

He Puāwaitanga

Tāmaki Makaurau

Classes of 2025



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Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

Mihi from
Te Kura Toroa
Chief Executive Officer



Tuia te rangi e tū nei

Tuia te papa e takoto nei

Ka rongo te pō, ka rongo te ao

Tuia te muka tangata

I takea mai i Hawaiki Nui

I Hawaiki Roa

I Hawaiki Pāmamao, te hono-i-wairua

Ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama

Tihei mauri ora!

E te karanga o te rā, tēnā koe.

He Puāwaitanga – *A Time to Celebrate*

He Puāwaitanga is one of the most significant moments in the journey of our tauira – a time to reflect on the challenges overcome, the knowledge gained, and the future that now lies ahead. It's a privilege to join you, your whānau, classmates, and kaiako in celebrating this incredible milestone.

He Puāwaitanga means 'to come to fruition', and represents not just the completion of your studies, but the growth and transformation you have experienced along the way. Today is a testament to your resilience, determination, and commitment to your goals. Whether your journey has taken months or years, you have persevered through challenges and emerged stronger. For that, we acknowledge and celebrate you.

We've long believed that education is transformative, and our vision, "He takapau mātauranga, he whānau huarewa—whānau transformation through education," speaks to the impact learning has beyond the individual. When one person succeeds, their whānau, hapū, and iwi benefit too. That's why your achievement today is not just yours alone—it's something to be shared and celebrated by all those who have supported you along the way.

At Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, our mission is simple: 'Kia angitu te tauira – tauira success'. Success means something different for each of you. For some, this tohu will open doors to new career opportunities. For others, it represents a pathway to empowering your whānau, marae, hapū, iwi, and wider community. No matter what success looks like to you, today is about recognising how far you've come and the possibilities that now await.

I encourage you to embrace the opportunities that come next. Continue striving for excellence, continue learning, and continue using your skills and knowledge to create positive change. This is not the end of your learning journey, but a stepping stone to whatever comes next. Education is lifelong, and we hope to see many of you return to learn with us again in the future. Wherever your path leads, know that you'll always be a valued part of our whānau.

Take pride in this moment, celebrate your success, and enjoy the recognition you have worked so hard for. We're all incredibly proud of you.

Ngā manaakitanga



Evie O'Brien
Chief Executive Officer

Ceremony Details

Tuesday, 24 November 2026

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Māngere Campus
15 Canning Crescent, Mangere, Auckland

Karuatua | Session 1 | 11am
Puhirere | Session 2 | 4pm

Karuatua | Session 1
Toi – Māori & Indigenous Art
Te Tirohanga Māori – Māori Worldview
Pakihi – Business
Ārahi Kaupapa – Leadership & Management

Puhirere | Session 2
Ako - Education
Ratonga Papori – Community & Social Services

Waiata Tautoko

Karakia Whakamutunga

Light refreshments available for graduates, whānau and friends

Ako
Education

Toi
Māori & Indigenous Art

Pakihi
Business

He Puāwai - Certificate in Adult & Tertiary Teaching Level 5

Kaiako: Binky Laureta, Lilia Sevillano & Siham El-Kafafi

Aperira Mahinarangi Baker
Inaarii Akai
Janine Felton
Joansera Toatelegese-Moli
Joseph Silipa
Konica Bagga
Lynda Louise Wellington
Margot Nicholson
Maria Kaka
Min Bu
Monique Sylva
Moustafa Mohammad Alejandro Qureshi Tizon
Nalesoni Siosiua Moala
Olivia Te Rau Oriwa Keepa
Rachael Lynn Baker
Reena Gregory Fernandes
Rehia Ripeka Rupuha
Seini Anderson
Sione Teisi
Tabassum Razi
Tasha Rebecca Rukuata
Tequila Rose Pohatu
Todd Hopkins
Trixie Tuiolo Vili
Usenia Maitawaca
William Maka John Puiri

Toi Maruata - Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art Level 3

Kaiako: Cherrilee Fuller

Alexus priest
Charlene Priscilla Hirovanaa
Harlia Savannah Sanft
Riwia Te Kaawa
Vivien Daphne Hall
Wendy Miriama Hannah

