

Ngā Tauira Māori – Bi-annual Funding

Event 1: Katch-a-Māori

Purpose:

What is the event for?

Katch-A-Māori is an event to welcome and connect first-year Māori students and new students with Ngā Tauira Māori. The event provides an opportunity to introduce students to the cultural and social support offered by NTM while fostering a sense of community and belonging on campus. We aim to bridge the gap between new tauira and their university experience, ensuring they have the support and guidance to thrive socially and culturally.

What will be happening at the event?

Katch-A-Māori will feature various activities to engage students and introduce them to Ngā Tauira Māori. The event will include:

1. **Interactive workshops** focused on whakawhanaungatanga and understanding the role of Ngā Tauira Māori in supporting students.
2. **Social networking activities**, such as icebreakers and team-building games, foster connections and help students feel at ease in a new environment.
3. **Kai**, creating a welcoming and authentic atmosphere.

Expected Attendees

Due to our sudden surge of registrations at our club's expo, Katch-A-Māori is expected to have up to 80 attendees, made up of 75 Ngā Tauira Māori members and 5 Ngā Tauira Māori executive members. The attendees will be primarily Māori students.

Event Goal

Goals of Katch-A-Māori are:

- **Welcoming new students** into Ngā Tauira Māori.
- **Promoting Māori culture** and encouraging students to connect.
- **Building a strong sense of belonging** and unity
- **Providing social and cultural support** to first-year Māori tauira, helping them navigate their university journey.
- **Networking** opportunities for tauira across different faculties, encouraging collaboration and mutual support.

This event aims to serve as a celebration of Māori culture while also focusing on the wellbeing of students, ensuring they have the support to thrive socially and culturally at the university.

Who benefits from the event? Why is it important?

Katch-A-Māori benefits:

- **First-year tauira** may feel isolated or overwhelmed by the transition to tertiary education. The event helps them build connections with their peers and familiarise themselves with the support systems available to them.
- **New students to the association** will gain exposure to Māori culture and have the opportunity to interact with other members of Ngā Tauira Māori, promoting cultural awareness and inclusivity.

The event is vital because it addresses the unique challenges tauira faces transitioning into tertiary education. By providing a platform for connection, cultural expression, and support, the event helps students feel empowered and confident in their identity as Māori within the university.

Impact of the Event

Katch-A-Māori will have a lasting impact on the Māori student community at the university.

Key outcomes include:

- **Enhanced sense of belonging and inclusion** for tauira, reducing feelings of isolation and supporting their academic and personal well-being.
- **Stronger cultural identity** among tauira, empowering them to embrace and celebrate their heritage.
- **Improved retention rates** among tauira, as they are more likely to stay enrolled when they feel connected to a supportive community.
- **Increased engagement with Ngā Tauira Māori** and greater participation in Māori-focused academic and other activities throughout the academic year.

This event is essential for building a resilient and thriving Māori student community at the university, contributing to their long-term academic and personal success.

Costs: approximate – if you have receipts/quotes attach these here.

Any further information:

Breakdown of Costs

Funding Request for Accommodation

This venue was chosen based on the huge interest generated during our Clubs Expo and the significant increase in membership signups. Due to this high demand and the growing number of new members, we must secure the appropriate facilities to meet the needs of this event.

Accommodation Estimated Cost:

\$10,200 (Accommodation) -----> \$5100 x 2 days

- \$85 (Water Slide)
- \$150 (Challenge Valley/Flying Fox)
- \$190 (Check-In/Out Fee)
- \$1280 (Deep Cleaning Fee)

Total: \$11,905

Request for Kai (Food)

We are seeking **\$3600** in funding for Kai (food) for the Katch-A-Māori event. The food budget is broken down as follows:

- **Friday Dinner:** 80 attendees × \$9 per head = \$720
- **Saturday Breakfast:** 80 attendees × \$9 per head = \$720
- **Saturday Lunch:** 80 attendees × \$9 per head = \$720
- **Saturday Dinner:** 80 attendees × \$9 per head = \$720
- **Sunday Breakfast:** 80 attendees × \$9 per head = \$720

The total cost for the meals will be:
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Request for funding for Hiring Vans:

We are seeking a total of \$1920 in funding for the hiring of two 12-seater vans so that we can pick up our first years that live in Halls (Grafton Hall and Flats, Waipārūrū Hall, O'Rorke, and University Hall – Towers)

We plan to hire the vans from the 4th of April to the 6th of April, which is 3 days.s
The cost of a van per day is \$320.

