



Dear Parents

I am writing to invite your child to attend an Immersion Hui at Ko Taku Reo Christchurch Residential Campus. There are four, week-long Hui's/courses planned each year, one in each term. With this letter, I hope to inform you about the content and purpose of these courses which will help you to decide whether they might be right for your child.

The Goal of Immersion Hui's:

Immersion Hui's aim to provide our regional students with an opportunity to connect with their deaf peers, and learn more about Deaf Culture, identity, history and deaf studies. In particular, your child will be able to learn alongside, and socialise with the Christchurch enrolled school students of all ages, giving them the opportunity to make new friends and perhaps meet some role models for their future learning. Also, the opportunity of being away from home will give your child valuable experience in being independent and responsible for themselves.

What you need to know:

Immersion Hui's are planned and run by the Specialist Regional Team at Ko Taku Reo in Christchurch. They usually run from a Monday to Friday (4 nights and 5 days). During the day, a Deaf Resource Teacher, supported by a Regional Teacher/s, will teach the students and take them on various planned activities. After 3pm, the Residential Staff take over, and at night a Night Attendant looks after the student's needs. The Night Attendant is on duty and in the Residential house all night and will help the students get ready in the morning.

The students travel to Christchurch by aeroplane and are accommodated on site at Ko Taku Reo in Sumner. At the beginning and end of their journey, they will need to be dropped-off and picked-up at the airport by a family member. In Christchurch, they will be collected and dropped back to the airport by Ko Taku Reo staff involved in the Immersion Hui. The students need to be able to travel independently on an aeroplane or as an unaccompanied minor if they are under 12. If they are over 12 years old and it is the first time that they have travelled, we are also able to ask for special assistance from the flight staff for them. All accommodation, travel and food costs are covered by Ko Taku Reo; however, we do ask for a contribution from parents towards the costs of the children's activities (approximately \$50 per child for the week).

Aside from learning new things, meeting new people and having lots of fun, we hope that Immersion Hui's provide your child with some experiences that will give them confidence and help them to gain more independence. However, to have a successful experience at the course they must first be able to:

- Stay overnight independently in a new/different setting, with a group of other students
- Stay on site at Ko Taku Reo for the full duration of the course without family or other support (unless prior arrangements are made)
- Care for themselves and their property
- Have openness to new people, new environments, and a willingness to take new experiences in their stride
- Be open to having some fun and learning new things about themselves
- Follow residential rules and emergency procedures
- Have self-awareness of their own needs, and the ability to talk with staff, about these.
- Hand in technology when staff request them to do so every night

What to do next:

If you feel that your child is a good candidate for an Immersion Hui, we ask that you complete the attached paperwork and return it to us as soon as possible. Each course is planned to suit the ages and needs of the children who apply/attend, so it may be that your child is not suitable for the next planned course, however, we will book them in the next suitable course later in the year/next year.

If you have any questions or would like further details about the Residential Services at Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education New Zealand, or if you are unsure of your child's readiness, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Nicki Morrison

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Immersion Hui
Questionnaire for Parents (Confidential)

Dear Parents

To register your interest in having your child attend an Immersion Hui, please complete the Medical Report and Consent Form below and either return it to Ko Taku Reo by **posting it** to:

Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education NZ
Attn: Andrea Hinchey
38 Truro St
Sumner
Christchurch 8081

Or:

Scanning and emailing it to: andrea.hinchey@kotakureo.school.nz

Please also include a recent photograph of your child with the form.

We will get back to you as soon as possible to inform you about suitable courses for your child either this year or in 2021. Any information that you provide will be kept entirely confidential by our staff.

