

# Māori at Victoria



**MĀ TE MŌHIO**  
**KNOW YOUR MIND**

# NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

**As Deputy Vice Chancellor (Māori), I am pleased to welcome you to Victoria University of Wellington. The essence of Māori identity is linked to whakapapa (genealogy), and the recognition of Māori as tangata whenua is embedded in the values of the University's strategic plan, namely te reo Māori, mātauranga Māori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.** At Victoria, the essence of Māori is represented by the ornately



carved meeting house, Te Tumu Herenga Waka. Figuratively, the marae is the 'mooring post' from which staff and students can be connected to the Māori world during their time at the University and it provides a platform to enhance teaching, learning, research and engagement. This notion of connectivity builds on the Māori Strategic Outcomes Framework / Mai i te Iho ki te Pae, which emphasises the importance of drawing from our 'iho', or inner essence, our identities and the potential to extend this 'ki te Pae' beyond the horizons.

At Victoria, a sense of whānau and community is important to us and this publication will introduce you to some of the dedicated staff and support structures here to help you achieve your goals and aspirations.

Your arrival at this university marks a new chapter in the story of your life. The preceding chapters were largely written by your parents, teachers, whānau and others. But now you are the principal author of the next chapter and you have the power to determine the direction of your own story. While you are here at Victoria you will have the opportunity to acquire new knowledge, develop new skills and enhance your personal attributes that will equip you for life after university.

I wish you every success in your journey here at Victoria.

*Professor Rawinia Higgins*

**Tumu Ahurei / Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori)**

Tēnei ka noho i te roro o tōku whare o Te Tumu Herenga Waka

Te pātaka kai iringa o te kupu o te kōrero  
Ka titiro whakawaho ki te ao e rāhiri mai rā  
Ki a koutou ngā ihoiho o ngā maunga  
whakahī

Ngā uri whakaheke o ngā waka i  
whakawhiti mai

I te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa, i Hawaiki rā anō  
Toia mai ō koutou waka, ka whītiki ki tō  
tātau whare whakaruruhau

Hai whakawhirinakitanga mō koutou ka  
tatū mai

ki Ahumairangi, ki Te Aro, ki Pipitea hoki  
Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Whare Wānanga o  
Te Ūpoko o Te Ika a Māui

# FIRST POINT OF CONTACT



## MĀORI LIAISON OFFICER/ KAITAKAWAENGA MĀORI

Tayla Cook, the Māori liaison officer/kaitakawaenga Māori, is your first point of contact if you are considering studying at Victoria. She will be happy to answer you and your family's questions about course planning information, entrance and admission enquiries, scholarships, university

life and study. She can also help you through the application process and connect you with the Māori support network at Victoria. There are opportunities for Māori students and their whānau to have customised visits around our campuses and attend information evenings and open days throughout the year.

📞 04-463 6668

✉️ [maori-liaison@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:maori-liaison@vuw.ac.nz)



“The diverse culture at Victoria University makes me feel very comfortable being a Māori student here—the support I’ve received has made the transition from home and school to a new city and a different way of learning relatively easy.”

*Kahu Haimona, Te Arawa and Waikato Student, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in Māori Studies and Māori Resource Management*



“Victoria University, Te Kawa a Māui and the Māori students’ association, Ngāi Taurira, have provided me with numerous opportunities to see my dreams come true.”

*Jacob McGregor, Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, Ngā Rauru, Te Whānau a Apanui Student, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations*



“Victoria allowed me to connect more deeply with my Māori heritage. I saw my culture celebrated in academia, which was really exciting.”

*Kayla Polamalu, Ngāti Whakaue, Te Arawa*

**Student, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in Māori Resource Management and Political Science**

# SUPPORT ON CAMPUS



## MĀORI LEARNING ADVISER/ KAIĀRAHI AKO MĀORI

Laura Kamau is part of the Student Learning team and works with students to foster successful study and develop independent, active learners. Free and confidential help and advice is available to Māori students on a one-to-one and small group basis and the team also runs

workshops or weekly sessions.

📞 04-463 5392

✉ [student-learning@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:student-learning@vuw.ac.nz)

## TE PŪTAHI ATAWHAI

Te Pūtahi Atawhai (TPA) translates as 'where people come together to get assistance'. The Māori success coordinators at TPA encourage and assist Māori students to participate and succeed at university. They can provide specific support, based on your individual needs, and can link you to other services at Victoria that can help you. An academic mentoring programme in which you can work alongside a senior student is also available.

