



ACS

Associated Christian Schools

Christian education for the common good

New Zealand Study Tour

10 - 22 September 2023

Information Booklet



Welcome & Introduction

Welcome to the New Zealand Study Tour. During this trip we will be travelling a reasonable amount and having to make certain fixed meeting points and times. It is essential that we maintain cohesion as a group. The following are some useful guidelines.

Weather

On the North Island, temperatures between 7 to 17°C and on the South Island, anything from 5 to 17°C.

Dress Code

Business Attire (coat and tie) for the school visits and meetings, and casual clothing for other activities. Layering is recommended due to variations in climate.

Schools Visits

If you decide not to join the group for any particular school visit, please let me know this in advance as schools have been advised on the set number of people attending the visit. This is just a courtesy that we can let the schools know if our numbers have changed.

Illness

Please let me know if you become ill at any time during the tour and I can assist you as best as possible.

Flights

We have a number of early morning flights, so bring a good alarm.

Each evening I will make known the time of departure for the next morning.

I look forward to having a great time together.

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Schedule

Transportation - Car hire

Company: Hertz
Pickup & Drop Off Location: Tauranga Airport
Drivers: Ethan Kuss, Robyn Hair, Gary Cully



Accommodation - Tauranga



Location: Trinity Wharf Tauranga
Address: 51 Dive Cres, Tauranga
Check In: Monday 10th September
Check Out: Tuesday 12th September
Notes: Breakfast Included

School Visit - Bethlehem College



Visit Time: 9:30 AM to Early Afternoon
Principal: Larne Edmeades
Character: Christian | State-integrated | 1-13
Points of Interest: Early example of a 'state-integrated' school. Bicultural integration with Christian worldview
Website: <https://www.beth.school.nz/>
Background: Bethlehem College believe that every child is unique & created in the image of God with gifts & talents that when developed and used enable them to flourish. The curriculum includes academic, cultural, sporting and moral pursuits. Staff members are committed to establishing strong relationships with students, as these relationships provide the foundation for teaching, learning, discipleship, pastoral care and personal development. The teaching and learning ethos at Bethlehem College encourages a personal faith in Jesus Christ, a strong work ethic, involvement in a wide range of college and community activities, and a life of service and leadership.



Schedule

Transportation - Flight

Carrier: Air New Zealand
Depart: 7:05am, Tauranga Airport
Arrive: 7:45am, Auckland Domestic Airport



Transportation - Car Hire

Company: Europcar
Pickup: Tuesday 12th, Auckland Domestic Airport
Drop Off: Thursday 14th, Auckland Domestic Airport
Drivers: Ethan Kuss, Robyn Hair, Gary Cully



Accommodation - Auckland

Location: Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour
Address: 21 Viaduct Harbour Ave, Auckland
Check In: Tuesday 12th September
Check Out: Thursday 14th September
Notes: Includes access to Club and buffet Breakfast



School Visit - Saint Kentigern College

Visit Time: Around 9:00 AM depending on flight arrival times.
Principal: Damon Emtrage (formerly DP at BBC)
Character: Presbyterian | Independent | co-ed | 9-13
Points of Interest: Example of a 'newer' traditional independent school
Website: <https://www.saintkentigern.com/>
Background: The Mission commits us to fostering a caring school environment where the potential of each and every student is realised to the full, and service to others is considered ahead of personal gain. The involvement of parents and families in many aspects of school life, including Chapel services, social gatherings and class and school events, is a vital part of the Saint Kentigern experience.



Schedule

School Visit - Elim Christian College

TUESDAY

12

September

Visit Time: 1:00 PM - Lunch & Afternoon

Principal: Murray Burton

Character: Christian | State-integrated | co-ed | 1-13

Points of Interest: Bicultural integration

Website: <https://www.elim.school.nz/>

Background: Elim Christian College aims to be a deeply authentic, future-focused learning community by engaging in timeless principles and innovative practices and by integrating a focused biblical worldview so that each student will echo the words of Jeremiah 29:11 in the Bible, where it says: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope."



School Visit - Kingsway College

WEDNESDAY

13

September

Visit Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Character: Christian | State-integrated | co-ed | 1-13

Points of Interest: Example of cooperation between school, trust, and proprietor.

School Principal: Graeme Budler

Website: <https://kingsway.school.nz/>

Background: KingsWay School exists to work in partnership with Christian parents. The school aims to achieve this by providing a Christ-centred learning environment based on Biblical truth and practice as recognised by adherents of the evangelical Christian faith. We insist on appointing quality, committed, enthusiastic and talented Christian teachers passionate about educating young people.

Schedule

Transportation - Flight

Carrier: Air New Zealand
Depart: 06:50am, Auckland Domestic Airport
Arrive: 08:15am, Christchurch International Airport
Notes: Held as a group - seats for all passengers Seat + Bag - Includes 1 x checked luggage (23kgs)



Transportation - Car Hire

Company: Europcar
Pickup: Thursday 14, 08:00am, Christchurch Airport
Drop Off: Friday 22, 06:00am, Christchurch Airport
Drivers: Ethan Kuss, Robyn Hair, Gary Cully



School Visit - St Margaret's College

Visit Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Character: Anglican | Independent
Executive Principal: Diana Patchett
Points of Interest: Girls education
Website: <https://stmargarets.school.nz/>
Background: The vision is to create empathetic, confident and connected global citizens, who value personal excellence and strive to make a positive difference.



Schedule

School Visit - Christ's College

THURSDAY

14

September

Visit Time: 2:00 PM

Character: Anglican | Independent | Boys | Boarding | 9-13

Executive Principal: Garth Wynne (previously Christ Church Grammar, Perth)

Points of Interest: Long history, combination of tradition and innovation, Boys education, Post-earthquake heritage restoration. Alumni Program.

