



Te Reo





Manawaroa



Te Reo Tutor

We spoke with Level 2 Te Reo Māori tutor Manawaroa about what she likes about teaching Te Reo, tips for people wanting to learn more Te Reo, what Te Wiki o Te Reo means to her, and more.

What are the main components of the programme?

Building on foundation Level 1 Te Reo, Level 2 focusses on expanding sentence structure, building vocab and three aromatawai (assessments) across the year.

What do you like about teaching Te Reo?

I love Te Reo Māori, I don't ever want to see it die. As a fluent speaker who grew up in the language I feel as though I have a responsibility to ensure its survival, so I do my part by teaching it to others.

What do you want your students to get out of the Level 2 programme?

I want my students to come away from Level 2 Te Reo feeling confident about continuing their reo journey.

What led you to become a Te Reo tutor?

I sort of fell into teaching Te Reo – I had been asked many times if I would consider it in the past but timing never worked out. For this role, I knew one of the teachers Evan Hippolite who asked me to join the programme at the end of 2021, and if you knew Matua Evan then you know it's impossible to say no, so here I am nearly two years later!

Do you have any tips or advice for anyone wanting to start learning the basics of te reo?

I get asked about tips and tricks for reo learners all the time and I think probably the tip I give out the most is to build your vocab – a new word a day is an awesome way to build your word count. By simply creating a habit of replacing the English word with a Māori kupu hou (new word) then eventually you'll start replacing multiple words in a sentence. There are a ton of resources out there now so find some that work for you.

What does Te Wiki o Te Reo mean to you?

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori is a great way to celebrate our language and recognise the journey it has been on, particularly the revitalisation period. It's a good time to think about your own aspirations for learning the language, dive in to the history of the language, and speak it (no matter your capability)!

Follow the QR code below to read the full story.



New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Rumaki Reo Rua) (Level 1)

Level 1

(3) 36 weeks, part-time (one 2-hour class a week)

FREE

Start your journey in te reo. Gain basic language skills to communicate in te reo Māori in familiar everyday situations. Ideal for beginners or if you want skills and knowledge to support your role in the public or private sector. You can progress to higher-level programmes to explore te reo further.

Programme outline

This programme is designed to provide a solid foundation for learners who have little to no te reo Māori knowledge.

More detail about this qualification

Courses

Mana Tangata Tahi

Acknowledges the potential of each learner along with their inherent ability to learn past and present applications of te reo and tikanga for future prosperity.

Mana Whenua Tahi

Recognises the importance of tribal affiliation, identity, tribal resources, tribal environs, stories, sayings, and dialectal variations as essential to future sustainability.

Mana Reo Tahi

This mātāpono acknowledges learner potential and perseverance to acquire, grow, develop, and use multiple reo and tikanga literacies accurately and competently.

Mana Ao Tūroa Tahi

Mana Ao Tūroa supports the acquisition of knowledge and skills leading to proficiency, excellence, attainment, and future accomplishments.

Career options

- Participate in the maintenance and development of te reo amongst whānau, hapū and community
- Basic understanding of te reo that can be utilised in areas of employment, in public and private sectors
- Contribution to community and cultural roles

Entry requirements

- Open entry
- International: IELTS 5.5 (no band lower than 5.0), or equivalent

Related study options

New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Rumaki Reo Rua) (Level 2)

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