



**Final Update- please read and follow guidelines.**

## **Updated information for Schools**

### **When and where will be pōwhiri be?**

The pōwhiri will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday 10 April at Whangarei Girls High School on the School field. If raining, the Pōwhiri will be in the Manawahine Gym.

### **Parking and arrival**

Wednesday – for Pōwhiri – Buses and vans can temporarily park in the WBHS bus bay off Manse Street. The visitors will then be escorted onto the WGHS grounds in preparation for the pōwhiri.

Groups performing on Wednesday can then return to their busses after the pōwhiri, collect their gear and be escorted to their changing rooms – which they can use all day.

Limited Kaumatua and Kuia parking is available via Gate 6 off Lupton Avenue.

Please keep the Whangarei Boys' High School bus bay clear of vehicles, as school buses will be operating as normal. Buses will need to move out of the Bus Bay after they have delivered their students.

Normal school busses will be running, therefore the Bus bay can be used for a drop off and pick up point from 9 am until 2 pm.

**Groups arriving later on Wednesday or Thursday will be met at the Bus Bay – off Manse Street and escorted to their rooms.**

You will find lanyards in your Welcome Packs. There will be two for teachers and two for coaches. This will enable the teachers and coaches to get access to the hospitality area in the Theatre Hall.

## **Performance**

The groups need to get ready and will then be shown to the photo area where the group photo's will be taken, there after they will perform in the Theatre Hall and straight after that in the Manawāhine Gym.

### **When will changing rooms be available?**

Each School will have a room available on the day of their performance. Your school may access this room during the day for storage, changing etc. ***WBHS/WGHS staff supervising will have keys and will unlock and lock doors.***

### **Where are performances taking place?**

Each Rōpū will perform twice, first in the Theatre Hall and then in the Manawāhine Gym. See performance list attached.

*Remember that you will have a formal photo of your group taken before you go on stage – so be ready well ahead of time!*

### **What times will the performances be?**

- Performances are expected to begin at 12:00 pm on Wednesday 10 April, and run through to 6:30 pm.
- On Thursday 11 April, performances are expected to start at 8:30 am, running through to approximately 6:30 pm.
- The Performance order is attached. If a school fails to appear on the day all performances will be run earlier.

### **What are the stage dimensions?**

Manawāhine is 12 m wide and 9 m deep. Theatre Hall is 9 m wide and 10.8 m deep, 6 meters behind the arch and 4 meters in front of the arch. (See attached map for entrance and ramp details)

### **What is the maximum number on stage?**

There should be no more than 40 performers on stage.

### **Where will Kaumatua and Kuia be hosted?**

Kaumatua and Kuia will be hosted at the back of the Theatre Hall.

### **What lunch options will be available?**

Lunch orders are now closed – orders will be delivered to your room or as you have arranged.

There will be food stalls on the site over the two days – ***cash only.***

### **Where do I get more information during the festival?**

We will have staff and students to support your rōpū over the two days of the festival, as well as a centrally located information tent.

### **Will Eftpos be available during the festival?**

No, unfortunately, it will be a cash-only event.