

NGA MAHI A TE REHIA/The Performing Arts

South Auckland secondary schools display artistic talents

Whakatane hosts annual festival, Rotorua wins

Maori cultural groups from high schools throughout the South Auckland region competed at the Maori cultural festival held in Whakatane on August 8.

Around 800 students from 19 schools performed at the Whakatane District War Memorial Centre.

The overall winner of the festival was Rotorua Lakes High School with Whakatane High School second and a combined party from Rotorua's Edmund Rice College and McKillop College were third.

Whakatane High School also won the Tuwharetoa Trophy for the best original song and a member, Waihi Te Pou, was awarded the Wi Patene Trophy for the best girl leader.

The festival, held every year, attracted a capacity crowd of 1500 people.

Photographs provided by the Whakatane Beacon.



Judging proved to be just as enjoyable as being a spectator for these judges, taking time out from their scoring to take in a performance. They are, from right to left, Mr Joe Te Maipi, Mrs Dinny Jaram, Mrs Nancy Peka, Mr Mac Te Maru and Mrs Emma Mihaka.

Performing before an attentive young audience are members of the Tokoroa High School cultural group, guest performers at the festival.

