

school tours programme

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Supporting Women's Refuge NZ



Kia Mau Te Rongo, Daniel McKerrow, 2023

The NZ Sculpture OnShore School Visits Programme is designed to inspire young sculptors and artists through the world of 3D art. The programme offers students the opportunity to experience the largest collection of outdoor sculptures in New Zealand.

Our goal is to encourage students to develop an appreciation of sculpture and expand their own creative talents. This programme has been developed over the course of NZ Sculpture OnShore's history and now offers eight days of opportunities for Auckland primary, intermediate and high schools to attend.

The exhibition is staged on the stunning North Shore clifftop reserve at O Peretu, Fort Takapuna, Devonport. NZ Sculpture OnShore supports Women's Refuge and, since its inception, has raised \$2.4 million for the charity.

The School Visits Programme is suitable for Years 1 – 13; whole class, small groups, art extension, gifted and talented, English language students or simply those keen to experience sculpture in a relaxed, outdoor setting.

Sessions are designed to accommodate primary, intermediate and high school groups of all sizes. Groups have access to the outdoor exhibition featuring over 100 large scale artworks by established and emerging NZ artists. Groups will also have access to the Schools Exhibition held in the unique underground fort which is only open to the public during this event.



Participating schools

Schools participating in the 2025 School Visits Programme will be given first right of refusal for participation in the NZ Sculpture OnShore Schools Exhibition in 2027 (space permitting). Seventeen schools have already been selected from the Auckland region to showcase their work.

School groups are welcomed on site by our School Visits team and briefed on how to make the most of their time at the Exhibition.

Education specialists have created a programme which is tailored for varying student age groups. Teachers are provided with comprehensive resources to encourage students to develop their responses to sculpture through interactive and informative activities. The pack includes suggested activities for pre-visit preparation, on-site discussion and post-visit follow up ideas. Teachers organise and lead their groups around the exhibition.



We took our Enrichment Visual Arts group to the 2016 NZ Sculpture OnShore exhibition and they were absolutely enthralled. The discussion that was had by the children at each and every exhibit was a real privilege to be part of.
A very inspirational experience outside of the classroom environment.

Audrey Cadness, Teacher at Sunnynook Primary School.

Booking information

- + We invite bookings from schools, educators and student art groups. We are unable to offer individuals access to this programme. Schools sessions are booked on a first come, first served basis.
- + Upon receipt of your booking form, NZ Sculpture OnShore will send details for payment.
- + Payment will be required to secure your session time.
- + **Cancellation Policy:** All tickets are non-refundable once purchased. Alternative rain date options will be offered to affected schools, where possible. Additional tickets can be purchased at any time.
Please contact: schools@nzsculptureonshore.co.nz

How to book

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