$\$320 \times 3 \text{ days} = \960
 $\$960 \times 2 \text{ vans} = \1920
Total Cost of Vans = \$1920

TOTAL COST OF KATCHA

ACCOMMODATION	\$11,905
KAI	\$3,600
VANS	\$1920

\$17,425

Event 2: Kai Tahi

Purpose:

What is the event for?

The event is organised for all tauira at Waipapa Taumata Rau to unite, share kai, and connect. The purpose is to foster a sense of community and unity among tauira, allowing us to break bread together and strengthen the cultural bonds that tie us as a whānau.

What will be happening at the event?

At the event, tauira will gather to enjoy a shared meal, celebrate our cultural heritage, and engage with one another in a relaxed and welcoming environment. It will be an opportunity for first-year students to get to know their tuākana and the executives of Ngā Tauira Māori. There will be opportunities to connect, share stories, and build relationships through whakawhanaungatanga and moments of cultural exchange and support among peers.

How many attendees?

Based on the registrations from the Club's Expo (around 160), we anticipate approximately 60 to 80 tauira will attend the event. This will include first-year students, tuākana, and Ngā Tauira Māori executives.

What is the goal? Celebrations, educational, social, wellbeing, networking, etc.?

The event aims to celebrate our Māori culture, promote social connection, and enhance wellbeing within the Māori student community. It is an opportunity to build stronger networks, offer mutual support, and create a space where tauira can share experiences and

challenges. The event aims to bring a sense of belonging and pride through the shared experience of kai and whakawhanaungatanga.

Who benefits from the event? Why is it important? What impact will this have?

The event will benefit all tauira at Waipapa Taumata Rau. It is essential because it creates a space where tauira can unite, celebrate their shared identity, and build lasting relationships with their peers. In addition, the event will contribute to attendees' mental and emotional well-being by offering a sense of community and belonging, which is vital for student success.

The event's impact will be significant, as it will help foster stronger connections among tauira, enhance their sense of cultural pride, and encourage them to support one another academically and personally. By eating together as one, we reinforce our shared values and strengthen the whānau (family) ties within our Māori student community, which will have a lasting effect on individual and collective well-being.

Costs:

2. Breakdown of Food Costs

The following menu items have been selected, and their associated costs are outlined below:

Food Item	Quantity	Unit Price (\$)	Total Price (\$)
Fried Rice	1	80.00	80.00
Noodles	1	80.00	80.00
Beef Chow Mein	1	80.00	80.00
Sweet and Sour Pork	1	80.00	80.00
Medium Egg	1	68.00	68.00
100 C/Nibbles	1	90.00	90.00
\$30 Chips	1	30.00	30.00

Total Food Cost: \$508.00

3. Breakdown of Cutlery and Serving Supplies Costs

In addition to the food items, we will need cutlery and other supplies for the event. The estimated costs for these items are as follows:

Item	Quantity	Unit Price (\$)	Total Price (\$)
50 Cups	1	3.60	3.60
100 Plates	1	21.08	21.08
100 Forks	1	6.00	6.00
100 Serviettes	1	1.50	1.50

Total Cutlery & Supplies Cost: \$32.18

Additional Costs

We will also need to provide drinks and fruit for the event. The additional costs are as follows:

Item Total Price (\$)

Drinks 25.00

Fruit 75.00

Total Additional Costs: \$100.00

Total Estimated Cost

The total estimated cost for food (kai) and related supplies for the event is as follows:

Description	Total Price (\$)
Total Food Costs	508.00
Total Cutlery & Supplies Cost	32.18
Total Additional Costs (Drinks & Fruit)	100.00
Grand Total	\$640.18

This event occurs twice a semester, so we will seek **\$1280.**

Event 3: Meet and Greet

Purpose:

What is the event for?

Meet and Greet event welcomes new students to the university and allows all students to learn about and engage with the Māori associations and support networks available on campus. This event will showcase groups such as **Te Rākau Ture** (Māori Law Student Association), **Te Mana Pakihi** (Māori Commerce Student Association), and **Ngā Tauira Māori** (Māori Student Association). It will allow students to network, ask questions, and connect in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

What will be happening at the event?

The event will provide an informal yet informative space for students to meet representatives from each Māori student association. There will be:

- **Introductions and presentations** from each Māori student association, outlining their purpose, upcoming events, and how students can get involved.
- **Networking opportunities** for students to interact with peers and executives, forming connections that can help them thrive culturally and socially.
- **Casual socialising** with food is provided, creating a relaxed atmosphere for students to feel comfortable and build connections.

