

KIWI@HOME

Employee support

Language and culture tuition



Helping support Christchurch's earthquake rebuild
with practical and efficient support



Helping students achieve through effective learning strategies

KIWI@HOME is an Education Support Service.

Our core business is making sure students succeed in their goals. We provide support in various ways; from direct tuition in English, culture, School subjects, specific need tuition such as English tests like IELTS, to cultural support and advice. We combine the roles of Agent, Counsellor and Education provider.

We are dedicated to providing a real, measurable and tangible result for our students and so we have established a very different teaching and learning model and very different standards for homestays and class structures as well. We are proud to be taking a small part in the rebuild of Christchurch and we are ultimately working towards changing the international student industry for the better, and make a new standard for all businesses, schools and homestays dealing with international students to operate to. KIWI@HOME is involved in various projects with the Student Volunteer Army, The Human Rights Commission, and the Christchurch-Kurashiki Sister City relationship, working towards the positive rebuild of Christchurch.

We have a large amount of experience in teaching ESOL and also in teaching New Zealand school curriculum subjects as well. We can provide expert tuition both directly and through other contracted tutors in most school subjects, and help with the English aspect of all curriculum subjects. We are experienced with immigration requirements of English, cultural difficulties of international students and visitors and how New Zealand is perceived through the eyes of visitors here.

We have a sole purpose designed classroom and office space attached to our house where classes are run, and we also do tuition over the internet, using Skype.

KIWI@HOME is a recognised member of the Human Rights Commission's New Zealand Diversity Action programme and has been recognised for positive contributions to race relations.



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Employee Support Lessons

In Christchurch now, more than ever, we are welcoming increasing numbers of international workers to help with the Christchurch rebuild. We have highly qualified workers from all over the world here now, and fluent, natural English is very important.

New Zealanders are quite clear in their expectations of your English, and your work life and satisfaction may well suffer if your accent is strong, or if you can't understand Kiwi expressions or accent. Also your understanding of cultural differences make a large contribution to your success and enjoyment of life in New Zealand.

We are working together with companies and organisations which hire internationally qualified workers, to make things work and to help Christchurch's rebuild progress smoothly and quickly.



There are 3 main things that we can do for you.

1. **Immigration requirements.** If you need a certain IELTS score to have your work visa approved, or to get your occupational registration approved quickly with the least cost, then we can help. Private IELTS classes that suit your level, abilities and expectations will help you get your Visa.
2. **Polish your English** Even if your English level is good enough to pass the IELTS requirements, you may still experience difficulties with New Zealanders not understanding your accent, or using it as an excuse to not follow your instructions. Some Kiwi slang, Kiwi accents and natural expressions may cause difficulty for you. Private lessons focused exactly on what you need to learn and building on what you already know, will help you quickly adapt to New Zealand life.
3. **Cultural understanding.** Language and culture are co-dependent, even people who have very good English skills have stress and problems when what they say is taken the wrong way or it is deemed inappropriate. Even situations where language isn't an issue cause problems when your understanding of a different culture is incomplete. If you are working or want to work in New Zealand, you will need to be able to have a good relationship with your employer and your workmates, and a lot of this depends on your cultural understanding.

Lessons tailored 100% to a specific study purpose are also available. We have made classes for students studying for their pilot's licence, doctors who need to write reports in English, engineering students who need guidance for creativity or understanding the design process, and so on. Our teachers are flexible, qualified and well educated, so understanding the technical jargon of your profession is no barrier for us.

The KIWI@HOME Study Method

We have created a unique method of study which makes it possible for students who have a strong will to improve to do so quickly and cost effectively. This way of studying has been developed over many years and has been continually proven to work.

The central idea of our study method is that you get exactly what you need and only what you need. we don't waste time and effort teaching you what you already know, so you know that your study time is more efficient.

Using our private lesson and small groups system, every student is given the best advice and teaching for their own personal improvement.



The language need is not limited to things like words that you don't know. The language need could be anything from pronunciation to a confusing cultural difference.

The important thing is that when you are trying your best to improve your own English, you will naturally have lots of questions. Getting those questions answered properly and then being able to practice with feedback is the key to fast success.

Teachers also understand exactly how much to teach and what they don't need to teach with this method, so class time is spent most efficiently.

The KIWI@HOME study method consists of 5 stages.

1. Identify language need. first you need to find out what you don't know but need to know. There are many things we all don't know and don't need to know, but the only way to find out what you need is by experience. This is important because this focuses your study efforts more efficiently.

2. Investigate. Try to find out a little more about the language need that you identified. look up the word in your dictionary, listen out for the phrase or pronunciation, etc

3. Get guidance and correction. Ask your teacher about the language need you identified and about what you have investigated. Your teacher will then correct any mistakes and give you guidance on how to use it correctly.

4. Practice. Practice with your teacher then practice outside the classroom in real situations. The classroom practice makes sure you are using the language correctly but the outside practice makes sure you learn it and don't forget.

5. Mastery. Once you've gone through these 4 steps properly you will be able to master that 1 language point and be ready to identify your next language

The first step

To begin your path to success, the first step is to contact us and arrange a time for a level assessment and personal guidance meeting. We will find out what you want to learn, what you need to learn and how the best way to progress will be. We also will discuss a tentative study schedule and assess how many lessons may be necessary for you to reach your goal.

KIWI@HOME has no enrolment fees, resource fees or any other extra fees for our standard listed classes. Whatever your study purpose is the rates for the class are the same. You use your private lesson to study what you like so there are no hidden fees or extra charges at all.

We operate a discount system where discounts are applied according to how many hours of lessons are paid for in advance.

The costs below are correct as of July 2012

	Standard rate	20 hours + discount rate	30 hours + discount rate	40 hours + discount rate
Internet lesson	\$45/hr	\$40/hr	\$38/hr	\$35/hr
Private lesson at our classroom	\$45/hr	\$40/hr	\$38/hr	\$35/hr
Private lesson at your place	\$70/hr	\$60/hr	\$60/hr	\$50/hr
Semi private lesson (2 + students)	\$25/hr (each)	\$24/hr (each)	\$22/hr (each)	\$20/hr (each)
Flex time private lesson	\$55/hr	\$55/hr	\$50/hr	\$45/hr

Semi-private lessons. The learners must be of similar level and have the same goals of study. A semi-private class will only be made once there are at least 2 learners enrolled.

Private lessons at your place. This is dependent on teacher availability and the location you wish the lessons to be held at. A surcharge may apply for longer travel time

Reschedules & cancellations. One cancellation is possible per month for whatever reason as long as at least 24 hours notice is given. This lesson will be made up at a later date.

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