

## Questions and Answers - Te Kawa Matakura

### Q. What is Te Kawa Matakura?

Te Kawa Matakura is a programme designed to provide development opportunities to rangatahi Māori who demonstrate a passion for tribal knowledge, and participate in succession planning for their iwi and te ao Māori.

It enables rangatahi to develop in-depth knowledge of tikanga Taitokerau, with a focus on their particular connections to Te Taitokerau and other iwi.

Te Kawa Matakura is based on traditional models of education where students will take a deep dive into te ao Māori and learn: karakia, whaikōrero, history and esoteric knowledge as they work towards a qualification that reflects and acknowledges the traditional models of learning.

The programme engages rangatahi with mātauranga ā iwi/hapū and marae to grow leadership capability and maintain iwi centric mātauranga.

### Q. Who designed Te Kawa Matakura?

During 2018, a group of Mātanga Māori (referred to as the 'Think Tank') provided advice to the Associate Minister Māori Education on how Te Kawa Matakura will contribute to systemic change. This group's report – *He Puna Whakaaro Mō Te Ahu o te Reo Māori me Te Kawa Matakura* – provided recommendations on how to proceed with the development of this.

Mātanga Māori at this hui:

Dr Moe Milne	Dr Ruakere Hond
Dr Will Edwards	Quinton Hita
Kingi Kiriona	Sir Timoti Kāretu
Rahui Papa	Paraone Gloyne
Darlia Walker	Dr Ihirangi Heke
Pakake Winiata	Hoturoa Barclay-Kerr
Professor Poia Rewi	Sir Hector Busby
Dr Hana O'Regan	Hirini Henare

### Q. Where will Te Kawa Matakura be delivered and why?

At a second Think Tank hui, it was agreed that the pilot will be delivered in Te Taitokerau.

Te Taitokerau has good support indicators for Māori language proficiency, Māori cultural value, and whānau use of te reo Maori at home and school. (Refer the Ministry of Education's 2016 publication *Te Rāngai Kāhui Ako ā-Iwi: Regional Data + Analysis*).

### **Q. Who will be delivering Te Kawa Matakura?**

Te Taumata Whakahaere are the Māori expert governance group in Te Taitokerau. This group of experts have lead the detailed planning and co-design of this programme in Te Taitokerau.

The current members of Te Taumata Whakahaere are:

Quinton Hita  
Moe Milne  
Hīrini Hēnare  
Nau Epiha  
Frances Goulton  
Aperahama Edwards

Darlia Walker is the Project Co-ordinator for Te Kawa Matakura.

Te Kawa Matakura is informed by Te Kāhui Ngaio, who are the experts and repositories of knowledge in specific fields of mātauranga Māori.

Te Kāhui Ngaio members are:

Dame Naida Glavich	Wikitōria Mākiha
Rereata Mākiha	Taipari Munro
Kipa Munro	Hone Taimona
Tau Kākā	Kene Martin
Pineaha Murray	Dr Ihirangi Heke
Pakake Winiata	Hoturoa Barclay-Kerr
Pierre Lyndon	Sir Hector Busby
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### **Q. How will students be selected and then supported?**

The entry criteria to participate in Te Kawa Matakura are that ākonga:

- Are proficient in te reo Māori me ōna tikanga
- Have an affection of te ao Māori
- Are competent and knowledgeable in whakataukī, pepeha, marae and hapū of Te Taitokerau
- Have a strong desire to learn mātauranga Māori
- Demonstrate leadership qualities.

Twenty three ākonga between the ages of 17 – 25 years old will participate in Te Kawa Matakura this year, supported by their whānau, marae and their kaumātua.

### **Q. How will successful students be formally recognised?**

Ākonga who complete Te Kawa Matakura will receive a Level 5 New Zealand Diploma in Mātaranga ā-lwi, with opportunities to progress towards a degree programme.

