

Get ready for your Taste of Te Kauri!

Taste of Te Kauri offers participating students hands-on learning experiences in local natural settings under the Ministry of Education's LEOTC (learning experiences outside the classroom) programme.

It reflects the key concepts underpinning environmental education and sustainability: interdependence, sustainability, biodiversity, personal and social responsibility for action (Guidelines for Environmental Education in New Zealand Schools, 1999) and a vision for the future.

The focus of Taste of Te Kauri is on education in the environment, about the environment and for the environment, and it links to classroom learning in Science/Putaiāo and Technology/Hangarau strands of the New Zealand Curriculum.

The learning experiences involved encourage students to value and respect innovation, inquiry and curiosity, diversity and ecological sustainability, and will help foster the key competencies identified in the New Zealand Curriculum (Thinking; Using Language, Symbols and Texts; Managing Self; Relating to Others; and Participating and Contributing).

Prior to a Taste of Te Kauri module being run, a programme will be developed between the educator and the teacher(s) involved, with consideration for the site chosen for this LEOTC module, age abilities and prior learning of the students, environmental issues the site faces and existing ecological management of the site.

The Educator will then, in partnership with the teacher(s), provide a 2-4 hour experience for students at the chosen site, focussed around negotiated themes. The teacher and students will then follow this up with further activities in the classroom, post-visit.