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General information

When?

In 2017, the Fair will be held on Saturday 9th September. See the [Key Dates](#) and [Schedule](#) for the timing of the Fair.

Please see your teacher or the Science and Technology Fair Coordinator at your school to confirm when you need to register your entry. Your teacher must fill out the online entry form by Wednesday 10th August at the latest (see [Key Dates](#)). Your teacher may wish you to fill out the exhibit information form to help them with your entry details.

Where?

The Fair is held at the Ara Institute of Canterbury (previously CPIT) city campus, 130 Madras Street, Christchurch.

Who?

You!! Provided you are in Year 7 to Year 13. Your school may be limited in the number of entries it can have, so talk to your teacher. You may work alone or as a team of up to three members.

Why?

You may win one or more prizes, some of which have a substantial value – see [Prizes](#) (“Best in Fair” has been in the past a choice of tertiary scholarships). If you have more than one exhibitor you will need to divide the prize between team members.

The Fair celebrates excellence in science and technology. Exhibits are judged by a panel of experts from industry, research organisations, universities and schools.

How?

All the details you need are on this site. It will tell you what you need to do to enter the Fair and how to do well!

How much?

There is an administration cost of \$5.00 per exhibit – schools will be invoiced for the number of exhibits entered from that school.

Classes of entry

There are six classes of entry. They are presented below with a brief description of what is required for the category. For more details, see your teacher or the Science and Technology Fair Coordinator at your school.

The entry classes are:

- Class 1 – Year 7 Science
- Class 2 – Year 7 Technology
- Class 3 – Year 8 Science
- Class 4 – Year 8 Technology
- Class 5 – Year 9- 13 Science
- Class 6 – Year 9 -13 Technology

Science

An investigation into any aspect of the physical, chemical or biological world that involves the testing of a hypothesis or the gathering and processing of data to reach a conclusion.

“Scientific method: First you find a theory. Then you try to disprove it. Repeat – that’s it. It doesn’t really matter where the theory comes from; you can even make it up. Then you work out what the theory says should happen in a particular situation and then compare it with what really happens. If the

theory doesn't match reality, you throw it away or at least adjust it" – *Hayden Walles*

Technology

An innovative solution to a problem aimed at meeting a need or opportunity and involving the development of a product, system or environment.

[What is the difference between science and technology?](#)

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