How many attendees?

We anticipate **50–75 students** attending the Meet and Greet event. This includes both new students and returning students who are interested in learning more about Māori student associations and support at the university.

Event Goals

What is the goal?

The primary goals of the Meet and Greet event are to:

1. **Introduce new students** to the Māori student associations and the university's range of support.
2. **Provide networking opportunities**, allowing students to meet peers, leaders, and members of Māori student groups.
3. **Foster a sense of community and belonging** by bringing tauira together and ensuring they feel connected and supported at university.
4. **Encourage involvement** in Māori student associations, helping students understand how to engage with these groups for personal, academic, and professional development.

Who benefits from the event?

Māori students, particularly new students, will be able to learn about the various support services and associations available to them. This event benefits all attendees by providing a platform for networking and building relationships with like-minded students and associations. It also allows students to access valuable resources, mentorship, and academic support to help them succeed in their studies and personal growth.

Why is it important? What impact will this have?

This Meet and Greet event is crucial because it provides:

- **A supportive introduction to university life:** New students will have a chance to get to know the different Māori student associations and the various ways they can engage with the university community.
- **Enhanced sense of belonging:** The event will help foster a strong sense of community among taura, reducing the isolation some may feel and encouraging them to participate actively in university life.
- **Increased participation in Māori student associations:** By introducing students to these associations, the event encourages participation, which can lead to more incredible cultural pride, academic success, and social connections.
- **Cultural affirmation:** By promoting the different Māori student groups, the event ensures students feel their cultural identity is celebrated and supported throughout their university journey.

Costs:**Any further information:**

We are seeking **\$1000** to cover the cost of providing food for all attendees at the Meet and Greet. This funding will be used to purchase food to ensure that students are well-fed and can enjoy the event in a comfortable setting. We anticipate approximately **50–75 students** attending, and the budget will allow us to provide enough food to accommodate all taura.

The requested funds will be allocated as follows:

- **Catering (food and refreshments): \$1000** for food and snacks to ensure all attendees are well-nourished throughout the event.

Event 4: Study Wā**Purpose:****What is the event for?**

Study Wā is a weekly event held throughout the semester, dedicated to providing taura with a supportive and inclusive space to study together. Our goal is to create a study environment where taura can collaborate, focus on their academic goals, and engage with one another in a culturally affirming space.

What will be happening at the event?

Each week, taura will gather in a designated space to study. During this time, we will provide a shared meal for all students to ensure they are nourished while they work. Study Wā

encourages social interaction, collaborative study, and mutual support, fostering a sense of community among the taura. Combining academic and cultural support creates an environment where taura feel safe, respected, and valued.

How many attendees?

We anticipate approximately 20–30 taura will attend each Study Wā session every week. This number may vary depending on individual schedules and academic workloads, but we expect a consistent group to engage with the initiative over the semester.

Event Goals

What is the goal?

The goal of Study Wā is:

1. **Provide a study space** where students can unite, share knowledge, and support one another academically.
2. **Foster social connection** by creating a space where taura can interact, build relationships, and develop a sense of belonging.
3. **Support wellbeing** by offering nourishing meals to ensure students are well-fed and energised throughout their study sessions.

Who benefits from the event?

Māori taura at Waipapa Taumata Rau. This initiative directly supports taura, who may otherwise face challenges balancing academic pressures with their cultural and social needs. The event also contributes to the well-being of students by offering a safe and welcoming environment for them to study and connect with peers.

Why is it important? What impact will this have?

The Study Wā addresses critical needs within the Māori student community by:

- **Improving academic performance** through the collaborative study environment and mutual support between students.
- **Enhancing student wellbeing**, as students are provided with food and a culturally safe space, reducing stress and anxiety that can impact academic success.
- **Strengthening the Māori student network**, helping taura build connections and forming lasting relationships that extend beyond the event.
- **Encouraging cultural pride** by creating a space where taura can express their identity and feel connected to their culture.

Costs:

Any further information:

We are seeking **\$1,500** to fund the Study Wā over 10 weeks. This funding will cover the cost of purchasing ingredients and preparing meals for the students. We plan to allocate **\$150** weekly to ensure each Study Wā session is adequately catered.

This initiative will help taura thrive academically, socially, and culturally by providing nourishing meals and a supportive study environment.

Thank you for considering our request. Your support will have a lasting impact on the success and well-being of our taura.

