

2026 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PROCESS

We are so excited that you're interested in joining us in 2026. Keep reading for all the key dates, a guide to the enrolment process, and answers to some of our most frequently asked questions.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: THE APPLICATION PROCESS



01

Stage One: Expression of Interest Received

June 7 – Aug 10

Students will hear from us at the end of the Expression of Interest period to let them know whether they've made it through to the interview stage or not.



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Stage Two: Interview

Aug 18 – Sep 14

40 minute interviews will be conducted with each successful applicant, a written assessment may also be required for some.



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Stage Three: Students Accepted

By Sep 19

Both successful and unsuccessful students will be notified about results.



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Stage Four: Formal Enrolment Begins

Oct 4 onwards

Formal enrolment into the programme begins.

FAQ

Why aren't all students accepted onto the programmes?

Our model is based on lots of wrap-around support. This approach is only made possible when we limit the amount of students we have in each class.

Why have you partnered with Te Wānanga Amorangi (Laidlaw College)?

Typically when a new organisation wants to start delivering NZQA accredited programmes, they must become a recognised Private Training Establishment (PTE). The process of becoming and maintaining a PTE is a time and resource-intensive exercise. Rather than transforming Te Wānanga Ihorangi into a PTE, we have partnered with Te Wānanga Amorangi (who are already a PTE) to help develop and deliver our qualifications together. They hold and administer the qualifications, and we are able to facilitate the delivery of the programmes.

What will help me get to the interview stage?

The Expression of Interest (EOI) is your first opportunity to tell us your story, and this impression will matter a lot. The following categories will give you an insight into our decision-making process. These categories will be used for both the EOIs and our interviews:

- **Category 1: Te Reo Māori.** Entering a total immersion space can be daunting, and people who have previously studied the language (often) do better than those who haven't. This is especially important for Te Reo Ihirangi, our L5 Diploma. We will prioritise applicants who have previously studied te reo Māori over those who have no experience. However, we are also open to students with limited te reo Māori if they can show us they have a clear plan in place for language acquisition before the first semester begins. It should go without saying that if you are applying for Te Reo Maruata, our L6 Diploma, you will be comfortable listening, speaking and writing in te reo Māori.
- **Category 2: Wheako Rau.** We believe the best learning environment is intergenerational, and we are actively looking for students who come from a range of ages and backgrounds.
- **Category 3: Tō Ao - Te Anamata.** This category is all about preparing yourself for the year ahead. How are you going to manage the financial burden of studying full-time? Are you able to put some of your whānau and community responsibilities on hold for the year? Lots of people can start well, but we are looking for applicants that we are sure will graduate too. Getting through a full year of study is not an easy path so we want to be assured that you aren't one small challenge (e.g. car issues) away from dropping out of class.
- **Category 4: Whakapono.** Similar to marae that identify with Mihinare, Katorika, or Ringatū roots: our Christian faith is a part of who we are and how we roll. It is important that people understand this before they apply to study with us. However, please know we are open to all people, of all faiths and backgrounds being part of our community. If you have any questions about this category, feel free to contact us.
- **Category 5: Pūmau.** Resilience, determination and a commitment to 'sticking it out' are probably the biggest determinants of student success. If you want the immersion pathway, you are choosing to take the shortest path to fluency. We love that! However, by choosing an accelerated pathway you are choosing a journey that will need your full commitment. When things get hard, or when the workload feels too big, you will need the motivation to keep going.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to admissions@ihorangi.ac.nz, or call us on (09) 307 5777.