

# introduction

Mount Maunganui Language Centre was established in 1990 by Anne Butler and was the first language centre in the local area. Anne began with a very small number of students and the school has steadily grown over the years. Mount Maunganui Language Centre is still proud to be a small school with a capacity of up to 70 students. Anne's son, Geoff Butler, is now manager of the school. Students tell us that what they like best about the centre is the small friendly, family atmosphere - We are the small school with the big heart.



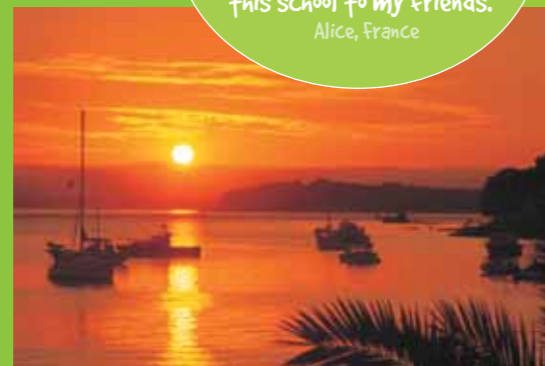
"I got a really good exam result thanks to the teachers at this school, Thank you so much."  
Ju Hee, Korea

"The teachers are so patient! In this school all the students speak English, even during break time."  
Akiko, Japan



Mount Maunganui has some of the best swimming and surf beaches in New Zealand and is a very popular holiday destination. It is the seaside suburb of Tauranga City which has a population of 100,000, located on the east coast of the North Island. It is a 2 1/2 hour drive south of Auckland, 1 hour from the lakes and hot springs of Rotorua, and 2 hours from the mountains and lakes of Taupo.

The area is popular for adventure and water sports including surfing, scuba diving, boating, jet skiing, jet boating, horse riding, white water rafting, gliding, mountain biking, skydiving, hiking and golf.



Mount Maunganui offers a relaxed lifestyle. The school is located in central Mount Maunganui, within easy walking distance of banks, the post office, travel agencies, movie theatres, boutique shopping, bars and outdoor cafes, as well as the beach!

## location



## school data

Classes: 4 - 8 Depending on Season  
Class Size: Maximum 12 Average 7 Minimum 4  
Level: Elementary, Lower Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate  
Minimum Age: 14 years. Maximum Age: No limit.  
You are never too old to learn English!

Facilities: Student Room, tea/coffee, drink machine, microwave, stereo, TV/DVD, small library/study room, free email/Internet, wireless LAN, ping pong table, free parking.  
Counselling staff: Counsellors who speak your language are available.

"I met lots of people from other countries, this school feels like a family! And the teachers always made the lessons so interesting, I really improved my English."  
Safomi, Japan.



Nationalities: We have students from Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tahiti, Thailand, Russia, Vietnam and others. The percentage of nationalities depends on the season, but generally we have a good mix of students from different countries.

## in the classroom



"Thank you for helping me with my English. Now I'm at high school in New Zealand and I have the confidence to speak to other Kiwis."  
Mawun, Bangladesh

All our teachers are highly qualified. Teachers attend training courses at least twice a year to ensure their teaching skills are of the highest standard. They teach in a lively and practical manner with an emphasis on communication. Speaking, reading, listening, grammar and pronunciation are taught in an integrated way. These skills are practiced in situations designed to reflect real life. Most students take our General English course, but you can choose from any of the study options listed below.

"I liked the small classes, I could ask my teacher a lot of questions. Thanks to you now I'm enjoying my study at university in New Zealand."  
Louie, China



Exam Preparation - Cambridge and IELTS 12 week full-time exam

Cambridge exams are held in IELTS is held monthly. We also have TOEIC preparation classes and because our school is an official TOEIC Test Centre, students can sit the TOEIC test here at school. Exam course start dates change from year to year, please contact the school for the next start date.

Academic Preparation - This course is for students who want to go on to further study in New Zealand. We prepare students for study at High School, Polytechnic, and University. We have formalised agreements with several leading institutions who accept our graduates into their courses.

"My goal was to go to Polytech, and you helped me to get there, thank you."  
Pat, Thailand

English & Activities - The course for students who want to learn English and have a holiday. Study English in the morning and experience an exciting programme of activities in the afternoon, accompanied by our activity staff. Come and enjoy all the fun and excitement that Mount Maunganui has to offer. Here's a taste of activities available: Kayaking, surfing, horse riding, mini golf/driving range, hiking, kiwifruit experience, winery tours, Comvita honey factory, indoor rock climbing, go karting, jet boating...



Surf & English - Learn to surf at one of New Zealand's best beaches in the beautiful blue waters of the Pacific Ocean. Study English in the morning and learn to surf with professional instructors in the afternoon. The course is suitable for complete beginners and all equipment is provided. We recommend taking this course between December and March. If you can surf already you probably don't need this course, just bring your board and come and join us for some waves.

Dive & English - Learn English and get your open water diving licence. The course includes all dive equipment and training with professional dive instructors. We recommend taking this course between December and March.



