

# Awa | River Exploration

<b>Available to:</b>	Year 5 – 8 students
<b>Duration:</b>	9.30am - 2pm or by negotiation
<b>Delivery Mode:</b>	Day programme or multi-day programmes
<b>Location(s):</b>	Selected river environments
<b>Equipment:</b>	All safety and technical equipment is provided
<b>Cost:</b>	Refer to WIO website for course costs and dates



## Course Aim:

This programme aims to connect students to nature by establishing or enhancing a meaningful connection to a river environment local to the school.

This programme is one of five that aim to connect students to natural environments including:

1. Takutai (coast)
2. Awa (river)
3. Ngāhere (bush)
4. Wairepo (wetland)
5. Whenua (land / in-school)

## Learning Objectives:

Through a variety of experiential learning activities focusing on hauora (holistic wellbeing) students will learn how to be restored by and restore nature.

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Observing and growing an increasing understanding of the natural world
- Developing a greater connection to self, to local places, to plants and animals, the community and each other
- Enhancing a sense of curiosity, wonder and awe of the natural world and local history
- Establishing a heightened sense of agency for becoming kaitiaki (guardians) of local environments
- Observing and growing an understanding of respectful ways to engage and care for nature
- Enhancing hauora (holistic wellbeing), improving focus, confidence and self-motivation
- \*Exploring the natural world from an indigenous cultural perspective, focusing on Te Ao Māori

*\* Integration of learning outcome dependent on staff availability*

## NZ Curriculum Links:

- Support your local and history curriculum to come alive
- Real life application of science and social science curriculum
- Experiential application of health and physical education curriculum
- Building core competencies, especially managing-self, participating and contributing and relating to others.

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*"The trip was really fun. Learning about the river made me think a lot about how creatures live and what's good and bad for the river, plants and creatures!"*

*- Student*

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