📞 04-463 6974

✉ [te-putahi-atawhai@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:te-putahi-atawhai@vuw.ac.nz)

## TE RŌPŪ ĀWHINA

Te Rōpū Āwhina (Āwhina) is the on-campus whānau for Māori and Pasifika students in the Faculties of Science, Engineering, and Architecture and Design. Āwhina is about collective success, high expectations, aspirations, achievements and inclusiveness. It provides academic mentoring and holistic support from students' first year to postgraduate-level study.

📞 04-463 5987

✉ [teropuawhina@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:teropuawhina@vuw.ac.nz)



## MĀORI LAW STUDENTS' COORDINATOR

Karli Rickard, the kaitakawaenga ture/ Māori law students' coordinator is responsible for advancing the academic interests of Māori students studying law. This involves managing the Māori and Pasifika tutoring programme, as well as a number of targeted study skills and exam technique sessions for Māori students. Karli assists with the practical application of legal rules and concepts, as well as fostering a positive learning environment for Māori students.

📞 04-463 6305

✉ [law-enquiries@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:law-enquiries@vuw.ac.nz)



## STUDENT ADVISER (EQUITY AND ENGAGEMENT), FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Paul Edwards is responsible for providing student administration services to Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and PhD students. He also works with Bachelor of Music students and all Tohu Māoritanga students. In addition, Paul coordinates the Faculty's equity and engagement activities and initiatives.

📞 04-463 5741

✉ [fhss-enquiries@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:fhss-enquiries@vuw.ac.nz)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

There are online databases of awards, scholarships and grants for university study. You can search by subject, level of study and iwi to find funding relevant to you.

👉 [www.victoria.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/scholarships)

# STUDENT GROUPS

We want you to get the best out of your time at Victoria and these Māori student-led associations can assist you.

## NGĀI TAUIRA

Ngāi Tauira represents the interests of Māori students studying at Victoria. Ngāi Tauira provides a number of services to students, including advocacy and support, scholarships and funding, representation on boards, national representation, social networking and pastoral support.

42 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn Campus

✉ [ngaitauira@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:ngaitauira@vuw.ac.nz)

👉 [www.facebook.com/ngaitauiraVUW/](https://www.facebook.com/ngaitauiraVUW/)

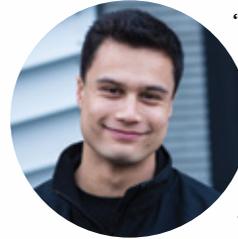
## NGĀ TĀURA ŪMANGA

Ngā Tāura Ūmanga, the Māori Commerce students' association, plays a key role in developing strong relationships between Māori students at the Victoria Business School. Ngā Tāura Ūmanga organises social and networking events, participates in national hui and has access to information that will encourage and assist you along your path as a Māori in the business world.

Mezzanine Floor, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus

✉ [ngatauraumanga@gmail.com](mailto:ngatauraumanga@gmail.com)

👉 [www.facebook.com/ngatauraumangaNTU/](https://www.facebook.com/ngatauraumangaNTU/)



“As a Māori student studying at Victoria, the community here has become an extension of my whānau back home, and I feel really fortunate to have received that support.”

*Jahmayne Robin-Middleton, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto, and Ngāpuhi*

**Student, Bachelor of Architectural Studies**

## NGĀ RANGAHAUTIRA

Ngā Rangahautira, the Māori Law students' association, is passionate about developing skilled Māori law students with a commitment to kaupapa Māori. Ngā Rangahautira organises social, academic, cultural and political activities for Māori students throughout their study, providing opportunities to engage with the community, network with practising Māori lawyers and develop as a Māori law professional.

Room GB140C, Government Buildings, Pipitea Campus

✉ [vuw\\_nr@myvuw.ac.nz](mailto:vuw_nr@myvuw.ac.nz)

👉 [www.facebook.com/NgaRangahautira](https://www.facebook.com/NgaRangahautira)

## TE HOHAJETI O TE REO MĀORI

Te Hōhāietī o Te Reo Māori, the Māori Language society, is a group that seeks to provide space at Victoria for students to utilise and strengthen their reo Māori. Te Hōhāietī does this through organising and facilitating activities and events students can join, regardless of their te reo Māori proficiency.

