

What is it?

Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu – The Correspondence School's early childhood education service is a free programme designed for your child by qualified teachers based in Wellington.

Our teachers will work in partnership with your family using the early childhood curriculum, Te Whariki, to create and develop an individual programme of learning for your child.



For more information please contact us on our toll free number: **0800 65 99 88**, ext: **8699** or email our Early Childhood Manager, Jenny Hayes: jenny.hayes@tekura.school.nz

You can enrol online at:
www.tekura.school.nz/enrol-with-us

Remember: your child is able to attend a licensed early childhood centre for up to eight hours per week and still be enrolled in this programme.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



Learning at home for
three to five year olds

How does early childhood distance education work?

You will be sent a range of learning materials by post, which may include books, puzzles, games, audio CDs and DVDs. Some of these will be for your child to keep.

In each posting you'll also receive information about child development, as well as ideas for play activities and learning experiences for your child.

You will build a relationship with your teacher by maintaining regular contact via our free phone number, email, letters or visits to Wellington. We hold regular day events throughout the country that offer you and your children a chance to meet their teacher and the other families who live in your area.

There are also options to use technology and computer resources while enrolled with us. Your teacher will work with you to incorporate these tools into your child's programme. Go to our website at www.tekura.school.nz/ech to see some of our online resources.

Who can use this service?

Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu's early childhood service is for children aged three to five years old with the option of remaining until they turn six.

Your child is able to attend a licensed early childhood centre for up to eight hours per week and still be enrolled in this programme.

If you do not meet the eligibility criteria listed in this brochure, you can apply to your local Ministry of Education office.

Visit our website at www.tekura.school.nz for more information.

Are you eligible?

Your child must be between three and five years old and meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Distance – you live more than six kilometres from your nearest licensed early childhood centre.
- Itinerant – you are travelling at least six months of the year, continuously.
- High health needs – your child or their sibling/s or caregiver has a medical condition which prevents them attending an early childhood centre (medical certificate and supporting documentation will be required).
- Special developmental needs – your child has special development needs that are not catered for at their local early childhood environment.
- Special circumstances – there are special circumstances which prevent attendance at a local early childhood centre.