Event 5: Haerenga (apply in case BECA funds aren't enough)

Purpose:

What is the event for?

Haerenga is an essential outreach program that promotes Waipapa Taumata Rau and engages with tauira in different regions. This year, Ngā Tauira Māori will travel to Taranaki to visit local schools, meet with tauira, and share information about academic opportunities at Waipapa Taumata Rau. The event aims to strengthen relationships with schools, encourage tauira to pursue higher education and highlight the support and resources available at the university.

What will be happening at the event?

During our trip to Taranaki, Ngā Tauira Māori will visit multiple schools, engage with students and staff, present information about Waipapa Taumata Rau, and answer questions about university life.

How many attendees?

The group will consist of approximately **50 students** travelling to Taranaki as part of the outreach initiative. These students will actively engage with the local schools and promote the university to prospective tauira. The number of students involved in the event reflects the large-scale nature of this outreach program, where the team will visit multiple schools and provide a comprehensive representation of Waipapa Taumata Rau.

Event Goals

What is the goal?

The primary goal of Haerenga is to:

1. **Promote Waipapa Taumata Rau** to students in Taranaki, informing them about university academic, cultural, and social opportunities.
2. **Encourage tauira** to consider higher education by providing the tools, information, and support they need to make informed decisions about their futures.
3. **Strengthen relationships** between Waipapa Taumata Rau and schools in the Taranaki region, fostering long-term connections that support tauira academic journeys.

Who benefits from the event?

Māori students in Taranaki will be given access to information about Waipapa Taumata Rau and the opportunities available to them. This outreach program helps clear up the university experience and provides students with the support they need to consider tertiary education.

Why is it important? What impact will this have?

Haerenga is vital for several reasons:

- **Inspiring future students:** The event encourages tauira to consider university as an option and provides them with the knowledge to navigate the application process and available support systems.
- **Community engagement:** By connecting directly with schools, we build stronger relationships and establish Waipapa Taumata Rau as a supportive, accessible institution for tauira.
- **Increased Māori participation:** The outreach helps increase Māori participation in higher education, which is crucial for creating educational equity and fostering diversity within the university.

Costs:

Any further information:

We are seeking **emergency funds of \$3500** to cover unforeseen expenses related to the Haerenga trip to Taranaki. This funding will be allocated as follows:

- **Gas and travel expenses: \$2000** for fuel and vehicle maintenance, ensuring the team can travel safely to and from Taranaki.
- **Kai (food): \$500** for meals and snacks for the Haerenga team throughout the trip.
- **Transport contingency: \$1000** for emergency transport costs, such as breakdowns or unexpected vehicle repairs.

Event 6: Māori Graduation

Purpose:

What is the event for?

Māori Graduation is a celebration designed to honour and recognise the achievements of tauira graduating from Waipapa Taumata Rau. This event will allow graduating tauira to unite, celebrate their academic accomplishments, and connect with whānau, friends, and the wider community. The event will include a formal ceremony, speeches, and refreshments, making it a significant moment for students and their families.

What will be happening at the event?

The Māori Graduation event will feature the following:

- **Formal ceremony:** Graduating students will be called to receive their certificates, and each student's academic journey and achievements will be recognised.
- **Speeches and acknowledgments:** The event will include speeches from key university staff and student representatives, highlighting the significance of Māori success in higher education.
- **Cultural performances:** The event will incorporate traditional Māori performances such as haka or waiata to celebrate the graduates' achievements and reflect Māori cultural values.
- **Whānau involvement:** Graduates will be invited to bring their whānau and friends to celebrate alongside them, creating a supportive environment where their family's contributions to their success are acknowledged.
- **Refreshments and socialising:** After the formalities, attendees will have the opportunity to socialise, enjoy food, and take photos to mark this milestone moment in the graduates' academic journeys.

How many attendees?

We expect around **200 people** to attend Māori Graduation. This includes the graduating students, their whānau, friends, university staff, and other key individuals supporting Māori student success.

Event Goals

What is the goal?

The primary goals of the Māori Graduation event are to:

1. **Celebrate the success of Māori graduates:** Acknowledge the hard work and achievements of tauira in their academic journey and graduation.

2. **Strengthen cultural pride and identity:** Foster a sense of pride in academic success, recognising the achievements of our tauira in the context of their cultural heritage.
3. **Encourage future tauira:** Inspire other tauira to pursue their academic goals, seeing Māori graduates as role models for success in higher education.
4. **Create lasting memories:** Provide a memorable experience for students and their families, marking an important chapter in their lives and celebrating their journey at Waipapa Taumata Rau.

