

«We initially decided to send our son to Terra Nova so that he could obtain the intercultural competence that we believe is fundamental in this world. What we have received these last 5 years goes beyond our highest expectations. Terra Nova provides the space and support for our son to flourish in his own way, whilst at the same time giving an education that fosters a higher level of connectivity and supports the richness of human capacity. This is, in our view, the best way to support our son in moving towards a very uncertain future. Last but not least, it is a happy place. The staff and students encourage each other, understand each other and assist each other. Utopia does indeed exist at Florastrasse 19, 8700 Küsnacht.»

*Swiss Italian-American family with child in primary school.
At Terra Nova since Kindergarten 1*

«All three of our children have, at some point, been students at Terra Nova. We chose the school not only because it offers high-quality bilingual education, but also because we were impressed with the personal touch and strong sense of community. Classes are small enough to allow a tailored learning experience. Teachers and staff are highly qualified. Both they and the school principal and her staff are fully present and responsive to all our concerns. Terra Nova has provided a safe and nurturing environment for our children to learn and develop, as well as a partner for us in parenting and educating our children.»

International family with 3 children that attended our school

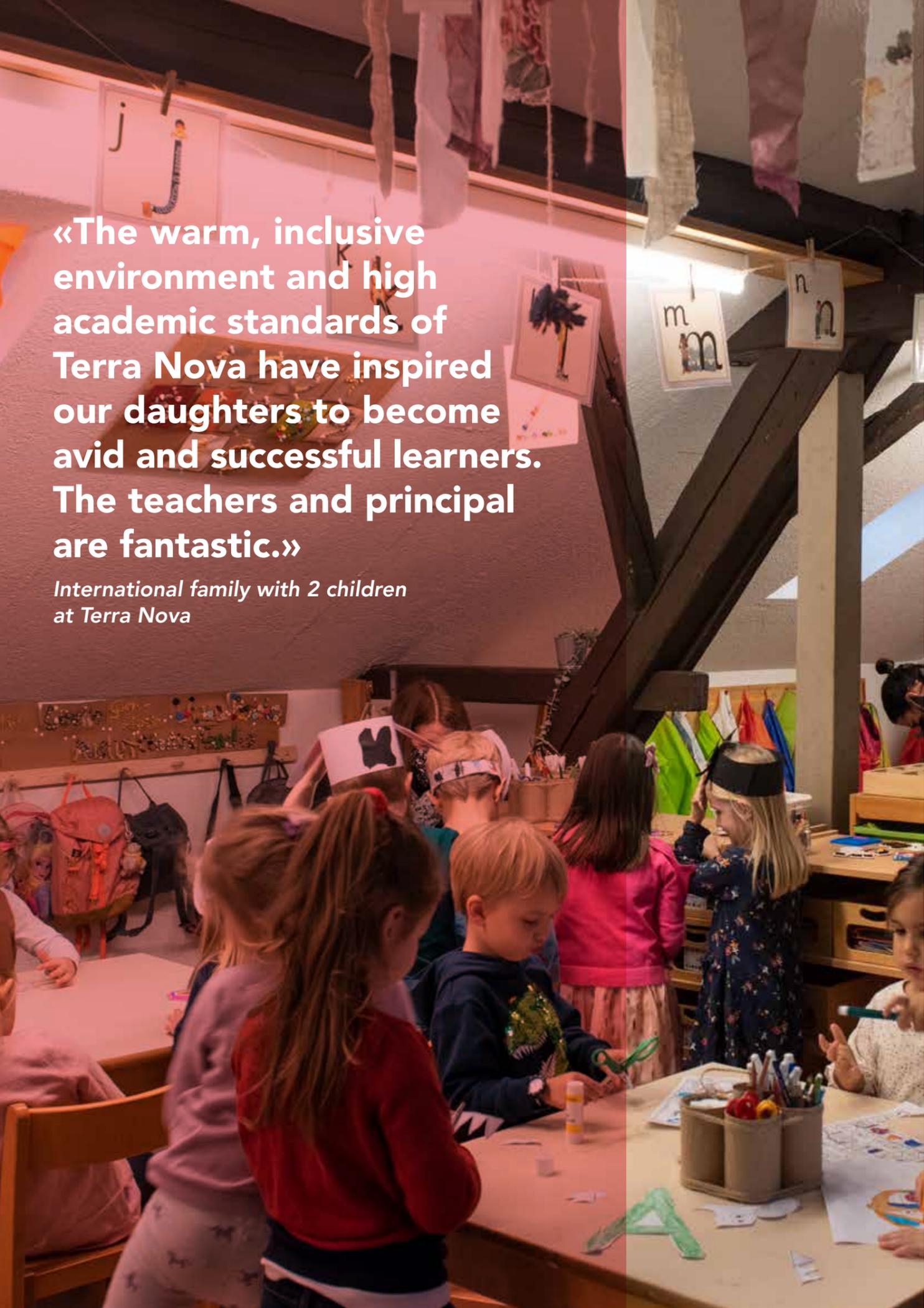
«We have been very happy with the caring and nurturing environment provided throughout the whole school at Terra Nova. Our children received excellent language support, and were proficient in the German language in a surprisingly short time despite having joined the school without speaking any German. The school provides a fun and stimulating atmosphere in which to learn.»

