



Maangere Bridge School

Samoan Immersion Unit Enrolment Form



Our Samoan Immersion Unit at Maangere Bridge School is based on the foundational principles, traditions and cultural values of Fa'a Samoa/Samoan Culture centred around these three things

Tautua/Service	Fa'aaloalo/Respect	Alofa/Love
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These values align with the MBS Values of 'Kaitiakitanga, Kotahitanga, Manaakitanga and Rangatiratanga'

Our first achievement objective is to set up a Years 1 - 3 Samoan Immersion education class where the Samoan language will be used as the medium instruction for 81 - 100% of the time and referred to as Level 1.

Entry Criteria:

The entry criteria will be determined by a robust process where an interview will be conducted by Pule Āoga, Lead Teacher of the Samoan Bilingual Unit together with the Matua/parents and/or caregivers of the student. A final decision will be based on the following criteria:

- There must be a commitment to the pathway of learning and speaking Gagana Samoa/Samoan Language at home with your child and a strong desire to be a learner of Fa'a Samoa/Samoan Way of life, traditions, culture and values
- The matua/parents and aiga/family has read and understood the Samoa Immersion Unit Programme and committed to the implementation of the plan
- To attend or enrol in workshops outside of the school to support with learning Gagana Samoa within 6 months of your child enrolling into the Samoan Unit (if needed and Samoan is not being spoken in the home). The Samoan Immersion Staff will be able to encourage and support adults in their journey.
- At least one member of the aiga living with the child is required to have some fluency in Gagana Samoa or is enrolled in and actively engaged and participating in Samoan Classes
- A commitment from the aiga/family to take an active role in their child's education throughout their child's attendance at school by contributing to the unique nature of the special Pacific Samoan Immersion Unit programme. This will involve regular attendance at fono/meetings and initiated activities e.g. To attend in person each fono held every term or when scheduled.
- We will be providing opportunities and networks for matua/parents to attend

Order of Priority

The following is the order of priority for all students who would like to enrol their child in the Samoan Immersion Unit.

Tasi/One: First Priority is given to students enrolled at Maangere Bridge School

Lua/Two: Second Priority is given to siblings of students already enrolled and committed to the Samoan Unit.

Tolu/Three: If the spaces are not filled from the current Maangere Bridge School roll we will then operate a Special Enrolment scheme for out of zone applicants.
If there are more applicants than places selection is based on the above criteria and a waiting list will be kept for available places. There will be a priority given to siblings of students already enrolled and committed to the kaupapa.

N.B In 2026 we are only taking students who are classified as Years 0 - 3.

Personal Information		
Are you already a student at Maangere Bridge School? Yes or No (Circle one)		
If you answered 'No' , are you living in the Zone? Yes or No (Circle one) All new students must also fill in the schools General Enrolment Form.		
Tamaiti's (Student's) Full Name	Surname:	First Name:
Current Information:	Class at MBS:	Year Level:
Gender:	Tama-Male/Teine-Female:	Date of Birth:
Ethnicity/Ethnicities:	What are your child's ethnic group/s? Please tick as many boxes as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Maori Iwi 1 _____ Iwi 2 _____ Iwi 3 _____ • NZ European/Pakeha Pacific Island Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samoan Nu'u/Village 1 _____ Nu'u/Village 2 _____ Nu'u/Village 3 _____ 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tongan • Niuean • Cook Island • Fijian • Tokelauan Asian _____ (please specify) Other _____ _____ (please specify) Country of Birth: _____ Date of Arrival in NZ (if applicable) _____
Has your child had previous Aoga Amata experience?	Yes or No If yes please provide more details below
Gagana Samoa at home	We speak Samoan at home Yes or No (Circle one) If Yes please give detail if fluent or basic
Parent/Caregiver's Name:	Name: _____ Relationship to the child: _____
Parent Signature	
Signed	Date
Siblings: If your child has younger siblings that you would also like to enrol for future years please give their full name and date of birth below so they can be included on the waitlist.	

Early Childhood Experience/Aoga Mata

Did your child regularly attend one or more Early Childhood Education service(s)/Aoga Amata in the 1 year prior to starting school? NB 'Regularly Attend' means the child was booked into a service for sessions each week/fortnight and generally went to those sessions unless they were sick, or on holiday or had a family occasion etc

- Yes for the last _____ years
- Not regularly, only occasionally with no on-going schedule

What was the name of the ECE Centre/Aoga Amata: _____	
Please complete the table below for the service(s) attended:	
Please enter the name of the Centre/Aoga Amata	Number of hours per week
• Aoga Amata (Samoan Preschool)	
• Playcentre	
• Kindergarten	
• Homebased Service	
• Playgroup	
• Other ECE	
OR Please tick the appropriate box	
• Attended but only overseas	
• Attended but don't know the type of service	
• Did not attend any Early Childhood Centre	