



Monday 24 July 2023

Dear Parents/Whanau,

RE: Northland Youth Summit - Y8s only

As part of our Leadership Programme, we are planning on attending the Northland Youth Summit on **Friday 11th August** at McKay Stadium, Kensington. The event is hosted by the Whangarei Principals Association. This is an excellent event that inspires and encourages students to explore their leadership potential. This will be particularly appropriate for our Year 8 students as they head towards transitioning into high school.

The cost for this event is \$10.00 which can be paid to the school office. This will appear on your HERO statement as a donation and, as such, can be claimed against your income tax.

Students will travel to and from the event via a bus, departing school at 8:50am and returning by 1:45pm..

Students will need to bring their lunch and drink for the day.

2023 Speakers

- Rob Harte** This is the fourth Youth Summit that Rob has compared. Apart from being a local family lawyer, Rob's claim to fame is acting. Hercules: The Legendary Journeys, Xena: Warrior Princes, Shortland Street and My House, My Castle.
- Luke Bird** An award winning vocalist with a penchant for musical theatre, Luke is a trained comedic actor and opera singer with an infectious chirpy and witty sense of humour.
- Te Kahu Rolleston** He has been called 'The Taniwha of Slam Poetry'. His poetry speaks to what it means to be Māori, combining mythology, history and modern politics.
- Alex Gilbert** Adopted from a small orphanage in Arkhangelsk, Russia at age 2 along with a brother the same age, he was raised in a small town in New Zealand. All he knew about his birth parents was his mother's name.
- Kaneisha McKenzie** Kaneisha has 17 years experience in the dance world, starting at the age of 2 years old. She is now the studio manager at WADPA, Northland's largest dance school, as well as dance teacher and performer. Her goal is to have a positive influence by motivating and inspiring young people through dance and movement to enhance their creativity and enrich their lives.

Regards

Lynfa Harris, Kate Fortune, Jeremy Hamilton

I give permission for _____ to attend the Northland Youth Summit on Friday 11 August.

Yes / No (circle one)

Payment (circle one): I will be paying my \$10 contribution via Online banking / Paid at Office (Cash or EFTPOS)

Signed: _____ Contact Number: _____