

# - PROFILE -

## BACKGROUND

The Williamstown High School Concert Band began five years ago. After the persistent commitment of students and staff, the band has reached an advanced level of performance and has earned a good reputation in the Western Region.

Initial funding for instruments came from the Commonwealth Government's Disadvantaged Schools Program and now all funding is done through a school-based committee consisting of parents, students and teachers. Students in the concert band range from ages 13 to 20 and the musical and social interaction between them is outstanding.

The idea for a performance tour in New Zealand was a result of two factors: the wish for some out-of-town performances, and the involvement in the band of two enthusiastic teachers from Whangerei last year. When the idea first occurred outside the music room last year, there was an immediate recognition of its worth and a feeling that it would definitely happen.

## AIM

The tour will give students an opportunity to perform in a completely different setting. They will benefit from exposure to a different culture in another country and they will learn more about teamwork, discipline and self-reliance.

## CREDITS

Co-ordinator: Finn Koren  
Musical Director: Aydin Abdullah  
Travel Research: Robert Harry  
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The Kiwi Connection: Rob and Stephanie Davidson  
The Committee: President: Maria Bennett  
Secretary: Peter Grigg  
Treasurer: Bernadette Brogan  
Student Reps: Aicha Brogan  
Tamsin Bennett  
Eleanor Grigg

The Band: Holly, Kathy, Faith, Zillah, Eleanor, Brooke, Kylie, Skye, Lucette, Erin, Astrid, Johnny, Rebecca, Tamsin, Simone, Shaun, George, Jamila, Aicha, Thi, Tong, Bradley, Naomi, Finn, Rob and Aydin.

Fundraising activity will have contributed to more than half of the total costs, and apart from the admirable efforts of the committee and band, we acknowledge the generosity of the following supporters:

Williamstown City Council  
The Rotary Club of Williamstown  
Troy Music  
Williamstown High School Council  
La Mama Theatre  
Scienceworks Museum  
Toyota Australia  
The soul band 'Wet Reeds'  
The WHS classical quartet  
All of the raffle ticket and chocolate bar buyers - thank you for your support!



**ITINERARY - 1992 NEW ZEALAND TOUR**  
**- WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL -**

**DAY 1 - SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER:**

- 11.00 am Meet at Melbourne Airport (Air New Zealand) for luggage and ticketing procedure/money exchange/Duty Free shopping.
- 12.50 pm Depart on NZ Flight 006. Four hour flight including dinner.
- 6.15 pm (N.Z. time) Arrive Auckland. Customs and Immigration.
- 7.00 pm Pack bus and depart for Auckland City Youth hostel.
- 7.30 pm Arrive Youth Hostel (advance booking). Unload minimum luggage (sufficient for one night), supper, leisure and bed (10.00 pm).

**DAY 2 - MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER:**

- 7.00 am Rise, showers, pack and breakfast.
- 8.30 am Depart for Queen Street. Shopping in groups of minimum of three.
- 10.30 am Meet at hostel. Depart on bus for Victoria Park Market. Shopping in same groups of three - visit oriental market.
- 12.00noon Depart for Kelly Tarltons. Visit Aquarium Underwater Tunnel.
- 1.30 pm Depart for Whangarei via other well-known Auckland sights. Brief stops en route.
- 4.30 pm Arrive Taurikura Baptist Camp. Meet host students and staff. Un-pack, set up for rehearsal/dinner preparation.
- 6.00 pm Dinner.
- 7.00 pm Rehearsal of all repertoire.
- 10.00 pm Bed.

DAY 3 - TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER:

- 7.00 am Rise, showers, breakfast preparation.
- 8.00 am Breakfast, briefing, clean up.
- 9.00 am Tune up.
- 9.30 am **PERFORMANCE NO.1** for 100 students of Whangarei Heads Primary School (at camp site).
- 10.30 am Pack bus (instruments) and depart for Bream Bay. Refreshments (Jull!)
- ~~11.30~~<sup>12.00</sup> pm Arrive Bream Bay College. Set up. Lunch at canteen. Tune up. ↓  
after
- 12.35 pm **PERFORMANCE NO.2**
- 1.20 pm Pack bus. Depart for camp. (Lunch at canteen + quick walk on beach)
- 3.35 pm Walk to canoeing location (see appendix for details re safety regulation requirements). General exploration of still waters (Inlet).
- 5.30 pm Dinner preparation.
- 6.30 pm "Hangi" feast with hosts. Evening entertainment including Moari dance and Australian songs.
- 10.00 pm Bed.

