

Te Pā - University of Waikato

Date: Monday 30th - Tuesday 31st March 2026

Time: Arrive by 9:30am Monday, Finish by 2:30pm
Tuesday

Address: Gate 8, 137 Hillcrest Rd, Hamilton

Website: [The Pā: University of Waikato](https://www.waikato.ac.nz/)



Te Pā

Te Pā sits within the rohe of Waikato-Tainui and was developed in close relationship with mana whenua and the Kīngitanga. The opening and ongoing use of Te Pā reflects the partnership between the University of Waikato and Waikato-Tainui.

Dress code for the Pōwhiri

For those who are male gender: Long trousers, nicer than jeans and no shorts. A shirt with a collar, and a tie is acceptable but not essential. A jacket or something similar that fits the formality of the occasion.

For those who are female gender: A skirt or dress of at least knee length, or a shawl or similar wrapped around your waist over your trousers to simulate a skirt. A shirt or blouse. If it doesn't have a collar, then wearing something at the neck will help achieve the modesty we're aiming for. A jacket, wrap, shawl, or something similar, that fits the formality of the occasion.

For those of non-binary gender: Formal, modest clothing that aligns with your gender expression.

Dress for during the hui

Tidy modest casual, the skirts and shorts restrictions listed above are relaxed. Pajamas or sleepwear are not to be worn during teaching sessions.

Marae Etiquette

Pōwhiri - Kawa:

Tāutuutu (alternating speakers between tangata whenua and manuhiri)

- Please ensure you wait outside the waharoa (entry to the marae grounds).
- Arrive early. It is considered impolite to walk onto a marae once a pōwhiri is underway. If you arrive late, wait at the front until the formalities have been completed and someone will come out to collect you.
- Please bring a koha which will be collected and presented on our groups' (manuhiri) behalf to the tangata whenua (hosts) during the pōwhiri. This can be in the range of \$5 - \$20 or whatever you feel comfortable contributing.
- Ensure cell phones are switched off throughout the pōwhiri
- You will enter onto the marae as a group, with wāhine (women) at the front, and tāne (men) behind.
- You must remove your shoes before entering the whareniui. While in the whareniui you must

not eat, drink or smoke

- A pōwhiri process briefing will be provided at the waharoa by College staff.

- Once inside, tāne will sit in the front rows, with wāhine sitting behind.
- Please ensure you learn these waiata which will be sung by our group, after each of the speakers from our side.
 - E Hara i te Mea – [YouTube link](#)
 - Māku ra pea – [YouTube link](#)
 - Hutia te Rito – [YouTube link](#)

General

- Never sit on tables or pillows.
- A karakia (giving thanks) is said before eating.
- Only use a tea towel to wipe dishes (not to wipe hands).
- Check with the marae before you take photographs or make any visual or audio recordings.

Marae Specific Information

The marae supplies mattresses. Please bring your own linen, sleeping bag or blanket, and pillow, as well as a towel, toiletries and any personal sleep aids (e.g. ear plugs may be helpful).

Children and babies are welcome on the marae as long as they are adequately supervised.

Parking

Parking is available on site at the Hamilton campus. Use the free [PayMyPark app](#) to pay parking fees, or pay online at the [PayMyPark website](#). There is a daily charge (24 hours) of \$3.

Be sure to select The University of Waikato as the app defaults to Hamilton City Council.

Do not park in a numbered/named park because these are reserved for permit holders at all times (clamping fees apply).

Parking charges

Parking charges apply from 8:30am—4:30pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays. Parking is free outside of these hours. Motorbike parking is free at all times in designated motorbike parks.

Paid parking applies to all cars parked on campus.