

CREATE A WELCOME PACK



Arriving in **Aotearoa** as a refugee can be an exciting but also a scary experience for a child, especially when they start school!

We are asking our school communities to create **welcome packs** or **videos** with **important information about starting school** for our newest New Zealanders. These will be shared with our partners at the Māngere Refugee Resettlement centre, who will share these with the children to help them prepare for school transition. Get in touch to send your packs or share your videos with us at education@scnz.org.nz

Ideas include:

- A welcome to Aotearoa letter or video
- Photos or a tour of a New Zealand school
- Tips for getting ready for school
- Packing your school bag
- School uniforms
- Tips for making friends
- New Zealand culture
- Maori greetings and phrases

VOCABULARY

REFUGEE - is a person who is **forced** to leave their home because their life is in danger and they cross a border to escape to another country. People might have to flee their homes due to war or **conflict**, or **persecution**. There are 26.4 million refugees in the world.

ASYLUM SEEKER - is a person who is forced to leave their home because their life is in danger, and is seeking refugee status. Every refugee is initially an asylum seeker.

FORMER REFUGEE OR REFUGEE BACKGROUND PERSON OR LEARNER - Once they have arrived in Aotearoa, people entering through our refugee resettlement programme are now New Zealand **residents** and **no longer** a refugee. They have found refuge and safety in Aotearoa.

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSON (IDP) - is a person who is **forced** to leave their home because their life is in danger, but they stay within their country borders. There are 55 million IDPs in the world.

MIGRANT- is a person who **chooses** to move to another country for a **temporary** amount of time, usually to pursue an opportunity such as work or study.

IMMIGRANT- is a person who **chooses** to move to another country **permanently**, usually to pursue an opportunity such as work, a better lifestyle, or to join family.