

# Why Te Wera?

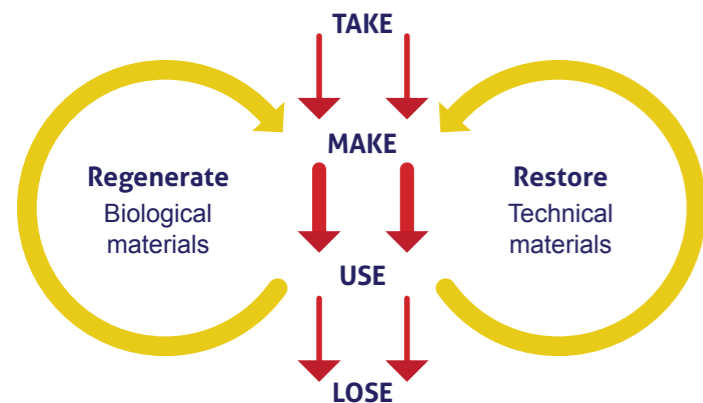
The word 'Wera' is embedded in our school name, Hāwera. In the same manner, our Te Wera Programme is embedded within the wider school – a special nest that will nurture the taura that opt for this innovative approach to secondary education. The use of Wera (to be hot or burnt) is representative of the burning passion the students will have as they engage in purposeful, self-directed, practical learning. It is also indicative of the mark they will make on their world.

## Te Wera programme at Hāwera High School

This is an exciting new initiative at Hāwera High School for students who wish to be involved in an innovative curriculum based on developing learners, leaders and change-makers who use knowledge meaningfully across English, Mathematics, Science and Social studies, as well as in the Arts, Technology, Hauora and Te reo me ona tikanga. The Te Wera is designed to focus on the following 8 values in the New Zealand Curriculum.

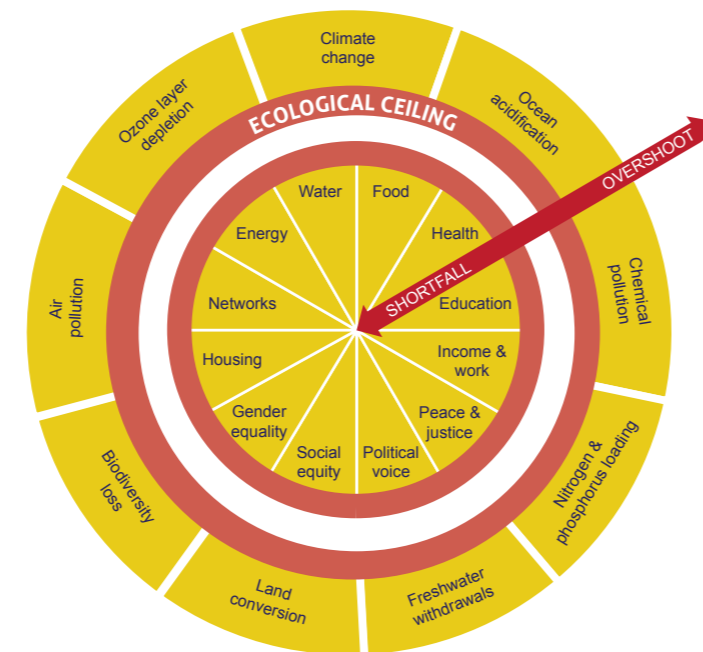
## The 'Exponential Age' and 21st Century Learning

Plastic waste, green-house gasses, seabed mining, melting polar ice-caps. Our students are entering a different world to that of their parents and teachers; a world where protecting and sustaining our environment has to take priority. This is a world which requires new learning opportunities, opportunities where students take the initiative in their learning, collaborate with others and communicate clearly across multiple media platforms. The essence of Te Wera aims to offer our students just this; a flexible programme where the learning enables our students to think outside the norms and challenge themselves, whilst at the same time highlighting the importance of where they live, where they are from and who they are.



## New Courses to engage and inspire

Students in Te Wera programme will study a programme of learning as a cohesive whole, instead of the traditional English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. This new course includes the same curriculum skills as for the four core subjects. The lens of the Te Wera programme will be focusing on the Environment and our local community.



## 8 Values which will be encouraged, modelled and explored in this innovative programme:

- EXCELLENCE**  
By aiming high and by persevering in the face of difficulties
- INNOVATION, INQUIRY AND CURIOSITY**  
By thinking critically, creatively and reflectively
- DIVERSITY**  
As found in our different cultures, languages and heritages
- EQUITY**  
Through fairness and social justice

- COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION**  
For the common good
- ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY**  
Which includes care for the environment
- INTEGRITY**  
Which involves being honest, responsible, accountable and acting ethically
- RESPECT**  
For themselves, others and human rights

# Graduate Profile

Te Wera programme graduates will be passionate life-long learners who:

- Make a difference
- Meaningfully use exponential technologies
- Look to the future
- Collaborate with shared purpose
- Find and solve problems
- Communicate effectively
- Imagine, design and create
- Are altruistic
- Take responsible risks
- Innovate and challenge
- Develop a strong sense of self
- Strive to live sustainably

## FAQ'S

### Who is teaching this class?

Hāwera High School has passionate and enthusiastic teachers and from this pool, teachers have been selected who are capable of teaching over a range of learning areas to form the Te Wera team.

### How long does the programme last?

Students have the option to continue with the Te Wera programme in Year 10.

### What about option subjects?

Students will spend 15 hours out of 25 each week in the Te Wera programme. For the remainder of the time they will rotate through option subjects (Technology and Arts) as well as learning Te reo me ona tikanga (Māori language and customs) and Hauora classes (Health and Physical Education) to cover the remainder of the curriculum.

### Is the Te WERA programme for me?

- I am interested in making a difference in my community
- I would like to choose the topics that I study
- I like learning things in different or unique ways
- I enjoy challenging my thinking
- I like problem solving and finding new problems to solve
- I like inventing new things or processes
- I enjoy working in a team environment
- I enjoy thinking outside the box

### How does this link to NCEA?

This course is specifically designed to support the skills required to attain Excellence in NCEA. The Te Wera programme is designed to support strong levels of literacy and numeracy as well as leading into subject specialisation in Years 11-13, meeting the requirements of the potential changes to the NCEA qualification.

### How will students be assessed?

Students will be assessed against the same curriculum objectives, however, the assessment method will be more holistic.

### Is this a gifted and talented programme?

No. This programme is designed for learners of all abilities. Students with a burning passion for learning are encouraged to apply for entry.

