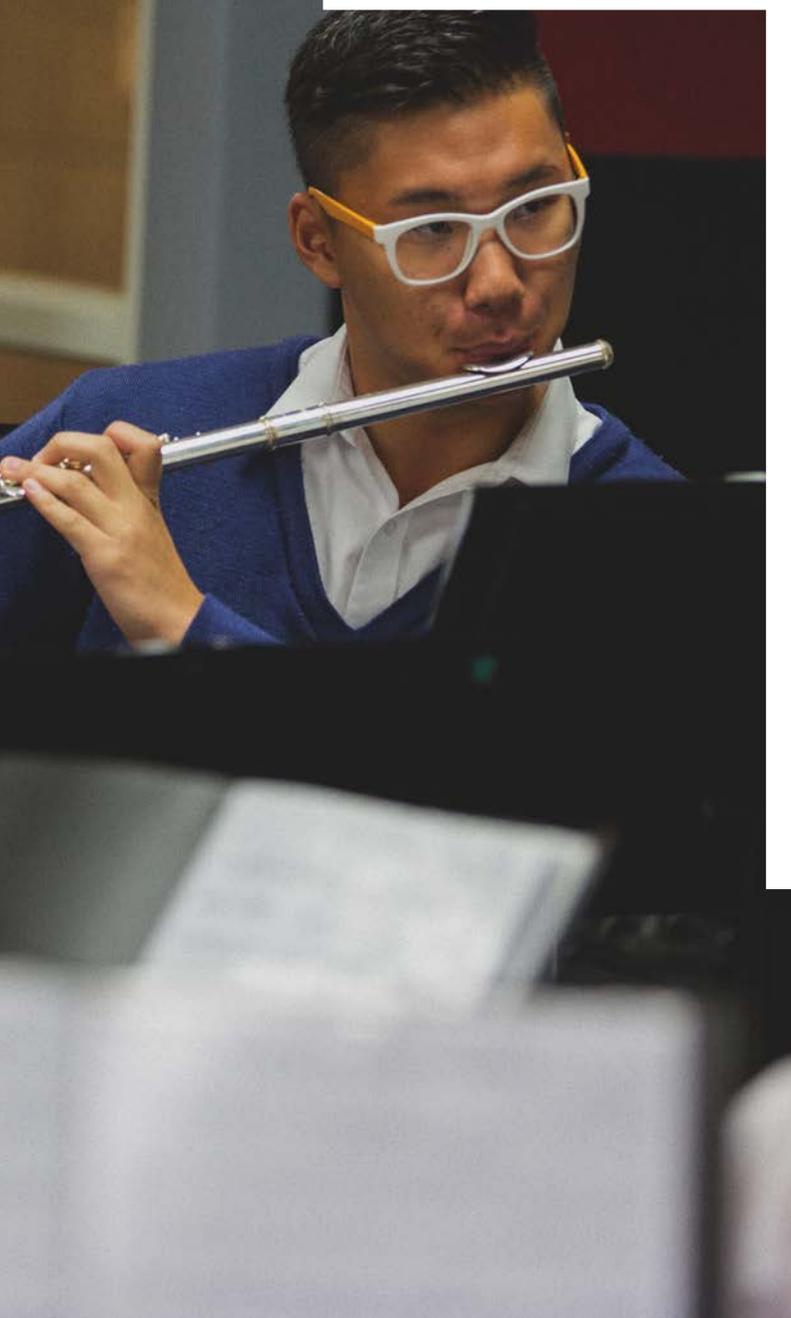
Choirs

- Year 4-6 Choir
- Junior Secondary girls choir (Year 7-8)
- Junior Secondary boys choir (Year 7-8)
- All comers choir (Year 10-13)
- Cantare – girls all comers choir (Year 9-13)
- BC Lads – boys all comers choir (Year 9-13)
- Animoso – audition choir (Year 9-13)

Bands & Ensembles

- Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Jazz Bands by audition
- Junior Strings
- Percussion Ensemble
- String & Woodwind Chamber Groups

All students can access private lessons/tuition, in a range of band and contemporary instruments, as well as vocal coaching.





I still have regular contacts with my homestay and BC staff members. For me personally, they are my family and part of my life. No matter where life takes me in the future, they will always be my family and this will never change.

—LINA, CHINA



When I came to Bethlehem College, I was so nervous and didn't know anyone, but the international teachers and students gave me such a warm welcome. In the first week I felt like I was part of a big family with people from all over the world. Also if you are musical, sporty, intellectual or cultural you will have lots of opportunities in each area. I can't imagine myself in any other school.

—VITORIA, BRAZIL





I love Bethlehem College International. The students are funny, helpful and kind. The teachers are as well.

I like how teachers and students all talk to me even though I can't speak English very well.

