

what we offer...

- **Learning in the natural environment.** This is education that is 'in', 'about' and 'for' the environment. Programmes can be based around Te Kauri Park if you are holding your school camp there, or local natural areas if you want to stay closer to home.
- **Learning outcomes linked to most curriculum areas** and the current Science/Putaiiao and Technology/Hangarau curriculums in particular.
- **Experienced educators working with schools** to plan and deliver an effective teaching programme. The services of our educators are free through Ministry of Education funding.
- **Enquiry-based learning** that follows the same action learning cycle as the Enviroschools Programme and is exciting as well as educational.
- **A flexible programme** based on our environmental education kits that include pre and post-visit activities. Our programmes are negotiated to fit school and student needs.



a bit of history...

Te Kauri Park is a 1100 hectare remnant of kauri, podocarp, hardwood forest located between Pirongia and Kawhia and administered by the Department of Conservation. Since the 1960s the Reserve has been the base of the Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club or 'Junats'.

Junats have always focussed on encouraging young people to become ecologically aware. They built Te Kauri Lodge in 1961 so that members could take part in outdoor activities in the area's outstanding natural environment. They were also instrumental in establishing and expanding Te Kauri Park as a public reserve.

In 2004 the Te Kauri-Waikuku Trust was formed to manage a wider environmental education programme available to all Waikato schools. The Trust is a partnership between the Junats, the Department of Conservation, Ngati Hikairo and the Enviroschools Foundation.

Since then, around 5000 students aged from 5 to 17 have taken part in the programme, funded through the Ministry of Education's 'learning experiences outside the classroom' (LEOTC) budget.

To ensure that as many students as possible can hear the message about healing our forests, even if they can't visit Te Kauri Park, the Trust has now launched the 'Taste of Te Kauri' programme, run in local natural settings close to participating schools.

experience Te Kauri

through fresh eyes...



FREE environmental education programmes at school or on camp



Te Kauri-Waikuku Trust
learning through healing the forest



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga



Maa te kite a te karu, maa te raweke a te ringa,
maa te whiikoi a te waewae, ka ngakaunui te tamaiti ki toona ao

It is through hands-on experience that a child learns to love their world

Te Kauri Waikuku Trust's education programmes are funded through the Ministry of Education's Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom (LEOTC). They are provided **FREE OF CHARGE** to state, integrated and private schools registered with the Ministry of Education.

Our programmes are linked to the current curriculum, are provided to schools through our experienced educators, and cater for students from 5-17 years of age. Learning takes place outside the classroom, and encourages a sense of responsibility and a connection with the natural environment.

Programmes are adapted to suit school and student needs, and can be provided in both English and Te Reo Maori. Our educators are available to assist you in planning your environmental education experience. We also have NCEA standards in Biology available to teachers through our Environmental Education Kit.

Much of the learning is student centred with enquiry and action cycles based on the Enviroschools programme. Approximately 1000 students participate in our programmes each year.

The full Environmental Education Kit that all our education programmes are based on is available on request.

Te Kauri Experience

Available to schools holding residential camps or day trips at Te Kauri Lodge, near Kawhia.

Our on-site educator can provide a programme from half a day to two days, depending on the length of your stay at Te Kauri and what you would like your students to learn.



Taste of Te Kauri

A shorter programme (2-4 hours) that is run in natural areas close to school grounds – a local reserve, wetland, bush remnant or gully environment. There are four modules available that teachers can choose from for their Taste of Te Kauri:

- Forest ecology
- Animal Pests
- Weeds
- Rivers, streams and wetlands

All modules are curriculum-linked and our educators will work with you to ensure that the programme meets your teaching needs.

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