

St Margaret's Anglican Girls School

Proposed Itinerary

Rhapsody Rotorua Music Festival

Monday 29th June – Sunday 5th July 2026

(B) – Breakfast

(L) – Lunch

(D) – Dinner

Day 1 - Mon	Brisbane to Auckland Rotorua
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Meals: D

Fly from Brisbane to Auckland International Airport. Here you will meet the coach driver and board your coach and then travel south to Rotorua (approximately 180min).

On arrival check in to your accommodation and enjoy dinner.

Accommodation

Rotorua

IN: 29th JUN / OUT: 5th JUL - 6 nights

Day 2 - Tue	Rotorua
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Meals: B, L, D

Hobbiton guided visit

Guided tour (120min)

The Hobbiton Movie Set tour is an essential stop on the itinerary for all visitors travelling through New Zealand, offering an interesting and entertaining experience incorporating the famous film set as seen in The Lord of The Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Fall in love with the Alexander family sheep and beef farm, just as acclaimed director Sir Peter Jackson did, as you journey through the village, with the mighty Kaimai Ranges towering in the distance. Your guide will then escort you around the set, showing you the intricate detailing, pointing out the most famous locations and explaining how the movie magic was made. You will be taken around the 12 acre set; past Hobbit holes, the Mill and into the famous Green Dragon Inn, where you can indulge in our exclusive, specially brewed beverages to conclude your own Middle-earth™ adventure.

Local school performances, adjudications/workshop

Each group will have the opportunity to perform at 2 local schools over the course of the festival.

Ensemble adjudications and workshops will be scheduled accordingly across Tuesday - Thursday

Packed Lunch

Agrodome visit

Get ready for a fun packed hour of entertainment and education with the Agrodome's unique farm show. With an exhibition of sheep breeds, shearing and information on wool classification and production. See lambs being fed, a dairy cow being milked and the huntaway dog working.

Welcome gala dinner and dance party

After the show enjoy dinner and then the lights dim down for the opening dance party.

Day 3 - Wed	Rotorua
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Meals: B, L, D

Local school performances, adjudications/workshop

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Packed Lunch

First public concert (Individual School Showcase) at the performance venue.

First Honours Band and Festival Specialist groups rehearsal *(these are the mixed ensembles that will perform on Friday night)*

Maori Cultural experience and Hangi Feast

Your guide will lead you back to pre-European times with stories, history and protocols in preparation for the night's ceremonies. A powerful ceremony welcomes you onto sacred grounds and into the Maori village. Whilst here experience the Wero (challenge), the Whaikorero (speeches), the Hongi (greeting), pressing of noses. Enjoy the song, dance, poi and haka of the Maori. Learn the history of these proud people with this popular Maori concert. From the moment that you walk towards their Taurangawaiwai (standing grounds) you will be enthralled with the welcome (Powhiri), the challenge (Wero) and the call of welcome (Karanga).

Dinner will be a buffet cooked the Maori way in a "Hangi" - (a feast cooked beneath the ground on hot stones). Learn how it has been prepared and watch it being lifted from the ground.

Day 4 - Thur	Rotorua
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Meals: B, L, D

Skyline Rotorua – Gondola and 3 Luge rides

Sit back and relax as the best views in the region unfold before your eyes as the Skyline Gondola carries you 450 metres up above Rotorua and Lake Rotorua to the Luge start zone.

Enjoy Luge rides while here... hurtle down a winding track through Redwood forests for over 1 km. Burn it up or cruise steadily. Stop to see the scenery at the bottom and catch the chairlift back to the top. Great viewing is provided from the lookout. Visit the Jelly Belly Room and pick out your favourites along with enjoying the art gallery featuring jelly beans.

Local school performances, adjudications/workshop

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Packed Lunch

Second Honours Band and Festival Specialist groups rehearsal.

Second public concert (Individual School Showcase) at the performance venue.

Dinner provided at the hotel.

Day 5 - Fri	Rotorua
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Meals: B, L, D

Transfer to the performance venue for master classes and special clinics.

Clinic 1 – Choose your clinic from list supplied by music director.

Third Honours Band and Festival Specialist groups rehearsal.

Packed Lunch

Clinic 2 - Choose your clinic from list supplied by music director.

Third public concert (Honours & Festival Groups) at the performance venue.

Transfer from the performance venue to accommodation.

Dinner provided at the hotel.

Day 6 - Sat	Rotorua
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Meals: B, D – Lunch at own arrangements

Today is full of fun and excitement as you take part in local adventure activities.

Velocity Valley visit

Here we have included your choice of any one of the following 4 attractions. There is time for you to do more than one of these activities, additional rides can be paid for at the venue. You will love these fun activities.

Agrojet

New Zealand's Fastest Jet-Boating experience. Ride in a 13 foot, 450 horsepower, jet propelled race boat. This will deliver you up to 100 km per hour in 4.5 seconds. Safety is paramount so you have a full race harness, roll cage and a professional driver. You will experience G forces not unlike formula one race cars.

Swoop

Enjoy a real adrenaline buzz. One, two, three people at a time are placed in hang gliding harnesses, raised to a height of 40 metres. You pull the rip-cord and experience the feeling of flying, reaching speeds of 130 km per hour and a G -Force of 3!!!

Shweeb Racer

One to ten people can Shweeb at any one time. The Shweeb velodrome is the world's first human-powered monorail racetrack. It consists of two 200 metre long overhead rail circuits that vary in height between two and four metres above the ground. Under the tracks hang high performance pedal powered vehicles. Between one and five vehicles can be loaded onto each track enabling teams to race each other or race against the clock. Riders sit back in the recumbent position and due to the minimal resistance riders reach speeds of up to 60 km per hour and get up to a 60 degree angle on the curves, making it a dynamic and thrilling ride experience.

Freefall Xtreme

You've found the home of body flying in New Zealand – this is the Southern Hemisphere's only freefall



skydive simulator. Experience the sensation of flying unattached up to 5 metres in the air on a 150 km per hour column of wind.

Geothermal reserve guided visit

Visit a geothermal reserve with unique geothermal features providing the opportunity for students to understand the processes that have formed today's landscape. Possible sites include Hell's Gate Geothermal Reserve, Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland or Waimangu Volcanic Valley. *Site visited is subject to availability and scheduling.*

Presentation night at Skyline Rotorua

Presentation of school and adjudication certificates to all participating groups.

Dinner will be in the Stratosfare restaurant, with floor to ceiling views of Lake Rotorua and surrounds.

After dinner, the **dance party** commences. Enjoy the fun and mixing with new friends. It's your night, have fun!

Day 7 - Sun	Rotorua Auckland to Brisbane
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Meals: B

Today you will return to Auckland Airport and board your flight home, with memories that will last a lifetime!

Tour Extensions at either the beginning or end of the festival are possible, please contact us to discuss options!