



SWAPA

Students with a Passion for Astronomy

RASNZ offers 10 top secondary students who are NZ citizens and at secondary school anywhere in New Zealand scholarships to enable them to attend the RASNZ annual astronomy conference, which will take place this year in New Plymouth, Friday 17 (evening) to Sunday 19 May (about 4 pm).



left: M51 pinwheel spiral galaxy; centre: SWAPA students with astronomers at RASNZ conference in Dunedin 2017
right: Kepler 186f, an Earth-like planet discovered by the Kepler spacecraft.

The scholarships comprise free registration for the conference (normally about \$200), free travel from their home to New Plymouth, free backpacker accommodation in New Plymouth for 17 and 18 May, and a free banquet ticket for the conference banquet on 18 May.

To be considered, students should email a short statement of **no more than 300 words** explaining why they would like to attend the conference and why they are interested in astronomy. This statement should be sent to RASNZ Immediate-Past President, John Drummond (kiwiastronomer@gmail.com) **by Friday 15th March 2019, 5 pm. Include your name, gender, age, school, year of study at school in 2019, city, email address, telephone contact and science teacher's name, phone and email.**