

YOU'RE OFF TO VISIT YOUR MUM.

You'll know you're nearly there when you see a sign and then you'll go up the long driveway.

After parking you'll go through some gates to the reception. The person at the counter will ask who you're visiting. They'll then make a call to let your Mum know you've arrived.



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Visiting Mum

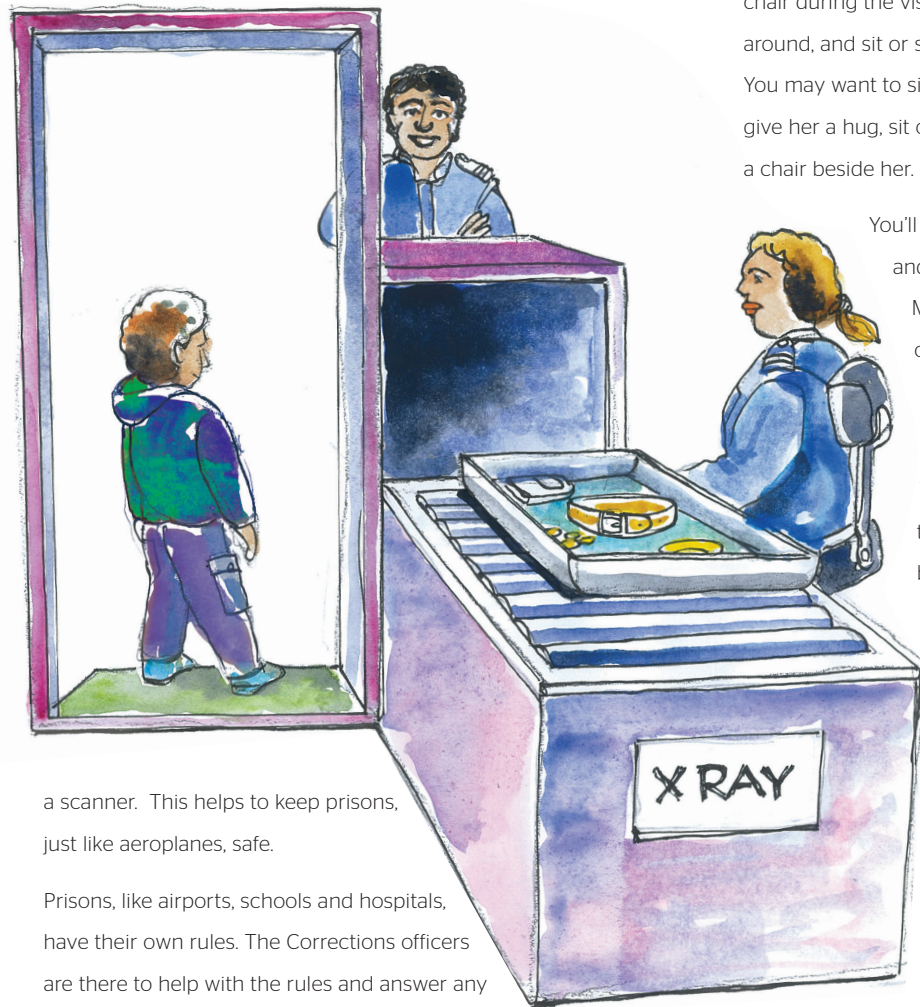
at Arohata Prison



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You'll be asked to leave any stuff that isn't needed for your visit. So if you've got a jacket, soft toy, or books, you'll be told where to put them. You'll pick them up on your way out.

You'll then go through a metal detector, like the ones they have at airports. If you've got any metal on you (maybe on a belt or watch), you'll need to take it off before you walk through the detector, and put it in a tray that goes through



a scanner. This helps to keep prisons, just like aeroplanes, safe.

Prisons, like airports, schools and hospitals, have their own rules. The Corrections officers are there to help with the rules and answer any

questions you have. These staff have a blue uniform, but they're not Police. *They will love it if you say Kia Ora to them!*

If you're early, or it takes your Mum some time to walk to the visit area, you may have a short wait until you see her.

You'll then go into a big room for the visit. Your Mum will be sitting at a table. One of the prison rules is that your Mum needs to stay on her chair during the visit. But you can move around, and sit or stand where you like. You may want to sit on your Mum's knee, give her a hug, sit on the ground, or on a chair beside her.

You'll have about an hour and a half to be with your Mum, so there's plenty of time to talk about what you've been up to, and ask her questions.

There's a room beside the visiting area with books, toys and games. Your Mum can't come to this room with you, but she can watch you play through the window.

There will be other people visiting, so please make sure that you're not too noisy, so that everyone can hear. You can relax, as a Corrections officer will talk to you if you need to do anything differently.



You can leave at any time, and a Corrections officer will let you know when there is five minutes until the visit ends.

It's really important that you go to the toilet BEFORE your visit, because if you leave the visiting area to go to the toilet, your visit is ended. There is a toilet in the reception area.

When you're ready, you'll leave the way you came. You'll go back through the metal detector (but this time no-one will check you if you beep!) and get any gear you left. You'll say a goodbye to the receptionist, then head out through the gates to the carpark.

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE
A GOOD VISIT WITH
YOUR MUM.**