

TE RĀ WHAKAPŪMAU | GRADUATION

Wenerei te 14 o Tīhema 2022 | Wednesday 14 December 2022

Whakanuia ngā ākonga 2022

He Kawerongo Rā Whakapūmau

12 December 2022

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.
- Tests will be available at Graduation in the Te Puna Oranga o Ōtaki tent located on the field, please refer to the map for details.
- 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 whare know as soon as possible and complete an updated RSVP form.

The RSVP link was emailed to graduating students, please check your personal email address (or junk folder) and remember to ensure your contact details are up to date. Changes may include your legal name, 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 their contributions to Te Wānanga o Raukawa and the special knowledge and expertise held by each and 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

Marae style accommodation is available on campus. 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 Tuesday 13 December, 5pm on the Ōtaki Campus for manuhiri staying please gather outside Te Ara a Tāwhaki.

For those accommodated on campus or at local marae, dinner will be served at 6pm 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



PARKING

Parking will be available at our Te Wānanga o Raukawa main carpark with entry from **39 - 45 Te Rauparaha St**; or alternatively you may park on Te Rauparaha St and Rangiuru Road. Parking for kaumātua has been reserved inside campus grounds close to Kaitiaki. Please follow the signs and directions from Te Wānanga o Raukawa kaimahi. A shuttle will be available to transport those who need it.

Kaumātua can still be dropped off at the venue outside the entrance to Te Kura-a-Iwi o Whakatupurunga Rua Mano offices. Remember to arrive in plenty of time to walk from your car to the **car park entrance of Ngā Purapura at 9.15am**. 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. Please do NOT park on the grass verge outside the Kura.

Whitireia, the building closest to the carpark will be open for anyone needing to use the restrooms upon arrival. In the event of wet weather, you are welcome to take cover in the student hub located in Te Ara a Tāwhaki before **gathering for the pōwhiri at 9.15am**.

Staff and students are asked to park in the Rangiātea carpark, Te Rauparaha or Hadfield St on the day.

Gym members can park at The Hub Church, 157 Tasman Road, Ōtaki, and use the Eastern entrance of Ngā Purapura to access the gym.

PROGRAMME

Following the sounding of the pūtātara, the karanga will start promptly at 9.30am followed immediately by the mihimihi and karakia whakapūmau. After this graduands 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 tents outside will display the order of students graduating by academic Where and then by level of qualification beginning with Heke (Diploma), Poutuarongo (Bachelor degree), Poutāhū (Postgraduate diploma) and Tāhuhu (Masters). 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. Marshalls will be waiting to direct you to your interview after your presentation. 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 right side of the bleacher seating where you will begin your walk) to receive your taonga and your certificate. The presentations will be in order of where, and then tohu area (eg Heke Mātauranga Māori, Poutuarongo 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 at the southern end of the building. Ushers and Marshalls will be able to direct you. At the marshalling area, please check in with the marshals 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. There will be another staff member positioned near the stage to direct you.

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 and kaumātua will be seated on the stage. For their health and wellbeing please DO NOT attempt to hongi, hug or touch when walking across. A mark on the ground will indicate where you should stop turn and pause to allow whānau to acknowledge your achievement. 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY

There will be both formal and informal photography. Formal photography is taking place in Rā 1 and Rā 2. Marshalls will direct you to photos after your presentation. 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 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. For graduation day only there will be a special on Mana Wahine Reader 1 and 2. Learn more about the publications [here](#).

FIRST AID

A first aider from Raukawa Whānau Ora will be onsite for any medical emergency, located in the assessment room near the entrance of the Kākano and Rā 1 in Ngā Purapura.

Te Puna Oranga o Ōtaki will be onsite, located on the field (see website for map) to offer free flu and covid vaccinations, undertake tests or distribute information and RATs tests to whānau throughout the day.

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.

KAI STALL

Te Kura-a-iwi o Whakatupuranga Rua Mano will have a fundraising kai stall located on the field with delicious mussel fritters, please remember to bring cash and support our tamariki, mokopuna.