

Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary) Orientation Programme for Taurira

Date: Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 January 2025

Location: Te Rito Maioha Wellington Regional Education Centre
Ground Floor, 191A Thorndon Quay
Thorndon
Wellington, 6011

Day One: Wednesday 22 January 2025

10.00am	Mihi whakatau (please see below for details including kaupapa and dress requirements)
11.30am to 5.00pm	Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An introduction to Te Rito Maioha & whakawhanaunga - Programme overview including programme requirements, key dates, being a successful online learner and field-based and practicum requirements.

Day Two: Thursday 23 January 2025

9.00am to 4.30pm	Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to our bi-cultural Kaupapa, noho marae and He Pataka Reo - Introduction to SMART Goals, reflective journals, ePortfolio and the CIA - Course overview
5.00pm	Optional Social time at The Thistle Inn (3 Mulgrave St, Thorndon, Wellington)

Day Three: Friday 24 January 2025

9:00am to 2.00pm	Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course overview continued - Seeking support and student representative - Mihimihi presentations - Patai and next steps
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Additional Information

Prior to Orientation

Accommodation and travel: Taurira (student teachers) are required to make their own arrangements regarding travel and accommodation. The Wellington Regional Education Centre (REC) is within walking or bus distance from the central city where there are a range of accommodation types to suit. There is plenty of space to store bags at the REC if you are arriving from or departing directly to the airport.

Ready, Set, Study: To set you up as an online learner you are required to complete one of the 60-minute, online workshops offered by the Te Rito Maioha eLearning Team prior to the start of orientation. Click [here](#) to register for a workshop.



Medical and other needs: Please let us know if you have any medical conditions or other needs that we should be aware of during your time at orientation. There has been a request to

During Orientation

Mihi whakatau: General protocols for the *mihi whakatau* have been outlined below and Manuhiri (visitors) will be briefed by Pouako before the start of the mihi whakatau.

Please aim to arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to be ready to start the mihi whakatau at 10.00am.

Te Whanganui-a-Tara falls within te mana whenua o Te Ātiawa (iwi region) and therefore follows their kawa & tikanga. Manuhiri are asked to accommodate the following dress protocols:

- Ngā tama – trousers and collared shirt/polo (no t-shirts please). Ngā wahine – skirt & top or dress (no trousers please) long enough to cover knees and shoulders.

Orientation requirements:

You will also need to bring the following to the orientation:

- Your laptop and charger
- Tidy, comfortable clothing and footwear, similar to what you would expect to wear as a professional in a primary classroom (there is space to change after the mihi whakatau if you wish to do so)
- Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided at the takiwā for morning tea throughout the orientation. Please bring afternoon snacks and a packed lunch for each day. There are a couple of bakery/café options nearby if you would prefer.

The Te Rito Maioha Primary team are very much looking forward to meeting you all in person and working through the orientation programme with you. If you have any questions or queries about the orientation or any other aspect of the programme, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Mihi Whakatau tikanga (Welcome protocols)

Te Takiwā Ako a Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Te Whanganui-a-Tara falls within te mana whenua o Te Ātiawa (iwi region) and we follow their kawa & tikanga. Please note, this process differs from iwi to iwi and area to area and does not always follow the exact order as outlined below.

Mihi Whakatau

- Manuhiri (visitors) will gather by the main door of the classroom. Tangata whenua will be standing inside the classroom to welcome you.
- A karanga (Tangata whenua) will commence. Manuhiri will respond if they have a kaikaranga. From here, we are now all tapu.
- Slowly walk into the classroom to greet tangata whenua who will be standing on your left. Shake hands and hongi Kaikōrero (speaker) and staff (tangata whenua).
- Manuhiri will be directed to their seats. *Please stay standing* until Kaikōrero|Kaumātua asks everyone to be seated.

When everyone is seated...

- Kaumātua will start with a karakia (prayer) and whaikōrero to follow which includes a welcome to everyone in attendance.
- Tangata whenua will sing a waiata to support his speech.

Tangata whenua will now allow manuhiri to respond...

- Kaikōrero (Manuhiri) to respond.
- After Kaikōrero has spoken, all manuhiri will sing a waiata to support their speech.

Te aroha (love)
Te whakapono (hope)
Me te rangimārie (and peace)
Tatou tatou e (For us all)

- After waiata, manuhiri will be seated.

Kaumātua (Tangata whenua) to open the space for mihimihi/introductions...

Mihimihi

- Mihimihi (Introductions) Starting with the Kaikōrero|Kaumatua and following on to tangata whenua and then to manuhiri, each person will introduce themselves. You are encouraged to use te reo Māori, however NZSL, English or other first languages are welcomed too.
- Kaikōrero|Kaumatua will complete mihi whakatau process with a karakia and we will all sing a waiata – Tūtira mai ngā iwi.
- Kaikōrero|Kaumatua will then offer a karakia mō te kai|to bless the kai either in the classroom or in the dining area.

It is very important that you have something to eat and drink. Manuhiri (visitors) are viewed as “tapu” (sacred or set apart from the everyday/normal things). This mihi whakatau is viewed as a process of removing the “tapu” and making everyone “noa” (equal). The sharing of food is the final act of this process.