

Rocket Challenge

Mission Brief 2: **Ask**

The big problem we need to solve is: I wonder how rockets fly?

Let's start the problem-solving process by thinking about our goals, and how to achieve them. Engineers love to solve problems. They use their curiosity and ask a lot of pātai to help them figure out why some things work, and why other things don't.

I wonder what our goals are?

For the Rocket Challenge, the main goal is to fly a rocket successfully.

As a crew, decide what a successful rocket flight means to you. Write your ideas in the box below.

E.g. Our goal is to get our rocket to fly higher than the goal posts on the school field.

I wonder what pātai to ask?

What do you need to know more about to achieve your goals?

Time to ask lots of pātai about why things work, to help us solve our problem.

E.g. I wonder how rockets lift off the ground?

I wonder what problems we'll need to overcome?

Thinking about potential problems now will help you find a solution faster.

E.g. I wonder if our school field is big enough for launch?

Ka rawe!

Keep your pātai handy as you work through the challenge. You never know when you'll discover an answer.