Smart Steps to Business Level 3

Kaiako: Rachel Hwang & Theresa Brown-Poching

Ajai Chand Nath
Annabelle Kate Stewart
Anna-Marie Louise Stevens
Antonia Margaret Rollinson
Aperehama Kawiti Rauwhero Bellass
Atsuko Sato
Delaney Puaha
Dodawaththa Gamage Damsith Wijerathne
Eunju Kim
Genie Lee
Geranium Erueti
Hong Zhang
Hsiao-Hsun Kuo
Jerome Johnson
Jiaqi Huang
Jie Li
Jing Chen
Kevin Owen Staveley
Merry Lim
Ngairie Anntionette Tecklenburg
Ning Li
Noura Khalil
Okatamalii Levi
Premila Pearl Cherrish Papani
Saheera Eesha Shandil
Samantha Marie Smith
Sharon Hyun
Taia Luteru
Waimirirangi-Moana Whetu-Perepe-Perana
Xuan Wang
Yadharsh Yathin Vijayakumar

Pakihi
Business

Certificate in Small Business Level 4

Kaiako: Theresa Brown-Poching

Bo Li
Emelee Moeroa Vaerua Rikona
Jeung Min Logie
Lan Yun
Metua Kore Repeta Michelle Leeann Tae
Mikhail Tropotov
Nishant Rai Khanna
Rockie Choi
Sally Sina Fuapauna Ash
Savannah Marie Swanbeck Cloke
Waratah Mihiwira Taogaga

Certificate in Business (Administration & Technology) Level 3

Kaiako: Bhuvi Raghunath, Mihiri Nanayakkara, Rupal Patel & Salome Luani

Adambarage Ashen Dewmina Alwis
Adambarage Dewmi Ashisha Alwis
Amir Afghari
Anahera Andrews
Anna Mailangi
Ata Kilo
Candice Sandy Te Momo
Chanlily Long
Charlee Tiare-Manea Melanie Nuku-Puletama
Dale Patricia Pita
Daniela Andrade Castro Neves
Destiny Elika Hohepa
Dong Lin
Enosa Taukai
Esther Linklater
Gian Carlos Jede
Hamda Muhumed
Hamiora Wiremu Pita
Hyoseon Kim
Inul Fahima Riyaz
Iosefa Iosua
Jackline Shakyra Rawinia Halamoana
James Siau
Jazlyn Ceara Lee Gettins
Josephine Imelda Simone
Julie Warden
Kaiming Zhu
Kaisami Sam Moresi
Kakole Mondal
Kasanita Anau
Kymberley Hornell
Langa Tolifili He Kakala Uhi
Li Lin
Mailita T Ailesi
Maria Eliana Aldana Cabezas
Maria Katene Tenamu
Mary Murray
Matakina Simii
Meena Bava
Moana Johanson
Mohammad Ghiasi
Monilose Tefoto
Ngahuka-Muriwai Nelson
Olepa Isaako Peniamina
Pamata Iosua
Parvaneh Ali Mohammadi
Pemerika Iosua
Puatei Tevesi
Rachana Singh
Reshma Grover
Sara Mika
Sasika Sajeewani Jayawickrama
Selene Wu
Shabnam Nisha
Siale Sepasetiano Simonetti
Siwen Liao
Skylah Timaima Genevive Faavae Wendt
Sonal Patell
Stephene Ormsby
Suriana Koau
Suzanne Fay Nicholls
Taylah-Iyce Malieta Hifo
Teraobi Rewi
Tomoko Tominaga
Tuvao Afoa Epati
Tyler Titera Tessa Ioapo
Vanneza Margaret Utakea
Weiwen Chen
Xiaohui Huang
Yang Yang
Yuko Hashimoto

Ārahi Kaupapa
Leadership & Management

Ratonga Papori
Community & Social Services

Certificate in Money Management Level 3

Kaiako: Theresa Brown-Poching

Azariah Williams
Catheren Ngaweri Daniels
Cheriece Faith Ulberg
Christine Georgina Girl Casey Fox
Easter Eseta Papali'i
Jaimee Norman
Luz Angela Bolaños
Malia Nive Taputu
Megan Jane Wynyard
Michelle Jenine Toki
Na Yu
Nadia Saunders
Nuulua Faaofo
Savali Latasi Opeta
Shamina Ali
Sophia Jihe Johnson
Tooa Sue Sunemma Duggan
Wenhua Wu

Manu Taiko – Māori Governance Level 4

Kaiako: Desrae Popata

Arian Grace Justice Davis
Caroline Tui Te Paa
Daniel Tepai Tamatoa Kelly
Davida Anne Ross
Erana Rose Sharyn Roa
Jessica Tyson
Kiriana Te Atarangi Paku
Mac Tamaki Edwards
May Thompson
Michael John Kanara
Quanhui Ye
Sophia Marie Rika
Susanne Ritzenhoff
Tamara Sheree Roach
Tangihia Pouwhare
Te Aparangi Thompson
Tina Te Uru Pikia Mahuta

