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Frequently asked questions

Does it cost?

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

Who is this suited for?

Years 5-8 ākonga students need to be able to work within a team, manage time and technology, have fun learning and thinking outside the box.

How many ākonga can participate?

Up to six ākonga per year group, per school.

How much time is involved?

This virtual event is run over two days 12-13th June 9am - 3pm.

In the lead up to the event ākonga will receive a resource drop (lanyards , playdough, kiwaha cards etc) and be invited to an online orientation to check the tech, explore the inventionator metaverse and be introduced to pre-event wero (challenge)

How do we participate online?

Ākonga will receive login information (via email) to access the iNVENTIONATOR metaverse. 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 and may change once they join a team.

When will the ākonga be put in teams to work?

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

What is the role of a kaiako/whānau member? (during the virtual event)

- Prepare a comfortable physical space for participants to work together.
- Ensure access to equipment needed i.e. 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.