

Waikato Science Fair 2026



Earth Sciences
New Zealand

**Waikato Science Fair Newsletter:
March 2026**

Save the Date: Waikato Science Fair

VENUE & DATE



Monday 24th August 2026

Other Dates

Entries Close for all classes: Friday **24th July 2026**

Registration link will be available in Term 2

Classes 15 - 19 (Wall Charts, Scientific Drawings, Photography) due: Thursday **30th July** delivered to the Sacred Heart Girls' College 52 Clyde Street Hamilton, reception.

Classes 1-14: boards are taken to the venue by students on Monday **24th August**, students need to then remain at the venue to be questioned on their hard work. More information about the day to come in Term 2, and is located in the handbook.

Prize giving: TBC. This is organised by a separate team to the Science Fair. We appreciate their support.

Themes for Classes 15-20 in 2026

Scientific Wall Charts: **Food Chemistry**

Observational Drawings: **Bryophytes**

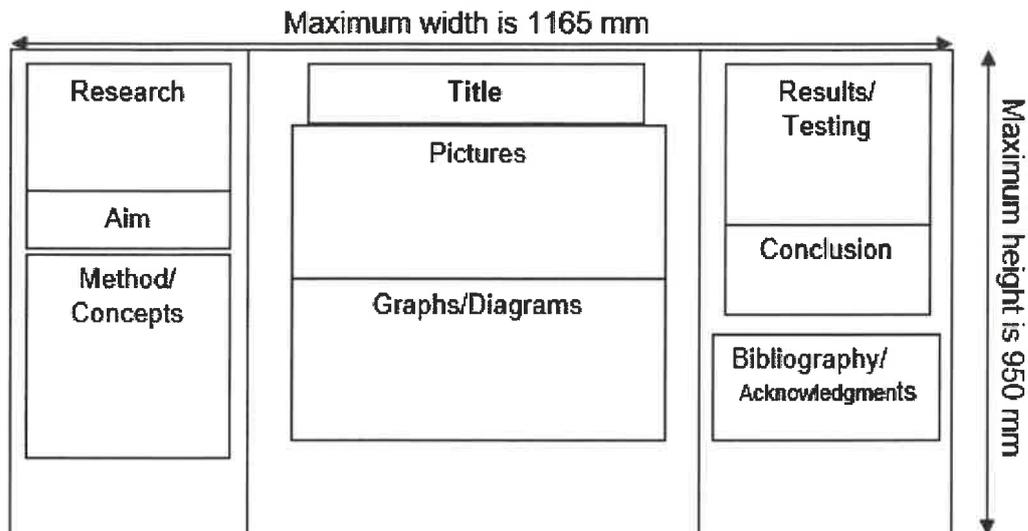
Photography: **Fungi**

Video: **Kitchen Chemistry**

See the handbook for more information

Display Boards

Thank you for the schools who adhered to our requirements for display board sizes. Display boards can be purchased from warehouse stationery or office max.



Ethics

Refer to the Waikato science fair website to decide if an application is needed. The site for ethics is <https://nzase.org.nz/animal-ethics/> or <https://animaethics.org.nz/>.

- Monday 23rd March (*Submitted by 16th March*)
- Monday 4th May (*Submitted by 27th April*)
- Monday 15th June (*Submitted by 8th June*)

Please do not bring live creatures to the Science fair. It is a breach of health and safety.

Health and Safety

Please read over the safety around micro-organisms. This can be found in the teacher handbook. Growing bacteria is becoming popular in the Science Fair but it does come with safety issues.

Please do not bring culture plates to the Science fair. It is a breach of health and safety.

Handbook

The student and teacher handbook have been combined. It is attached to the newsletter and will be on our website.

FAQ.

Can I bring my class or can parents come to see the Science Fair?

Unfortunately, no. Judging can last until 3.00pm. In the past when we could have the fair open for a day, very few schools visited.

I am not sure what category the experiment belongs in?

Just email wrstfair@gmail.com with a brief description of the experiment, and we can help.

My exhibit requires electricity!

Due to the layout of the venue it is hard to supply electricity to exhibits in a safe manner. We suggest supplying a QR code on the exhibit linked to a video showing the exhibit working.

Please note, the science fair committee tries to accommodate this, however, it is frustrating when we have been accommodating the request, then the student arrives on the day, and states they do not require the service.

Please email well in advance if electricity is critical.

My exhibit prop is large?

If the prop does not function, just include photos or a QR code for a video. If the prop is functional and serves to explain your idea, email the Science Fair team with dimensions.

Other information:

Please make sure to like our Facebook page for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/MUfoRMkwjDDtzkpU/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Waikato Science Fair Website: <http://www.waikatosciencefair.org.nz>

If you have any questions please contact: wrstfair@gmail.com

Regards,
Waikato Regional Science Fair Committee.