



Aquavan

Discovering our Coastal Connections

The Aquavan is heading inland and upstream, bringing live marine critters and touch pools to schools and communities. The aim of the project is to create awareness and understanding of the connectivity between river health and the coastal environment, in a dynamic and hands-on way.



The Aquavan

Specially designed to transport marine species, the van is equipped with chilled re-circulating seawater tanks. During visits to classrooms and community halls, a mobile touch tank will support encounters with a diversity of live marine animals.



The Programme

Through fun, hands-on activities, students will be engaged in learning more about local marine species and their role in the marine ecosystem. The marine animals and plants will provide a focus for discovery learning and stimulus for discussion about environmental issues and responsibilities.



The Route

The Aquavan will be visiting river catchments in Southern NZ with a focus on the Clutha, Waitaki and Mataura rivers. Visits to some smaller river catchments are also on the plan.



The Schools

The programme is targeted at upper Primary and Intermediate level. Please get in touch if you are interested in having the Aquavan visit your school or community. Classes are expected to complete pre and post trip activities as part of the programme.



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