### **Q. How much is Te Kawa Matakura costing?**

\$2.8 million was allocated for Te Kawa Matakura in Budget 2018.

### Q. What specifically will be taught?

Te Kawa Matakura will deliver mātauranga Māori knowledge and experiences across eight Kōnae Ako (Focus Areas):

<b>Kōnae Ako</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Mātauranga whānau ā-</b>	Contextual learning about whānau
<b>Oranga ā-whānau</b>	Practical application of mātauranga (knowledge) and pūkenga (skills) with regard to oranga in a whānau context
<b>Mātauranga marae ā-</b>	Contextual learning about marae
<b>Oranga ā-marae</b>	Practical application of mātauranga and pūkenga with regard to oranga in a marae context
<b>Mātauranga hapū ā-</b>	Contextual learning about hapū
<b>Oranga ā-hapū</b>	Practical application of mātauranga and pūkenga with regard to oranga in a hapū context
<b>Mātauranga ā-iwi</b>	Contextual learning about iwi
<b>Oranga ā-iwi</b>	Practical application of mātauranga and pūkenga with regard to oranga in a iwi context

Ākonga will research, apply and evaluate cultural concepts and contribute to their existing mātauranga and tikanga.

### Q. How will the course be delivered?

Te Kawa Matakura is based on traditional Māori models of learning. These include through maramataka Māori, whaikōrero, karakia, whakapapa and other esoteric bodies of knowledge, and will be delivered through Ngaio facilitated and self-directed learning methods, including:

- Monthly Marae-based wānanga
- Weekly tutorials
- Monthly kanohi ki te kanohi mentoring sessions
- Online - google classrooms
- Summer School (once a year).

### Q. How long is the course?

There are two options for Te Kawa Matakura:

- 32 weeks duration comprised of 50 facilitated learning hours and 100 self-directed learning hours per month, and monthly mentoring sessions.
- 54 weeks duration comprised of 57 facilitated learning hours and 13 self-directed learning hours per month, and monthly mentoring sessions.

### Q. Do students pay fees?

There are no student fees. The programme is funded by the Ministry.

### Q. How does the qualification fit into the NQF, how many credits is it?

Te Kawa Matakura is a Level 5 New Zealand Diploma in Mātaranga ā-Iwi, consisting of 120 credits.

**Q. Why was a new qualification needed?**

There are no appropriate qualifications that recognise mātauranga ā-iwi. The Minister has been committed to ensuring a pathway is available for rangatahi and future Māori leaders to learn local knowledge, histories and customs and receive a formal qualification. This was endorsed by the 2018 Mātanga Māori 'Think Tank' who recommended that graduates' specialist knowledge should be recognised through a formal qualification.

**Q. How will learning be assessed?**

The assessment methods for this Level 5 Diploma will be project based where ākonga will apply their learning contextually and be encouraged and expected to contribute their new skills, knowledge and experiences to strengthen their hapū, iwi and marae.

**Q. What success will look like for the learners?**

Ākonga will become repositories of traditional knowledge to share with and strengthen their whānau, hapū, iwi, and marae. They will have a high level of fluency in te reo Māori, and be highly confident exponents and role models of te ao Māori.

**Q. Who is participating?**

Twenty three ākonga between the ages of 17 – 25 years old have been confirmed to participate in Te Kawa Matakura.

**Q. What's different about this approach compared to other approaches?**

Ākonga will be learning privileged knowledge from tribal experts. They will be immersed in local language, customs, practices and experience with contextual learning and practical application of mātauranga ā-iwi.

**Q. How will we know that the programme is successful?**

We will know that Te Kawa Matakura is successful when:

- Ākonga achieve their qualification
- Ākonga fulfil and are supported to take on leadership roles in their hapū and marae
- Ākonga pursue further learning opportunities in mātauranga Māori and leadership
- Ākonga are positive role models in their community
- Whānau actively support Ākonga to be positive students and complete their qualification.