

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL - TIHIPUKE

YEAR 9 TAUWHARE TRIPS 2016



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Trip 1: 11-12 Feb		Trip 2: 16-17 Feb		Trip 3: 23-24 Feb		Trip 4: 8-9 March		Trip 5: 15-16 March		Trip 6: 21-22 March	
Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 6		Week 7		Week 8	
9BM	9KT	9DS	Interntnl/ ESOL	9CS	9BL	9GS	9HN	9PY	9ML	9MI	9PD

During Term One all Year 9 students will have the opportunity to spend two days out at Tauwhare Marae with their form class. This is a great opportunity for year 9 students, senior student leaders and teachers to get to know each other outside of normal school activities as well as providing a Marae experience.

Each trip will be supported by 3-4 teachers and approximately 12 senior student leaders. Tauwhare Marae has modern facilities including separate bathrooms for males and females, a large kitchen and dining hall, large rooms for activities and of course a not so modern but very special Whareniui (meeting house) that we will use for sleeping some students and staff.

Whanau (family) are invited to join the group for dinner (hangi) and a little entertainment on the second evening. There will be a powhiri (traditional welcome) to welcome whanau starting at 5.30pm and the evening should finish by 7.30pm at which time students can go home with their parents/caregivers. Any remaining students can also be collected at this time. Special arrangements can be made for any students who cannot be collected from the Marae and they will be taken back to school. This is a great opportunity to be part of a school activity, meet other parents and share some of this experience with your son/daughter. We ask that if you attend the dinner that you contribute to the koha (donation) that will be collected before the powhiri starts. This will help to cover the costs of the meal. Approximately \$5 per person is an appropriate amount to contribute if you would like to. We will need to know in advance how many family members plan to attend so we can cater for numbers.

Activities the students will get involved in are likely to include: Getting to know each other activities, Powhiri (for students and parents/caregivers), History of the Marae and area, Harakeke (Flax Weaving), Kōauau (Making and learning to play clay instruments), Kōwhaiwhai (Māori patterns), Māori Myths and Legends, Waiata, Poi and Haka (Traditional Song and Dance), Preparing a hangi, including bread making (Rewena Bread)

The cost per student is \$70 which will need to be paid to the school accounts office before the trip. This cost includes meals, venue costs, facilitators, transport to Tauwhare and activity materials. There is an expectation that ALL year 9 students will attend this trip. Students will be given gear lists, health and consent forms closer to the date of their trip. To discuss financial assistance or for queries about the trip please email Tauwhare Trip Co-ordinator sweiss@hillcrest-high.school.nz

Please complete the form below and return it to your form teacher as soon as possible so we can plan for numbers.
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Student: _____ of 9_____ WILL / WILL NOT be attending the Tauwhare Trip with his/her form class.

We plan to have _____ whanau (family) members attending dinner on the second evening.

I understand that \$70 must be paid (or arrangements made with) the school accounts office before my son/daughter attends the trip.

Signed by Parent: _____