

Primary / Intermediate

Tips for ensuring a successful visit

Welcome

You will be greeted by the Learning Programme's Specialist, Tina Powell, outside the Gallery. This will include a short mihi, a waiata and the sharing of the gallery expectations.

Tag

Students wearing name tags help Tina to have a more direct and personalized interactions with your students, fostering a sense of comfort and belonging. (optional)

Groups

Pre-group the students into groups of four to six with an accompanying adult for group activities.

Rotations

The gallery viewing is best suited to one class per gallery. We have 2 gallery spaces, a hall and an art classroom. To meet the needs of large group sizes we can offer rotations which can include the hall, Library and H2O Extreme. To accommodate large groups, some of the rotations will be teacher lead with resources available.

Expectations

Please review these gallery expectations with your adults and students.

At Expressions Whirinaki, we use quiet voices and walking feet.

We do not touch the artworks, we use our eyes only.

Remember the artworks are fragile and require care and respect.

We show everyone respect, including artists, other visitors, teachers, parent helpers, fellow students and ourselves.

We listen carefully.

Pens and pencils are not to be used in gallery spaces unless provided by the Learning Programmes specialist.

We do not eat or drink in the gallery spaces.

Special Needs

Please let the Tina know in advance if you have a student that has specific learning requirements so that we can prepare for them, to ensure their experience is more engaging. Also, if your student would benefit from becoming 'familiar' with the museum before the actual visit, you are very welcome to do this. Email Tina if you would like to make an appointment for her to meet with you.

Bags and belongings

If required we can book the hall to accommodate a safe place for your students belongings.

Toilets

Toilet facilities are available adjacent to the hall and in the main foyer behind the Café.

Photography

At the end of the day, pictures of the students interacting with the art are like gold for post visit work. Please feel free to snap away unless otherwise advised.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency the Learning Programme's Specialist will lead the appropriate response. We recommend that teachers come prepared with a 'Go To' bag containing a class roll, charged cell phone (with a contact phone number for the bus if appropriate), class set of snacks and a bottle of water. Expressions staff are trained first aiders. To assist with your emergency planning please download the RAMS form.