

Te Reo





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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?

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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 2)

📖	Level 2
🕒	36 weeks, part-time (one 2-hour class a week)
📅	10 Feb 2025 (Porirua)
🆓	FREE

Extend your language skills to communicate in familiar, everyday contexts as well as in Māori environments where you feel comfortable. Build knowledge for support roles in the public sector or in areas such as tourism, radio or kōhanga reo.

Programme outline

The intention of this programme is to progress learners with a basic understanding and ability in the use of te reo Māori to a foundational level. Graduates will be able to apply in-depth learning to everyday situations, including communicating respectfully with whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori organisations.

The programme will be delivered part time over two semesters. It consists of four compulsory courses, with each course worth 15 credits each. Students must successfully pass all four courses to pass the programme.

More detail about this qualification

Courses

Mana Tangata Rua

Students will use te reo Māori vocabulary, grammatical and whakapapa structures and when describing a person from their own hapū.

Mana Whenua Rua

This course uses foundation level te reo Māori to express connections to the land and environment, prominent people and places of an area.

Mana Reo Rua

Learners will apply technical knowledge in selected contexts and develop an emerging respect for te reo as an expression.

Mana Ao Tūroa Toru

Using foundation te reo Māori, students will work on greetings, phrases, vocabulary and grammatical structures to describe and discuss everyday events.

Personal and professional benefits

- Confidence to contribute, support and participate in the maintenance and development of te reo amongst whānau, hapū, iwi and hapori
- Confidence to introduce oneself in the employment, public and private sectors
- Ability to participate in preparing the whare and/or marae for hui
- Ability to use te reo Māori amongst whānau and hapū in everyday settings

Career options

Providing support for roles such as:

- Language support in administration of a range of Māori and non-Māori organisations – Radio stations, Tourism, Health sector
- Language support assistant in a Kōhanga Reo
- Language support assistant in a Māori radio station

Entry requirements

- New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Rumaki Reo Rua) (Level 1) or equivalent qualification, or evidence of Level 1 Reo skills
- Suitable for school leavers. Recommended secondary school subjects: NCEA Level 1-3 reo Māori
- International: IELTS 5.5 (no band lower than 5.0), or equivalent

Related study options

[New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo \(Rumaki Reo Rua\) \(Level 3\)](#)

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