

TAWA COLLEGE

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Dear All

The Tawa College Music Department is undergoing a major redevelopment. When completed, the new suite will have an extra 116m² of space, providing two classrooms, a large performance room, a recording studio, and three instrumental and vocal teaching spaces. The cost of these new facilities is \$1.6 million. With this building cost, the Board regretfully does not have the resources to provide all that is needed in terms of equipment for these greatly improved teaching and performing spaces.

For the Department to be up and running for its opening at the start of July, a considerable amount of expensive equipment needs to be purchased. Funding for items such as classroom furniture is covered in the allocated funds. We are also grateful to Mana Community Grants and Tawa Music Centre for giving grants for equipment. However a large shortfall remains which the Department itself must raise in order to get the block functioning fully.

Money raised will be used to purchase a grand piano for the performance room, and computers, sound systems and audio visual equipment for the three teaching studios, two classrooms and performance room. It will also supply a computer, control equipment, and microphones for the recording studio. We also hope to purchase lighting and video equipment to enhance the students' educational experiences.

We are looking to the community to help raise \$120,000 towards this shortfall. We seek this support especially from those who have benefitted from being involved in the College's music programmes over the past 35 years. If 2,400 people contributed only \$50 each we would reach our target. So would 120 units of individuals, families, or syndicates of people, each donating \$1,000. **Any** level of funding would be appreciated.

Each contributor will have his/her name displayed in the new block, and those providing a large donation will receive commensurate naming rights on substantial facilities and/or resources.

The department is seeking your personal support to help us meet our funding target.

Your contribution can be made using one of the following methods:

- 1) Sending a cheque to the College made out to "Tawa College Music Department," or
- 2) Direct debiting your contribution to 12-3192-0011938-000.

Please write in the reference detail fields: *Music dept bld donation your name.*

Please also send us an email at music@tawacollege.school.nz so we can confirm your contribution has been received and supply you with further information and a receipt if required. If at all possible, please forward your gift before the end of June 2010.

You can check out progress of the Equipment Appeal Fund on tawacollegemusic.school.nz – this site will be up and running during May.

Thank you for your help.

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