"Learning to surf in Mount Maunganui was great, I could stand up on my first day. And I met lots of new friends at the beach."  
Guilherme, Brazil

Working Holiday Assistance / Work Experience - We have a special programme for Working Holiday visa holders. Students who choose this option receive a Working Holiday information pack and seminars which cover resume preparation, help with looking for work, interview techniques, as well as tax and employment advice. We can also arrange volunteer work experience.

## course timetable

	English Full-Time	English Part-Time	Exam Preparation #	English & Activities	English & Surfing	English & Diving
Mornings	9.00 - 12.00pm	9.00-12.00pm	9.00-12.00pm	9.00-12.00pm	9.00-12.00pm	9.00-12.00pm
Lunch	12.00 - 1.00pm		12.00-1.00pm	12.00-1.00pm	12.00-1.00pm	12.00-1.00pm
Afternoons	1.00 - 3.00pm		1.00-3.00pm	1.00-3.00pm	1.00-3.00pm*	1.00-3.00pm**

# The format of the course may change depending on the number of eligible candidates.

\*Times may vary depending on surf conditions  
\*\*Times may vary depending on weather

Students can begin class on any Monday.

We also arrange other special interest courses - English and Horse Riding, English and Golf, English for Seniors.

After School - There are lots of options for relaxing after school. You can go and have a coffee with your friends, have a drink in a bar, or in summer go for a swim in the sea. In winter sit in our cosy student lounge and watch a DVD. We also regularly offer optional after-school activities, including wine-tasting, beach-volleyball, horse-riding and Maori crafts. We have student parties which are a great chance to get to know your classmates better. Sometimes we have theme parties, other times we have international dinner parties. These are also excellent opportunities to practice your English!

"The school events like the Halloween party were fun!"  
Jacques, Tahiti



Weekend Activities On weekends it's your choice - you can take it easy at home or go out and experience all kinds of activities. Get some friends together and take a trip to the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula, enjoy the hot springs in Rotorua or go bungy-jumping in Taupo, all these activities are easily accessed by car. If you don't feel like travelling you can stay in Mount Maunganui and go jet boating, rafting, play golf, go shopping or just enjoy the laid-back pace of life. In summer you can explore the surrounding beaches and in winter go snowboarding or skiing on Mount Ruapehu - just 3 hours from Mount Maunganui.

# homestay accommodation

Our Homestay families are carefully selected to ensure students have an enjoyable experience. Families are interviewed twice, checked by New Zealand Police and their homes are inspected before becoming a host family. Staying with a New Zealand family is the perfect way to practice your English and to make New Zealand friends.



We take care to match students with Homestays depending on their interests.

If students want to experience rural life in New Zealand we can arrange a farmstay experience. Students can stay on a farm for a weekend and have hands on experience of farming life. Most farms have sheep, cattle and horses.



Many Homestays provide bicycles for students to bike to school (Mount Maunganui is very flat so cycling is easy), or students can use the local bus service. We can also arrange fully-furnished apartment accommodation.



*"I had a very nice homestay, they gave me a lot of help and treated me like a member of their family."*  
Irene, Taiwan

**Airport Transfer Service** - We provide a shuttle bus transfer service from Auckland International Airport direct to the Homestay which takes approximately 2 1/2 hours. If you have arranged a domestic flight to Tauranga from Auckland our staff can meet you on arrival and assist you to the domestic terminal. Flights arriving or departing at very late or very early times, or on National Holidays may require an overnight stay in Auckland, which we can book for you.



*"I passed my Cambridge exam thanks to my wonderful teachers, thank you!!"*  
Rachel, Switzerland

*"The family atmosphere made me feel welcome and activities like the International Dinner Evening were very enjoyable."*  
Sarah, Switzerland

**Accreditation** - Mount Maunganui Language Centre is a member of ENGLISH NEW ZEALAND - your guarantee of a top quality English School. Mount Maunganui Language Centre has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Minister of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at <http://www.minedu.govt.nz>. Mount Maunganui Language Centre is registered as a Private Training Establishment by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

