

RQP Presents TOI

Toi is an opportunity for ākonga (students) across Aotearoa to develop their confidence, work collaboratively, build resilience, enhance wellbeing and express their creativity.

This programme is run by RQP, who have been active supporters of creative students since founding Smokefreerockquest in 1988. Showquest launched in 2018 and continues to develop, and we're very excited to be heading into our sixth year!

RQP is committed to creating inclusive opportunities that offer students creative leadership in performing, dancing, music, editing, filming, choreographing, story writing, lighting design, costume design and more. We are passionate about recognising the needs of young people and creating events and opportunities tailored for their development.

If a Music, Dance or Drama teacher is interested in entering Showquest (performing arts platform), please email **events@showquest.nz** and we'll send you the Showquest Info Pack!



TOI - Wearable Art Competition

Toi is run in collaboration with World of WearableArt (WOW) and is an opportunity for the next generation of textile artists and designers to get a taste for the WOW experience. Toi is te reo Māori for art, and our Toi competition challenges students to take art off the wall and put it on the human form.

Students work solo or in groups to create a fantastical wearable art garment. You have the opportunity to exhibit your creations at our Showquest regional event, where we have a Wearable Art Showcase. Our team will take professional photos of your garment at the event worn by student models, and our friends at WOW judge the garments nationally. If you cannot make it to an event, students can take their own photos to submit for national judging.

Toi continues to get bigger, bolder and more outlandish each year, with 395 incredible pieces of wearable art created in our 2023 programme - our biggest year yet!



Key Info

- Registrations OPEN NOW via our website!
- Design Briefs announced October 26, 2023.
- Final registration closes April 5, 2024.
- Events in 10 regions around Aotearoa: Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Manawatū, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury, and Southland.
- Events run from May 21 to June 25, 2024 (full venue and date details on the Showquest website).
- \$10 per garment entry fee.
- Each garment can have up to 3 students attend on event day (student model and up to 2 designers/helpers).
- There is no limit to the number of student designers per garment.
- Prizes include a trip to the WOW show in Wellington, Bernina sewing machines, WOW prize packages and more!



Event Day

On event day a photoshoot studio will be set up backstage where our photographer will take professional photographs of each Toi garment.

Our WOW judges Dame Suzie Moncrieff and Heather Palmer will use these photos for nationwide judging. You will also get free copies of these high-quality photos, so have fun with hair, makeup and poses!

During the Showquest evening show, student models will walk a stage catwalk and showcase their garments in front of a live audience.



Photoshoot









2023 Lookbooks

Get some inspiration by checking out the top Toi creations showcased in our 2023 Lookbooks.





Creative Photo Challenge

Students can also get involved in this optional element of Toi, where they shoot and style their own version of a magazine cover photo.

Check out our 2022 winner:

Hine-Korako - Northcross Intermediate





Get In Touch

If you have any questions, you can email us at **events@showquest.nz** or call (09) 845 1557 - we'd love to hear from you!

If you're wanting to register for 2024, head to www.showquest.nz.

Find us on social media:







We look forward to meeting you!

