

TE RĀ WHAKAPŪMAU | GRADUATION

Paraire te 8 o Tīhema 2023 | Friday 8 December 2023

Te Wānanga o Raukawa, 145 Tasman Road, Ōtaki

Whakanuia ngā ākonga 2023

He Kawerongo Rā Whakapūmau

November 2023

HE ĀHURU MŌWAI

We remind anyone visiting our campus and sites to remain vigilant in protecting our most vulnerable.

- Mask wearing is no longer mandatory but still strongly encouraged.
- Please do not come to graduation if you or your manuhiri are unwell or have any cold or flu like symptoms.
- We encourage testing prior to the day and on the day before arriving at the venue.
- Health and Safety obligations require everyone to register in or use the online sign in application Timecloud. QR codes will be located at key entrance points on campus and at the venue, scan this with your mobile phone which will open the Timecloud website on your mobile phone. Kaimahi will be located at each entry point and will be able to assist you.

RSVP – CONFIRMING YOUR ATTENDANCE

To support us with preparations on the day, please complete a registration to confirm if you will be attending in person or not. You will be confirming your iwi details, tohu, attendance and if you require accommodation the night before graduation. Additionally, you will be letting us know how many whānau you hope to be bringing and if you are requiring meals (if staying).

[Te Kawa o Te Ako](#) applies to everyone staying at Te Wānanga o Raukawa and local Marae, this forbids the consumption of alcohol, vape, cigarettes and drugs on our campus and marae.

If circumstances change and you are or are not able to attend in person, please let your academic where know as soon as possible and complete an updated RSVP form.

The RSVP link is emailed to graduating students, please check your personal email address (or junk folder) and remember to ensure your contact details are up to date. These may include legal name changes, postal and email addresses, cellphone number and iwi.

MANUHIRI

There are no restrictions on the amount of manuhiri joining you on your special day. To assist us with preparations please indicate the number of manuhiri including tamariki you are bringing with you in the RSVP form.

PURUTANGA MAURI

The term 'He Purutanga Mauri' and its use emerged during discussions in the late 1980s and early 1990 about honorary doctorates to recognise significant scholarship and/or contributions to understanding and progress, by certain kuia and koroua of the Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Raukawa and Ngāti Toa Rangatira Confederation. Discussion was initiated by rangatahi as a best attempt to acknowledge kuia and koroua who had passed down their knowledge and expertise. This led to conferral of the title 'Purutanga Mauri' in 1990. It recognises contributions to wānanga but also recognition of the special knowledge and expertise held by each of them including their contributions to the rangatiratanga of the Confederation of Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Raukawa and Ngāti Toa Rangatira. The title 'He Purutanga Mauri' is translated as 'A Keeper of the Spiritual Life Principle'.

In total, 15 kaumātua have been conferred as Purutanga Mauri.

Inducted in 1990: Pateriki Te Rei (1913-1995); Tukawekai Kereama (1919-1995); Rangiamohia Parata (1910-1999); Rongokino Hekenui (1914-1999).

Inducted in 1995: Ngāpukapuka Kereama (1912-2004); Te Whetūmārama o te Ata Kereama (1924-1996); Ruta Rene (1923-1996); Kiripuai Te Aomarere (1916-2007); Ngarongo Iwikatea Nicholson (1939-2017).

Inducted in 2005: Pōwhiri Lawton (1925-2012); Reimana Blackmore (1927-2015); Pita Richardson (1935-2019); Akuhata Akuhata (1935-2018); Whatarangi Winiata, Matiu Rei.

The Constitution of Te Wānanga o Raukawa provides for purutanga mauri representation on Te Mana Whakahaere, the wānanga's governing body. Alongside advice in matters of kawa and tikanga of the three founding iwi, recommendations for appointments, teaching, thesis examination and committee participation, Purutanga Mauri lead graduation ceremonies and are first in line to greet, congratulate and present taonga to graduands. Read more [here](#).

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available on campus and should we need it, at our local marae. If you have reserved accommodation for the night before graduation day, please remember to bring blankets and personal items and register with Kaitiaki upon arrival. A pōwhiri will be held on Thursday 7 December, 5pm on the Ōtaki Campus for manuhiri staying please gather outside Waitapu.