✉ [reomaorisociety@gmail.com](mailto:reomaorisociety@gmail.com)

👉 [www.facebook.com/thotrmkw](https://www.facebook.com/thotrmkw)

# SERVICES ON CAMPUS

## STUDENT HEALTH AND STUDENT COUNSELLING

Make an appointment for professional, confidential counselling, for any issue affecting personal or academic success. A full range of affordable general practice medical services is available on campus. Consultation pricing is varied and is low cost for most students. Some sessions are held at the Marae during trimesters.

Level 1, Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus

Mezzanine Floor, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus

📞 04-463 5308

👉 [www.victoria.ac.nz/student-health](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/student-health)

## VICTORIA ACCOMMODATION AND WHĀNAU HOUSING

Victoria Accommodation can assist you in finding suitable accommodation in any of our 14 halls of residence, and offer advice about other accommodation options.

Whānau Housing consists of three flats that accommodate 14 residents. Priority is given to first year students from a Māori background.

2 Wai-te-ata Road, Kelburn Campus

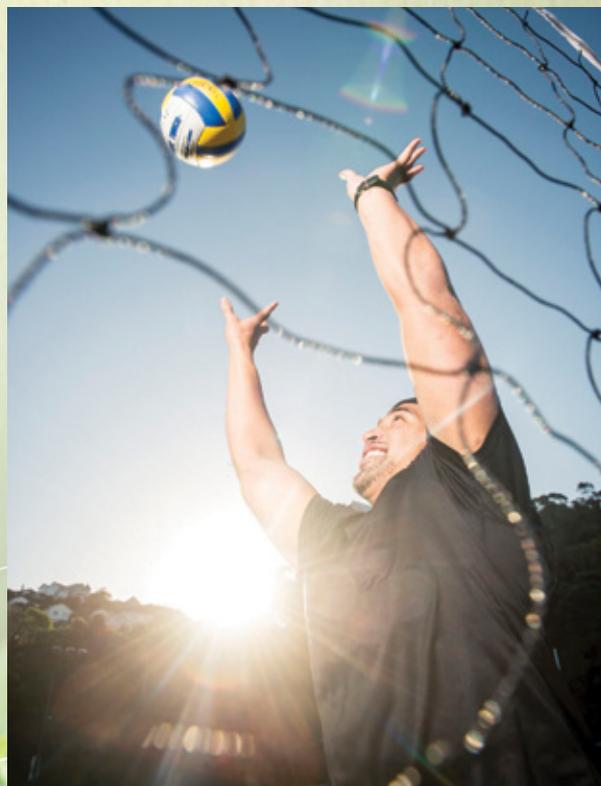
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👉 [www.victoria.ac.nz/accommodation](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/accommodation)

## VICTORIA RECREATION

It is important to balance study and other stimulating activities throughout your journey. Victoria Recreation provides sport, recreation, wellbeing, fitness and club services for the University community.

👉 [www.victoria.ac.nz/recreation](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/recreation)



# MĀORI SPACES ON CAMPUS

## TE HERENGA WAKA MARAE

Located on our Kelburn campus, Te Herenga Waka Marae provides a tūrangawaewae (a place where Māori custom prevails) for the students and staff at Victoria to promote, disseminate and maintain the use of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori. The Marae is a gathering place as well as a teaching space for Māori students. Resources, support and events at the Marae include Te Whanake Mauri Tū computer suite, lunches in the wharekai and graduation ceremonies.

46 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn Campus

📞 04-463 7423

🌐 [www.victoria.ac.nz/marae](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/marae)

## TE ARO CAMPUS

Te Rōpū Āwhina Whānau Room, Room VS129, Level 1, Vivian Street, Te Aro Campus

## PIPITEA CAMPUS

Te Kauwae Parāoa / Law Library, Room GB234, Level 2, Government Buildings, Pipitea Campus

Ngā Rangahautira, Room GB140C, Level 1, Government Buildings, Pipitea Campus

Te Pū Ūmanga and Tabua, Room RHMZ19, Mezzanine Floor, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus





TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO

[www.victoria.ac.nz/maori-at-victoria](https://www.victoria.ac.nz/maori-at-victoria)