

Waikato Science Fair 2026



Earth Sciences
New Zealand

**Waikato Science Fair Newsletter:
July 2026**

Save the Date: Monday 24th August 2026

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VENUE & DATE



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Entries

Reminder: Entries close for all classes Friday 24th 2026

Entries are open Entry Form for All Classes

A school can have **five entries per class**. If there is room in a category, we will let you know.

If you have students working together in two different year levels enter them in the higher year level.

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

Class 20: [Video link entered here](#) or email to wrstfair@gmail.com (Clearly label the email as a video entry) by **Thursday 30th July**

The person responsible will receive an email to check your entry information. This needs to be done by the **30th July 2026**.

Please check that the **class students** are entered for is correct, check the **spelling** of their names are correct.

Classes are very important: Incorrect classes impact registration, table placement of student entries, judging, printing of certificates, and potentially prizegiving.

We have had a number of students self-entering. A teacher needs to do this. Homeschool students, we will check the status.

If the school confirms that a student's name and category are correct, but the submitted information contains a spelling error, the school will be responsible for the cost of reprinting.

Judging

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 interviewed on their hard work.

Badges and certificates will be placed into envelopes on the right hand side of the registration desks. Could a teacher/ designated parent please collect.

If your school has only entered into Categories 15-20 these will be sent to you, or when you collect the entries.

On the Day

- Please arrive between 8.15 and 8.30 am
- Look at the signs to indicate what registration desk to go to.
- Displays set up by 8.45 am
- Parents and teachers to leave the exhibit room by 8.55am
- 9.00am judging commences FOR THE STUDENTS
- Expect students to be there for approximately 1.5 hours
- Once students are judged, they should leave the exhibit room and meet with their teachers / parents.
- Once Judged they can leave
- Judges will ask your students to explain the board and might ask how they came up with the idea.
- Boards collected between **3.00 - 4.00pm**.
- **Class 15-19:** Photographs, wall charts and drawings can be collected at the venue on the day. **OTHERWISE PLEASE COLLECT FROM SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

After Judging

Prizewinners will be notified by the 27th August.

Please collect bank details of the winners and send to wrstfair@gmail.com

In the heading: Please put the student name and school.

Note: Money will not be awarded until after prizegiving.

Prizegiving:

TBC

Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances the venue has changed. The prizegiving team is separate from the Science Fair. If you have questions please email wrstfair@gmail.com and we will pass your questions on to them.

You will be informed as soon as we know.

Display Boards

Please be respectful of this, we have very limited space.

Display boards can be purchased from warehouse stationery or office max (size is slightly smaller).



**Warwick Display Board
1020x875mm White**

Health and Safety

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

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

Electricity: Due to the layout of the venue we cannot 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.

Handbook

Please take time to read the documents. Any questions please email the Science Fair Team.

Preplanning 2027: SPONSERSHIP

Due to increased prices of the venue, tables, trophies and other expenses, we are in desperate need of other sponsors for the fair. If you can suggest Science based firms we would be appreciative, please include names and contact details to wrstfair@gmail.com. Any form of sponsorship is appreciated. [These are current tiers](#).

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.