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## Year 13 Japan Trip - Confirmation of Trip Dates

29 April 2026

Kia ora,

The Year 13 Japan trip is slowly approaching, and this letter is to provide notice of the confirmed travel dates.

Within the February information pack, we covered key details relating to the trip. If you would like another copy of this information, please visit the school website and follow these steps: Current Students > Japan Trip Info.

We have now confirmed our travel dates for Japan. After working through arrangements with Air New Zealand and ensuring the trip aligns with NCEA external examination timelines, our dates will be as follows:

	Depart	Arrive
Leaving Auckland on Friday November 27, 2026	NZ99 leaving Auckland at 10:05AM	Arriving into Tokyo at 5pm (Japan time)
Leaving Tokyo on Monday December 7, 2026	NZ90 leaving Tokyo at 6:45PM	Arriving into Auckland at 9:15AM on Tuesday December 8 (NZ time)

The main reason for shifting the trip from September to November was advice received at the end of last term regarding fuel supply uncertainty and insurance-related risks affecting international travel. Part of that advice referenced the recent experiences of a number of New Zealand secondary schools whose international trips have been impacted so far this year. In some cases, families and schools faced financial loss following overseas trip cancellations linked to international conflict.

We believe moving the trip to November is the most responsible option to help safeguard families' investment and provide greater certainty for students.

We can also confirm the three staff members organising and traveling with the group are Mr. Aidyn Rasmussen (Principal), Ms. Kirsty Batters (House Dean), Miss Adelaide Ihaka (Teacher).

If you have any specific questions you would like to discuss, please arrange a meeting with us by contacting the school on 09 439 2216 or [admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz)

Ngā mihi,

Mr. Aidyn Rasmussen  
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