



# He Puāwaitanga

Tauranga  
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 rongō te pō, ka rongō 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

# Tauranga Graduation

## Ceremony

Friday, 1 May 2026

**Bethlehem Baptist Church**

**90 Bethlehem Road, Tauranga**

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Registration | 8:30am - 9:30am

Pohiri & Ceremony | 9:30am - 10:45am

Intermission | 10:45am - 11am

Ceremony continues | 11am - 1pm

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### Rātonga Papori – Community & Social Services

Kaitiakitanga - Post Graduate Diploma

in Bicultural Professional Supervision Level 8

Ngā Poutoko Whakarara Oranga -

Bachelor of Bicultural Social Work Level 7

### Te Tirohanga Māori - MāoriWorldview

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

### Pakihi - Business

Certificate in Small Business Level 4

### Rātonga Papori – Community & Social Services

Manaaki Tāngata - Certificate in

Bicultural Social Services Level 4

### Te Reo Māori - Māori Language

Te Pīnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 7

Te Aupikitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 6

Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 5

Te Pūtaketanga ki te Reo Level 4

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī ka Rere) Level 3 & 4

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī ka Pao) Level 1 & 2

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**Waiata Tautoko**

**Karakia Whakamutunga**

*Light refreshments available for graduates, whānau and friends*

### Hauora – Health & Wellbeing

Certificate in Rongoā Level 4

### Toi – Māori & Indigenous Art

Te Tohu Tiaki Taonga Level 5

Toi Paemātua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art

(Mau Rākau) Level 5

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art

(Mau Rākau) Level 4

Toi Paemātua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art

(Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora) Level 5

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art

(Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora) Level 4

Toi Paemātua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art

(Toi Ataata) Level 5

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art

(Toi Ataata) Level 4

Toi Maruata – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art

(Toi Ataata) Level 3



## **Rātonga Papori** Community & Social Services

## **Te Tirohanga Māori** Māori World view

## **Pakihi** Business

### **Kaitiakitanga - Post Graduate Diploma in Bicultural Professional Supervision Level 8**

Kaiako: Te Rangimaria Warbrick

Kyle Amopiu  
Rose Baruelo  
Marie Dutton  
Brenda Haimona  
Melodie Hamon  
Mariana Herbert  
Fred Hika  
Stacey Jones  
Veronica Maru  
Mona Maui  
Hemi Mooney  
Aramoana Pakuria  
Maria Pipi  
Monique Rihia  
Merepeka Simpson  
Tareha Walker  
Rachel Wilson

### **Ngā Poutoko Whakarara Oranga - Bachelor of Bicultural Social Work Level 7**

Kaiako: Lina Rudolph, Tracey  
Hall, Nadine Down-Broughton,  
Marleina Te Kaawa

Awhina Bedford  
Mataku-Ariki De Roo  
Lucia Faulkner  
Tangiaroha Hori  
Aria Koha  
Renee Mackay  
Renee Mahaki  
Manuhiria Ngatai  
Kelley Nyman  
Basie Pikimaui  
Te Hira Roberts  
David Tawhi  
Nevada Teinakore  
Darcelle Wall  
Becky Wetere-Edwards

### **Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3**

Kaiako: Marama Furlong

#### **Semester A**

Dion Adams  
Hayley Egan  
Emma Hesqua  
Jodi Hobbs  
Hutiao Dickson  
Iwarou Dickson  
Susanne Marsh  
Lucy Martinez  
Ashley McLeod  
Fianna O'Brien  
Holger Schein  
Leonie Stokes  
Haare Tawa  
Niki Wade

#### **Semester B**

Justin Anderson  
Kassandra-Lee Aspden  
Emma Bradford  
Rangitaipua Dickson  
Patricia Duckmanton  
Arthur Le Comte  
Joseph Marx  
Terry Rota  
Ailie Rundle  
Josephine Takiari  
Jarrod Tumai  
Chelah Wills

