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Dear Chemistry teachers,

I am pleased to announce that ChemQuest 2025 (for students who are currently studying Chemistry at NCEA Level 2) will be held in the Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) lecture theatre, located in the Waikato Management School at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, commencing at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday 15th October**. Please note the earlier start time this year. Participants should arrive by **5:30 p.m.** to receive registration packs. Light refreshments will be provided at the end of the evening and we anticipate finishing around 8:00 p.m.

Prizes have yet to be finalised but will include generous cash prizes and other prizes. In addition, the first prize winners will receive the ChemQuest Trophy. The competition will follow a similar format to previous years with teams of three students. Questions will be based on a multi-media presentation with answers filled in on supplied answer forms.

Schools are invited to nominate **up to three** teams initially, and will be entered in order of receipt. If numbers permit, additional teams may be registered later; please only send the details for three teams initially.

Please return the completed registration form by e-mail (to michele@waikato.ac.nz) by **Friday 12**th **September**. Only teams that have been pre-registered will be allowed to participate on the night.

Final details and a reminder will be sent closer to the event.

Please note that because we wish to take some photos of participants (wide angle and group shots), by entering the competition, students agree to the conditions below (I would be grateful if you could make students aware of this).

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Please feel free to contact me by email if anything needs clarifying.

We look forward to seeing your students (and yourself if you are able to make it) there.

Yours sincerely

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