

Glossary of Māori Terms

- Aotearoa** used as the Māori name for New Zealand
- A muri kia mau ki tēnā, kia mau ki te kawau mārō, whanake ake, whanake ake** Forever hold fast to the spearhead flight formation of the kawau
- Anga whakamua** Moving learners forward
- hapū** sub-tribe
- harakeke** flax
- iwi** tribe
- kaiako** teacher/educator – conveys reciprocal nature of teaching
- kaitiaki** guardian, protector
- kanohi ora** incarnation of the ancestors
- kaumatua** a Māori elder
- kaupapa** principles
- kotahitanga** unity, solidarity
- mātauranga** what counts as knowledge
- mana** prestige, power
- mana aotūroa** exploration
- mana Māori** what it means to be Māori
- mana atua** spirituality, wellbeing
- mana whenua** belonging
- mana tangata** contribution
- mana reo** communication
- Maniapoto** an iwi based in Waikato-Waitomo region of New Zealand
- Manuwhiri** visitors
- marae** the complex of buildings or land associated with a pan-tribal group, whanau, hapū or iwi
- moana** sea
- ngā hononga** relationships
- Ngāti Mahuta** a sub-tribe (hapū) of Tainui iwi
- oranga** wellbeing

- Pākehā** white New Zealander
powhiri a Māori welcome
Powhiri whakatau welcome ceremony
puna Māori immersion playgroup
tangata whenua people of the land
taonga tuku iho treasures from the past
taonga a highly prized object or possession; includes socially or culturally valued resources
tapu sacred, set apart, prohibited
te ao Māori the Māori world
Te Atiawa a Māori iwi based in Taranaki
oranga wellbeing
te reo Māori me ona tikanga Māori language and culture
te taiao the natural world/environment
te taura here tangata living link with yesterday and the bridge to tomorrow
te ukaipō the favoured, the special
te uri o Papa-tū-ā-nuku child belongs to the land
tūpuna ancestors, forebears
tūrangawaewae tribal links
whakakoranga what counts as pedagogy
whakamana empowerment
whakapapa lineage, genealogy, ancestry
wananga educational forum
whānau extended family
whanaungatanga relationships
whānau ora health and wellbeing of whānau
whānau tangata family and community
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