

# Partridges on wing again

The recent Auckland visit by David Cassidy indicated that local teenyboppers are not quite such David Cassidy maniacs as their overseas counterparts. But the presence of their idol will be enough to keep them by the sets when a new Wednesday evening series of "The Partridge Family" starts.

The faithful will know that "The Partridge Family" consists of five musical young people who, with their widowed mother Shirley Partridge (Shirley Jones), tour the country as a successful singing group. Their tour manager, Reuben Kincaid (Dave Madden), reluctantly travels with them.

The family, in addition to Shirley Jones, are David Cassidy as Keith, Susan Dey,

as Laurie, Danny Bonaduce as Danny, Brian Forster as Chris and Suzanne Crough as Tracy.

Joining the regular cast this year will be Ricky Segall, a four-year-old singer, who will be seen each week playing the boy-next-door, and Alan Burcky, an 18-year-old comic, will also guest star in a recurring role as Reuben Kincaid's nephew.

The series has consistently remained among the top 20

rated shows during the past three years in America and has ranked as ABC-TV's top-rated half-hour comedy show.

"The Partridge Family" has also earned eight gold records for million-plus sales.

David Cassidy can't stay in his mid-teens forever so in this series, he will begin attending college and plans are to have Ricky Segall sing a song each week in addition to the usual song done by the family.

An episode will also be shot at sea on board a luxury liner while travelling between Acapulco and Los Angeles.



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