

Te Aka Matua ki te Pou Hawaiki Marae

*Ko Maungawhau, ko Maungakiekie
ngā maunga*

Ko Waitematā, ko Mānuka ngā whanga

Ko Tūtahi Tonu te whare

Ko Te Aka Matua ki te Pou Hawaiki te marae

Ko Niwaru te waka

Ko Tuputupu Whenua te tangata.

The University of Auckland's Faculty of Education marae Te Aka Matua ki te Pou Hawaiki (located on the Epsom campus) provides an important cultural and educational space for both staff and students. The marae is also used extensively by the wider community.

The marae was officially opened on November 19, 1983. "More than 1000 people attended the opening," remembers Bruce Taplin, a senior tutor at the Faculty of Education, who was a student teacher at the time of the opening.

"The marae gave Māori students a focal point, a place to connect with their culture and come together as a community, to study and to host visitors. It still provides that focal point today, not just for Māori but for all of our students," he says.

The carvings in the whare nui Tūtahi Tonu are particularly significant as they both encapsulate Māori history and tradition and also reflect the various connections between the various tribes of Aotearoa, as well as connections with Pasifika and Pākehā communities.

The name Te Aka Matua ki te Pou Hawaiki acknowledges the ancestors of the Tāmaki peoples, who brought soil from Hawaiki which was ceremonially buried on the land that is now occupied by the Faculty of Education. The tūāhu or altar that was subsequently set up on this site became an important gathering place for the early Auckland tribes, including the Waiohūa people who lived on and around Maungawhau (Mount Eden).



Support for Māori students: Te Korowai Atawhai

Te Korowai Atawhai (which may translate as 'the cloak of kindness, warmth and support') provides academic and pastoral support for students within the Faculty of Education. The service is managed by Māori Student Support Coordinator Rochai Taiaroa (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kahungunu). The Te Korowai Atawhai office and student study space are located in E Block. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm.

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