

## Our impressions of life in Tauranga

Of course we had some expectations about how it was going to be and what a great opportunity our kids will have to learn about a different school system and make new friends.

What we experienced was even a lot more than we expected. Wonderful helpful people in an absolutely positive and active environment made schooldays fun and motivating from the first step. Despite the language barrier and a rather shy and reserved character of our kids, they made friends so amazingly quickly and enjoyed going to school every single day. The welcoming atmosphere of the teachers, the amazing equipment of the schools and especially the school events were just overwhelming.

We experienced Tauranga as a beautiful place to live. Its location at infinite beaches beside a quite remarkable size without being too busy all the time, wonderful places to relax like the area „The Strand“ in the city center or the absolutely relaxed Mount Maunganui surrounding brings a wonderful lifestyle. We loved fishing on the wharf, watching the cruise ships coming in, chatting with many lovely people, learning about their perspective and thoughts about life in New Zealand or just about the best way to catch Snapper. In general, what excited us the most was meeting all the wonderful people and how unbelievable we became involved in New Zealand life by our neighbors, the schools and everybody we thankfully met.

New Zealand will always be in our hearts and an important part of our life. We thank you all so much!!

With very kind regards back from Germany  
Martin, Franzi, Klara and Tillmann