American family with 2 children in primary school



Fact Sheet

Terra Nova Bilingual School



«The warm, inclusive environment and high academic standards of Terra Nova have inspired our daughters to become avid and successful learners. The teachers and principal are fantastic.»

International family with 2 children at Terra Nova

About us

Terra Nova at a glance

Terra Nova Bilingual School opens new worlds for your child. We accompany our students from the age of 3 in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten through to the end of primary school. In a close-knit yet international environment, we support them as they learn, discover their interests, and develop as individuals – encouraging and also challenging them throughout.

How we guarantee academic success

We support each child individually

- ✓ Small classes
- ✓ Highly qualified mother tongue teachers
- ✓ Extension and support programmes
- ✓ Intellect, creativity and personality are equally promoted

We lay the foundation for future success

- ✓ Targeted preparation for secondary schools
- ✓ Systematic training of central learning and working techniques

We inspire

- ✓ Vast range of challenging learning stimuli
- ✓ Modern and innovative teaching methods

We are also here for your child outside teaching hours

- ✓ Flexible before and after school care
- ✓ Varied extracurricular programme
- ✓ Holiday programme during 6 weeks per year
- ✓ School bus for a safe journey to and from school

We combine local roots with a global mindset

- ✓ Consistent bilingual teaching according to the Swiss curriculum (Lehrplan 21) and Cambridge Curriculum
- ✓ Teachers and students from Switzerland as well as all over the world

Registration



Contact us

Contact us to arrange an initial consultation meeting.



Initial consultation

A consultation meeting gives us the opportunity to get to know the student and the family.



Progress reports

We request the last two progress reports from the current or previous school.



Trial week

Students interested in joining our school in Grades 1 or higher are required to visit our school for a few non-binding trial days to get to know Terra Nova.



Decision

The principal, together with the feedback from the teachers, the family and the child, decides whether our school is the right choice for the student.



Pre-kindergarten

What's unique about us

At our bilingual pre-kindergarten, the children are offered stimulating spaces to learn, play and experience.

- ✓ Loving and professional care by mother tongue kindergarten teachers
- ✓ Low student-to-teacher ratio (1:4 / 1:6)
- ✓ Targeted promotion of cognitive, social and emotional skills
- ✓ Varied activities
- ✓ Learning through play
- ✓ Individualised response to the needs of each child
- ✓ Balanced promotion of language competence in German and English

Choose the right time model

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Model 1	5 Mornings	■	■	■	■	■
	4 Afternoons	■	■	X	■	■
Model 2	5 Mornings	■	■	■	■	■
	2 Afternoons of your choice	■	■	X	■	■
Model 3	4 Mornings	■	■	X	■	■
	2 Afternoons of your choice	■	■	X	■	■
Model 4	5 Mornings	■	■	■	■	■
	0 Afternoons	X	X	X	X	X

- ✓ Lessons for morning only enrolment end before lunch at 11:30 a.m. (Wednesdays at 11:50 a.m.)
- ✓ Lunch is included for children enrolled for morning and afternoon classes
- ✓ With snacks and lunch, we value healthy, balanced and child-friendly eating habits
- ✓ Children can be admitted to our pre-kindergarten from the age of 3, as long as they are potty trained
- ✓ Entry during school year possible

Kindergarten

What's unique about us

- ✓ Small classes with max. 18 students
- ✓ Low student-to-teacher ratio (1:4 / 1:6)
- ✓ Playful introduction to reading, writing and arithmetic
- ✓ Consistently bilingual: half of the week is taught in English, the other half in German

