

## Pūhoro STEMM Academy: Wero Pūrau



*We are thrilled that Pūhoro STEMM Academy is coming to present Wero Pūrau, an exciting event taking place at Kamo High School in Whangarei on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.*

*Wero Pūrau draws inspiration from Māori pūrākau and weaves traditional narratives into engaging STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Mātauranga Māori) challenges.*



*In one wero, rangatahi will embark on a journey of creation, constructing a kainga using resources provided to meet the requirements of arriving guests, much like Whatihua and Tūroa did for the beautiful and revered Ruapūtahanga.*

*Adventures continue with building a trebuchet to launch projectiles to break through a wall representing mountain ranges – paying homage to the pūrākau of Okatia, a powerful atua tipuna who lived inside a massive totara tree who journeyed west carving a valley behind him which later filled to form the Manawātū river and gorge.*

*Through these hands-on wero, rangatahi will forge a natural connection between themselves and the world of science. This kaupapa reiterates essentially that Aotearoa has a deep whakapapa of brilliant scientists and that science is an integral part of their very DNA. Wero Pūrau invites us all to embrace this legacy and celebrate the enduring bond between our heritage and the world of scientific discovery."*

### Pūhoro STEMM Academy at KHS.

Pūhoro Charitable Trust runs the Pūhoro STEMM Academy at KHS for Year 11 & 12 Māori students who take Science. This is a mentoring programme that takes place during Thursday's wānanga time. If you are interested and want to find out more information about what the Pūhoro STEMM Academy is please go to <https://www.puhoro.org.nz/#homepage-whats-stemm>

If you are interested in being part of the Pūhoro STEMM Academy for 2024 please follow the link that follows to sign up <https://puhoro.my.site.com/stemm/s/signup-form>

