



**The Kaipūpū Experience** is an Education Programme brought to you by Kaipūpū Sanctuary, a community-run nature reserve sanctuary located in the middle of Picton Harbour.

Kaipūpū Sanctuary is offering local and visiting schools and students an opportunity to learn about local biodiversity, the native plants and birds found in this region, and what we can do to protect them and enhance their and our environment.



The aims of this Environmental Education programme are for students to develop:

- **Awareness and sensitivity** to the environment and related issues
- **Knowledge and understanding** of the local natural environment and the impact of people on it.
- **Attitudes and values** that reflect feelings of concern for the environment.
- **Skills** involved in identifying, investigating, and solving problems associated with environmental issues
- **A sense of responsibility and ownership** through **participation and action** as individuals, or members of groups, whānau, or iwi, in addressing environmental issues.



### **Suggested Topics**

We can concentrate the programme on topics which your class might be focusing on in different curriculum areas.

#### **FOR EXAMPLE:**

**Social Sciences** - The impact of European migration on native plants and animals and how the native species have been affected by these introduced species.

**English** - Write and label a picture of a pīwakawaka. Describes its features, habitat and characteristics, and the Māori legends behind it.

**The Arts** - Draw or colour in a picture of a kererū or tūī. Try and draw their beautiful colours.

Or we are happy to support this Unit plan - **Conserving Native Birds**

<https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1174-conserving-native-birds-unit-plan>

if it might be relevant to your class curriculum.



## The Kaipūpū Experience Programme – suggested times

**9.30am** – The day starts with a sit-down learning session at the Picton Environment Centre (PEC) 14 Auckland St, Picton, normally led by Kaipūpū Environmental Educator Andrew John.

Andrew will show some taxidermied samples of a range of NZ and Marlborough's unique and special native birds. He will explain the reasons we protect them and how we do so through trapping predators such as rats, stoats, and cats.

We then look at samples of some of the predators, discuss why and how they are so dangerous to native birds and explain some of the ways that we try to control them.



### **10.10 Walk to the Picton foreshore for morning tea**

**10.30** Catch a water taxi for a 15-minute boat ride to Kaipūpū Sanctuary. You need to arrange this travel yourself through a local water taxi company.

**10.45** Arrive at Kaipūpū Sanctuary where an educator will introduce Kaipūpū to the group and take a tour around the sanctuary. We will look at native birds and trees, learn their names in English and Te Reo, see weta in their weta hotels, look for penguins in their nesting boxes, and observe plenty of traps in the field – some might even have an animal in them...

The discussion is fluid and flowing to cover the topics of importance and the ages and interests of the students.

**Option 1** – 40-50 minutes - if the group is short of time or the weather is bad, we can take a 40-50 minute return walk to the lookout at the northern end of the Sanctuary to see the views of Tōtaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound.

**Option 2** – (1.5-2 hours - preferred) – walk the complete loop track of 2.7km which shows the range of vegetation in the Sanctuary, see the predator proof fence, look for penguins in nesting boxes and weta in the weta hotels, compare old growth forest to younger regenerating forest to illustrate the forest succession process.

**12.30** Lunch at the jetty on return from walk

**12.45pm** Water taxi trip back to Picton.

These times are suggestions only and can be altered to suit your timetable or the age and ability of students.

### **Cost**

There is no cost to the school if you successfully apply to [Port Marlborough Sounds Discovery Fund](#). Port Marlborough has generously provided funds to pay for the water taxi, and any transport to Picton which might be required to take part in this day.

Please contact Connie Smith at Port Marlborough for details on how to apply for this fund on [Connie.Smith@pmnz.co.nz](mailto:Connie.Smith@pmnz.co.nz).

**We also ask each school to pay a koha directly to the Sanctuary. This can be an amount of your choice but is requested to help maintain the upkeep and management of the sanctuary.**

### **Further Information**

Please feel free to contact Kaipūpū Sanctuary for further information, answers to queries, or to discuss available dates. We are very flexible and can easily adjust the programme to suit your times, student ages, and classroom teaching topics.

We look forward to hearing from you and we are really excited about introducing your students to Kaipūpū Sanctuary.

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