

24 February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Theatre visit to ATC's The Haka Party Incident

Auckland Art's Festival is back on for 2021 and we are thrilled to have tickets for the New Zealand premiere of *The Haka Party Incident* directed by Katie Woolf. "*The Haka Party Incident* resurrects the eventful day a group of University of Auckland engineering students rehearsing their annual tradition of a mock haka were confronted by the activist group He Taua. Violence erupted that sent ripples through the nation and changed race relations in New Zealand forever". ATC

This theatre visit aims to inspire and enthuse our senior Drama students as well as give an excellent play to analyse, discuss and critique, for their NCEA Drama examination.

Event Date Tuesday 9 March at 7.00pm

Departure 5.30pm from College bus lanes

Return 10.00pm approx, - students to be picked up from College bus lanes

Venue ASB Waterfront Theatre

Costs \$25 (ticket and transport)

All students to meet at **5.15pm in Drama Studio 1** for a briefing. Students may like to go to the Pakuranga Plaza to have dinner prior to the briefing.

Transport details School Buses will transport all students and staff to the theatre and return everyone back to the College for collection. Students may <u>not</u> drive their own vehicles for this trip.

We understand some students live in the city and their parents would prefer to meet their child after the show and take them home, rather than driving to the College. We want to be accommodating but, we also have nearly 100 students whose safety we are responsible for at the bustling moment when the entire audience vacates, and students get on buses. If you want to pick up your child from the theatre, this must be arranged with the student's Drama teacher prior to 3 March. Any student whose parent has not given us permission for their child to be picked up from the theatre must return with us on the bus.

Students must wear their school uniform. They may bring their cell phones so they can text a parent the exact time we will be arriving back at the College. They should either bring something for dinner, or money to buy dinner at the Plaza.

Please <u>click here</u> to complete the Parental Consent form no later than Wednesday 3 March.

Yours sincerely

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