—MIKU, JAPAN

We have to study hard during the lessons, but there is time for fun too. I have made many new friends - from Brazil, Japan and Germany - and Kiwi friends too. I enjoy going on International trips, like summer camp, where we do many activities like abseiling and kayaking. Winter ski camp is also amazing fun. We are like a big family. We look after each other and encourage each other.

—WINSON, HONG KONG



The International staff helped me out with everything I needed. They gave me a warm welcome that made me feel comfortable. In fact, not only the International Department but the whole school! You need to study hard, but at the end it's all worth it. You enjoy all the classes and the teachers are the best! We have become a family that I will never forget!

—ISABELLA, BRAZIL





EXERCISING THE PHYSICAL

- Spacious facilities; sports centre, weights and exercise room, court and turf facilities, sport fields and club rooms
- Many team and individual sporting codes available
- Aims Games
- High Performance programme
- Outdoor Education programme
- Tournaments—summer and winter
- Regional competitions
- Exchanges with other schools

DEVELOPING COURAGE AND RESILIENCE THROUGH SPORT

Sport is a cornerstone of our curriculum, supporting the school's goal of producing graduates who are balanced and committed to success. Sport provides opportunities to develop character, students who win with humility and lose graciously.

Our range of facilities provide students with the perfect environment to excel in their chosen sporting arena. The Events Centre is an excellent venue for indoor physical education and sports (as well as an auditorium for assemblies and major events).

Students are encouraged to take part in a wide range of sporting activities. Those involved in an outside club are able to enter school competitions through the Sports Office. Physical activities are incorporated into the curriculum and all students are expected to participate.

Term	1	2	3	4
Athletics	✓			✓
Badminton	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basketball		✓	✓	
Beach volleyball	✓			✓
Cricket	✓			✓
Cross country		✓	✓	
Football		✓	✓	
Futsal	✓			✓
Gymnastics	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hockey (astroturf)		✓	✓	
Netball		✓	✓	
Orienteering	✓			✓
Rippa Rugby	✓			✓
Rugby		✓	✓	
Touch rugby	✓			✓
Rock climbing (club based)		✓	✓	
Rowing	✓			✓
Snow sports (skiing/snowboarding)			✓	
Squash (club based)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Surf life saving (club based)	✓			✓
Synchronised swimming (club based)	✓			✓
Swimming (club based)	✓			
Table tennis (club based)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tennis (club based)	✓			✓
Volleyball	✓			✓
Water Polo	✓			✓

Note: All sports are subject to team number availability. Not all codes are available in every term. Summer sport is Terms 1 & 4 and winter sport is Terms 2 & 3.





SHAPING THE MORAL

- Uphold traditional values and teaching
- Mandatory Biblical Foundations class once per week
- Digital Responsibility
- Leadership Training
- Life Education
- Opportunities in service with mission trips, both in New Zealand and overseas
- Offers New Zealand living arrangements with friendly, experienced, host families
- Whanaungatanga—essence of family, sense of belonging
- Manaakitanga—community of care, everyone included, everyone engaged, everyone valued
- 24hr pastoral care available for international students

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

We teach our students to live with integrity through a personal relationship with Christ that is outworked in a life of service.

Bethlehem College aims to combine academic classroom curriculum with meaningful experiences outside the classroom. Experiential learning through community involvement is one of the most impacting forms of education.

While studying at Bethlehem College, international students have the unique opportunity to serve both within New Zealand and overseas where there is a need.

LOCAL

- School council
- Community service
- Peer support
- Leadership opportunities
- Fundraising for various charities
- Volunteer service

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES (CURRENTLY ON HOLD)

These are organised by teachers and staff of Bethlehem College and generally take place during school holidays. Recent opportunities have included trips to the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and Cambodia. The groups have served through maintenance and teaching programmes, as well as experiencing the benefits of sharing their faith and culture with others.



During the Easter holidays I was part of a group of Bethlehem College students and teachers that went to the Solomon Islands in order to serve and to make a difference in lives of people that are less fortunate than us. I believe that this trip was a once-in-a-lifetime-experience for me and something I will remember for the rest of my life. It was also a great opportunity to make new friends.

—JAKOB, GERMANY



Important information

CODE OF PRACTICE

Bethlehem College is a signatory to the Code of Practice 2016, developed by the New Zealand government. The Code sets the standards of advice and care that must be given to an international student while living and studying in New Zealand. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution, or you can download a copy in a variety of languages at: www.nzqa.govt.nz

IMMIGRATION

If you want to study in New Zealand at school or tertiary level, you may need a student visa.

Full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, reporting requirements, and how to apply for a student visa, are available through Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at:

www.immigration.govt.nz

INSURANCE

International students must have current and comprehensive medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. Bethlehem College recommends the Uni-care New Zealand Student Plan which can be viewed at:

www.uni-care.org

This can be arranged by the school if required.

