

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 4)

 Level 4
 18 weeks, full-time, 36 weeks part-time
 10 Feb 2025 (Porirua - part time)
 FREE

Enrich your knowledge and understanding of the uniqueness of te ao Māori – unlock your potential to nurture te reo Māori kia tika, kia rere, kia Māori!

What you will learn

The delivery of this programme focuses on helping students to communicate independently and confidently in a variety of situations and contexts. Students build on their intermediate level te reo in everyday situations and begin to learn more in-depth te reo knowledge. The programme is taught primarily in English and students are taught to understand language structures and features. This programme supports improving adult literacy and numeracy.

Te Pōkaitahi Reo (Reo Rua) (Te Kaupae 4) will be delivered full time over one semester and consists of four compulsory courses, each worth 15 credits each. All four courses must be passed successfully to complete the programme. The assessments in each course include written, oral, listening and reading assessments.

More details about this qualification

Courses

Mana Tangata Whā

This course builds on students' potential to learn past and present applications of te reo and tikanga.

Mana Whenua Whā

From this course, students will learn about the powhiri process and recognise the importance of tribal affiliation, resources, stories, sayings and dialectal variations.

Mana Reo Whā

This course uses advanced-intermediate grammatical structures to build learner potential and perseverance.

Mana Ao Tūroa Whā

In this course, advanced-intermediate level te reo is used to describe and discuss everyday events.

Career options

- Administration support roles in Māori organisations/industries and organisations that support te reo Māori
- Māori radio and television trainees
- Educator/teacher - general and reo Māori; Kaiawhina in Kohanga reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori, primary schools or in the workplace
- Tourism roles – operators and tour guides
- Transport roles

Entry requirements

New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Rumaki Reo Rua) (Level 3) or equivalent

Suitable for school leavers. Recommended secondary school subjects: NCEA Level 1-3 reo Māori

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