



Business, Innovation Technology Experience – San Francisco and Silicon Valley 2024 International School Trip

10 November 2023

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

Northcote Intermediate is offering its second BITE expedition to the USA in September 2024. Following on from an extremely successful trip in 2019, this trip will be learning about Business, Innovation, and Technology and how world leading organisations work. They will see amazing things and go to places that are hard to get into. They'll meet people in a range of roles and hear about the attitudes, effort and mind-sets required to be successful. Where possible, we will be hosted by New Zealanders, a number of whom are former students or connections of Northcote Intermediate School.

The group also aims to visit schools who are future focused and forward thinking and make learning connections as well as taking in some sightseeing.

The goal for the trip is to foster a global mind-set for the students. They should demystify these tech giants and return to NZ with connections and ideas about how they may make their mark on 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 some of the biggest companies in the world first hand and have interacted with inspirational 'doers'. They will come back buzzing with ideas.

The expedition plans to include visits to organisations such as: Google, YouTube, Apple, Intel, Nuro, HP, Stanford University, Technology Museum of Innovation, Roblox, Microsoft, Meta/Facebook/Instagram – and there are many more in the area.

This is an extremely unique experience, made more unique that it's being offered to intermediate aged students. Any support or ideas for this expedition would be greatly appreciated.

Proposed Itinerary as of 10/11/23 – *Subject to change/availability:*

ITINERARY DAY 1 – Tuesday 24th September – Welcome to San Francisco, home of the Golden Gate Bridge. Meet your driver and Tour Director on arrival and transfer to your hotel to freshen up. Enjoy some free time at Pier 39 to wander and explore before dinner at the Hard Rock Café.

DAY 2 – Wednesday 25th September – excursion to Palo Alto and Santa Clara. Our 1st stop would be at the Apple Discovery Centre followed by the HP Garage in Palo Alto, Stanford University Campus, and then on to the Intel Museum. Then we make our way over to the Bay Bridge and to the Golden Gate Park for some free time before heading back to the hotel. We will aim to visit an organisation such as Sairdrome this afternoon

DAY 3 – Thursday 26th September – Another early start to the day to visit Nuro and the Technology Museum of Innovation, before visiting one or 2 other tech organisations in the San Jose/San Mateo area. Hopefully Roblox but no promises! Dinner at a local restaurant

DAY 4 - Friday 27th September – San Francisco – excursion to Silicon Valley After breakfast, we head over to Google, Mountain View followed by Microsoft and free time at Westfield Valley Fair in Santa Clara. Tonight, enjoy a baseball game at Oracle Park where we see the San Francisco Giants take on the St Louis Cardinals!

DAY 5 – Saturday 28th September – San Francisco Enjoy a sightseeing tour through San Francisco this morning to take in all of its famous sights, including a drive across the Golden Gate Bridge, a stop in the charming town of Sausalito, time to shop in Union Square before finishing at Fisherman's Wharf. This afternoon head across to 'The Rock' for your tour through Alcatraz prison.

DAY 6 – Sunday 29th September – San Francisco – Excursion to Monterey & Carmel This morning after breakfast we depart for a scenic drive to Monterey and Carmel. Visit Monterey's famous Cannery Row and stop at picturesque towns like Davenport, Pebble beach and Carmel-by-the-sea.

DAY 7 – Monday 30th September - Today we make a trip to San Jose and visit the Winchester Mystery House. We will also visit tech/innovation organisations in the San Jose area, which may include: Adobe, Cisco, eBay, Zoom

DAY 8 – Tuesday 1st October – San Francisco – Excursion to Yosemite National Park. We may see Coyotes, Bears or Hummingbirds.

DAY 9 – Wednesday 2nd October – San Francisco After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back home after the adventure of a lifetime!

Price: \$6600. Includes: Flights and taxes, travel insurance, accommodation, local transport and guides, insurance, gratuities, most meals – there will be individual choice/payment for some meals such as at the baseball and the mall – we will discuss this at the next meeting, activities as noted in itinerary

Not included: Passport, ESTA (Visa) if required, personal expenses, meals not included (approx. 2 dinners and 2 lunches)

Fundraising: We are happy to help support individuals with fundraising strategies. We also plan to do some group fundraising.

Initial Deposit of \$200 by 1st December 2023, Final Payment 16 July 2024. Payment schedule below.

Payment Schedule/Information:

Deposit: a \$200 deposit to be paid in the Northcote Intermediate School Account by 1st December 2023. This deposit will be non-refundable after 10 December 2023. After 1 July 2024 all money is non-refundable

NIS School Account for payments is: 12 3053 0365947 00

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

Full payment must be made by the 2nd August 2024

Passport due by 1st April 2023 (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
1 May 2024	\$1000
1 June 2024	\$1000
1 July 2024	\$1000
2 August 2024	\$1400
Total:	\$6600

The travel insurance policy we will be using (included) is Allianz's Kiwi Holiday Insurance Policy. Copies will be provided to all travelers

Please contact me if you have any questions

Kind regards, Phil Muir, Principal, Northcote Intermediate School

**2024 Northcote Intermediate School Trip to USA – Silicon Valley and San Francisco –
Formal Interest Form**

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.

(sign): _____

Date: _____

Parent Helpers

In 2019 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 and to register your interest. Parent helpers will be with a small group of students and will need to pay the full fare of \$6700.