REFUND POLICY

If a student withdraws from their course of study, they may be eligible for a refund of tuition fees. More detailed information is found in our Conditions of Enrolment and the policy is available on request or on our website:

www.beth.school.nz/refund-policy

ACCIDENTS & EMERGENCIES

Bethlehem College is responsible for all emergency procedures during school hours, and outside school hours while the student is in homestay accommodation. In the event of an accident or emergency, the Director of International will be contacted immediately and emergency procedures followed.



Accommodation and support services

The pastoral care of all our students is a priority. In our department, we have support staff who look after the day to day needs of our students including: banking, flight details, uniforms, medical visits and insurance claims.

All students not living with their parent/guardian, are placed in Homestay Accommodation. Our host families are carefully chosen, interviewed, monitored and vetted by the New Zealand Police. The safety and welfare of all students is of the utmost importance.

Pastoral Care and Counselling is offered throughout the College, for all students and their families.

We encourage all members of our community to work together to form strong relationships amongst the staff, students, host families, parents and agents, to deliver first-class quality care.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

To ensure a smooth transition into studying and living in New Zealand, all new students to the College are involved in an orientation programme which includes the following;

- STAFF INTRODUCTIONS
- TOUR OF SCHOOL
- TOUR OF TAURANGA (TERMS 1 & 3)
- CULTURAL DIFFERENCES
- HOMESTAY INFORMATION
- SUBJECT SELECTION
- SPORT & CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES
- GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION
- NCEA (NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT)
- CODE OF PRACTICE
- OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS
- HEALTH & SAFETY



Activities

All Bethlehem College students are expected to participate in education outside the classroom activities from Years 1–13. These activities vary depending on the age of the student and their abilities. Activities could include a trip to the local art gallery, library, historic village, beach, marae, etc.

YEARS 5-6	Bi-annual camp in Matamata
YEARS 7-9	Overnight camps which are arranged at each year level (Ngamuwahine, Matakana Island, National Park)
YEAR 9	Overnight stay at the local Marae
YEAR 10	End of year summer camp at various locations with varied activities

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

TERM 1	Outdoor adventure camp
TERM 2	Cultural or tourist activity
TERM 3	Ski/snowboarding trip
TERM 4	Special programme for Year 11–13 students not sitting NCEA (during senior study leave and includes outdoor activities and tourist attractions)

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- International Year Book
- Homestay Functions
- Day trips in holidays
- Cultural Camps
- Competitions: athletics, swimming, cross country, food court, speeches, house sing



International team



Kia ora and thank you for your interest in Bethlehem College.

It is an honour to be entrusted to care for the international students who enrol at our school. Our sense of connection is very important to us. Students who choose Bethlehem College as their place to study, become part of our 'international' family group. They become whanau.

We have an experienced team that care for and assist our international students. We offer excellent pastoral care to support the well-being of each student. Staff members are committed to helping each student reach their full potential, through excellence in learning, leadership and service.

If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Hei konā mai, goodbye for now.

ILATI VUKONA
DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL



ILATI VUKONA

Director, International

Oversight of the International Department, programmes, school requirements, marketing and international relations.



ESTHER BLEARS

Academic Dean & Teacher

Advice on subject selection and academic pathways, specialist ESOL/English teacher, IELTS teacher.



KARLEE RIPPEY

Student Support Co-ordinator

Student support and services; visas, insurances and claims, banking, uniforms, stationery, health care, account services and payments, and travel arrangements.



LISA SMITH

Administration

Administration support, applications, agent liaison and data management.



SARAH VUKONA

Teacher – Primary

Specialising in ESOL and second language support for Primary students.



MIRIAM ALLSOPP

Pastoral Dean & Teacher

Pastoral care of Senior Secondary international students, specialist ESOL/English teacher, IELTS teacher.

We also have **Friends of the School** – 1st Language speakers who can help where needed.

Qualified counsellors are also available if required.

Enrolment information

CURRENT FEES, TERM DATES AND ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Is available to download from our website:

WWW.BETH.SCHOOL.NZ/INTERNATIONAL

Application forms can be completed online or returned to the school by email, post or in person.

Bethlehem College has places for international students from Years 1 to 13.

MAINSTREAM COURSES	Primary School Studies
	Junior Secondary School Studies
	Senior Secondary School Studies
INTAKE DATE	Start of Term 1 (January) or start of Term 3 (July)
LENGTH OF COURSE	1+ Years (Primary) Preferred minimum 1 Semester (2 terms/6 months) for secondary students

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

International students should have the following level of English or above:

YEARS 7-8	Elementary
YEARS 9-10	Lower intermediate
YEARS 11-12	Upper intermediate
YEAR 13	Advanced

We are happy to provide testing to confirm suitability.

ENROLMENT

New applications should be submitted as early as possible prior to the intended period of study to best ensure available space.



The Complete Overseas Education Package

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