



Join our Tuākana community

Nau mai, hono mai ki te whānau ako o Tuākana.

Becoming part of Tuākana is the first step towards academic success for our Māori and Pacific students.

Most of the University's Māori and Pacific students engage with Tuākana.

Our faculties have their own Tuākana staff and meeting spaces and develop their own programme to complement the teaching and learning environment.

Tuākana helps connect our Māori and Pacific students with senior Māori and Pacific students (tuākana), academic teaching staff, and key people across the University through tutoring, mentoring and workshops.

TUĀKANA

A learning community enhancing the academic success of our Māori and Pacific students



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What is Tuākana?

Tuākana is a University-wide learning community for our Māori and Pacific students.

Research shows our students who engage with Tuākana are more likely to not only maintain their grades, but improve them.

Tuākana programmes offer small-group learning, whakawhanaungatanga, wānanga, fonotaga, face-to-face meetings and linkages to key services and support across the University.

Everyone involved with Tuākana works hard to ensure a safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment for all our Māori and Pacific students.

Tuākana in the faculties

Tuākana programmes are run by the faculties across the University.

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Enoka Wehi (Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau ā Apanui, Te Whakatōhea, Ngāi Tuhoë)
Bachelor of Science (BSc) majoring in Environmental Science and Geography, 2nd year

"The Tuākana whānau have helped me in so many ways...it's nice to know there is someone there to catch you if you fall or to just sit and chill with."



Denyce Su'a (Vaivase and Salelologa, Samoa)
Bachelor of Arts (BA), 2013
Bachelor of Arts (BA(Hons)), 2014
Started Master of Arts (MA), 2015

"Lessons learnt here go far beyond the classroom walls. Everyday I'm inspired by my fellow Pasifika students and everyday I'm reminded of what an amazing institution I'm studying at."

The tuākana-teina relationship

The tuākana-teina relationship is integral to Māori society. It provides a model for buddy systems, in which an older or more experienced tuākana (brother, sister or cousin) helps and guides a younger or less experienced teina (originally, a younger sibling or cousin of the same gender).

In a learning environment the tuākana-teina roles may be reversed at any time. For example, the biology student who yesterday was the expert on ecosystems may today need to learn from her classmate about cell division.