



# He Kawerongo Rā Whakapūmau

Tihema 2025

## 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 if you are vulnerable or unwell.
- Please do not come to graduation if you or your manuhiri are unwell or have any cold or flu like symptoms.
- 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.



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## WHAKATUPURANGA RUA MANO – AKNOWLEDGING 50 YEARS

E whakanuia ana te kaupapa o Whakatupuranga Rua Mano he moemoeā i takoto mai i te 1975, e kawē tonu nei i te wairua, te mātauranga, me te mana o ō tātou tūpuna.

Our theme for Te Rā Whakapūmau 2025 is Whakatupuranga Rua Mano. This year we celebrate 50 years since its visionary inception, led by Emeritus Professor Whatarangi Winiata and the Raukawa Marae Trustees in 1975, this laid the foundation through which Te Wānanga o Raukawa was conceived.

We honour and acknowledge the bold and courageous vision of our leaders, and we reconfirm the enduring relevance of Whakatupuranga Rua Mano and its founding principles that continue to guide and inspire us today.

There will be special screenings celebrating this momentous occasion in **Te Ara-a-Tāwhaki 1** at **11.00am** and **2.00pm**.

## RSVP – CONFIRMING YOUR ATTENDANCE

To help us prepare for Te Rā Whakapūmau, please complete the RSVP registration to confirm whether you will be attending in person. Through the registration, you will confirm:

- Your tohu (qualification)
- Your attendance (in person or not)
- If you require accommodation the night before graduation
- How many whānau you plan to bring
- If you or your whānau require meals (for those staying)

[Te Kawa o Te Ako](#) applies to everyone staying at Te Wānanga o Raukawa and local marae. This kawa forbids the consumption of alcohol, vaping, cigarettes, and drugs on campus or marae.

As graduates and future leaders, we ask that you carry and uphold this kawa for yourselves and your whānau while attending. By doing so, you help protect the mauri, wairua, and mana of our shared spaces, ensuring that Te Rā Whakapūmau reflects the values of our Wānanga and our iwi.

If your plans change and you are unable (or newly able) to attend in person, please inform your academic whare as soon as possible and complete an updated RSVP form.

The RSVP link is emailed to all graduating students. Please check your personal email (and junk folder), and ensure your Te Ara details are up to date — including your legal name, postal and email address, cellphone number, and iwi.

## MANUHIRI

There are no restrictions on the number of manuhiri joining you on your special day. To help us with preparations and ensure everyone is well looked after, please indicate the number of manuhiri (including tamariki and kaumātua) you will be bringing in your 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, 17 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.

Inducted in 2023: Denise Hapeta and Piripi Walker were inducted during the 2023 graduation ceremony.

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, personal items and register with Kaitiaki upon arrival. **A pōwhiri will be held on Thursday 11 December, 5pm on the Ōtaki Campus.** For manuhiri staying please gather outside Waitapu.

For anyone arriving the night prior (Thursday 11 December), and staying on campus, please park close to the portacom and accommodation to free up the main carpark for graduation day.

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.

## WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY

### MAP



### PARKING

There may be roadworks taking place in Ōtaki around this time, so please **allow plenty of time to arrive early** before the commencement of your presentation (morning or afternoon). Parking will be available at our Te Wānanga o Raukawa main carpark with entry from **41 Te Rauparaha St**; and the Ōtaki township in the following areas:

- Behind the Ōtaki Museum, access from Main St or Rangatira St
- By the Ōtaki RSA, access from Raukawa St
- Rangiātea Church, access from Te Rauparaha St is reserved for buses
- The Hub Church, access from Tasman Road

And on the following streets as directed by kaimahi:

- Te Rauparaha St
- Hadfield St

Kaumātua can be dropped off at the The Hub Church (157 Tasman Road). Shuttles will be available to help transport kaumātua who need it directly to the pōwhiri area.

Please follow the signs and directions from Te Wānanga o Raukawa kaimahi wearing orange hi-viz vests and large fibre hats with green trim. Remember to arrive in plenty of time to walk from your park to **the front of the round-about by Ngā Purapura at 8.45am**. It will take approximately three to four minutes to walk from the Te Wānanga o Raukawa car park to the pōwhiri gathering area. Our kaimahi will be on hand to direct and answer any queries.

Graduands arriving for the afternoon presentation between 11am – 12pm, please be patient and follow any advice from our parking wardens who will be there to direct you. Remember to visit the website for up to date information.

For anyone arriving the night prior (Thursday 11 December), and staying on campus, please park close to the portacom and accommodation to free up the main carpark for graduation day.

In the event of wet weather, you are welcome to take cover in the Kapu Tī tent located on the field before **gathering for the pōwhiri at 8.45am and approx. 12pm**. To ensure everyone's safety and comfort, if Ngā Purapura becomes full, the Kapu Tī tent will be available as an overflow area for those attending the pōwhiri. There will be a large outdoor screen and a comfortable seating area outside if this is more suitable for you and your whānau. The kaup tī tent will be open from 10 – 12pm for those graduating in the morning and again from 1 – 2pm in the afternoon.

## PROGRAMME

This year, as an expression of manaakitanga, Te Wānanga o Raukawa will host two hākari as part of Te Rā Whakapūmau. The hākari are at the heart of our celebrations a time for graduates, whānau, and manuhiri to come together, share kai, and celebrate this significant achievement in a relaxed and joyful way.

Graduands being presented in the morning are asked to arrive by 8.30am, and those being presented in the afternoon should arrive by 11.30am. This will allow time for you and your whānau to find parking, settle in, and familiarise yourselves with the graduation layout before proceedings begin.