Who benefits from the event?

Māori Graduation is an event for tauira who are graduating, as it gives them the recognition and support they deserve. Their whānau will also benefit from the event, as they are key contributors to the graduates' success. Additionally, current and prospective tauira will benefit by being inspired and motivated by the achievements of their peers, and the university community as a whole will benefit from celebrating the success of its tauira.

Why is it important? What impact will this have?

Māori Graduation is significant because it:

- **Recognises Māori success:** It provides a platform to highlight Māori student achievements in a way that honours their academic and cultural journeys.
- **Fosters a sense of belonging:** By celebrating Māori graduates in a culturally meaningful way, the event strengthens the connection between students and the university, promoting a sense of belonging.
- **Encourages other students:** The event is a powerful reminder that tauira can succeed at university, inspiring future generations of tauira to pursue higher education.

Costs:

Any further information:

Funding Request

We are seeking **\$12,000** to cover the cost of the Māori Graduation event, which will be allocated as follows:

- **Venue and setup: \$4,500** for the venue rental, decoration, and setting up the space for the ceremony and socialising areas.
- **Catering (food and refreshments): \$5,000** to provide high-quality catering for food and refreshments for the attendees, including graduates, their whānau, and other guests.
- **Event materials: \$1,000** for graduation certificates, signage, promotional materials, and any other printed materials required.
- **Event coordination and misc expenses: \$1500** to cover any unforeseen costs, event coordination, or logistical support necessary for the event to run smoothly.

Event 7: Exam Wā

Purpose:

What is the event for?

Exam Wā is a unique initiative to support tauira during stressful exams. For a set number of days during the exam period, we will provide a safe, supportive, and culturally affirming space where students can stay on-site to study, rest, and recharge between their exams. In addition to offering a quiet and collaborative study environment, we will provide nutritious meals to help sustain students throughout this challenging period.

What will be happening at the event?

During Exam Wā, students can access study rooms, quiet areas, and group study spaces to prepare for their exams. We will also offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily so students are well-nourished throughout the day. This event balances academic focus, relaxation, and cultural support, ensuring students remain physically and mentally prepared for their exams. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to connect with their peers and access wellbeing support as needed.

How many attendees?

We anticipate around 20–30 tauira will attend Exam Wā, depending on the number of students with exams. This number may fluctuate, but we expect a steady group of students to benefit from the initiative during the exam period.

What is the goal?

The Exam Wā aims to provide tauira with a space to focus on their exams, feel supported by their peers, and care for their physical and mental well-being. The specific goals are:

1. **Create a supportive exam environment**, offering a dedicated space for tauira to study, rest, and recharge.
2. **Ensure well-being** by providing healthy and nourishing meals throughout the exam period, reducing the stress of studying and exam preparation.
3. **Foster social connections** among tauira, allowing them to form study groups, share resources, and provide mutual support during this high-pressure time.
4. **Provide cultural affirmation**, ensuring that tauira feel comfortable, valued, and connected to their heritage during a stressful academic period.

Who benefits from the event?

Tauira preparing for their exams. This supports students facing challenges balancing study and personal well-being during the exam period. The event will also help ensure that tauira have the necessary resources to succeed academically and maintain their mental and physical health.

Why is it important? What impact will this have?

The Exam Wā is critical for several reasons:

- **Academic success:** By offering a focused study space and meals, we provide an environment where tauira can perform at their best academically. This support can directly improve exam performance and overall academic outcomes.
- **Wellbeing support:** Providing meals and a safe space helps reduce stress and anxiety, addressing students' mental health challenges during the exam period.
- **Social and cultural connection:** The event helps tauira build relationships, share knowledge, and feel a sense of belonging, which is particularly important during times of high stress. The Exam Wā also helps reinforce cultural pride and identity in a supportive environment.

The impact of the Exam Wā will extend beyond just the exam period, contributing to improved academic performance, better mental and physical health, and stronger connections within the Māori student community.

Costs:

Any further information:

Funding Request

We seek **\$3000** for Exam Wā, which will run for the exam period. This funding will cover the costs of meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for the students and any additional resources required to ensure the space is set up effectively for study. We plan to allocate **\$200 per day** to cover the students'

Ingredients and food preparation costs, ensuring that each tauira is well-fed and supported throughout the day.

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Total = \$38,705