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Students represented Te Paepae o Aotea in Queensland, Australia

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA HOCKEY Team



Mcallum Kalin









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TE PAEPAE O AOTEA 75 Rugby Team





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Felix Butler



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Tavne Rowlands-Katene



Rayden Julian



Xavier Ngeru



Chris Robinson COACH

Sunday April 13 - 8.30am TPOA Hockey v Valley Hockey Club

Tuesday April 16 - 2pm TPOA Rugby 7s v Miami State High School

Wednesday April 17 - 2.30pm/5pm TPOA Rugby 7s v Toowoomba Anglican School TPOA Hockey v Toowoomba Hockey Club

Friday April 19 - 12pm/1pm TPOA Rugby 7s v Bremer State High School TPOA Hockey v Bremer State High School

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MULTI-SPORT TOUR

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Highlights from the Queensland Multi-Sport Tour

The Queensland Multi-Sport Tour 2024 was a whirlwind of excitement, culture and sporting connections, as students and volunteers embarked on a journey across the beautiful landscapes of Queensland. From thrilling sport matches to cultural experiences and theme park adventures, each day was filled with unforgettable moments. Let's look at the highlights from this incredible journey:



Welcome to Brisbane



After a 3-hour flight from Auckland to Brisbane, we were welcomed to the vibrant city of Brisbane. After settling into our accommodation in central Brisbane, we headed out for a delicious dinner at Pancake Manor.



Hockey Matches and Leisure in South Bank

Day 2 was all about sportsmanship and leisure. Our Hockey team showcased their skills on the field at Valley Hockey Club. This was a tight game, with no score till the final quarter when Brisbane Valley put one in. Not to be outdone, we struck right back with one of our own. Then, with one minute on the clock and a magic strike from the midfield with a cross into the circle, Charlie Wolland smashed home the game winner. Coming down off the win, we spent the afternoon unwinding in the picturesque surroundings of South Bank. The day ended with dinner at Vapiano's Italian Restaurant, where stories of the day's victories were shared over delicious Italian cuisine.



Cultural Immersion and Coastal Exploration

Exploring the rich cultural heritage of Queensland, we visited Brisbane Botanical Gardens and met with a local guide who taught us how to throw a boomerang and an aboriginal dance. Boomerang throwing was a hit for some, while others barely got airtime. After learning some Aboriginal history, we performed the dance we learned and showed our appreciation with a haka of our own. The day continued with a visit to Burleigh Heads, where we soaked up the sun and enjoyed dinner at Red Hook.







Rugby Training and Game Day

With a training session led by former Wallaby Mark Chisholm out in the hot sun at St Joseph's, Grange Hill, we honed our rugby and gym skills before heading to Caloundra Rugby Club for an exhilarating couple of games. While no wins came our way, we enjoyed the post-match BBQ dinner, celebrating the spirit of camaraderie and competition.



Rugby and Hockey in Toowoomba

We travelled to Toowoomba for another action-packed day of Rugby and Hockey. After lunch at Bettys Burgers, first up was the rugby team against Toowoomba Anglican School. A hard-fought game with several injuries ended with a score of 20-7. Our spirits were rekindled at the school's post-match function – great hosts. Later the rugby team supported the hockey team as they faced Toowoomba Hockey Association's U18 women's side. This was a good team test and a hard-fought game with a final score of 1-0. Following the after match and dinner at the club, we headed to our Toowoomba accommodation for the night.



Thrills at Movie World and Gold Coast

No games today. A day of adventure awaited us at Movie World Theme Park on the Gold Coast. From adrenaline-pumping roller coasters to magical shows, everyone experienced the thrill of a lifetime before heading on down to the Gold Coast.



Hockey Matches and Leisure Time

Back on the field at the Ipswich Hockey turf, Bremmer State High School faced our Hockey team, who giving it their all, won 6-0. The Rugby boys enjoyed a leisurely day before heading into a gym and pool session. Everyone enjoyed a respite, shopping at Surfer's Paradise, to close out the day.



Water Adventures and NRL

White Water World – what can I say! After a long week of sport and travel, we enjoyed a morning of fun and laughter, slides and all sorts of water adventure before heading to the Mt Coot-Tha Lookout – the highest point in Brisbane with panoramic views of the city and Morton Bay. The day concluded as all good sport trips should, at an electrifying NRL game between the Canberra Raiders and Brisbane Broncos at Suncorp Stadium.



Farewell Queensland

As we bid farewell to Queensland, memories of an unforgettable journey will forever remain in our hearts. From the bustling streets of Brisbane to the stunning landscapes of Toowoomba and the Gold Coast, the Queensland Multi-Sport Tour 2024 was an experience of a lifetime. As we journeyed back home to Hawera, we carry with us the friendships forged, and the memories made. Queensland will always hold a special place in our hearts.





