

Our Kaupapa



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TE WHARE WĀNANGA O WAIKAKA

A Kaupapa is a set of principles and plans, which people have agreed on as a foundation for their actions.

The Whakatauaiki

Ehara ko te toa takitahi, engari ko te toa takitini

Success should not be bestowed on the individual, as it was not individual success, but success of the collective.

Our partnership

Te Noho Kotahitanga is Unitec's partnership between Māori and non-Māori.

Ko te Whare Wānanga o Wairaka ka u tonu ki te whakamana i nga kaupapa me ona puawaitanga

- ▶ Rangatiratanga
- ▶ Wakaritenga
- ▶ Kaitiakitanga
- ▶ Mahi Kotahitanga
- ▶ Ngakau Mahaki

Unitec will put the following principles into practice in pursuing its goals

- ▶ Authority & Responsibility
- ▶ Legitimacy
- ▶ Guardianship
- ▶ Co-operation
- ▶ Respect



We enable better
futures for students,
communities, and
public and private
enterprise.

Our purpose

We're passionate about making lives better through
learning and teaching.

You hear people talking about it in the corridors and over lunch. The student who was first in their family to go to tertiary study. A graduate who inspired their whanau to be better and whose brothers and sisters followed in their footsteps. A budding entrepreneur who came to Unitec because school didn't work for them and now they're running their own business and employing our students.

The researcher applying cutting edge developments in cyber security or developing new technology in health sciences. The employers who handpicked our graduates to join their company because they can pitch in from day one. The industry guru who knows about the workplace of the future and talks about us as somewhere that gets it right.

Every day, people across Unitec are working with our students, enterprises and communities because we care about making lives better.

To be a world leader in
contemporary applied
learning and an agent
of positive economic
and social change.

Our aspiration

Leading means exploring and adopting new approaches to learning and teaching that engage and inspire all learners, forging new partnerships with enterprise and community to help make learning and working more seamless.

This unique combination helps our graduates gain the blend of both professional and personal capabilities they need to succeed – as an employee or an entrepreneur.

We're making changes so our passion for learning and teaching is supported by our environment, our living curriculum, our capabilities, our tools and techniques. We're creating a great place to learn and work.

We want our students to have the best learning experience and the enterprises we work with to flourish, grow and be confident we are working with them for a better New Zealand.

Together we are writing the next chapter of our story.



Our Success

We need to be able to measure what 'better looks like', not just in the participation and educational success of our learners, but in how our graduates are valued by employers and whether our graduates and our research are making a positive contribution.



While there are many things we measure, the value we add to our learners and the skills and capabilities of New Zealand's workforce are the two most important external measures of our contribution. To achieve that we need to focus on two very important internal measures; engaging our staff, and ensuring we are truly financially sustainable.



Our values

Living Te Noho Kotahitanga

Our values guide our thinking, our decision making, our actions. They bind us together and make us stronger as one team. We live our Kaupapa through our values.



We are a bicultural organisation in a multicultural environment. We actively embrace multiple perspectives, experiences and place huge value on the benefits that diversity can bring. At the end of the day we all have one fundamental thing in common – we care about learning and teaching and making lives better.

Te Noho Kotahitanga is our partnership between Māori and non-Māori. Its principles informs all our values. If we're true to living Te Noho Kotahitanga and show generosity of spirit; focus on our students and customers; and be enterprising, accountable and bicultural, we will achieve our aspiration.

Our way

We're about inspiring and engaging people, allowing them to see opportunities to be better. We care about creating a community where everyone teaches, everyone learns and everyone fulfils their potential. We believe in a curriculum that is constantly evolving to keep pace with the changing needs of our students and their future employers. We keep a close watch on the world around us so we can adapt and continue to be better.

Professional Development and the Living Curriculum

A dynamic community of learners engaged in a culture of open enquiry.



Our promise

When students are proud of where they came from, advocacy is spread far and wide through communities, families and industries, we become recognised as the place to become better.

We will deliver a great experience for all of our students. An experience that is personal, accessible, real and transformative.



Personal

Because each of our customers and students is on a personal journey with individual needs and hopes, we support and share responsibility for it.