### **Certificate in Small Business Level 4**

Kaiako: Warwick McCormack

Lisa Brotherson  
Danielle Halliwell  
Tunnarat Lertwithitpong  
Donna-Marie Peters  
Haydee Richards  
Kelly Roia  
Michelle Wade  
Chantelle Winnie

# Rātonga Papori

## Community & Social Services

# Te Reo Māori

## Māori Language

### Manaaki Tāngata – Certificate in Bicultural Social Services Level 4

**Kaiako:** Pirini Edwards

Ranginui Boynton  
Kayla Broughton  
Aaron De Ridder  
Kylie Edwards  
Rena Edwards  
Jules Grace  
Katie Gray  
Noreen Johns  
Jade Rangitaawa-Kauai  
Edith Render  
Joseph Samson Hulena  
Sarndra Smith  
Lana Solo  
Shaylin Wickliffe

### Te Pinakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 7

**Kaiako:** Ngairo Eruera  
Maramena Ballantyne  
Sarah Cavill  
Riwa Keno  
Stewart Ngatai  
Daphiney Owen  
Takotohiwi Patrick  
Eli Samuels  
Christopher Summerville  
Atarangi Te Awa  
Kaya Waiariki  
James Waters  
Joy Webster  
Āneta Wright

### Te Aupikitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 6

**Kaiako:** Kiharoa Milroy

Stevie Courtney  
Maraea Grant  
Bianca Hewitson  
Tania Hoskin  
Jamie-Lee Jack-Kino  
Jonathan Miller  
Micheal Mita  
Jericho Nicholas-Kurupo  
Michael O'Keeffe  
Antoni Palmer  
Lewis Rota  
Te Waireka Walker  
Whetu Wharakura  
Byllie-Jean Zeta

### Te Aupikitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 6

**Kaiako:** Rapaera Tawhai

Halen Dickson  
Alana Mather  
Pianika Ormsby  
Mereana Te Pere  
Merehine Waiari  
Marsden Wilson

### Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 5

**Kaiako:** Mauria Ngatoko

Angeline Edmonds  
Katarina Gage  
Samuel Hartnett  
Dion Kairau  
Jan-Vy Lew  
Melany Ngahau  
Stella Nicholas  
Luke O'Brien  
Te-Ao-Rangi Pomare  
Shane Snowdon  
Robert Te Hiini  
Marcia Waikato  
Nathaniel Walker  
Tania Weti  
Ngarongaro Wikeepa  
Aliana Wills

# **Te Reo Māori**

## Māori Language

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### **Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 5**

Kaiako: Rauangi Ohia

Shang Apaapa  
Tawahinga Butt  
Ellen Campbell  
Hori Dickson  
Tamehana Heke  
Arona Jacob  
Kimberley Kearney  
Rangimarie Kuka  
Susan Luff  
Amanda Marshall  
Dave Nuku  
Patrina Pahuru  
Kelly Solomon  
Taiwa Tamaki  
Veronica Waiari

### **Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 5**

Kaiako: Tahupotiki Taiaroa-Scott

Frank Kawe  
Ani McGahan  
Stephanie McNeill  
Samara Reweti

### **Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 5**

Kaiako: Nathan Soloman

Jacob Barbarich  
Kim Beaton  
Samantha Cains  
Renee Faulkner  
Eliza King  
Kristy Knox  
Telly Hemopo  
Vanessa Oliver  
Teresa Rakete  
Wiremu Reihana  
Catherine Reti  
Maricha Smith  
Tania Solomona  
Kasey Taikato  
Katerina Taikato  
Taylor Taurua-Aramoana  
Danielle Waiari  
Rangiwhakairi Walker  
Whetu Watene  
Tahuri Withers

### **Te Pūtaketanga ki te Reo Level 4**

Kaiako: Āneta Wright

Nick Barnes  
Anthony Campbell  
Barbara Douglas  
Leihiya Doyle  
Conor Hendry  
Helen Jacob  
Hope Norton  
Mark Pihema  
Heather Reed