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Primary school

What's unique about us

- ✓ Small classes with max. 18 students
- ✓ Low student-to-teacher ratio (1:4 / 1:6)
- ✓ Extension and support programmes
- ✓ Differentiated instruction
- ✓ Language support programmes for students new to English or German
- ✓ Music, sports, handicrafts & art, theater, media & information technology as well as French are taught by specialist teachers
- ✓ Preparation for entrance exam to Gymnasium

Schooling options after primary school

Terra Nova is recognised by the Canton of Zurich and follows Curriculum 21 as well as the Cambridge Curriculum in English. This opens doors for our students to numerous secondary schools in Switzerland and worldwide:

- ✓ Public long-term «Swiss Gymnasium» after passing the entrance exam
- ✓ Without exam Pre-IGCSE-programme (bilingual secondary school) followed by the English speaking college at Academia International School in Zurich Oerlikon
- ✓ Transfer to public secondary school in Switzerland
- ✓ Transfer to another private school (Gymnasium or secondary school)

School life

Before and after school care

As a day school, we offer a comprehensive and flexible range of childcare before and after school as well as during the holidays:

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Flexible before school care
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Arrival of students
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Lessons
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch*
1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Lessons
3:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Flexible after school care, extracurricular activities

*On Wednesday, classes end at 12:00 p.m, followed by flexible after school care from 12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

- ✓ Varied extracurricular programme with more than 20 clubs each year (e.g. ballet, chess, arts, robotics, yoga, homework, self-defense, kung fu)
- ✓ Holiday programme during 6 weeks per year: fun and interesting themes with daily or weekly activities
- ✓ School bus service to collect children and take them home safely again

Our Team

Approximately 40 people are employed at our school – qualified, certified and with an education in their country of origin. The different learning cultures have a fruitful and challenging influence. Local and international influences lead to an open, tolerant cooperation that is also carried over to the children.

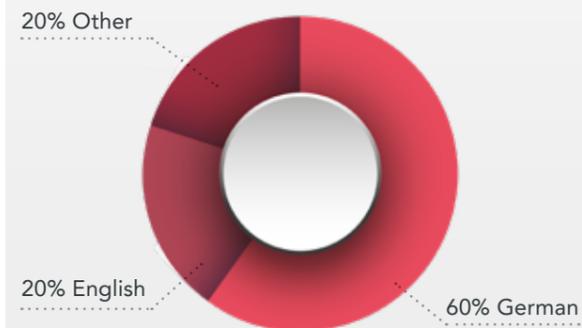
Our community

Our students

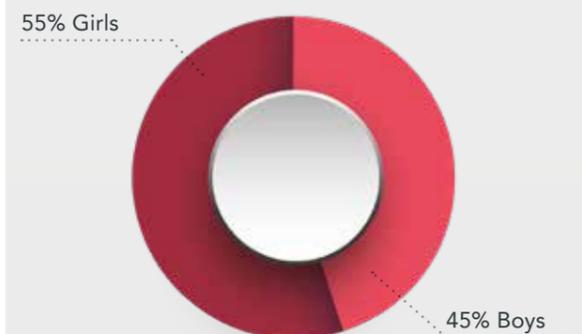
Around 150 pupils from 20 nations attend our school: this size allows us to respond to the needs of each individual child and to create a familiar learning environment for all.

Languages spoken

The popularity of bilingual schools is growing every year, especially with monolingual families. Studies show that the pupils not only have a high level of language competence, but also perform better in other subjects, including mathematics.



Ratio girls to boys



Our school

Location

Terra Nova Bilingual School is situated in the heart of Küssnacht.

Facilities

- ✓ 18 modern class rooms
- ✓ Separate building for kindergarten
- ✓ Spatially separate pre-kindergarten with own entrance
- ✓ I-Pads with keyboard for all primary school students
- ✓ Well-equipped art and music rooms
- ✓ Cafeteria and auditorium for larger school events
- ✓ Various break areas
- ✓ Big library with reading corner on the top floor

Academia Group

Terra Nova is part of the Academia Group, one of the largest education providers in Switzerland. We benefit from the exchange with our sister schools; Academia Bilingual School in Basel and Winterthur and Academia International School in Basel, Winterthur and Zurich.

