



MTG Hawke's Bay Social Story

This is designed for MTG visitors who may have special needs related to light levels, noise levels, crowd levels etc. It also has reference to visiting school student groups with special needs who may want to understand a little more fully what they will find at the MTG.

Today you are visiting a medium size museum and art gallery called the MTG.

When you see the big white building with flags fluttering out the front you will know that you have arrived.



When you go in to the main foyer area you will meet some friendly staff members at the front desk. They will give you a map and tell you how to get around the museum.



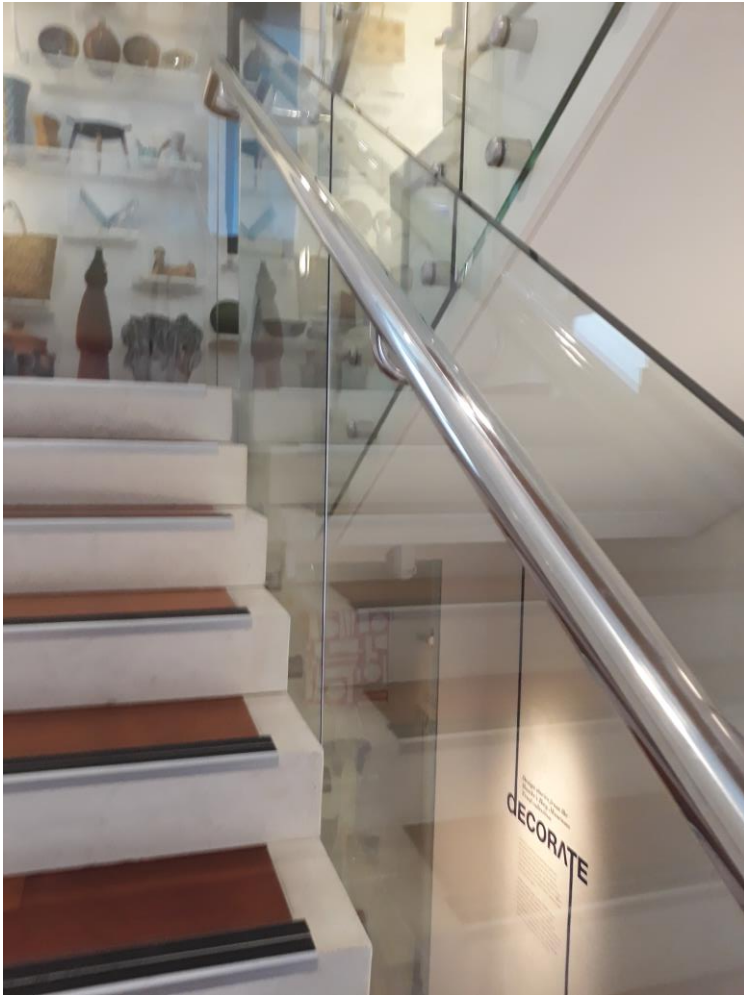
If you are going to an education class, your class will be met by the teacher who could be Gaynor or Sarah. You will then go into the education classroom.



Teacher: Gaynor



Teacher: Sarah



There are three floors in the Museum: upstairs, the ground floor and the basement floor. You can get up and down the different floors using the stairwell on either side of the foyer.

There is also a lift or elevator.

Students under 16 need to use the stairs unless accompanied by an adult. All students on school visits need to use the staircases.

There are lovely things to see in the stairwell cases.

Downstairs is a gallery about the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake and it is darkish there to save light damaging the objects on display.





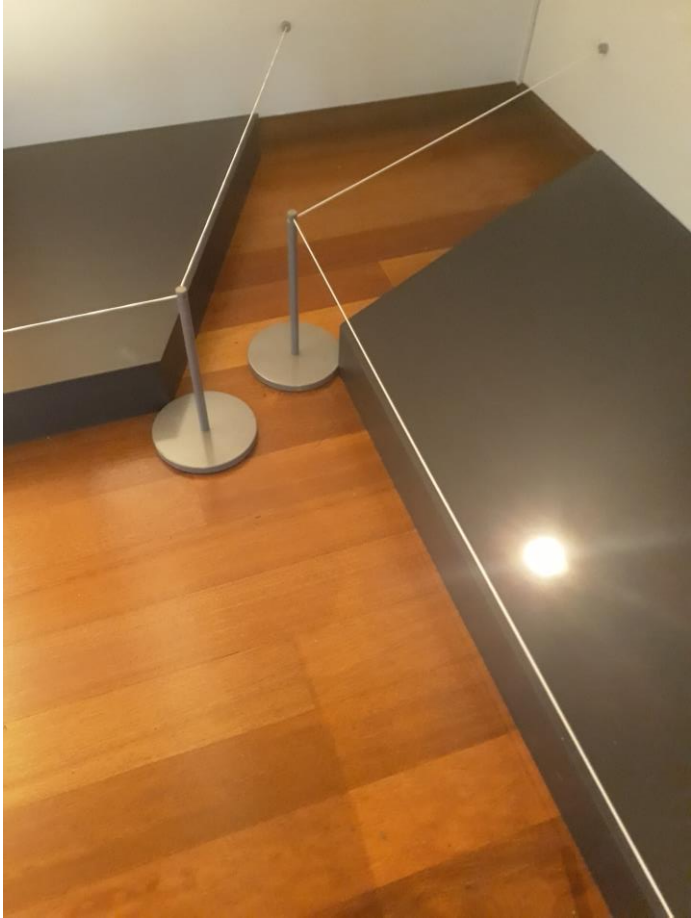
The museum also has a ground floor and an upstairs floor. There are many different exhibits on these floors. They change often so do not expect to see the same things each time you visit.

There are some rules to follow when visiting a museum.

- Stay with my family, friends or group.
- Use an inside voice as it is an echoing place
- Walk
- Do not touch items on display unless a sign or adult tells you that is OK.
- Be considerate to other users.
- Obey signs and stay behind barriers
- Leave food and drink at the reception

There are quiet places in the MTG to rest and relax.





Barriers tell you to stay back from the walls and exhibits.



A sign like this means be careful!!! There may have been a leak or spill, people may be working in the space, or there is a hazard.



These signs mean no touching. And no photos please.

If at any time you are worried about something, can't find something or someone or you hurt yourself, look for people with name badges. They are staff who can help you. If the crowds or noise gets too much for you, you may need to go outside for a while. Let someone in your group know how you are feeling so they can take you to a quiet place or go outside for some fresh air.

We really hope you enjoy your visit to the MTG. See you soon!