

# Q&A: EMMA BROAD

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*Recently we said farewell to our ray of sunshine administrator and youth engagement coordinator, Emma. She begins an exciting new journey with New Zealand Opera. Tena koe e hoa, we will miss you and your huge smile tremendously.*

**Tell us a bit about your new job and the people you will be working with?**

My new job is Executive Assistant for NZ Opera. I am ultimately the right hand to our general director, Thomas de Mallet Burgess. They have such a fabulous and vastly talented team that I will get to work with.



**What will you miss most about NZDC?**

I will miss the people at NZDC the most. This whānau has the most hardworking and kindhearted people that I have adored working alongside. Our work in our whare kura sessions have brought us even closer together this year and saying goodbye to these people has been so hard. I will also miss being able to pop in the studio at any time to just sit and watch some of the most incredible dancers I have ever seen.

**What is “home” for you?**

Home for me is more about who I'm with rather than a specific place. Home is where I feel totally comfortable and appreciated by those around me. So in that way home can be when I am with my whānau in Kapiti but it can also be when I'm with my friends jamming in the studio.



**What’s the best local purchase you’ve made this year?**

Every second Sunday my flatmate and I go to central flea market just round the corner from our flat. It's a mix of clothes, homewares and lots of knick knacks. We've found so many gems over the year and never come away empty handed. The best purchase would have to be this beautiful vintage chair that's now a feature in my room.

**What’s the best advice you’ve ever received?**

It's so hard to pick one cause I have received so much great advice from people over the years but my best piece of advice is from my dad. On a tomb stone it always says a born and died date with a dash in between. My dad once said to me 'it's what you do with the dash'. That really stuck with me and reminds me to make the most of every day.