Many thanks

Andrea Hinchey
Directors Assistant
Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education NZ



Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education NZ Immersion Hui Registration, Medical Report and Consent Form

NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS		
Student's name	First name:	Last name:
Date of birth		
Age		
Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female • Other 	
School		
School Year		
Is your child enrolled in the NZSL at Schools programme?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
Ethnicity		
Parent/caregiver's name	First name:	Last name:
Home address	House / Street:	
	City:	
Contact details:	Phone (day):	
	Phone (night):	
	Mobile:	
	Email:	
	Name:	Relationship to child:

Emergency person contact details (if you are unavailable):	Phone (day):	Phone (night):
	Mobile:	
Date that you completed this form:		
Name of RTD		
Which Immersion Hui are you applying for?	Term:	Dates: Theme:
Name of person picking up or dropping off Christchurch-based students:	First name:	Last name:

GENERAL QUESTIONS		
Does your child have experience of staying away from home without a guardian?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. <p><i>If yes, when, where and for how long?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
Has your child ever travelled in an aeroplane unaccompanied?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
Does your child suffer from travel sickness? If yes, what is the best treatment for your child when they are travelling and feeling unwell?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. Only when flying. • Yes. Only when driving. • Yes. When flying and driving. • No 	
How does your child best communicate?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZSL • Oral • Both are fine 	

<p>If your child uses NZSL, how many signs would you say they are likely to use on a daily basis?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 10 • More than 10 • More than 50 • My child is confident in using NZSL 	
<p>Would you say that your child is shy with new people?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • A little bit 	
<p>Does your child suffer from homesickness?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
<p>At play time;</p> <p>a) how well does your child interact with their peers?</p> <p>b) what do they enjoy doing and what can upset them?</p>		
<p>Is your child open to taking on new challenges and trying new things?</p>		
<p>Can your child follow rules and emergency procedures when directed to do so?</p>		
<p>Would your child be comfortable asking for help from staff if they needed it?</p>		
<p>Does your child have fears that might stop them from partaking in an activity? E.g. a fear of animals or heights?</p>		

Does your child have a heart condition?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
Does your child suffer from blackouts, dizzy spells, or fits of any kind?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. <i>Please give details:</i> • No 	
Does your child have any physical disabilities? If so, what are they?	<p><i>For example: please state if your child requires the use of a wheelchair or crutches:</i></p>	
Is your child presently taking any medication? E.g. Ritalin or asthma medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. <p><i>If yes, which medication do they take and what is it used for? Please also state the dosage and how frequently it should be taken. For example, Paracetamol tablets (500mg tablets): 7.30am 2 tabs, 1pm 2 tabs, 7.30pm 2 tabs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, my child does not require medication. 	

<p>If you answered 'yes' to the question above, is your child able to administer their own medication or will they need the Immersion Hui staff to help them with this?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, my child is able to self-medicate for all of their medications • My child can self-medicate some of their medications. <i>Please state which ones they will need our help with:</i> • No, my child cannot self-medicate and will need staff to administer all of their medications for them. <i>NB: Please package all medications and administration instructions together in a clear plastic bag which will need to be handed over to the staff on the arrival of your child at van Asch.</i>
<p>When was your child's last tetanus immunisation?</p>	<p><i>NB: Tetanus injections are required every ten years.</i></p>
<p>Does your child suffer from any allergies? E.g. food allergies, insect bites/stings, hay-fever or medications such as penicillin?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. <i>If yes, which allergies do they have/which medications are they allergic to?</i> • No
<p>OVERALL GOALS OF IMMERSION HUI'S</p>	
<p>In the section below, please write a brief statement about why you would like your child to attend an Immersion Hui and why you think they would benefit from it.</p>	
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PARENTAL CONSENT	
I agree that my child, _____ should take part in such activities and such necessary duties as may be required by the Immersion Hui staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree • I disagree
I authorise the Immersion Hui staff to obtain medical assistance for my child if it is their opinion that such treatment is necessary and agree to meet any costs incurred.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree • I disagree
I understand that Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education New Zealand will not accept responsibility for loss or damage of personal property (<i>check own household policy</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree • I disagree
Should my son/daughter be involved in any disciplinary problem, I accept that he/she may be sent home at my expense.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree • I disagree
I authorise the use of any photo/video of my child for sharing on Ko Taku Reo's website, publications and promotional materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree • I disagree

I, (name of parent or caregiver) declare that I have personally completed the forms above and that all details provided are true and correct.

Signed:

Date:

The information that you have provided in this form is to assist us in caring for your child while they are with us, particularly in the case of an emergency. All information provided is strictly confidential. If you have questions while completing the form, please do not hesitate to call Andrea Hinchey on (03) 326 6009 extension 876 or 027 665 5200.