### **Te Pūtaketanga ki te Reo Level 4**

Kaiako: Eugene Temara

Vitor Carneiro  
Laura Craven  
Moana Dehar  
Merle Everitt  
Vaillilli Finau  
Audran Heke  
Kereti Heke  
Poia Hoko  
Rebecca Patrick  
Naomi Priest  
Alexis Rolleston  
Billie-Jo Simmons  
Temple Smith  
Teiarere Stephens  
Corida Toomalatai  
Megan Tuhi  
Alvin Webby

### **Te Pūtaketanga ki te Reo Level 4**

Kaiako: Hinerapa Scott

Wanika Rahiri

# Te Reo Māori

## Māori Language

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### Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi ka Rere) Level 3 & 4

Kaiako: Kuka Tukaokao

#### Tuesday AM

Whetu Apaapa  
Glenn Ayo  
Kathryn Cowper  
Joseph Edwards  
John Ian Gibson  
Kiri Hema  
Quantelle Howes-Awa  
Paul Kayes  
Charlotte Morris  
Belinda Muller  
Yvonne Sealey  
Mercedes Takamore  
Gina Tapper  
Debra Te Aotonga  
La Toya Waho

#### Tuesday PM

Dwayne Day  
Georgina Graham  
Emma Hartnett  
Kuini Mareroa  
Hayley Palmer  
Nicholas Parker  
Jodie Ririnui  
Kelly Tahana Sean Anderson

### Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi ka Rere) Level 3 & 4

Kaiako: Justin Kerehama

#### Monday PM

Jamie Bennett  
Jessica Horne  
Bria Tatu  
Brent Tonkin

#### Wednesday PM

Leanne Day  
Juanita Dunn  
Raylene Lockyer  
Hannah McGregor  
Louise Taiaroa

#### Thursday PM

Rowan Barton  
Edana Cassidy  
Michelle Davies  
Cherie Hill  
Stacey Smith

### Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi ka Pao) Level 1 & 2

Kaiako: Numia Tangitu

#### Tuesday PM

Morag Blair  
Benjamin Brogden  
Joshua Clark  
Harlee-Iris Fisher  
Renee Kluit  
Tamara MacDonald  
Talia Mimilo  
Juniper Ozbolt  
Benjamin Porter  
Tui Seon  
James Smith  
Isaac Te Aotonga  
Courtney Williamson

#### Thursday PM

Kaylee Bidois  
Okeroa Edwards  
Tania Edwards  
Jason Kuka  
Te Runanga Kuka  
Santi Lala  
Barbara Leef  
Deborah Leef  
Te Karaka Moeke  
Tracy Nuku  
Shyanne Paki  
Tame Puru  
Jason Wihapi  
Thomas Wilson

# Te Reo Māori

## Māori Language

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### Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī ka Pao) Level 1 & 2

Kaiako: Hatiwira Tutengaehe

#### Wednesday AM

Emma Chapman  
Tau Manihera

#### Wednesday PM

Aroha Aiavao  
Aria Anderson  
Leona Bowman  
Adrienne Cummings  
Dagmar Franke  
Michael Franke  
Michael Kirkby-Sing  
Te Aotaawhirangi Onehi  
Robert Osman  
Henimoa Thompson

#### Thursday PM

Sharnna Anderson  
Ivan Davie  
Emma Day  
Tyme Dow-Nikau  
Rosemary Riley  
Lisa Seidel  
Nadine Seidel

### Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī ka Pao) Level 1 & 2

Kaiako: Wiremu Toma

#### Monday PM

Erana Elvin  
Kim Elvin  
Tamaryn Gates  
Kara Hopkirk  
Kiarni Palmer  
Matthew Rukuata  
Brian Staunton  
Sidinia Tukaki

