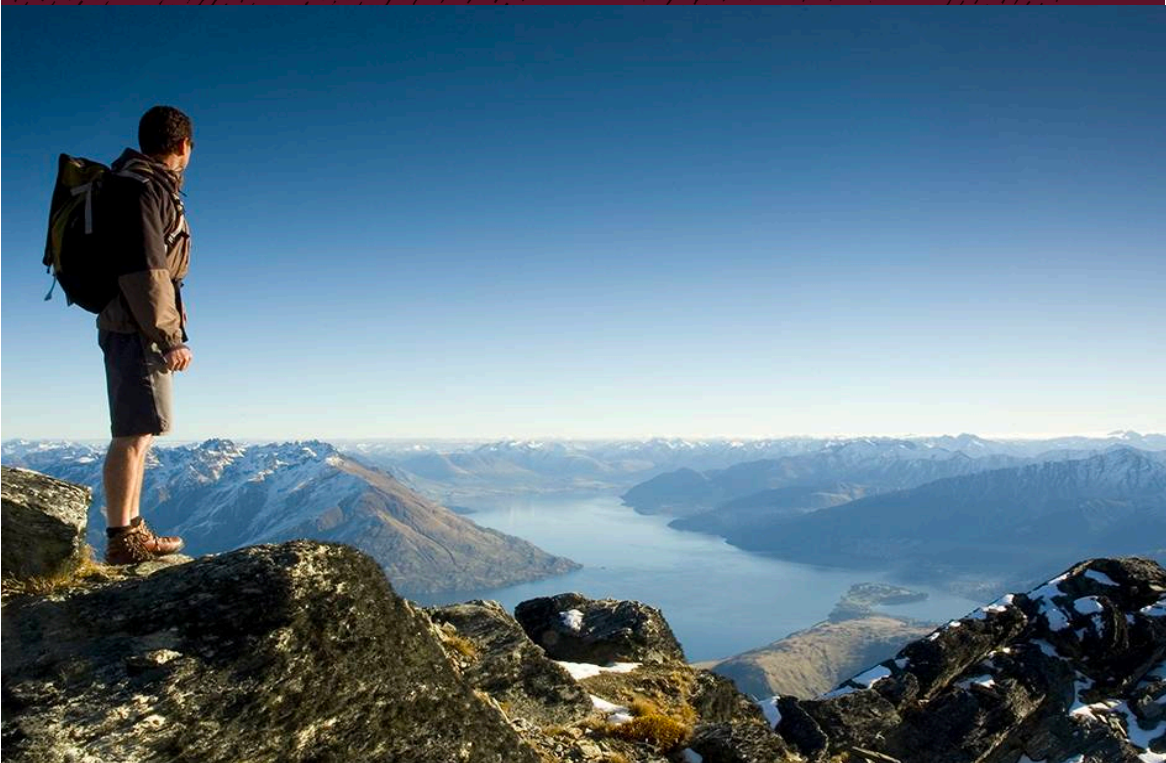


**Scotch College Outdoor Learning and Adventure**  
**Saturday 20 September – Friday 3 October**

# **2025 New Zealand Year 10 Outdoor Learning & Adventure Expedition**




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# 2025 New Zealand Expedition

A hiker with a large blue backpack is seen from behind, walking on a rocky mountain trail. The background features steep, grassy slopes and a small lake in the distance under a clear sky.

Blake	Atkinson	Harry	Hristofski
Archie	Atkinson	Van	Jasper
Harrison	Bacich-Hearn	Christopher	Lapsley
Oscar	Baddeley	Jamie	Lippiatt
Stirling	Buchanan	Kyle	Mashangu
Lachlan	Buzza	Lincoln	McIntosh
William	Carmichael	Gus	McIntosh
Eugene	Cha	Campbell	Menadue
Fox	Douglas	Johnny	Newall
Alex	Eagar	Owen	Ogden
George	Foster	Joe	Purser
Kade	Gangell	Myles	Reading
Archie	Harrison	Zachary	Rumball
Milo	Hewson	Kieran	Talbot
Tom	Hogarth	Luca	Tana
Tom	Hopkins	Nick	Terrell
Piran	Wallace		

## Staff On Expedition

**Dr Duncan Picknoll - Expedition Leader**

**Mr Sean Mecham**

**Ms Katelyn Guy**

**Mr Justin Creighton**

**Mr Sebastian Crosara**

# Programme Expedition Overview

Expedition Programme Overview: A detailed breakdown of the itinerary, including dates, activities, and accommodations for each day of the expedition.

