



Poutama Pounamu  
Equity, excellence  
and belonging

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

## Poutama Pounamu Blended Learning for Rangatahi and Whānau

The Rangatahi and Whānau version of the Poutama Pounamu Blended Learning is designed for whānau and Rangatahi at Year 12 or older. Participants' personal and localised experiences of racism and privilege are broadened to understand how our colonial history has influenced education and impacted negatively on many rangatahi and whānau Māori.

Importantly, we also learn from rangatahi and whānau who have pushed back on this situation in order to lead the change they want to see in Aotearoa.

*We have been having conversations about racism for years. It's great to have space to learn and talk with others.*

Rangatahi

Multiple pathways through mixed media content provide opportunities for taking independent learning to depth. Rangatahi and whānau are encouraged to bring their own thoughts, ideas and resources to this platform for wider sharing.

*I think acknowledging rather than concealing the reality of racism is important and seeing how, as groups and individuals, we can interrupt old patterns that serve racism and build new fair structures and practices.*

Whānau comment

Collaborative experiences with others in this community run parallel and align with the Poutama Pounamu Blended Learning for Educators course through shared on-site or online wānanga events.

Blended Learning for Rangatahi and Whānau comprises three kete, two wānanga and two hui, ideally facilitated in collaboration with mana whenua. Opportunities are negotiated with the schools of Year 12 and 13 rangatahi to make links from the modules into NCEA.

*We need to have the courage to speak up when we know that what someone is saying is wrong and not just let the comment slip into conversation. This gives me a stronger drive to make a positive difference within our school and community.*

Rangatahi comment

### Links to Te Hurihanganui Pou and Principles

The Rangatahi and Whānau Blended Learning draws from *Kaupapa Māori* and *Critical Theories*. Rangatahi and whānau develop critical understandings about how, throughout our history, colonisation has resulted in inequality and racism. Understanding and learning to speak back to these situations are foundational to the six Te Hurihanganui design principles as a pathway forward, stronger in their heritage language, culture and identity.

