









Meet the Te Puna Ako team:

	<p>Anne McKay Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Healthcare and Social Practice</p>	<p>Working with teachers to design and facilitate teaching and learning is a real interest for me. I really enjoy working alongside teachers and learning with them as we develop teaching ideas that engage students in the learning process and developing authentic and relevant ways of assessing. The opportunities to collaborate and work with Maia and the Pacific centre continue to grow my understanding of culturally responsive pedagogy. My particular areas of interest are with assessment and feedback and considering ways of growing learners' agency in both these areas.</p>
	<p>Abha Chitalia Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Computing, Electrical and Applied Technology</p>	<p>In my role as an Academic Advisor, I enjoy working with teachers in developing courses with an all-inclusive approach towards providing students with the wide array of skills necessary to succeed in life, and a rich environment that brings a culturally diverse approach to classroom interaction. My areas of expertise include assessment and moderation, including unit standards.</p>
	<p>Diana Ayling Academic Advisor</p>	<p>I hold a special interest in teacher education and enjoy mentoring and coaching teachers to reach their full potential. I am interested in helping you solve your problems in teaching and learning with the use of quality information and data. I can help you manage teaching and learning projects to ensure the best possible outcome for your team.</p>
	<p>James Oldfield Digital Learning Lead</p>	<p>I am particularly interested in the effect of mobile BYOD devices on the student learning experience. My preferred teaching style is based upon constructivist pedagogies, and I have a passion for helping others to create engaging learning experiences for their students.</p>

	<p>Karen Haines Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Community Studies</p>	<p>I enjoy working with teachers to actively develop and reflect on good teaching and learning practices, including face to face and blended learning. My passion is for supporting classroom and online environments where students feel valued and are engaged actively and collaboratively in learning processes.</p>
	<p>Lisa Simperingham Academic Advisor Digital Learning</p> <p>Tools: Turnitin, Moodle, SEaTS</p> <p>Liaisons: Bridgepoint</p>	<p>In my role as eLearning Capability Developer, I support staff in developing their skills, and helping them make best use of various technologies for their pedagogical outcomes. My aim is to be both teacher and student focused, providing optimal solutions for both parties. I particularly enjoy the "aha" moments when small learnings make a big difference. My TCD area of expertise is Collaborative Learning.</p>
	<p>Maura Kempin Te Puna Ako Manager</p>	<p>I am privileged to manage a team who, in the spirit of ako, partner with schools, programmes and teachers to help continuously improve the quality of learning and teaching.</p> <p>I am passionate about the design of applied and authentic learning experiences to help prepare our graduates as work-ready lifelong learners.</p>
	<p>Mark Smith Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaisons: Building Construction and Civil Engineering</p>	<p>My role in Te Puna Ako is to collaborate with teachers to create better learning experiences. These experiences at Unitec are situated in professional practices and shaped by the chosen profession. With this in mind, my work involves conversations with teaching staff on how to design curriculum, assessment and learning in their areas of expertise. We work together to improve learning and teaching to prepare students for their chosen professions and to develop their professional identity.</p>

	<p>Maureen Perkins Academic Advisor MyPortfolio Support</p> <p>Tools: MyPortfolio, Moodle, Turnitin</p> <p>Liaisons: Architecture Creative Industries</p>	<p>I enjoy providing teaching staff with personalised professional and course development support. My focus is on ensuring that all students experience carefully planned, personalised (and fun) face to face and digital learning environments that provide positive outcomes. I have been involved in adult teaching for several decades in various settings and love to work with others to creatively solve problems. I love using technology – but only where it actually makes a difference. I enjoy working with Moodle, Turnitin, and MyPortfolio and helping others to develop the amazing potential of these tools. Most of all I enjoy the learning that I do alongside the teachers I work with.</p>
	<p>Rhiannon McNamara Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaisons: Trades and Services</p>	<p>The classroom is my <i>happy place</i>, whether as a teacher or as a student. I enjoy collaborating with colleagues to provide learners with a student-centred, collaborative learning experience. Supporting others is what I do well, so I enjoy getting alongside other teachers to learn about their areas of expertise and learn how I can support them in their teaching. I aim to provide bite-sized chunks of training to enable others to upskill in the technology needed to deliver their courses.</p>
	<p>Sarah Kirk Academic Advisor Digital Learning</p> <p>Tools: Echo360, MyPortfolio</p> <p>Liaison: Applied Business</p>	<p>I relish the opportunity to work alongside teachers to develop engaging, personalised learning experiences. Problem-solving with fellow educators to develop technology-based solutions that enhance learning is one of the highlights of my role. In particular, I am curious about how technology allows for new learning tasks not previously possible and how this might positively impact learning outcomes. As the resident Echo360 Champion I support teachers using this active learning platform.</p>
	<p>Treena Brand Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Environmental and Animal Sciences,</p>	<p>I love all aspects of learning. I especially enjoy the collaborative nature of working within a group and recognize that effective teams are built on a high trust model. Having a growth mindset plays a large part in how I approach problem solving. I enjoy digging into the ‘why’ of any project so that I can best understand how a problem might be solved creatively. I love the ubiquitous nature of working in a digital platform and the affordances that these tools offer, especially how they can unlock a student's thinking to gauge their understanding with course content.</p>



[William Lu](#)

eLearning Support
Moodle
Echo360 bookings

I believe in promoting best practice in the use of high-quality multimedia material and Web support to ensure students achieve their learning objectives and receive a positive and memorable experience. I am highly experienced in using Moodle within teaching environments and I am committed to assisting academic staff to deliver quality educational experiences to their students.

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