## Week 1

Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Date	Sat 20/09	Sun 21/09	Mon 22/09	Tues 23/09	Wed 24/09	Thurs 25/09	Fri 26/09
AM	N/A	Arrive Queenstown	Jetboat - Shotover River Skyline - gondola and luge	Travel to Te Anau	Hike - Kepler Track	Hike - Greenstone Track	Hike - Hollyford Track
PM	Depart Perth 7:50PM	Queenstown	Hike - Preperation	Hike - Kepler Track	Hike - Kepler Track	Hike - Greenstone Track	Hike - Hollyford Track
Accom	Travel	Pinewood Lodge	Pinewood Lodge	Luxmore Hut	Moturau Hut	McKellar Hut	Hidden Falls

Week 1 Summary: The first week of the expedition begins with travel to Queenstown, followed by a series of hikes and a jetboat ride. The week concludes with a hike to Hidden Falls.

Week 1 Accommodation: The first week of the expedition includes stays at Pinewood Lodge, Luxmore Hut, Moturau Hut, McKellar Hut, and Hidden Falls.

## Week 2

Day	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
Date	Sat 27/09	Sun 28/09	Mon 29/09	Tues 30/09	Wed 01/10	Thurs 02/10	Fri 03/10
AM	Hike - Hollyford Track	Day hike - Wanaka (Roys Peak)	Ski/snowboard Cadrona Alpine resort	Ski/snowboard Cadrona Alpine resort	Ski/snowboard Cadrona Alpine resort	Ski/snowboard Cadrona Alpine resort	Depart Queenstown 07:20
PM	Return to Queenstown	Day hike - Wanaka (Roys Peak)	Ski/snowboard Cadrona Alpine resort	Ski/snowboard Cadrona Alpine resort	Ski/snowboard Cadrona Alpine resort	Ski/snowboard Cadrona Alpine resort	Arrive Perth15:00
Accom	Pinewood Lodge	Pinewood Lodge	Pinewood Lodge	Pinewood Lodge	Pinewood Lodge	Pinewood Lodge	N/A

Week 2 Summary: The second week of the expedition focuses on skiing and snowboarding at Cadrona Alpine resort, interspersed with day hikes and a return to Queenstown. The week ends with arrival in Perth.

Week 2 Accommodation: The second week of the expedition includes stays at Pinewood Lodge for most nights, with a final night in Queenstown.



# Itinerary

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## Day 1

Saturday 20 September

- 16:45 Meet at Perth International Airport - Terminal 1 (19:50)
- 19:50 Air New Zealand Flight NZ176 to Auckland (06:15 +1)

## Day 2

Sunday 21 September

- 07:55 Auckland Airport to Queenstown Airport - NZ613 (07:55)
- 09:50 Arrive Queenstown Airport
  - Transfer to accommodation
  - Pinewood Accommodation
  - 48 Hamilton Road Queenstown NZ 9300
  - +64 3 442 827
- 16:00 Group Meeting
- 18:00 Dinner in Queenstown
- 21:00 Lights out







Day 3  
Shotover River - Jet boat  
Skyline - gondola and luge



### Day 4 to Day 8 HIKE

Tuesday 23 September - Saturday 27 September

#### Group 1

Day	Start	Destination	Travel Time	Distance	Notes
Day 1 Mon	Hollyford Track carpark	Hidden Falls Hut	3 – 4 hours	9 km	
Day 2 Tues	Hidden Falls	McKellar	8 – 9 hours	22 km	
Day 3 Wed	McKellar	Moturua	5 – 6 hours	16km	Re-supply
Day 4 Thurs	Moturua	Mount Luxmore	8 – 9 hours	21km	
Day 5 Fri	Mount Luxmore	Kepler Track Carpark	4 – 5 hours	14km	Return to Pinewood Lodge

