

Town Belt Kaitiaki and Crest Awards

*Mā tātou katoa e atawhai i tō tātou ao tūroa
Everyone has a role to play in conservation*

Teachers of students who have engaged in a completed a [Town Belt Kaitiaki](#) project are eligible to apply for a student Town Belt Kaitiaki and CREST Awards.

[CREST](#) is a [Royal Society Te Apārangi](#) awards scheme designed to encourage excellence for Years 0-13 students to be innovative, creative, and to problem solve in science, technology, environmental and other STEM related investigations.

CREST operates at five levels of difficulty where the students work as individuals or in small teams. At all levels the student are learning skills in scientific research and/or technological practice. Each level requires larger commitment as the students need to tackle more difficult projects in terms of content and research practice or skill. At all levels, the students are learning skills in scientific research and/or technological practice.

At the end of the Town Belt Kaitiaki and CREST project each student will receive a badge and certificate. Thus, students and teachers receive additional recognition for their work as well as establishing a pathway to further CREST involvement.

Eligibility

Y0-5 students are eligible for a Town Belt Kaitiaki/ Primary CREST Award.

Y6-8 students are eligible for a Town Belt Kaitiaki/ Team First CREST Award.

Y9-13 students are eligible for a Town Belt Kaitiaki/ Team Bronze CREST Award.

COST

Primary CREST \$3.00 per student.

Team First \$6.00 per student.

Team Bronze \$12.00 per student.

CREST will invoice the school on receipt of the Town Belt Kaitiaki/ CREST form.

Project Leaders, Teachers / Schools are advised to follow their normal school procedures for collecting payment from/for students' activity and to consider these costs being included in the TBK project budget.



The Process

Teachers might like to consider ways in which they can use the Town Belt Kaitiaki/ CREST experience for any curriculum and/or assessment links.

Towards the end of the Town Belt Kaitiaki project, Teachers complete the Town Belt Kaitiaki/ CREST form, have it signed off by the Town Belt Kaitiaki Co-ordinator and forward it to CREST (crest@royalsociety.org.nz).

No additional work is required.

CREST will issue a Town Belt Kaitiaki/ CREST award and badge.

Future Pathways

Those teachers and students who continue a Town Belt Kaitiaki inspired project can use their CREST award as a pathway to the next CREST level, or other CREST options.

For example:

Town Belt Kaitiaki **Primary** to [First, or Team First CREST](#)

Town Belt Kaitiaki **Team First** to [First, Bronze or Team Bronze CREST](#)

Town Belt Kaitiaki **Team Bronze** to [Silver, Team Silver, Silver Challenge or Team Silver Challenge](#) and eventually(by Y12) Silver to [Gold or Team Gold](#).

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