



## 1. BACKGROUND AND EARLY LIFE

Ethan Ruizhe Cao was born on 20 October 2021 in Auckland, New Zealand. He lived there until 1 year and 7 months old before moving to Beijing with his family in June 2023. He is expected to return to New Zealand in January 2027 to begin Year 1.

## 2. EARLY ADMISSION TO BSB

In October 2024, Ethan was granted early admission to the Nursery at The British School of Beijing (BSB), a Nord Anglia Education school, following a school-led assessment. He attended Term 2 and Term 3 of the 2024–2025 academic year and will remain in the Nursery for 2025–2026. He is expected to complete Term 1 of Reception in late 2026 before returning to New Zealand.

## 3. ACCELERATED LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT

Ethan began the Montessori Sensory Exploration Course at age 3 years and 1 month, a program typically designed for children aged 3.5 and up. He has since completed Grade 1 and is now in Grade 2. At 3 years and 6 months, he also started weekly PE classes for children aged 4 and above, and has been attending regular climbing classes since July 2025.

## 4. PERSONAL INTERESTS AND EXPLORATION

Ethan has a strong interest in science, animals, and vehicles—including rockets, cars, and airplanes. We support his curiosity through visits to museums, parks, zoos, aquariums, libraries, and bookstores. He holds an annual pass to Universal Studios Beijing, has visited Shanghai Disneyland, and enjoys other theme parks and hotels.

## 5. CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION

Ethan began his Montessori journey at 1 year and 8 months. At 2 years and 6 months, he passed an interview and entered a full-day Montessori toddler class for children aged 3–4, where he remained until joining BSB. At 3 years and 4 months, he started LEGO robotics classes, and at 3 years and 8 months, he submitted an artwork to the 2025 National Youth Art Exhibition hosted by the Central Academy of Fine Arts.