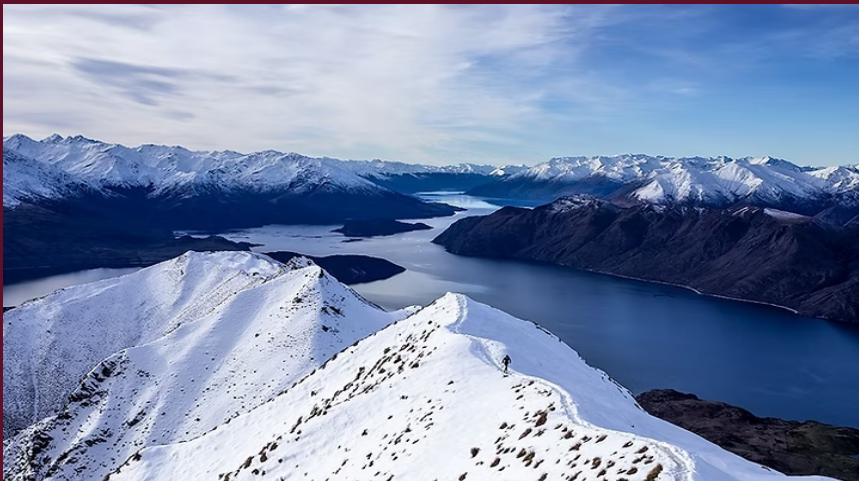
The Hollyford Track is a spectacular multi-day hiking experience located in Fiordland National Park. Stretching approximately 56 km, the track follows the Hollyford River from the dramatic Darran Mountains to the wild West Coast at Martins Bay. Unlike many other New Zealand hikes, the Hollyford Track remains at a relatively low altitude, making it accessible year-round. Hikers are treated to a diverse landscape of alpine peaks, lush rainforest, crystal-clear rivers, and remote beaches. Rich in both Māori and pioneering history, the track offers a unique blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage.

#### Group 2

Day	Start	Destination	Travel Time	Distance	Notes
Day 1 Mon	Kepler Track Carpark	Mount Luxmore	4 – 5 hours	14km	
Day 2 Tues	Mount Luxmore	Moturua	8 – 9 hours	21km	
Day 3 Wed	Moturua	McKellar	5 – 6 hours	16km	Re-supply
Day 4 Thurs	McKellar	Hidden Falls	8 – 9 hours	22km	
Day 5 Fri	Hidden Falls	Hollyford Track carpark	2 – 3 hours	9km	Return to Pinewood Lodge

The Kepler Track is a New Zealand Great Walk, located right next to Te Anau in Fiordland National Park. Purpose built; it is a loop track 60 km in length. Passing through the beech-forested waterways of the Waiau River and alongside the shores of Lakes Te Anau and Manapouri, it climbs along the alpine ridgelines and tussock herb fields of Mt Luxmore and Jackson Peaks. From expansive mountain and lake views to ancient forests of ferns and mature trees, this trail has a bit of everything.

**Day 9 - Sunday 28 September**  
**Day Hike Wanaka (Roys Peak)**



**Day 10 – Day 13**  
**Monday 29 September – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Ski/Snowboard at Cadrona Alpine resort**

All day ski/ snowboard at Cadrona will be enjoyed for the following dates.  
Please note - Students will need a personal creditcard to pay for lunches at Cadrona.



**Day 14**  
**Friday 3 October**

09:20am	Transfer to Queenstown airport
09:20am	Flight NZ613 to Auckland
12:35pm	Flight NZ175 Auckland to Perth
15:00pm	Flight arrives Perth International Airport Terminal 1 (15:00)



# Packing List

Quantity	Item
2	Thermal tops
2	Thermal bottoms (or 1 thermal, 1 track pant)
2	Pair shorts (quick dry)
1	Pair hut shoes (e.g., crocs/thongs not sneakers)
1	Pair waterproof hiking boots (well-worn in)
1	Pair night socks
4	Pairs hiking socks
2	Quick dry T-shirts/shirt for walking ( <b>non-cotton</b> )
1	Shirt (sleeping)
1	Waterproof jacket (gore-Tex or equal)
1	Waterproof pants
1	Beanie (warm)
1	Walking gloves
5	Underwear
1	Down jacket or prima loft jacket minimum 500 or Fleece jumper 200 Tech Minimum
1	Sunglasses

