

Māori Cohort Report

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Our Māori cohort have been regularly engaging with our taura through events such as:

- Weekly kai and kōrero/hui-ā-whānau
- Waiata sessions
- Mātauranga Māori sessions such as kowhaiwhai
- Study noho
- Kahoots
- Hui-ā-mārama

Kai and kōrero/hui-ā-whānau, and other such kaupapa, invite regular kōrero from our taura. However, hui-ā-mārama are our more formal consultation events in which we gather kōrero from our taura on a range of different topics, with our first round of hui-ā-mārama taking place in May. Through this consultation, we've identified a few key kaupapa across the campuses:

Ōteha:

- * Concerns around unpaid placements
- * The new Singapore campus opening – is this Te Tiriti led, one taura asked
- * The lack of people on the Ōteha campus due to cuts
- * Food in the halls becoming a lot less for the same price

Manawatahi:

- Ceasefire for Palestine
- Opposing the use of OSEs
- Unpaid student placements
- Food insecurity
- Whakamana and regular use of Te Reo Māori
- Free healthcare for all students
- Massey not fulfilling its obligations as a Te Tiriti led organization

Kōkiri:

- Creating a Kōkiri committee
- Giving tautoko to Palestine
- Massey and Te Tiriti once again

Pāmamao:

- Unpaid placements

- Food insecurity
- Māori courses being cut
- Massey not upholding Te Tiriti

Across all consultation was also kōrero of general feedback on events and Kaupapa in our Māori spaces. Through cross-campus consultation, we also came to a decision that we would not be taking a big rūpū to Te Huinga Tauira, a national Māori students' conference ran by Te Mana Akonga and a hosting rūpū in the mid-semester break of Sem 2. We received feedback that many of our tauira are unable to attend due to a variety of reasons. In addition, due to the timing of finding a Te Huinga host and our first semester quickly drawing to a close, we hold concerns around our time and capacity in organising our four campuses to come together adequately in preparation for the kaupapa such as through fundraising efforts, kapa haka practices, and other such tasks.

However, although we will not be taking a big rūpū, we still wish to take along a delegation of our student reps and other students who wish to attend the AGM part of Te Huinga Tauira. Furthermore, we are more than willing to help in other ways in the lead up to Huinga, as we don't wish to drop off the kaupapa completely.

These points are only a snippet, with more in-depth minutes available from either myself or your local Kaiwhakahaere (Māori student rep). All contact emails are on the Te Tira Ahu Pae website. Locally, each Kaiwhakahaere has been tasked with a set of actions that have arisen from their hui-ā-mārama. As Manawhakahaere, I have also been assigned actions from these hui-ā-mārama that I'm working on. One of the bigger campaigns includes a Toitū Te Tiriti resource related to both the ACT Party's Treaty Principles Bill and Massey upholding their Te Tiriti obligations, in which I am creating an informative resource and survey to consult on these issues and will be released in Semester 2.

Shout out to TRT for all their awhi and collabs throughout the semester.