



2024 Northcote Intermediate School Trip to Rarotonga – Information Pack

10 November 2023

Note: Information evening –Tuesday 14th November, 6pm in the new Akoranga Block. Parents/caregivers and students welcomed.

Following on from this year's very successful Rarotonga trip, there has been considerable interest in another trip in 2024 and we would like to outline the plan. If you should have any questions, please contact the tour leader, Phil Muir philm@ni.school.nz

The proposed HALP (Humanitarian Aid Leadership Programme) Trip to Rarotonga has the following objectives:

To foster a global mind-set for those involved. They will understand how fortunate they are and return to NZ with connections and ideas about how they may make their mark on helping the world. It will create great connections for life-long success and learning. They will return as confident, connected, worldly young adults who have seen and helped people and communities less fortunate than we are. They will have been involved in planning and leading social action and they will come back buzzing with ideas. Rarotonga is a safe and welcoming country for us to go to.

Those who go on the trip will:

- Learn about issues which they face on the island including environmental, educational, social, health and entrepreneurial
- Build a relationship and carry out projects with 2 schools and the Pacific Assist Trust
- Experience a range of cultural activities and have some fun
- Grow in confidence!

We have been building a relationship with Pacific Assist Trust (PAT) since 2019. Pacific Assist Trust have been managing support programmes across the Pacific region for many years.

<https://www.pacificassist.org/>

Our relationship with PAT has included:

Donating surplus school furniture that has been sent to Pacific Islands, the computer building project where old PC's were rebuilt, tested, packaged and sent up to Pacific Islands, turbo touch tournament and PAT staff have visited us regularly (currently twice per week) to run the Pasifika Fit programme, shared activities in 2023 in Rarotonga.

Draft Itinerary (as of 10/11/23): Internal organisation may change depending on local schools/operators

Air NZ – works package

Wed 3rd July AKL to RAR departing at 8.55am, arriving 1.40pm

Departing Tues 9th July RAR to AKL departing at 4pm arriving at 6.25pm Wed 10th July

Proposed Programme (subject to change):

Day 1 Tuesday 2 July – arrive, check in to accommodation, orientation activity

Day 2 Wednesday 3 July School Visit + Projects, 4 x 4 Raro Safari Tour

Day 3 Thursday 4 July – Koka Lagoon Cruises, artisan centre, carver visit

Day 4 Friday 5 July – Community Connect Day + evening

Day 5 Saturday 6 July – Morning at the Punanga Nui Markets / Cook Islands Voyaging Society / Edgewater Island Night

Day 7 Sunday 7 July – Church Service / Te Ara Museum / BBQ Buffet night

Day 8 Monday 8 July – School visit + Projects with Pacific Assist Trust / Te Varanui Cultural show/dinner

Day 9 Tuesday 9 July - Check out of accommodation and return rental vans prior to departing on your flight.

Day 10 Wednesday 10 July – Arrive back in Auckland – own arrangements for transfer home.

Further Information

We plan to take 30 students, 4 staff and 4 parent helpers from Northcote Intermediate School.

This trip is being facilitated by Edventuretours, who are group travel specialists, specialising in schools. They are an NZ company who have an excellent reputation for making great trips happen. <https://www.edventuretours.co.nz/>

Costs: As with previous NIS International trips we do everything we can to cap costs and where possible reduce costs through fundraising and/or sponsorship. However students/parents need to be prepared to pay the full cost which is:

Costs: \$3100 per student traveler, based on 30 students. Price is subject to cost increases and numbers travelling until booked and paid in full however we will do everything we can to sustain or reduce the quoted cost. Additional Adults would be \$100 more per person.

The package includes:

- Return Air New Zealand flights Auckland – Rarotonga – Auckland – the works package
- 7 nights at the Edgewater Resort in 3-bedroom villas including tropical breakfast each day
- All transport and Airport fees
- Travel Insurance
- Food kitty for most meals – students need to allow money for 2 lunches and 2 dinners

- All trip activities including: Te Varanui Dinner & Show
- Lagoon Cruise and lunch
- 4x4 Rarotonga Safari tour and lunch
- Sailing trip/snorkeling with Turtles (availability dependent)

Students/staff/parent helpers will also need a **current passport** which is **valid for a period of at least 6 months beyond their intended period of stay in the Cook Islands.**

Students/staff/parent helpers will need to have shown the school this before 28th April 2024.

Some spending money and light travelling equipment will also be required, this will also be discussed at a later meeting.

Payment schedule can be found below, and we will discuss both individual and group fundraising at a later meeting. There may be some changes to itinerary to fit in with local school planning.

Payment Schedule/Information:

Deposit: a \$200 deposit to be paid in the Northcote Intermediate School Account by 1st December 2023. Please see Mr. Muir if any issues. This deposit will be non-refundable but transferrable after 10 December 2023. After 28th April 2024 all money is non-refundable Full payment must be by the 2nd May 2024.

NIS School Account for payments is: 12 3053 0365947 00

Please use your Child's name and HALP as reference. Once your child's place is confirmed we will set up future payments to go through Kindo

Passport due by 1st April 2024 (please bring to school so we can take a copy of relevant pages)

Date	Amount
1 December 2023	\$200 (Deposit)
1 March 2024	\$1000
1 April 2024	\$1000
3 May 2024 (final payment)	\$900
Total:	\$3100

The travel insurance policy we will be using (included) is Allianz's Kiwi Holiday Insurance Policy. Copies will be provided to all travelers. Please let me philm@ni.school.nz know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



Phil Muir, Principal, Northcote Intermediate School

**2024 Northcote Intermediate School Trip to Rarotonga – Offer & Acceptance Form
Acknowledgement**

Please return this form to the main office by Friday 24th November 2023

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent Name: _____

I have received the information pack dated 10 November 2023 and I give approval for my child to go on this trip. Students going on the trip will need to have a record of good conduct and attitude. If numbers of interested students exceed the numbers available, we will need to consider options which could involve a random selection process, and the school's decision will be final.

(Parent to sign): _____

Date: _____

Parent Helpers

In 2023 we took parent helpers on this trip and they really enhanced the experience. If you are interested, can you please email philm@ni.school.nz before Friday 24th November to find out what this looks like. Parent helpers will be with a small group of students and will need to pay the full fare of \$3200.