Idol gets low-key welcome



Teeny-bopper idol David Cassidy, protected by strict security measures, received a low-key welcome when he arrived at Auckland Airport today.

Cassidy, whose travels have caused chaos at airports around the world, was met by only 200 of his Auckland admirers.

The crowd was swollen to about 500 by mums and dads, cajoled into an early morning airport visit, and passengers and friends waiting for other flights.

The security which surrounded his arrival had been planned to cope with a much bigger crowd of screaming fans.

He was cleared through customs on the Air New Zealand DC10 and boarded a waiting bus (above).

The bus drove slowly past the fans who broke ranks and chased it out of the airport.

Two young girls who clambered on the back of the bus as it passed were ordered off by a following police car.