



Calem Stewart-Leatau

Iwi: Ngāpuhi & Avatele (Niue)

"I chose to do Tōia ki Waipapa as I felt it would give me a place to belong. I wanted to make friends and build relationships with other rangatahi and tuākana who had similar upbringings, experiences and aspirations as myself.

It definitely gave me a taste of what university life will be like in semester one. I became familiar with the campus and work ethics that were needed to study to achieve the results that I wanted. It also allowed me to make connections and relationships going into the semester which made settling in a lot easier."



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Tōia ki Waipapa



Is Tōia ki Waipapa for you?

Tōia ki Waipapa is for all Māori school leavers who may be considering a tertiary pathway.

The programme allows taurira the opportunity to take a university course over the summer which can be used towards your degree, while offering mentoring and workshops to better prepare them for the transition.

Students who have not yet formally applied to the University will get guidance and assistance to do so. In addition to this, Tōia ki Waipapa is also open to Māori students who did not achieve University Entrance or get an offer to the University.

We take a positive and friendly approach to ensure we give you the best chance for success.



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Students who take part in Tōia ki Waipapa get an on campus experience which delivers culturally appropriate learning support in preparation for University. In addition we also provide:

- Whanaungatanga – A new university whānau
- A number of activities both on and off campus
- A credit bearing course (Māori 130)
- Academic and pastoral workshops
- Peer mentoring
- AT HOP Card
- Free summer gym membership

Tōia ki Waipapa will take place from Monday 9 January 2023 and end on Wednesday 15 February 2023.

In addition, you can also apply for an accommodation scholarship to live on campus for the duration of the 5 week programme.



Entry Criteria

To be eligible to apply for Tōia ki Waipapa, you must be Māori. To gain admission to the programme you will need to have:

- Gained NCEA Level 2 Certificate or its equivalent
- Achieved the literacy and numeracy requirements for University Entrance
- Completed Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school (or its equivalent) in the calendar year in which you apply for entry.

A personal interview is part of the selection process. This will be conducted either in person or online.

Acceptance into Tōia ki Waipapa does not imply that your later application for admission to any other University programme will necessarily be accepted. However, we will work with you in order to transition you successfully.

For more information, visit our website and search for the University of Auckland Summer Start Scholarship.