Manaaki Tāngata - Certificate in Bicultural Social Services Level 4

Kaiako: Breize Rawiri, Cara Smith, Chanelle Morgan, Kelly Leef Tate & Shahul Hameed

Alexus Tere-Apii Faith Blair
Anarchy Panu Brack
Anju Thambarathi Harshan
Arun Babu Nair
Ashley Sue Williams
Bailey Reece Ruoff
Barbara Olyvia Luani
Basil John
Bibin Punnassery
Bijoy Babu
Bingxiang Ren
Binil Joseph
Charity Lucy Kohine Kohunui Puruto
Clinton James Repia
Dane Wairangi Manuera Koopu
Danielle Maree Erskine
Deepak Kumar Umanandan
Divya Vincent
Don Sebastian
Elijah Christian William Suka
Felon Cypryse Montana Peter Geros-Riki
Geo George
Helen Te Awhina Kelly
Hong Jin
Huiling Luo
Indu Renjith
Iosefa Kataunati
Jack David Otuhiva
James McCull Lawrie
Jane Finauvala
Jane Huihuinga Beckham
Jayden Cole Grey
Jijo Thomas
Jing Wang
Jinlong Pan
Jobin Joseph
Jo'dan Piavai Selu Riki Pailate
Jodeci Kahurangi Pereiha-Tipene
Justin Douglas Werahiko Nikorima
Jyothis Varghese
Katoa Solo Tuitupou
Kiki Fran Solomon
Kristina Pauga
Kurt Frederick Lewis Mahanitotonu-Sionepeni
Laleh Ayeinedar
Lekhnath Regmi
Leutuva Lavannah Adrienne Pritchard
Li Ji
Madison Bree Johns
Mahia Rauwhero
Mamta Shivashni Sharma
Manesh Kanjickal Kunjachan
Manu Abraham Mathew
Maureen Diana Faatele Talokula Soli-Tupou
Michaella Aroha Martin
Mike Raveora-Brown
Nevaeh Meriana Jollisa Lipsham
Nikhil Palliparangat Maliyil
Ning Hu
Noby Mohanan
Patrick Okotai
Peleti Peleti
Pikarie Richard Herbert
Ratheesh Radhakrishnan
Rekita Makaea
Satyanarayana Yerra
Shemaliah Jacqui Webber
Shibu Joseph
Shincy Antony
Sieni Taufua
Sijo Thomas
Silelza Lopes
Simran ~
Sunghan Song
Syntache Rangiaho
Tapaau Monica Misipati
Te Hohi Hope Wiparata Valentine
Thomas Shibin
Tulu Kava Simonetti
Veikoso Fonua
Xiane Chang
Xiaojuan Niu
Yvette Nina Poumale-Sipili

Manahautū - Certificate in Combined Services Level 3

Kaiako: David Faalili, Fritz Filisi & Hannah Findlay

Petra Rocky Fatu
Puneet Kumar Chander
Roman John Christian Mana
Rongomai Henare James Pritchard
Sahil Tanwar
Samson Fasi Sa'u
Sani Junior Taimalie Lemalu Sue
Selagi Tunumafono T Vagavao
Senituli Kaihau Tupou
Shalom Mai Vala
Shannon Lina Kamiashi Figaro
Sione Liu Mei Kao Siofilisi
Soane Malia Vailala Aso
Stanley Liufau
Stewart Longtime
Tausala Samoa Rosemary Amoliz
Ganooroa Autagavaia Silipa
Toa David Tebiri
Tony Lemisio Tagaloa
Zacharia Philip Anae Talatofi
Zachariah Savelio Faletoese Matia
Axana Uwimana
Carnation Vahoi Tala'atu Fahamokioa
Charley Siale 'Otumakavalu Tuita
Ell-Lee Amani-Iobu
Eric Montana Tausala
Esala Toluta'u
Ezrah Giovanni Sa'Aga Kapeteni
Faleaka Talasinga
Felipe Ardila Tafur
Feliuaki Lakusa Tatafu
Freida Janelle Chloe-May Kimi-Matamua
Hemi Misa
Heta Faasisila
Jerusha Kutalele
Jewel Fotuagalelei Meleisea
Kahuki Wiremu Vaughan
Kalesita Tu'ungafasi
Kalolo Visesio
Kapeli Taufaetea
Laumata Jr Philemon Grieve Lomano
Leroy Vaimasele Filia
Levi Kereni Simoo
Lukes Tauafiafi-Iutoi
Marcel Tiatia
Naomi Isabell lakopo
Nerony Malama
Oseanna-Domenick Savior Scanlan



From setbacks to success for Police recruit Jian Yao

It was third time lucky for Chinese New Zealander, Jian (Jay) Yao. He always knew he wanted to join the New Zealand Police but failed the psychometric test twice and thought he'd never be accepted.

