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24 September 2026

Year 13 Japan Trip September Update

Kia ora whānau,

Thank you to everyone who has been contributing time, energy and effort into our fundraising efforts. Battens Up was very successful. Please note our flight details below which have not changed since our last set of communications but are here to bring to your attention once more.

Our confirmed travel dates and flight numbers:

Date	What	Airline and Flight Number
Friday 27 November 2026	Meet at Ruawai College at 5.30AM at the latest for departure there after	-
Friday 27 November 2026	Leaving Auckland at 10:05AM	AIR NEW ZEALAND NZ99
Friday 27 November 2026	Arriving in Tokyo at 5pm (Tokyo Time)	
Monday 7 December 2026	Leaving Tokyo at 8:00 PM	AIR NEW ZEALAND NZ98
Tuesday 8 December 2026	Arriving in Auckland at 9:25 AM	
Tuesday 8 December	Students will keep you in the loop but estimated pick up from RC will be around 1pm	-

Milestone payment dates for this trip:

- **September, 2026** – The remainder of the money should be paid now. Should you have any questions or concerns about this milestone payment, please speak with Ms Batters or Ms Polwart.



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Passports

- All students should have their passport by the start of Term 4. If this is an issue or not possible you must let Ms Batters know as soon as possible. If these can be handed into Debs Parkinson in admin for safekeeping. They will be copied (as per trip process), and then stored in our safe until the date of the trip. This will reduce the risk of students turning up on the morning of the trip with no passport.

Criteria for participation:

- As the initial information pack outlines, students must meet the criteria to participate in this trip. If your child does not meet the required criteria, they will be given opportunities to address concerns. However, they may be removed from the trip if they choose not to make the necessary improvements. In such cases, all monies paid cannot be refunded, as we cannot repurpose the airline ticket.

Criteria	What this looks like
Attendance	Regular school attendance. Improvements are made if attendance is irregular. One of the staff members will let your child know if they are at risk with their attendance. We have a 3JPN class every Monday. This is compulsory for all students going on the trip. Failure to attend demonstrates disengagement with the trip.
Fundraising	Students regularly and consistently help out with group fundraising opportunities.
Academic Tracking	Students must be experiencing success in their classes. This means handing in assessments, responding to feedback and gaining credits.
<u>The RC Kaupapa</u>	Following the school kaupapa, upholding school expectations around our school's values of Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. The RC Kaupapa can be found on the school website under " <i>current staff and students.</i> "



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Meetings with Japan Trip staff

Every student must meet with their parents/caregivers and a Japan trip staff member to go through our code of conduct, health insurance documentation and other relevant details (such as the food guidelines). This must occur or your child will not be able to go to Japan.

These meetings will be held from **Wednesday 14 October until Tuesday 20 October**. If this does not work please email Kirsty Batters on kbatters@ruawaicollege.school.nz to organise an alternative time. These meetings must have taken place by Friday 23 October. It does not matter what teacher you book with for these meetings.

Students are to attend these meetings with their parents/caregivers.

Where do I make a booking?

1. Scan the QR Code, or visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code> and enter the code: **vnj4v**
2. Enter your details, these meetings are only available in person
3. Choose a teacher who is available, and booking time/date
4. Select Finished



You can view, change, or cancel your bookings by clicking the link in your email, or by visiting <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>, and entering the event code again.

Please contact the school office if you need assistance. We look forward to signing off documentation with you.

Ngā mihi,

Mr. Aidyn Rasmussen
TIC of Japan Trip

Ms. Kirsty Batters
Japan Trip Teacher

