



HAERE MAI!

*From the International Department of William Colenso College
to our partner agencies and parents of current international students.
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Current student numbers:

Germany – 3

Japan – 7

Vietnam – 2

Thailand – 1

USA – 1

Sweden – 1

Brazil - 10

Total – 25

2017



2018

Aspire! Act! Achieve!

Oh dear! Here we are, nearly half way through the year and this is only the third issue of HAERE MAI! for 2019. As one gets older there just seems to be less time in which to do things. There are a few things to report on including a Mayoral reception, the annual international trip around central North Island and the participation of two of our internationals in a performing arts trip to Melbourne, Australia. Below you will see an account of this trip written by Leah Kersey, Dance Teacher. The two international students involved were Kana Kokubun (Japan) and Michael Le (Vietnam).

Enjoy the read - Robin

On the 12th April a group of 25 Performing Arts students embarked on a trip to Melbourne for a week, the group arrived in Melbourne after a day of travel to a hotel in the middle of Melbourne city.

During the week the group performed at St Kilda, toured the city, worked with The Melbourne Rock Academy where music students grouped with other budding musicians from Melbourne to form bands, worked with professional dance tutors, toured the Institute of Music and shopped. One of the main highlights was going to the professional show West Side Story.

On the last night of the trip, the students opened the night with the performance we had put together over the term. It was an emotional moment for us as students wowed the audience with their talent and professionalism. Our music students also proved how easily they could work with strangers and put together a performance that was enjoyable and entertaining. Our year of hard work truly felt like it had paid off. Our small school here in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand was well represented.

During our time people who had seen us perform made an effort to come and talk to us with fantastic feedback. Our group of students came back home 10 feet taller filled with many wonderful memories. It has been an amazing highlight for our school and Performing Arts. Thank you again to everyone who has helped us get there over the last year.

Leah Kersey HOL Performing Arts.



Student account of International Trip

On Monday 13th of May some of the international students went on the trip to Rotorua with Jody and Mr. Gold. We got together at the outdoor education room at 5:30 a.m. to pack some tents and sleeping bags. At 6 o'clock we went to the bus and got our trip started.

After a quick stop in Taupo, we headed to Hobbiton and arrived there at 10:30 in the morning. We got into a bus and we went to the movie set to start our tour. We saw the Hobbit houses, some clothes of the movie and we also stopped to drink ginger beer there. The Tour guide was super cool, she knew heaps of things about the Hobbit and she shared some of those things with us.

Then we visited the Agrodome in Rotorua and in the beginning we walked around the place and we met some alpacas. We played with them and after we came to see the presentation. Some of the students also stopped to buy some things there.

When we went out of the Agrodome, we went to the place where we would stay camping - the Blue Lake. We set up our tents with Mr. Gold's help and after that we got together to have dinner and play some games. The first night was too cold and some students couldn't sleep because of this. The temperature was around 2 degrees and felt like -1 sometimes. Jody woke us up at 7a.m. to have breakfast and to get ready to go to the Rainbow Mountain. We were supposed to go kayaking but due the rainy and cold weather Mr Gold preferred to climb this mountain.

It was a tough path but in the end it was worth it because we learnt a lot of things about that place and the company we had was great and some of us surpassed our limits. In the end we had lunch and got into the thermal pools (Kerosene Creek). In the afternoon we came back to where we were camping to get dressed to go to Te Puia.

When we were going to Te Puia we stopped in the Kuirau Park. There we saw some geysers, we played at the playground and also we took a lot of photos. It's a beautiful place to get together with people who you like. Some minutes later we finally arrived in the Te Puia.

At first we got our tickets and we came in to the place. Before entering the lounge we stopped in a really nice store at the front and bought some goodies. When we went to the lounge we were presented to the tour guides and got our tour started. First of all we saw two men making food with the Hungi Method. After that we saw a Maori presentation. They did a welcome presentation to us, a woman there sang (it was really beautiful), the men did the Haka and they also called some people in the crowd to try to do the Haka, including some of the students. Then we had an amazing dinner and we also went up to see some geysers whilst we drank hot chocolate. It was one of the best moments we had here in New Zealand. Around ten o'clock we came back home and we slept to wake up early in the following day.

On our last day of the trip, we went to the Waikato River and we went jet boating. We put on some clothes, we were presented to our tour guide (he was amazing) and then we got in the jet boat. At the beginning we were going slowly so we could get to know more things about the Waikato River. We arrived in a spot where we had to go walking through the stones and it was fun (and narrow) path. There we also went to some thermal pools and we stayed there for 30 minutes. On our way back our guide started to go faster, it was really cool.

After jet boating we went to Bungee Jump because two of the students wanted to jump on it. The place there was amazing. Then we went to Taupo to have lunch and we came back to Napier.

Written by Larissa Rodrigues and Rhuan Guilherme.

May 28th, 2019.

Larissa



Rhuan



More images from the trip.



Mayoral Reception

Each year the Mayors of Napier and Hastings hold a reception to welcome all international students to the Hawke's Bay region. Here are some of Colenso's internationals with Napier's Deputy Mayor.