#### Tuesday AM

Giselle Dickson  
Karen Rowling  
Carolle Varughese

### Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī ka Pao) Level 1 & 2

Kaiako: Marino Grace

#### Monday PM

Rachel Armishaw  
Melissa Flett  
Michael Linklater  
Suzan Murray  
Kashanie Rei  
Loren Riddall  
Kate Spencer  
Beryl Walker  
Kathleen Williamson

#### Tuesday PM

Maria Bagnall  
Paris Booter-Fraser  
Sally Bowes  
Emily Cook  
Anna Foster  
Michael Foster  
Sarah Hollinshead  
Fiona Kishor  
Emma Nicholas  
Megan Padgett  
Robert Rae  
Emily Smith-Lawson

## **Hauora** Health & Wellbeing

## **Toi** Māori & Indigenous Art

### **Certificate in Rongoā Level 4**

**Kaiako:** Rangituaia Walker

Siobhan Campbell  
Deborah Crowe  
Ma Del Carmen Flores Saenz  
Rodney Gates  
Carla Jenkinson  
Brenda Ker  
Lizzie Mowbray  
Devora Olivares Espinoza  
Thaila-Jane Tarei  
Betty Toma  
Cassey Trent  
Leanne Webby  
Brittany Young

### **Te Tohu Tiaki Taonga Level 5**

**Kaiako:** Matariki Williams &  
John Turi-Tiakitai

Rangimarie Adams  
Waitangi Clarke  
Desmond Heke  
Josephine Hepi  
Te Haana Jacob  
Frances Martin  
Barbara Murphy  
TeAho Paraha  
Hinearau Pene-Roycroft  
Tireni Ratema  
Aroha Ririnui  
Ngaraima Taingahue  
Andrea Wells

### **Toi Paemataua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art (Mau Rākau) Level 5**

**Kaiako:** Linden Morris

Benjamin Gemmell  
Lena Kairau  
Heywood Kuka  
Raelene Kuka  
Ihaperu Morris  
Shepherd Phillips  
Harley Rehu  
Lance Rolleston  
Waina-Rei Strickland  
Anton Tukaki  
Natasha Tukaokao

### **Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Mau Rākau) Level 4**

**Kaiako:** Tuoi Spencer

Jaime Allen  
Michelle Bennett  
Peniel Elliott  
Haamiora Kereti Heke  
Aidan Kuka  
Monique Ngatai  
Te Teira Tawera  
Shelton Tito  
Eruera Walden  
Rangituaia Walker

### **Toi Paemataua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora) Level 5**

**Kaiako:** Sarah Tangitu

Tania Englebretsen  
Judith Hodgson  
Lois Jelley  
Beverley Keyte  
Destiny Mikaere  
Bella Nohotima-Felton  
Danielle Parmenter  
Ora Pihema  
Bella Rapana  
Brenda Sandhu  
Kaewa Savage  
Erica Steel  
Raine Tarawa  
Mahura Te Kani  
Karen Waddicor  
Awhina White  
Della Woods

# Toi

## Māori & Indigenous Art

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### **Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora) Level 4**

**Kaiako:** Rangi Ranui

Bronwyn Cameron  
Alison Chissell  
Sandie Hine  
Nicola James  
Sharlene Judd  
Ebony Kahukura  
Haanuera Kingi  
Nicola Kuka  
Kim McCormack  
Rhonda McPhee  
Raewyn Ngaamo  
Charlotte Pearsall  
Crystal Plimmer  
Braden Rowson  
Lisa Steed  
Hinengaro Ua-Marsh  
Beverly Vokia-Scarlett  
Janine Winstanley

### **Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata) Level 5**

**Kaiako:** Lila Te Kani

Emily Belbin  
Rebecca Boyce  
Kara Boyes  
Robert Mankelow  
Daniel Matehaere  
Urupiki Moko  
Marsh Pearson  
Lori Pittard  
Justine Puketapu  
Mauria Ngatoko  
Lisa Tukaki  
Te Aiorangi Waaka

