

SGCNZ VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2026 SCHEDULE



Assessors: Sarah Ross (SEFTMS) - THW-VUW Shakespeare Academic
 Bronwyn Turei - Actor/Singer SGCNZ YSC Alum & Board
 Jackson Burling - Actor

NSSP Selectors: Andrew Paterson - SGCNZ YSC Alum/ Actor/Director
 Murcie-Lago Morris - SGCNZ YSC Alum/Actor
 Katy Comar - SGCNZ YSC Alum/Actor



Venues: Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington, Te Aro Campus Vivian St & Pipitea Thorndon Campus
 Wellington East Girls' College, Paterson Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington 6011;
 St James Theatre, 87/77 Courtenay Place, Wellington 6011

Dates: Thursday 28 May to Monday 1 June 2026

Schedule:

Thursday 28 May Venue: Te Herenga Waka- Victoria University of Wellington, Te Aro Campus, 139 Vivian Street 6011
 4.00-5.30pm **SGCNZ National Shakespeare Festival Registrations & Welcome Reception**
 Evening **Available for theatre going**

Friday 29 May Venue: Wellington East Girls' College, Paterson Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington 6011

*8.30am-9.10am ***Registrations**
 8.45am-9.00am **Special Session** for non-Group attendees
 9.15am-9.25am **Mihi Whakatau & Notices**
 9.30am-11.00am **Workshop 1**
 11.15am-12.45pm **Workshop 2**
 11.30am-12.15pm **Regional Representatives' Meeting with DJS**

Venue: St James Theatre, 87/77 Courtenay Place, Wellington 6011

1.00pm-7.30pm **Placing Calls & Health Safety Briefings – St James Theatre**
 on stage (specific times as scheduled)

Venues: Optional Tours of

Evening

Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington, Government House, Parliament, Te Papa, Wellington Museum, Toi Whakaari & other venues
Available for theatre going

Saturday 30 May Venue: St James Theatre, 87/77 Courtenay Place, Wellington

8.45am-9.00am **Special Session** for non-Group attendees
 8.45am-9.15am **SGCNZ YSCs' Session** – Kerry Maher, DJS & Tour Leaders
 9.30am-5.30pm*** **Scene Performances**
 Evening **Available for theatre going**

Sunday 31 May Venue: St James Theatre, 87/77 Courtenay Place, Wellington

8.30am-8.45am **Special Session** for non-Group attendees
 9.00am-4.00pm*** **Scene Performances**
 4.00pm-5.00pm*** **Special Guest Presenters [Sponsors] & Inspiring Alumni**
 5.00pm-6.30pm **Dinner break** – own choice of restaurant
 7.00pm-9.30pm*** **SGCNZ YSC Performance, Competition Prize-Giving, Scene Award Ceremony** - MC Hon Nicola Willis tbc & other VIPs**

Monday 1 June Venue: Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington Pipitea Campus, Thorndon

9.30am-10.30am **Scene Assessors' & NSSP Selectors' Feedback** – for students, teachers, supervisors, SGCNZ & WSS members & sponsors
 11.00am-11.50am*** **Public bookings via SGCNZ-Inspiring Guest Speaker**
 11.50am-12 noon **Whakamutunga & Karakia**

Full attendance at the Festivals is a requirement for all performing groups from * to**.

***Open to the Public – book at [ticketmaster.co.nz](https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz) for St James; Talk and General Enquiries P: 04 384 1300 or E: dawn@sgcnz.org.nz
 The Schedule may be subject to change – check the SGCNZ website for updates: www.sgcnz.org.nz 2/3/26