The day will begin with the sounding of the pūtātara and karanga at 9.00am, marking the start of our celebrations. Please gather by the western entrance of Ngā Purapura (closest to the Kura) by **8.45am**, where marshals will be ready to assist. Once everyone is inside and the haka pōwhiri is complete, this is followed immediately by the mihimihi and karakia whakapūmau.

From there, the acknowledgement of graduands will begin, following the order outlined in the Graduation Book, starting with Tāhuhu (Master's) level qualifications. Screens located in the marshalling area and outside will display the order of graduands by where and level of qualification throughout the day.

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

To create space for celebration and connection, the day will flow around two main hākari:

- Morning hākari following the presentation of graduands from **Te Whare Kōkiri, Te Whare Whakatupu Mātauranga, and Te Whare Kōrero**
- Afternoon hākari following the presentation of graduands from **Te Whare Oranga and Te Whare Whakaakoranga**

There will be one pōwhiri at 9.00am to open the day. Graduands attending the later presentation are not required to attend the morning pōwhiri unless they wish to. **The pūtātara will sound again to signal the beginning of the afternoon ceremony**, followed by karanga to call graduands and their whānau whānui in, followed then by karakia whakapūmau. Please arrive **half an hour earlier** to settle in prior to the commencement of the presentations.

The introduction of two hākari is our way of upholding manaakitanga giving every graduate and their whānau the time and space to celebrate fully, share kai, connect with others, and honour those who have travelled from afar to be part of this special occasion.

We warmly encourage everyone to stay, enjoy the kai, and celebrate the collective achievements of our graduates and their whānau.



## MAURI TŪ – NGĀ PURAPURA

### Haka Tautoko

Whānau are welcome to celebrate the achievements of graduands with karanga, pao or haka tautoko as their names appear on screen. We kindly ask Kura to refrain from acknowledging each graduand individually, and instead wait until all graduands have been called before coming forward as a group to offer your collective acknowledgement.

### Mobile Phones

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

### Graduate Interviews

Te Wānanga o Raukawa kaimahi will be capturing photos and interviews of both graduates and their whānau throughout the day. If you are using your mātauranga to positively influence your whānau, marae, hapū, iwi, workplace or community — and you're keen to inspire others — please email [marketing@twor-otaki.ac.nz](mailto:marketing@twor-otaki.ac.nz). The team will also be roaming throughout the day capturing short testimonials.

## MARSHALLS

Graduands will be invited to the stage via the marshalling area located in the Ngā Purapura Café area, where your walk will begin to receive your taonga and tohu (award). Please enter the Café area via the back entrance of Ngā Purapura (Location 3 – 4 on the above map).

Presentations will take place across two sessions during the day and will follow the order of where, then by tohu area (for example, Tāhuhu Reo Māori, Poutāhū Reo Māori), and finally by venue, as outlined in the Graduation Programme.

Please listen carefully for your where announcements and arrive promptly when called to ensure your presentation runs smoothly and with the mana it deserves.

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. 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 one of our Purutanga Mauri, who will present your taonga, gifted on behalf of our three iwi. You will then be acknowledged by the Tumuaki, before receiving your award from your Kaihautū or Pūkenga Matua. 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.

This year we return to our tikanga of hongī and harirū. However, Ngā Purutanga Mauri, Te Mana Whakahaere, and our significant kaumātua may remain seated on stage. For their health and wellbeing, please **do not hongī, harirū, hug, or touch** them as you cross the stage. They will indicate if they wish to stand and engage in hongī or harirū.

Additionally, please remember to stop turn and pause briefly 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 throughout the day.

Formal photography will take place in Te Moana o Raukawa (directly opposite Ngā Purapura). To avoid congestion or missing out, graduates are encouraged to make their way to Te Moana o Raukawa soon after crossing the stage. Marshalls will be available to guide you.

In acknowledgement of your contribution to the mātauranga continuum, you will receive one free digital copy of your individual portrait and group photo which you can book at the same time.

We encourage you to make the most of our professional photographer and capture this special moment with your manuhiri, whānau, or hoa ako.

**Please note:** All photographs will be emailed to you after the New Year.

Any informal photographs taken during the celebrations will be uploaded to our Te Wānanga o Raukawa Facebook page following graduation.

## TE TĀKUPU, MERCHANDISE AND PROMOTIONS

There will be plenty to enjoy throughout the day! Visit our promotions tent on the Kura grounds to browse and purchase books from our publishing house Te Tākupu, along with a range of Te Wānanga o Raukawa-branded merchandise. Eftpos will be available.

We'll also have a photobooth, games, and fun activities set up for graduates and whānau — perfect for capturing memories, celebrating together, and enjoying the festive atmosphere.

And for those thinking about your next steps, all completed enrolments or re-enrolments received on the day will go into the draw for a special gift.

### FIRST AID

**Te Puna Hauora o Ōtaki** and **Raukawa Whānau Ora** will be onsite as our first responders for any medical emergencies. They will provide first aid and free health checks throughout the day (see location 13 on the map).

Be sure to visit their area and check out their health promotions and wellbeing initiatives as well!

### 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.

### SUPPORT OUR LOCAL KŌHANGA AND KURA

Throughout the day, our local kōhanga and kura will be running stalls with a range of delicious, homemade kai for purchase. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our tamariki, whānau, and learning communities while enjoying the flavours of our rohe.

Many stalls will be **cash-only**, so please bring some cash with you to help tautoko their fundraising efforts.