

## Paddles Up philosophy

Paddles Up is designed for secondary school pupils and outdoor education teachers, especially those from schools running their own kayak activities.

Aims:

- raise standard of secondary school kayaking by modelling safe and effective kayaking *[instructor responsibilities; group management; instruction progressions; safety gear]*
- increase communication between schools so that standards can be compared and ideas swapped *[teachers come with teams; whole weekend; camping together]*
- provide quality white-water instruction for novice paddlers (those with some flat or moving water experience ) as an extension of their school kayaking activities *[use pool of competent teachers and club instructors; link in with NZCA teacher training]*
- run several kayaking activities that test basic kayak skills in a fun way *[fun slalom / DR / polo; use standard design boats; select easy venues; include rolling]*
- provide a link for keen secondary school paddlers to move into the club scene *[SCC + OCKC paddlers involved at event; club advertising]*
- prepare pupils for higher level competition *[tie dates in with SI and National secondary school events; individuals may compete in specialist boats]*
- foster the individual's responsibility to other paddlers in their kayak group *[emphasis is on team event]*