



## 2026 Eniwa, Japan Exchange Programme Application Form

The Sister Cities Timaru/ Eniwa Exchange is a cultural and educational program designed to foster international friendship and understanding between the residents of Timaru, New Zealand, and Eniwa, Japan. Participants in this exchange will have the unique opportunity to experience daily life in a different country, attend local schools, and engage in community activities. The program aims to promote personal growth, cross-cultural communication, and a deeper appreciation of global diversity through immersive experiences. Successful applicants will also act as cultural ambassadors, sharing their own customs and traditions with their host families, thereby creating a lasting bond between the two Sister Cities.

Student Information:	
Full name:	
Address:	
Date of birth:	
Mobile number:	
Email address:	
School you attend:	
Year group in 2026:	
Health information (e.g. allergies):	
Dietary requirements:	

<b>Parent/Guardian Information:</b>	
Full name:	
Relationship to student:	
Mobile number:	
Email address:	
<b>Emergency Contact Information:</b>	
Full name:	
Relationship to student:	
Mobile number:	

**References (written reference from school or two personal contacts)**

<b>Reference One:</b>	
Name:	
Contact number:	
Email address:	
Reference letter attached:	YES/NO
<b>Reference Two:</b>	
Name:	
Contact Number:	
Email address:	
Reference letter attached:	YES/NO

## Student Biography

Please write a brief biography about yourself, including your interests, hobbies, and why you would like to participate in the exchange programme and be an ambassador for the Timaru District (minimum 200 words).

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## Permission Slip

I, give permission for, \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name), to participate in the 2026 Sister Cities, Eniwa, Japan Exchange Programme. I understand that this will involve international travel and home-hosted accommodation in Japan, with various cultural and educational activities.

By signing this permission slip, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the details of the programme and agree to the participation of my child.

### Disclaimer

- Any relevant medical conditions must be disclosed to ensure the safety and well-being of the student.
- All information provided will be kept confidential and used solely for the purposes of the exchange programme application.
- Estimated airfare is \$3,000 plus taxes and optional personal spending (\$250–\$500). Payment is due by March 2026. Funding or fundraising may be available.
- As this is an exchange it is expected that the successful applicant's families will be able to home host a reciprocal student from Eniwa (scheduled to arrive in March/ April 2026 – dates to be confirmed). Please note that this home hosting will require a police check.

Please submit this application form by Friday, 7 November 2025. Students that are shortlisted will be contacted by the Sister Cities Committee for an interview shortly after applications close.

- Parent/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your family prepared to home host an Eniwa student:     **NO / YES**

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### Check List:

These must be all correctly filled in & supplied otherwise the application will not be considered.

<b>Application Form</b>	
<b>Contact details and two written references</b>	
<b>Permission Slip completed</b>	
<b>Copy of identification verifying full name and date of birth</b>	
<b>Submission /Student biography</b>	

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