## Hardware/Equipment for Hiking

Quantity	Item
1	70-80 litre hiking rucksack (fitted)
1	Waterproof pack cover
1	Hiking pillow (inflatable lightweight)
1	Hiking sleeping mat (e.g., Inflatable Therma rest)
1	Sleeping bag (-5 degree rated down, lightweight and warm)
1	Thermal sleeping bag liner
1	Bowl, knife, fork, spoon (light weight plastic)
1	Lightweight mug (hot drinks)
1	Head torch & spare batteries
1-2	Toothbrush & paste
1	Water bottle (2L capacity)

## Skiing/Snowboarding Gear

Quantity	Item
1	Pair goggles
1	Pair gloves
1	Neck warmer (optional)

## Important Information

Please contact one of the following staff members immediately if your son is unable to participate and will not be at the airport for his flight to New Zealand.

Dr Duncan Picknoll [Duncan.picknoll@scotch.wa.edu.au](mailto:Duncan.picknoll@scotch.wa.edu.au)

Ms Katelyn Guy [Katelyn.guy@scotch.wa.edu.au](mailto:Katelyn.guy@scotch.wa.edu.au)

**Scotch mobile numbers for emergency contact.**

**0428 099 998 – Duncan Picknoll**

**0488 030 114 – Katelyn Guy**

**0402 983 073 – Sean Mecham**

For insurance purposes we will require a doctor's certificate if it is due to illness to cover the expedition dates. Please forward your doctors certificate to [outdoorlearningandadventure@scotch.wa.edu.au](mailto:outdoorlearningandadventure@scotch.wa.edu.au)

### Medical Information

It is important we have the most recent updated medical information. For all paperwork to be prepared for the expedition leader please go to [Home.scotch.wa.edu.au](http://Home.scotch.wa.edu.au) to update - Click on the 'Medical and Information' check box to complete. Please include medical action plans, any concerns or if you have extra information to be included with our paperwork, please email [Outdoorlearningandadventure@scotch.wa.edu.au](mailto:Outdoorlearningandadventure@scotch.wa.edu.au)

**Medication:** Students taking medication must have it available in their carry-on bag. Please ensure all medications are accompanied by appropriate documentation or a doctor's approval. It is a college requirement to store all medications in a Webster-pak, available from most chemists.

**Insurance Claims:** A doctor's certificate **covering the expedition start date** is necessary for medical insurance claims. Please forward medical certificates to [Outdoorlearningandadventure@scotch.wa.edu.au](mailto:Outdoorlearningandadventure@scotch.wa.edu.au)

- For support and assistance whilst travelling overseas the College uses the services of International SOS. Please visit their website to view the services available <https://www.internationalsos.com>

### Flight Details and Baggage

- Students, please arrive at the airport by **4:45pm** to meet Dr Duncan Picknoll and Ms Katelyn Guy
- The group's tickets will be managed by Ms Katelyn Guy, please have your passport with you
- Perth International Airport - Terminal 1 at 4:45pm
- NZ176 to Auckland will depart at 7:50pm

### Baggage allowance

- 1 carry-on bag - please ensure your phone charger and batteries are in this bag along with medications.
- 1 checked bag at 23kg (please weigh prior to leaving home)

### What to bring

- Passport
- Documents for medication
- Spending money (credit card)
- Packing list as instructed by Outdoor Learning and Adventure

### Returning Flight Queenstown to Perth

- Friday 3 October 2025 Queenstown to Auckland NZ614 - 9:20am arrives Auckland 11:10am
- Auckland to **Perth NZ175 arrives Perth International Airport Terminal 1 at 3:00pm.**

Please ensure you are available to collect your son at the airport as students will not be dismissed until all students are accounted for. If you are running late or wish to make other arrangements please contact staff.

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