### **Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata) Level 4**

**Kaiako:** Jordyn Daniels

Michelle Arnold  
Rebecca Brown  
Marie Dixon  
Tyla Grafas  
Rawinia Gray  
Ngahia Haggie  
Natahlia Lee  
Tukara Matthews  
Justine Munn  
Lynette Palmer  
Louise Pryde  
Melissa Te Kani

### **Toi Maruata – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata) Level 3**

**Kaiako:** Lacey Bartlett

#### **Semester A**

Kassandra-Lee Aspden  
Takatu Bartlett  
Amanda Girvan  
Katherine Joe  
Otira Kuka  
Oriwa Mahia  
Teresa Ngatai  
Jemma Nikora  
Sarah Pini  
Gemma Powell  
Leigh-Jay Roil  
Juanita Savage

#### **Semester B**

Jasmine Burton  
Darian De Thierry  
Geraldine Kurukaanga  
ElaineMachado de Oliveira  
Glenn Norton  
Natahlie Owen  
Hayley Ashby  
Candace Simpson



## Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga L3

### Embracing tikanga gives understanding and meaning

Te Roopu Moana grew up around tangihanga, with a background in funeral directing and embalming, but never fully understood the reasoning behind certain Māori practices.

“I’ve always been around sick, deceased, and dying people. My mum was always called when someone was ill to do karakia or whakamoemiti, and I would go along with her. I observed our tikanga, but no one explained the reasons behind it.”

Her decision to explore tikanga further came when she realised her master’s report on tangihanga felt too westernised.

“Even though I was raised within te ao Māori, I don’t speak te reo and I have a disconnect. I thought, how can I make my report more meaningful? How can I create something that resonates? That’s when I signed up for Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga.”

Guided by her kaiako, Marama Furlong, Te Roopu found deeper meaning in tikanga. This not only helped her complete her master’s but also shaped her future direction.

Despite being able to confidently discuss funeral practices with bereaved whānau, her inability to introduce herself in Māori was a barrier.

“I didn’t know my pepeha, or how to structure a kōrero about my whakapapa to make meaningful connections. Thankfully, Whaea Ma provided that foundation from the start. I knew I was in the right place.”

Te Roopu was grateful for the nurturing environment her kaiako created, allowing her and her fellow taura to grow with confidence.

“Whaea Ma is incredible. Understanding the why behind tikanga has deepened my connection immensely.”

# Kohinga Waiata

## He Hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria  
Maungārongo ki te whenua  
Whakaaro pai e  
Ki ngā tāngata katoa  
Ake, ake, ake, ake  
Āmine  
Te Atua  
Te Piringa  
Tōku oranga

## Na Tāne

Na Tāne i piki ake ki te toi huarewa  
Ki te tiki i ngā kete o te mātauranga  
Ko te kete Tūāuri  
Ko te kete Tūātea  
Ko te kete Aronui

Ka tahi ka hora ki te ao kikokiko  
Ki te ao hurihuri  
Ki o tātou tīpuna  
Ka hoa te taura  
Herenga tangata

Ko Te Kupenga o te Mātauranga  
Ko te kete Tūāuri  
Ko te kete Tūātea  
Ko te kete Aronui

Ka tahi ka hora ki te ao kikokiko  
Ki te ao hurihuri  
Ki o tātou tīpuna  
Ka hao te taura  
haerenga tangata  
Ko te Kupenga o te mātauranga x2  
Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

## Tai Aroha

Ko te aroha anō he wai  
E pupū ake ana  
He awa e māpuna mai ana  
I roto i te whatumanawa  
Ko tōna mātāpuna he hōhonu  
Ā ina ia karere anō  
Ko tōna mātāpuna he hōhonu  
Ā inā ia karere anō  
He tai timu, he tai pari  
He tai ope, he tai roa  
He tai nui  
He tai nui  
He tai nui

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