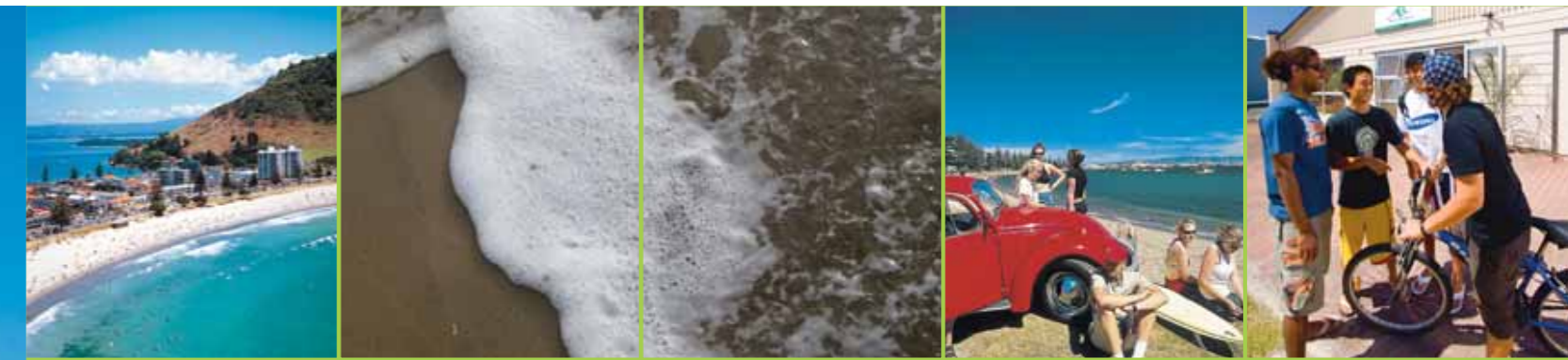
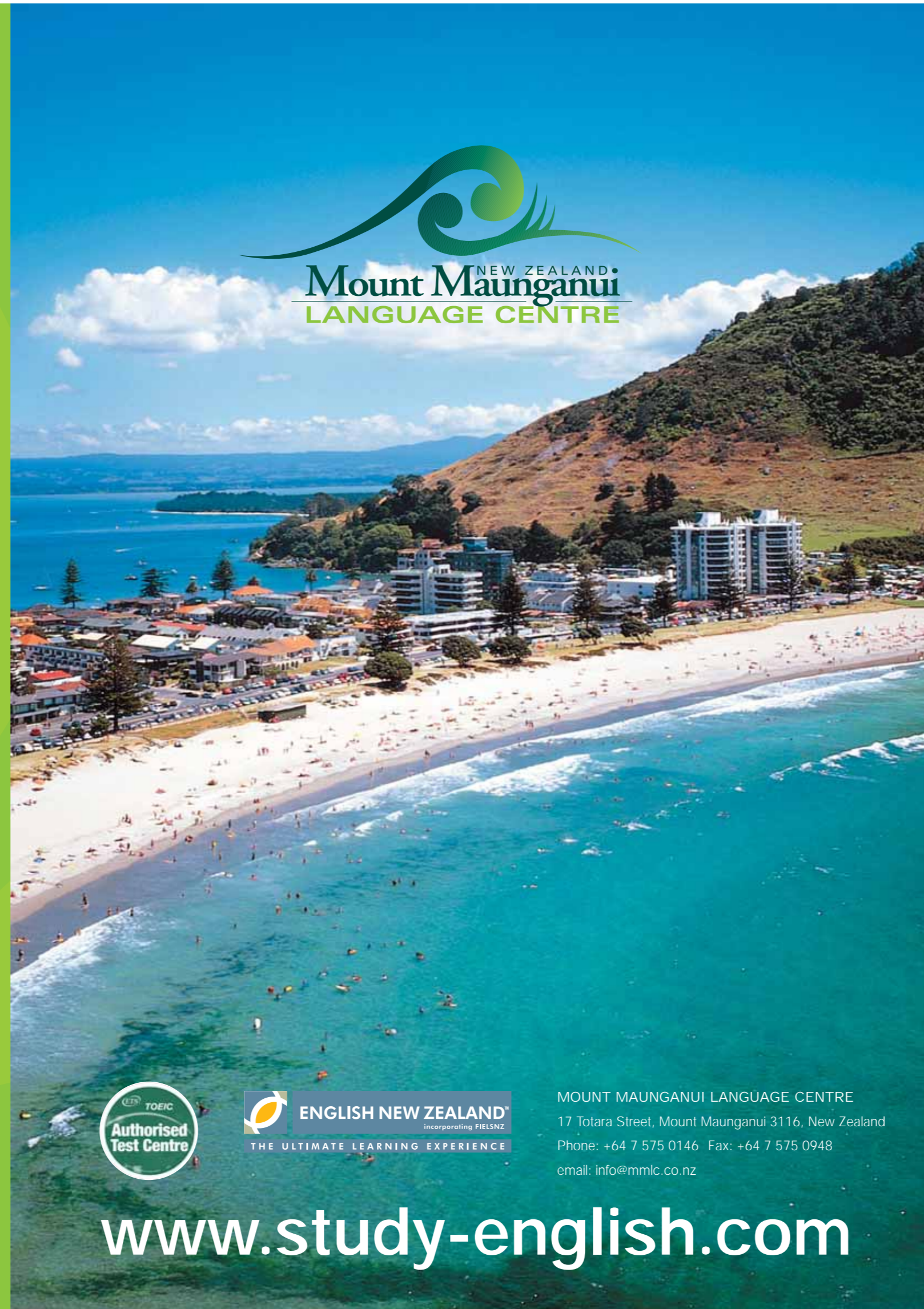
**Health and Travel Insurance** - All students must take out health insurance to cover any medical treatment in New Zealand. We can arrange this insurance at a very reasonable rate. We also recommend you obtain travel insurance as well.

**Immigration** - Full details of visa and permit requirements are available from the New Zealand Immigration Service website: [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)



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