



How the Take Action for Water programme works

Schools can undertake the Take Action for Water programme in two different ways; guided by staff from Greater Wellington (the Action Crew) or self-guided. If the **self guided** option is chosen, teachers can use this resource kit to deliver hands-on environmental education, leading their classes from investigation through to action. Greater Wellington will provide the following assistance for teachers:

- **Planning visit** – We can visit teachers to discuss ways to fit the programme into their school's planning. Advice will be given on how to run the field trip(s).
- **Assessment activity** - BLM1 on page 43 has been designed to assess how much the students learn during the programme. It would be very helpful for us if students could fill in the assessment activity before they start the programme.
- **Investigate: the multimedia roadshow and classroom activities** – We will present a roadshow to introduce the programme to the students. It includes images of the region's waterways and past action projects. This book includes classroom activities that can be used over a 2 week period before the field trip. These help students investigate topics such as pollution prevention, water conservation and the importance of water to Maori.
- **Explore: the field trip** - Teachers can deliver their own field trips using stream testing equipment that can be borrowed from Greater Wellington. This is an opportunity for students to explore their local environment. More information about self-guided field trips can be found on page 29.
- **Take Action: the action projects** - At this stage of the programme students take action for their local environment. Greater Wellington can offer technical expertise and funding for action projects. There are pamphlets available to provide practical advice on action projects. This stage of the programme can take as little as 2 to 3 weeks or could last all year, depending on the projects that the students choose.
- **Assessment activity** - Once the action projects have been completed it would be helpful if the students could complete BML1 again. We may ask for a small sample of the assessment sheets so that we can see where we need to improve the programme.

If the guided programme is chosen teachers work in partnership with the Action Crew. Guided schools receive the same assistance as self guided schools, but there are two main additions. These are:

Explore: the field trip - For each guided school, the Action Crew is able to take up to 4 classes on 3 funded, full day, field trips to explore their local environment. More information about guided field trips can be found on page 27.

Take Action: the action projects - The Action Crew will visit your school on 3 occasions, over a 3 week period. We will help teachers and students plan and carry out their action projects. Funding is available for action projects, as it is for self guided schools.

Introduction



Te Reo Maori resources

The Take Action for Water resource is available in full in English. In addition, the following materials are also available in Te Reo Maori:

- Pages 12-15 and 43-64 of this book.
- Leaflets on water conservation, pollution prevention and stream restoration.
- 6 Posters.
- 10 Pollution Identification Photocards with explanatory notes.
- Stream monitoring kits - information, instructions and identification charts for self guided schools.

Joining Take Action

Each year, about 50 classes in the Wellington region can participate in the guided Take Action for Water programme. Guided schools are selected on a first come, first served basis. To apply to do Take Action for Water as a guided or self guided school, email us at actioncrew@gw.govt.nz, or phone 04 384 5708. Alternatively, you can apply on-line by visiting our website www.gw.govt.nz.

Website visits

Don't forget to check out our website for teachers and students. There are interactive games and extension or homework activities. Regular newsletters keep participants informed and there are updated links to relevant support material. Students can create webpages to show others what they have achieved through their action projects. It is also possible to contact other participants and the Action Crew.

You will find the website at www.gw.govt.nz.

