

To The Waipu Caledonian Society,

I would like to thank yourself and the Waipu Highland Caledonian Society for the opportunity to attend the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The experience and hospitality was truly amazing and I thoroughly enjoyed the trip. During my time at the College in the July school holidays (16th July - 1st August) I learnt a range of new instruments such as the snare drum and Bodhran drum along with Gaelic language while I was majoring in Piping.

The instructors were very skilled and I learnt a lot from my piping tutors to help improve not only my solo piping, but my playing within a Band. During my first week the tutor Trevor Kellock gave me the opportunity to play an MSR with one of the piano instructors. This was awesome and something I had never done before. The Cape Breton style of piping was very upbeat and relaxed which was great to learn.

Throughout the two weeks, nightly activities keep us entertained at the Hostel with some including Ghost Walks, Instructors Ceilidhs, Card Games, Bonfires and my accent! I also made a lot of new friends that I have been able to keep in touch with since I returned.

I would thoroughly recommend the Gaelic College to anyone wanting a taste of the Gaelic Culture and thank you once again for the experience of a lifetime.

Regards, Scott Marshall