For those accommodated on campus or at local marae, dinner will be served at 5.30pm that evening and breakfast at 7am the morning of graduation.

If circumstances change, please complete an updated RSVP form and/or advise your academic where Kaikōkiri as soon as possible.

After this, graduands starting with Te Whare Whakatupu Mātauranga (Ahunga Tikanga) will be directed to the marshalling area in order of ceremony as per the graduation book and the announcement and acknowledgement of graduands will begin.

Screens located in the marshalling area and outside will display the order of students graduating by academic Whare and then by level of qualification beginning with Tāhuhu (Masters), Poutāhū (Postgraduate diploma), Poutuarongo (Bachelor degree) and Heke (Diploma). This will be announced throughout the day.

If you are graduating please ensure you stay up to date with where proceedings are at throughout the day. An up to date copy of the graduation book will be available on our website. The days events will conclude with a hakari at about 2pm – 2.30pm.

Te Rā Whakapūmau will be livestreamed via our Te Wānanga o Raukawa website and the links shared across our social media platforms.



MAURI TŪ – NGĀ PURAPURA

Haka Tautoko

Whānau are welcome to celebrate the success of graduates through karanga, pao or haka tautoko. Ushers will be able to advise or answer any queries.

Mobile Phones

Please be respectful of other graduating students and switch your phones to silent or turn off when in Mauri Tū.

Graduate Interviews

For students who have agreed to participate in the graduate interviews, these are taking place in the Kākano (location 6 on map). Marshalls will be waiting to direct you to your interview after your individual portrait. There will be opportunities throughout the day for any graduating students wishing to share their testimonials and mihi. Please visit the Kākano to indicate your interest.

MARSHALLS

Graduands will be invited to the stage (via the marshalling area on the side of the bleacher seating where you will begin your walk) to receive your taonga and your award. The presentations will be in order of where, and then tohu area (eg Tāhuhu Mātauranga Māori, Poutāhū Mātauranga Māori), then by venue as outlined in the programme. Please listen and arrive promptly to avoid missing your call.

Please assemble 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the calling of your tohu. Ushers and Marshalls will be able to direct you. At the marshalling area, please check in with the marshalls who will confirm your details. **This is your final opportunity for any changes to your name or iwi when called out.** You will then be called to the stage to receive your tohu (award). One of our taonga team will guide you on how to receive and hold your taonga.

PRESENTATIONS

On stage you will be greeted by your Kaihautū or Pūkenga Matua and will be directed to receive your taonga and award. If you have already received a taonga in the past, at the same level you are graduating from now, you will not receive another taonga. Ngā Purutanga Mauri will be seated on the stage. For their health and wellbeing please **DO NOT attempt to hongī, hug or touch when walking across the stage.** A table will be positioned on stage where you will retrieve your taonga from. Please remember to stop turn and pause to allow whānau to acknowledge your achievement; and for those watching online. You will then wait to the side and be directed by marshalls to exit for photography or a graduate interview.

Whānau should remain seated during presentations. There will be an opportunity afterwards to take photos and regular breaks to allow for movement.

PHOTOGRAPHY

There will be both formal and informal photography. Formal photography is taking place in Rā 1 and Rā 2 (location 4/5 on map). Marshalls will direct you to formal individual photos after your presentation. In acknowledgement of your contribution towards the mātauranga continuum you will receive one free digital copy of your individual portrait and can book a group photo at the same time. We encourage you to make the most of our professional photographer with your manuhiri or classmates on your day. The cost for a digital portrait of the group photo is \$10 and must be paid for on the day. Your photograph(s) will be emailed to you before Christmas. Any informal photographs will be uploaded on to our Facebook page following graduation.

TE TĀKUPU, MERCHANDISE AND PROMOTIONS

You will have the opportunity to purchase books from our publishing house Te Tākupu and branded merchandise located in the promo tent outside on the Kura grounds. Payment can be made by eftpos. All completed enrolments or re-enrolments received throughout the day will be eligible for a free gift.

FIRST AID

Te Puna Oranga will be onsite for any medical emergency. Whānau are encouraged to take advantage of the free health checks.

TAMARIKI TENT

Have time out from the formalities with your tamariki/mokopuna in the tamariki tent with a range of activities. Caregiver supervision is required.