Accessible

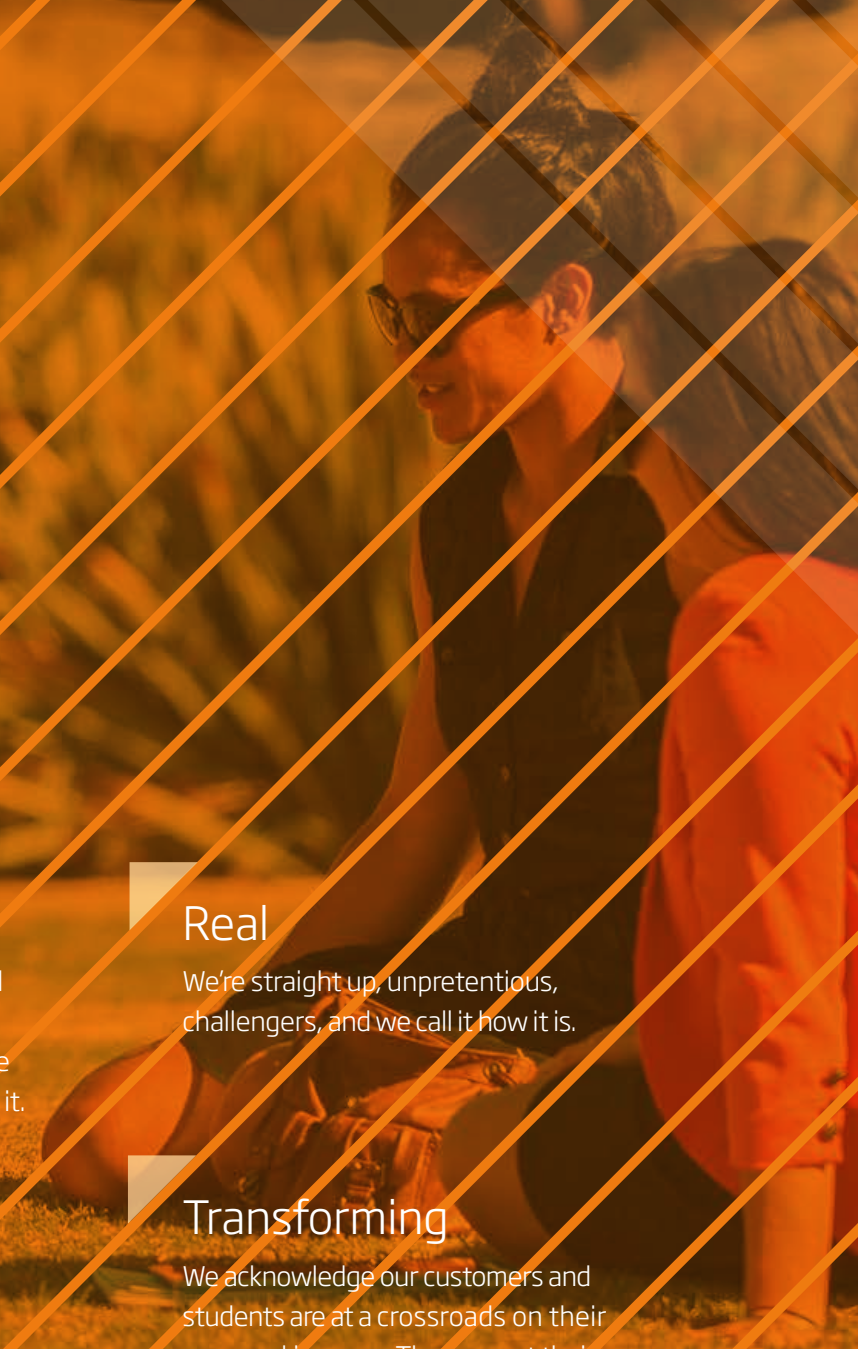
If the question is 'can I study at Unitec?' then the answer is always 'yes!' There is a place for everyone at Unitec. You can bring your whole self and be successful – as you.

Real

We're straight up, unpretentious, challengers, and we call it how it is.

Transforming

We acknowledge our customers and students are at a crossroads on their personal journey. They expect their lives to be transformed by education – and we promise to deliver.





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