



AOTEAROA ADVENTURE

Biculturalism, environmentalism, and adventure in Aotearoa New Zealand

Organised and hosted by Christ's College in Christchurch, New Zealand from 23–28 September 2026

Cost: AUD\$1900 (students and staff) - subject to meeting minimum numbers. Doesn't include airfares to and from New Zealand. Includes all meals except final dinner.

Available to 3-4 schools, depending on delegation size (about 24 attendees, plus Christ's College)

Accommodation: Christ's College Boarding House (cubicle accommodation) and one night on a marae



Fly into Christchurch, the gateway to the South Island, and spend the first day exploring our 175-year-old secondary school and heritage campus, along with the city centre.

On the second day, travel to the former French settlement of Akaroa on scenic Banks Peninsula, a stunning area formed by two now-extinct volcanoes. Take a boat trip on beautiful Akaroa Harbour to see the endangered Hector's Dolphin.

After a traditional 'Kiwi fish and chips' meal on the beach, we will head to Ōnuku Marae for a traditional Māori pōwhiri (welcome), and to learn about tikanga (customs), and play rākau (sticks games). We will spend the night on the marae.

The next day, we will return to Christchurch for an afternoon of adventure – ziplining at the Christchurch Adventure Park. With the highest and longest ziplines in New Zealand, this delivers a rush of adrenaline as you take in the breathtaking views of the city, ocean, and spectacular Southern Alps.

Our adventure continues on Saturday as we move on to picturesque Hanmer Springs for a thrilling jetboat ride on the Waiau River, followed by a fun afternoon at the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools, featuring 22 outdoor pools and activity areas including waterslides.

Our final day will be spent in Christchurch with a morning visit to the International Antarctic Centre where we will experience the icy continent, including an immersive Antarctic storm in the Storm Dome, a visit to the Penguin Rescue facility and a colony of Little Blue Penguins, and a ride in the all-terrain Polar vehicle Hägglund. We will spend the afternoon navigating the challenging but confidence-building high ropes at the Adrenalin Forest before heading to the iconic New Brighton Pier and enjoying a late afternoon soak in the He Puna Taimoana heated saltwater pools with stunning beachside views.

Attendees will leave Christchurch on the early flight to Sydney, departing at 6.35am and landing in Australia at 7.10am in plenty of time for Arrivals Day.

