



26 February 2025

Dear Principals & Teachers

TRAVEL FUND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL VISITS TO PARLIAMENT

You are receiving this letter as your school has either benefited from a grant through the Trust's Travel Fund in the past year or you have recently made an application for funds.

The current economic climate has and continues to have a significant negative impact on the Trust's revenue and is subsequently impacting on our disposable income to fund our charitable educational activities.

The Board has therefore made the difficult but realistic decision to restrict the Travel Fund. There will still be a travel fund but with much reduced funds. That means grants will be smaller in value and the funding model will change from the current mileage-based system relating to the number of students travelling to a flat rate grant. Distance from Wellington will still be taken into consideration as part of the assessment process.

The criteria for assessing and determining who will be eligible for funding is being strengthened. We will look to fund schools that have a structured programme around civics education and/or curriculum-based activities. So, in addition to the Parliamentary Service education programme that must be undertaken, we are encouraging schools to undertake education programmes offered by other providers in Wellington: Government House, the Supreme Court, Pukeahu National War Memorial, Te Papa and He Tohu which builds on the parliamentary experience, and which are free of charge. While we appreciate that many schools undertake 'camps' when visiting Wellington with recreational and fun activities, our focus must be on the learning components of the programme to fit in with the Trust's mission.

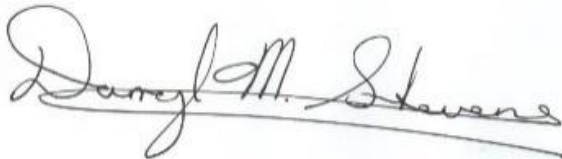
It will also become necessary for your school to publicly acknowledge any funding you receive from the Trust in order that your Board of Trustees, PTA and local school community are aware that the Trust is supporting the students. The Board was not overly happy that

most schools that received funding in 2024 did not acknowledge the Trust in their social media coverage.

We are currently updating the criteria. The application form and funding round closing dates remain unaltered. Attached is the 2024 edition of the application form and should be the only version used. Should you have earlier versions in your system, please destroy these.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries

Ngā mihi | Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Darryl M. Stevens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Darryl Stevens MNZM
Chief Executive