

22 September 2021

We have revised plans for this year's Cawthron Scitec Expo in light of the recent COVID outbreak and can now confirm the following details;

- This year's expo will be held at Founders Park on Thursday 28 October (years 1-8) and Friday 29 October (years 9-13). This year's expo will only take place in a physical sense if we are in level 1 or 2.
- Entry registrations must be submitted via the [Scitec webpage](#) by Friday 1 October.
- A judging schedule will be prepared after October 1. Entrants will be given a prescribed interview time and these will be clustered in school groups to minimise the time that schools need to be onsite, and to avoid multiple schools being onsite at once. This judging schedule will be converted to a Zoom video conferencing timetable should COVID restrictions prevent us having students present at the expo. Whilst we'll endeavour to interview as many students as possible, we cannot guarantee we'll be able to personally interview all entrants this year. However all science projects will be judged and receive judging feedback.
- Science boards are still an acceptable form of presenting a project BUT we ask that you also submit a series of detailed photos that enables our judges to read the information on your board. These photos must be submitted in a file uploaded [here](#) by Friday 22 October.
- If you haven't already started on presenting your project, we strongly encourage you to prepare it as a digital entry using powerpoint, google slides or as a wall chart. These also need to be uploaded [here](#) by Friday 22 October.
- Science boards need to be dropped off at Founders Park between 1 and 5pm on Wednesday 27 October. We will return them to your school or make them available for pick up from Cawthron in the week starting 1 November.
- Students with digital entries need to bring a print-out of their entry and their presentation loaded on a fully charged laptop and/or USB stick when they attend for judging. (nb they will not need to leave their laptop unattended or on display at the expo)
- The expo will be open to the public between 3 and 6pm on Thursday 28 October, providing we are in level 1 by then. We will issue further advice on this in mid-October.

You will find a further list of Q&A's listed [here](#) on our webpage.

Please feel free to contact comms@cawthron.org.nz if you have any further questions.