

# 2007 JOINT, Inbound HOSTING & Outbound TRIP to KURASHIKI, Japan

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30<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Our tentative dates are

Inbound Hosting 30 July - 13 Aug 2007

Outbound Trip 29 Sept - 14 Oct 2007

**Christchurch City has had a Sister-City link, with KURASHIKI in southern Japan for over 30 years. Each year the committee arranges student exchanges both ways.**

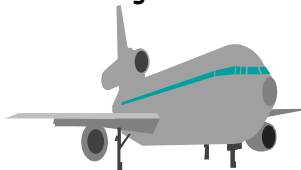
**In August 2007, we are HOSTING 14 Junior High School students (13-14 yrs old) FROM Kurashiki Japan, for a two-week exchange, staying in Christchurch homes.**

**In October 2007, we offer to send those 14 Christchurch Hosts (Year 10 students) TO Kurashiki for a return-two week exchange.**

The HOST students in August will be the EXCHANGE Students in September, so applicants will need to be available for BOTH.

They will be chosen from any high school in Christchurch and when chosen, will act as ambassadors for their school, the city and for New Zealand.

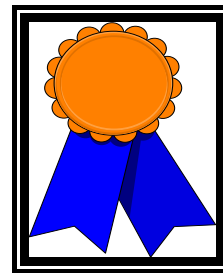
The students will need to have studied the Japanese language for at least one year & be able to raise their share of the funding for the outbound trip.



The OUTBOUND trip will cost each student a MAX. of \$2,800.00. Because we are able to have the students 'home hosted' in Japan and the Kurashiki City Hall will be meeting all other local costs; we only charge \$2,800.00 per student. (Trip valued at over \$3,800 ea). WE ARE ALSO seeking subsidy funding for the successful students, and this will be deducted OFF the \$2,800 fee. (This could be up to \$400 per student)

The funding for the outbound trip, covers return Airfares & other internal Japanese travel, departure taxes, group travel insurance, a full day trip to Hiroshima Peace Museum and a uniform for you to keep. The successful students will be required to obtain a New Zealand Passport and be able to travel by air. They must be able to HOME HOST a reciprocal student in their home in August, be prepared to stay with a Japanese family and experience Japanese foods for two weeks.

In Kurashiki, they will be 'home hosted' by families with children approximately the same age as the student. They will be able to attend & experience a Japanese school for 3-4 days.



The group will travel by AirNZ flights, via Auckland and Kansai (Osaka) and then by Shinkansen 'bullet train' to Kurashiki City in Japan.

The Outbound DELEGATION will be lead by 2 mature, experienced Committee Members, Newton Dodge & Cheryl Thorne. Newton has been leading delegations to Japan for over 15 yrs, while Cheryl has had several trips to Kurashiki and to Japan.

The Inbound HOSTING will be co-ordinated, by Newton & Cheryl again, and they have both hosted Japanese into Christchurch for many years.

The HOSTING project is a voluntary reciprocal deal, and no funds are available for the hosting, but all costs relating to the tours and visits for the visitors from Kurashiki, will be met by the Committee.

**Inquiries are welcome from Parents, Students, or Japanese Language Teachers, to...**

**Kurashiki Student Exchange project managers Newton Dodge & Cheryl Thorne.**

**APPLICATIONS can only be received on the official forms. These are available from your school,**

**OR from Newton Dodge's Office Phone 354-5610 or by Email:- [ndp@ihug.co.nz](mailto:ndp@ihug.co.nz)**

**OFFICIAL APPLICATIONS CLOSE Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007**