After seeing an advertisement for Manahautū with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, he enrolled, worked hard to achieve his goals, and was accepted into the Royal New Zealand Police College (RNZPC) for the November 2024 intake.

The Level 4 Manahautū (Police Focus) programme is designed to equip graduates with the skills and information to consider a future as a police officer. "Without this programme, I wouldn't be here. This was my third attempt (at entry to RNZPC). My first was when I was 18, I always wanted to be a police officer and I failed because of the psychometric training test. I tried again at 24 and had the same result. I was going to give up, but 10 years later I decided to try again. I noticed this programme, and I enrolled."

However, like many others, a stable job with regular hours was important while raising a family, so his dream was set aside. In 2024, the timing finally felt right for him to make one last attempt to become a police officer. Jay credits the strong support and critical training from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa to keep him on track and motivate him to push his limits.

"The kaiako were incredibly supportive throughout, and access to the equipment helped me develop practical skills. With kaiako to help and encourage me, and with my classmates to push me, I was motivated to push my limits."

Jay's acceptance to RNZPC shows that with a positive attitude and hard work there will always be a reward. "If you are serious about the Police force, this programme is an excellent choice. It's challenging but rewarding. This programme has made me more disciplined, confident, and motivated. I gained a sense of purpose and improved my leadership and teamwork skills."

"My family is proud of me, proud of my commitment, and I feel a closer connection with my community knowing I'm working towards helping them."



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Kohinga Waiata

Tama Ngākau Mārie

Tama ngākau mārie
Tama a te Atua
Tēnei tonū mātou
Arohaina mai

Murua ra ngā hara
Wetekina mai
Ēnei here kino
Whakararu nei

Whakaaria Mai

Whakaaria mai tō rīpeka ki a au
Tīaho mai rā roto i te pō
Hei konā au titiro atu ai
Ora mate hei au koe noho ai
(Repeat)

Ko te Whaea (Ka waiata ki a Maria)

Ka waiata ki a Maria
Hine i whakaae
Whakameatia mai
Te whare tāngata
Hine pūrotu
Hine ngākau
Hine rangimārie
Ko te whaea
Ko te whaea
O te ao

Mā te Mārie

Mā te mārie a te Atua
Tama wairua tapu hoki
Me ngā anahera pono
Tātou katoa e tiaki

Mā te māngai pono hoki
Tātou katoa e ārahi
Ki te pono, ki te tika
Ki te toronā o Ihowa
Amine

Homai to poho

Homai to poho
Hei piringa
To poho hei piringa
Homai to kiri
Kia rongo atu
To kiri kia rongo atu
Homai o kupu
Kia korero
O kupu kia korero

Karakia Whakamutunga

Kia tau, ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai o tō tātou ariki a Ihu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwhingatahitanga
Ki te Wairua Tapu
Ake, ake, ake
Āmine

He Hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria,
maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e ki ngā tāngata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake, Amine
Te Atua, te piringa, tōku orange

Ka poipoia

Ka poipoia ahau i te po marino e
te korowai o te atua o taku whare okioki

Tērā ngā whetu korikoriko te marama tae ahoaho
hei hoa mōkū i te poho o taku whare okioki
Te kapua i te ikaroa mōkū mo aku takahanga
hei hoa mōkū i te poho o taku whare okioki

Ngā whakamoemiti

Ngā whakamoemiti
whakawhētai e Ihu e
mo ou manaakitanga
Ki te iwi e tau nei
Ko koe te piringa
Ka puta ki te oranga
e te Ariki, Pai mārire

Te Aroha

Te Aroha
Te whakapono
Me te rangimārie
Tātou tātou e

E toru ngā mea

E toru ngā mea Ngā mea nunui “echo”
E kī ana “echo”
Te paipera “echo”
Tumanako “echo”
To poho hei piringa Whakapono “echo”
ko te mea nui
Ko te Aroha


Te Wānanga
o Aotearoa