Website: <https://christscollege.com/>

Background: Christ's College was modelled on the public schools of England, which many of the men in the Canterbury Association had themselves attended. The emphasis was on a classical education, which included Greek and Latin, Modern Languages, Mathematics, English, History and Geography. The Board of Governors is committed to the vision of ensuring that College will be a vibrant school community that educates boys to be men of virtuous character who make a positive contribution to society.



Accommodation - Christchurch

THURSDAY

14

September

Location: Christchurch Novotel Cathedral Square

Address: 52 Cathedral Square, Christchurch

Check In: Thursday 14th September

Check Out: Friday 22nd September

Notes: Includes buffet breakfast. Parking: valet parking at a cost of \$35NZD per vehicle per night.

Schedule

FRIDAY

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September

School Visit - Cathedral Grammar School

Visit Time: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Principal: Scott Thelniung

Character: Anglican | Independent | 1-3 co-ed | 4-8 boys' school | 4-8 girls' school

Points of Interest: Preparation for secondary. Dual education.

Website: <https://cathedralgrammar.school.nz/>

Background: The school is an independent school in the heart of Christchurch providing high quality education for pre-school, primary school & intermediate aged girls & boys. Supported & encouraged by a culture of nurturing, knowing & growing, our students advance on their educational journeys with a solid foundation of academic success and a well-rounded nature based on our Anglican character.

MONDAY

18

September

School Visit - St Bede's College

Visit Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Character: Roman Catholic | State-integrated | Boys | Boarding | 9-13

Rector: Jon McDowall

Points of Interest: Society of Mary proprietors. Combination of tradition and innovation. Boys education.

Website: <https://www.stbedes.school.nz/>

Background: We are all encouraged to reach our potential through our faith and by our actions while knowing we are valued, safe and supported. It's a Catholic community committed to providing an opportunity for every boy to be the best possible version of what God created him to be in all spheres – spiritually, academically, in sport and culture. We have high expectations and a core set of values which are based on three key words: Catholic, Marist and Bedean.



Schedule



School Visit - Te Aratai College

Visit Time: Arrival 12:30 PM Afternoon

Principal: Richard Edmundson

Character: State School | coed | 9-13

Points of Interest: Combination of tradition, innovation and bicultural

Website: <https://tearatai.school.nz/>

Background: Te Aratai College is a place where every learner is known and valued as an individual and where whānau-school relationships matter. From Linwood High School 1954 to our re-opening as Te Aratai College in 2022, the school continues in 2023 its proud history. The name is Te Aratai College, in English: pathway to the sea.

The vision is Mauri Ora through ako: progressive, inclusive, safe, and engaging education for flourishing wellbeing and personal excellence. Mauri ora is our physical life and spirit flourishes with potential, ideas, and connections. Ako means both teach and learn. It is the responsive, reciprocal relationship of the teacher and student learning from each other.



Schedule

School Visit - Middleton Grange

WEDNESDAY

20

September

Visit Time: 9:30 AM

Principal: Mike Vannoort

Character: Christian | State-integrated | co-ed | 1-13

Points of Interest: Early example of a 'state-integrated' school; Christian Schools Trust

Website: <https://www.middleton.school.nz/>

Background: Middleton Grange School is well known for its high-quality academic education, as well as being a compassionate community in which the God-given gifts and talents of children are nurtured and celebrated. It works with parents, whanau and caregivers as the 'first-educators' to enable children to integrate their faith with their learning, and to take their faith, as ambassadors for Jesus, out into the wider world. At Middleton Grange School they want to develop godly character in children; to help them aspire to their personal excellence; and to serve God and others in the community. As a Christian school we do this for the glory of God and for the benefit of society.



School Visit - Rolleston Christian School

WEDNESDAY

20

September

Visit Time: Arrival 1:00 PM

Principal: Liz Horn

Character: Christian | State-integrated | co-ed | 1-8

Points of Interest: Outdoor Play, PPlaybased Learning Classrooms

Website: <https://www.rollestonchristian.school.nz/>

Background: Rolleston Christian School assists families in the education of their children by providing a quality Christian environment in which the Biblical truths of Jesus Christ are taught and lived, developing each child's character and God-given gifts and abilities to their full potential.

Schedule



School Visit - Aidanfield Christian School

Visit Time: Just after 9:00 AM

Principal: Mark Richardson

Character: Christian | State-integrated | co-ed | 1-10

Points of Interest: Proud Middle School Model

Website: <https://www.aidanfield.school.nz/>

Background: A school that appeals to families who are looking for a school with a view of the world and everything in it shaped by God's truths and with the Bible as the basis for exploring and understanding all there is to know. Focused on an excellent standard of learning for all our pupils within a context of strong biblical values, family involvement and an emphasis on knowing all our pupils well.



School Visit - Hagley College

Visit Time: 1:00 PM

Principal: Rowan Milburn

Character: State School | co-ed | Year 8 – 12 and adult education

Points of Interest: Designated character school.

Website: <https://www.hagley.school.nz/>

Background: We are a school that is almost as old as Ōtautahi itself and we are very proud of our unique identity. We have designated character status which recognises the fact that we do things a bit differently here. One of these things is we have adult learners both during the day and at night and we provide a space for young people that have had barriers to their education to come with a clean slate and learn. On the other side of all that though we are also a first choice school for the many students who want to join us in year 9 for their secondary education. We stand out with a wide range of subjects we offer and we prioritise wellbeing and a students identity.

Transportation - Flight

Carrier: Air New Zealand

Depart: 06:30am, Christchurch International Airport

Arrive: 08:15am, Brisbane International Airport

Notes: Held as a group - 1 x checked luggage (23kgs), seat back entertainment, inflight meal and beverage