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER:

- 8.00 am Rise, showers, breakfast preparation.
- 9.00 am Breakfast. Briefing. Extra rehearsal if needed. Pack. Clean camp site. Pack bus. 45 minute walk
- 11.35 am Depart for Whangarei.
- 12.20 pm Arrive Tikipunga High School. Set up. Lunch at canteen.
- 1.20 Maori club welcome + songs
- 2.20 pm **PERFORMANCE NO.3** (includes items by Moari students).
- 3.15 pm Pack bus. Depart for ~~Forum North~~ (concert venue).  
*Hosts homes - dinner  
stall + bus to Forum North*
- ~~4.00 pm Set up. Meet billet hosts. Depart with hosts for dinner at their homes.~~ Set up
- 6.45 pm Meet back at Forum North. Tune up.
- 7.30 pm **PERFORMANCE NO.4** (public performance). Interval at half time.
- 9.00 pm Pack bus (instruments). Depart with hosts (or bus drops off as needed).

**DAY 5 - THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER:**

- 8.40 am Meet at Tikipunga High School (billet hosts drive students or bus picks up as needed). Farewells and depart for Pompalies College.
- 9.15 am Arrive Pompalies College. Set up and tune.
- 10.00 am **PERFORMANCE NO.5**
- 11.00 am Refreshments. Pack bus. Depart for Dargaville via Kauri forest. Picnic lunch and sight-seeing en route.
- 1.00 pm Arrive Dargaville. Lunch and visit Dargaville Museum.
- 3.30 pm Arrive Dargaville High School. Set up for rehearsal. Meet billet hosts. Depart with hosts for dinner at their homes.
- 6.30 pm Meet at Dargaville High School. Rehearsal with D.H.S. concert band.
- 8.30 pm Supper and return with hosts to homes.

**DAY 6 - FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER:**

- 8.40 am Meet at Dargaville High School. Tune up.
- 9.30 am **PERFORMANCE NO.6**
- 10.45 am Refreshments. Pack bus and farewells. Depart for Russell via Waipoua and/or Kauri forests. Picnic lunch and sight-seeing en route.
- 3.00 pm Arrive Opuia Town Hall. Set up. Meet billet hosts. Depart with hosts for dinner at their homes.
- 7.00 pm Meet at Opuia Town Hall. Tune up.
- 7.30 pm **PERFORMANCE NO.7** (public performance). Interval at half time.
- 9.00 pm Pack bus (instruments). Depart with hosts to their homes.

**DAY 7 - SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER:**

- 8.45 am Meet at Russell Wharf. Farewells.
- 9.10 am Cape Brett boat trip around Bay of Islands (large vessel/non canoe size). Quartet performance on board. General sight-seeing and exploration. Lunch on boat. Alight at Pauhia.
- 1.00 pm Travel to Russell Town Hall. Set up & tune.
- 2.00 pm **PERFORMANCE NO.8 (Public Performance)**
- 3.00 pm Refreshments. Pack bus. Depart for Whangarei.
- 4.30 pm Arrive 5 Jessie Street, Tikipunga (home of our host staff). Depart with billet hosts from Day 4 (or bus drops off as needed).

**DAY 8 - SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER:**

- 11.30 am (Sleep in!) Meet at Jessie Street. Sad farewells and depart for Auckland. Swim at natural mineral pool en route (see appendix re safety regulations). Lunch after the swim.
- 5.00 pm Arrive Pukekohe High School. Meet billet hosts. Depart with hosts for their homes.

**DAY 9 - MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER:**

- 8.15 am Meet at Pukekohe High School. Set up.
- 9.00 am **PERFORMANCE NO.9**
- 10.00 am Refreshments. Pack bus. Farewells and depart for Auckland City Centre.
- 11.15 pm Arrive City Centre (main shopping Mall - exact location to be finalized). Set up. One hour of shopping. Lunch (packed by billots).
- 12.45 pm **PERFORMANCE NO.10 (Public performance - The Finale).**
- 1.45 pm Pack bus. Depart for Rotorua
- 5.30 pm Arrive Rotorua Youth Hostel. Check in (pre-booked). Unload overnight bags. Dinner and leisure at hostel, including swimming in the hot thermal pool (see Appendix re Safety).

**DAY 10 - TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER:**

- 7.30 am Rise, showers and breakfast.
- 9.00 am Tour and general sight-seeing/exploration of the area including Geysers (see appendix re safety regulations). Lunch at Kiosk.
- 2.30 pm Depart for Auckland.
- 5.45 pm Arrive Auckland City Youth Hostel. Off-load minimum luggage sufficient for one night and return travel. Check-in. Walk to restaurant in Queens Street (preferably not MacDonalds).
- 6.45 pm Dinner and end of tour speeches and awards. Walk to hostel.
- 8.45 pm Leisure time at hostel. Prepare bags for early departure.
- 11.00 pm Bed.

**DAY 11 - WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER:**

- 6.15 am Rise and shower. Pack bus.
- 7.15 am Depart for Auckland Airport.
- 7.45 am Arrive at Airport. Unload. Farewells to our loyal bus driver. Ticketing and luggage procedure/money exchange.
- 9.10 am Depart for Melbourne on Air New Zealand Flight 121. Four hour flight includes full breakfast.
- 11.15 am (Melbourne time). Arrive Melbourne Airport. Customs and Immigration. Parents meet students.