



Frequently asked questions for iNVENTIONATOR

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Does it cost?

No, the programme is completely FREE. iNVENTIONATOR is funded and powered by [Grow Waitaha](#).

Who is this suited for?

Y5–8 ākongā | **students** need to be able to work within a team, manage time and technology, have fun learning and thinking outside the box.

How many ākongā can participate?

Up to 6 ākongā per year group, per school.

How much time is involved?

This virtual event is run over two days

12–13 September

9am–3pm

Before the event, ākongā will receive a resource drop (lanyards, playdough, kiwaha cards and so on). They will be invited to an online orientation to check the tech, explore the iNVENTIONATOR portal, and be introduced to a pre-event wero | challenge.





Who receives the online resources?

Ākonga will receive login information - via email - to access the iNVENTIONATOR portal. Kaiako | teachers, family, and whānau can support ākonga by helping them work through the resources and complete the wero.

Do ākonga need to have an idea before the event?

Ākonga will bring an idea, but their idea doesn't need to be fully developed. This idea may change once they join a team.

When will ākonga be put in teams to work?

During the virtual event, ākonga will work in teams, formed around ideas or skills pitched.

What is the role of a kaiako or whānau member during the virtual event?

- Prepare a comfortable physical space for participants to work together.
- Ensure access to equipment needed such as stable wifi, devices, headphones, maybe a large screen for groups if possible.
- Support ākonga by checking in with them regularly.
- Support ākonga wellbeing and liaise with CORE facilitators if you think collaborative coaching or individual support is required.

How long does a kaiako stay for the calls?

Kaiako play a coaching and mentoring role at iNVENTIONATOR. This means that they don't need to stay in the Zoom hui the whole time. Kaiako need to support ākonga at orientation, to schedule their day, and guide end of day reflections on the team's effort and next steps.

