

Stewart Island Leadership/ Extension Outdoor Experience

Dates: 25th September- 29th September 2017

Number of Students

18 (Last year 50+ students applied)

Purpose/ Goal

- Extend students who have an interest or excel in Outdoor Education opportunities.
- Improve Leadership qualities of Tahuna students through adventure based learning opportunities.

Activities & Curriculum links

Tramping - North Arm Hut to Oban or Port William to Oban (Water Taxi to starting points)
Exploration around Oban (shorter walks)

Ulva Island - Science (Living World) visit to predator free sanctuary with a guide from DOC

Museum - Social Sciences (History) Investigate the history of Stewart Island through Museum visit and follow up activities. A DOC guide will also deliver an evening talk about Stewart Island history.

Fishing - Charter - tied in with visit to Ulva Island. Catch, prepare and eat own meal. We will also take students to have some fun fishing off the wharf. Students can choose to sample other seafood like paua & kina.

Kiwi Spotting- Night time walks to spot the elusive Kiwi in the wild.

Costs (Approx)

\$425 per student - With Fundraising at school alone we should be able to decrease the cost per student by at least \$50-100 (all proceeds from the sale of the Entertainment Books are going towards this trip so please encourage friends and family to buy one off Tahuna.) Last year the final cost was \$325. This could be even less if students want to make the most of other opportunities. We are currently looking into further fundraising opportunities to happen next term. There is no pressure on families to have to fundraise. It parents would rather pay that is fine too.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be at Bunker Backpackers where we can book the entire complex (Sleeps 21) so no privacy or issues with other members of the public.

Transport

School vans to and from Bluff. Real Journeys Ferry to and from the Island. (Ferry is often an adventure in itself!)

If your child is interested they need to apply in writing to 'The Principal' - Mr Hunter. Guidelines for this letter are included with this notice. All letters must be printed. If this is a problem email to Mr Scoles to print for you. This letter should be accompanied by a CV highlighting success at school and out of school.

Any queries please contact Roddy Scoles - roddyscoles@tahuna.school.nz

Roddy Scoles
Deputy Principal

Guidelines for Stewart Island Application Letter 2017

Due by 28th July

1. **Firstly, record your full name, class, age and date of birth.**
2. **Please write some good reasons for why you want to make this trip.**
3. **Please record why you deserve to go to Stewart Island. It would be wise to mention any recent achievements you have had in academic, sporting, cultural or social events. What makes you YOU?**

Some of the things you could consider are as follows:

Number of blue cards you hold.
End of year Distinction /Merit awards won at TNIS.
School / Club / Otago sports teams played for.
Are you in the school choir, boys performance group, guitar group, rock band, marimba band, orchestra, multicultural and /or dance groups?
Have you been a class councillor, librarian, house captain or team captain?
What class / school monitor duties have you performed?
Mention Lit Quiz, Extra S/S Quiz, Classics, work published in Extra, Short story competition writing and Art Festivals involved in.
Have you played a major role in syndicate or class assemblies?
Were you in the end of the year concert at Kings HS?
Do you have any school badges? (cultural, sport, speech, mathematics, science, citizenship)
Were you involved in the 20Hr Famine or collecting for the Blind, IHC, Red Cross or the like.
How do you help others? Do you help in the community?
Do you take lessons in speech or drama?
Have you played a part in school speech / debating?
Have you been selected for Extension Technology, writing, Science Robotics or Art sessions?
Have you been in Mathletics or submitted an entry in the Social studies or Science Fairs?
Have you had any work published in EXTRA or won any of their competitions?
Is there something else important / interesting about you that I have missed?

Year 7 children should relate the above points to what they did in their Yr 6 at Primary School and add relevant details about happenings at Tahuna.

Please ask a parent / guardian to sign this application stating it is a true record and that they are prepared to back you financially.

You can also ask teachers at Tahuna to make a supporting comment regarding your application.

