

# Trapping in schools

*Encouraging future  
kaitiaki and  
environmental  
leaders*

Trapping in Schools invites tamariki to explore the living systems of our taiao (environment). They learn how predator behaviour disrupts fragile ecosystems, and how pest control plays a critical role in restoring balance.

Since 2024, tamariki (children) across 13 kura (schools), have completed more than 1,000 trap checks and removed more than 200 pests.

In doing this mahi (work), tamariki have learned how their small, consistent actions can protect some of our most vulnerable taonga species.

It is experiential, environment-based learning they can touch, taste, see, smell, and hear. As they trial different control methods, they begin to read the patterns of weather, marama (moon), seasons, and species that shape life in our Raukūmara.

Rangatahi (youth) are trapping, learning about different predators lures, and noticing how wind, rain, temperature and even the moon cycle change the way pests behave.

It's hands-on learning that teaches them to slow down, watch closely, and read the environment around them.

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