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Welcome | Overview

James Oldfield

Ako Aotearoa Board

Waiata: Pūrea Nei

Purea nei e te hau Horoia e te ua Whitiwhitia e te rā Mahea ake ngā pōraruraru Makere ana ngā here E rere Wairua e rere Ki ngā ao o te rangi Whitiwhitia e te rā Mahea ake ngā pōraruraru Makere ana ngā here

Woe, to bathe in the winds Bathe in the rains Bathe in the sun's rays And to release one's troubles And release one's shackles Fly o Spirit fly To the heavens Bathe in the sun's rays And release your troubles And release your shackles



A vision for future priority learners

Phil Alexander-Crawford

Hanga Aro Rau

Cultivating Thought Leadership and Excellence in Teaching: Shaping the Future of Education (Ako Aotearoa)

A vision for future priority learners

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How to keep a focus on "priority learners"



Commitment to the kaupapa

Changing and diverse workforce

Change is upon us and is constant

Changing up the narrative

Working with industry

- Why?
- How?
- Who?

Our whitepapers

Our vision: He puke tāngata, he pikinga taumata hei oranga mahi – more Māori with higher skills in higher paid jobs and improved employment opportunities



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A Hanga-Aro-Rau: Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council White Paper

Redesigning the Vocational Education and Training system to unlock the potential of Māori and the Māori economy through workforce development: Eight strategies to inform vocational training design

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Mā wai te huarahi e hora? Mā ngā ahumahi! Who will pave the pathway forward? Industry will!¹

Whakatauāki composed by Hanga-Aro-Rau Poumatua Darrell Lambert (Hanga-Aro-Rau, 2022a)



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He pūkenga tāngata, he pikinga taumata hei oranga mahi More Māori with higher skills, in higher paid jobs and improved employment opportunities



To upskill Pacific Peoples into higherskilled and higherpaying jobs to support a broader labour market to meet the changing needs of industry. HANGA-ARO-RAU Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council

Hanga-Aro-Rau Workforce Development Council for manufacturing, engineering and logistics

White Paper

Redesigning the Vocational Education and Training system to unlock the potential of Pacific Peoples through workforce development: Strategies to inform vocational training design

April 2025

Strategies

- 1. Redesigning a system that works for Pacific Peoples
 - Addressing Systemic Barriers
 - The Case for Prioritising Pacific Learners Pacific Peoples as the Future Workforce and Customers of Aotearoa New Zealand
 - Cultural Responsiveness and Relevance
- 2. Aspirations and Ambitions for Vocational Education
- 3. Equity and Access: Overcoming Barriers
 - Earn While you Learn



Strategies

- 4. Perception and Value of Vocational Education
 - Aligning Vocational Education with Industry Needs
 - Formalising and recognising skills people already possess
 - Older Pacific workers
 - Pacific Disabled People in Education and Employment
 - Māori and Pacific: Tāngata Moana-nui-a-Kiwa



Enabling a strong and prosperous New Zealand economy through investments in the success of disabled people HANGA-ARO-RAU Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council

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Why employ Disabled People?

- All industries have existing disabled staff hidden/obvious.
- 2017, NZIER: annual benefit of \$1.45 billion if the labour force participation rates the same for disabled people.
- Research show benefits of employing disabled people for individual businesses too increased revenue/profit margins.
- Disabled people are often disabled by their environment.
- Disabled people more likely to work part-time; have lower incomes and lower levels of labour force participation regardless of their level of qualification.

Hanga-Aro-Rau



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Building employer disability confidence and awareness

Many employers are interested in expanding the diversity of their workforce, including attracting and supporting more disabled people, but they 'don't know what they don't know'. Barriers to employment for disabled people can include employer concerns about health and safety and physical access, negative stereotypes about disabled people; workplaces that are unsafe for the sharing of personal impairment information; a lack of employer awareness about existing disability employer support infrastructure; and ableism. Industry needs a better understanding of learning and employment support services across the vocational education and training ecosystem, and through into employment.16 Specific focus is required to engage with education and training providers and employers to promote career opportunities for disabled people.1

Specific employment enablers include:

- Promote understanding of ableism, unconscious bias, and the development of inclusive workplace practices and cultures, perhaps through a nationwide campaign for small to large employers, funded by Government, that focuses on workplace training, guidance and resources.
- Provide employer training, guidance, and resources to build disability confidence, including myth-busting information about workplace health and safety considerations and employers' legal obligations.
- Showcase success stories of disabled employers and employees to raise the visibility of disabled people's success and foster mentorship.
- Educate employers on the barriers faced by disabled people in the workplace and how they can contribute to overcoming these.
- Encourage employers to review their recruitment processes and support them to implement more inclusive recruitment practices.
- Create social support networks for employers, peers and co-workers who are supporting and recruiting disabled staff. These could include communities of practice across industries and support networks for disabled staff.



We need to modify our approach



We need to continue the commitment to underserved learners

How we narrate those needs, opportunities and solutions

Implementing what's needed as part of an all of community approach (including industry)

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UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL



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"Kua tawhiti kē to haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu. He tino nui rawa āu mahi, kia kore e mahi nui tonu.

"You have come too far, not to go further. You have done too much, not to do more."

Tā Himi Henare (Sir James Henare)





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Driving innovation with what you've got!

Associate Professor Tracy Bowell

University of Waikato

Driving innovation with what you've got! Ako Aotearoa | Northern Regional Forum | 8 May 2025

Associate Professor Tracy Bowell Pro Vice-Chancellor Teaching Quality and Learner Success

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Study Advisor Functions



Make or respond to Contact

- Initiate check in or respond to contacts
- Phone call
- Email
- Meet in person

Monitor Triggers

- CRM Alerts
- Diving Board indicators
- Student selfreferral
- Staff referral

Refer to Services

- Identify University services in response to student's needs
- Refer student to services

Record Interactions

- Add notes in CRM
- Review student's risk level
- Set follow-up (if necessary)

Student Cohorts 2025



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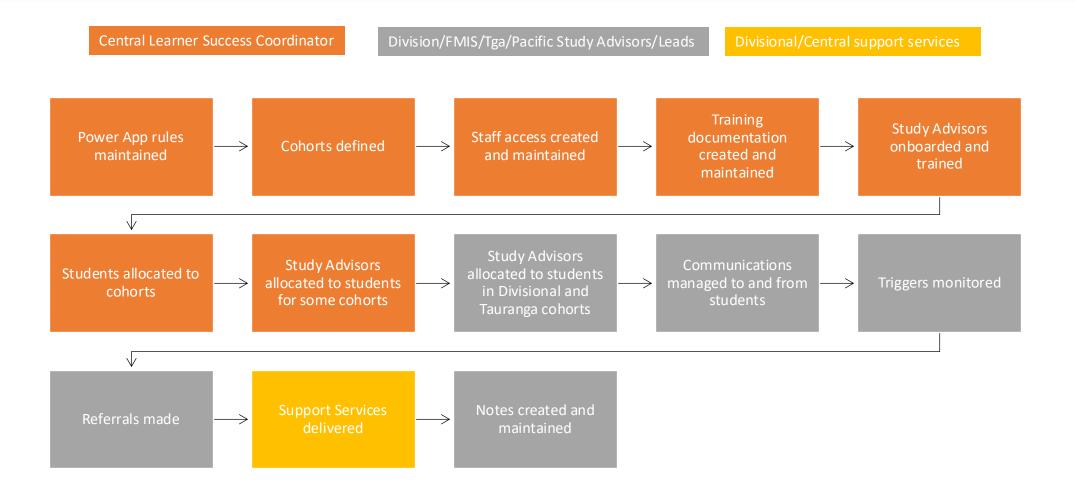
Divisions (5), Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao, University College

First-year undergraduates, Pre-degree formal programmes, UniStart

Campus	Priority Learners	Specialist Groups	Start Date
 Hamilton & NET Tauranga 	 Māori Pacific Students who have been readmitted on appeal 	 High Performance Hillary UniStart (Y13s) Te Tohu Paetahi 	 Trimester A Trimester B Trimester C

Current model for "study advising"





Study Advisor Hubs



Each area has a Lead, this person has responsibility for ensuring (within their area) that:

- Students are allocated a Study Advisor (and a secondary study advisor if needed)
- Study Advisors are trained and supported
- Consistent service is delivered



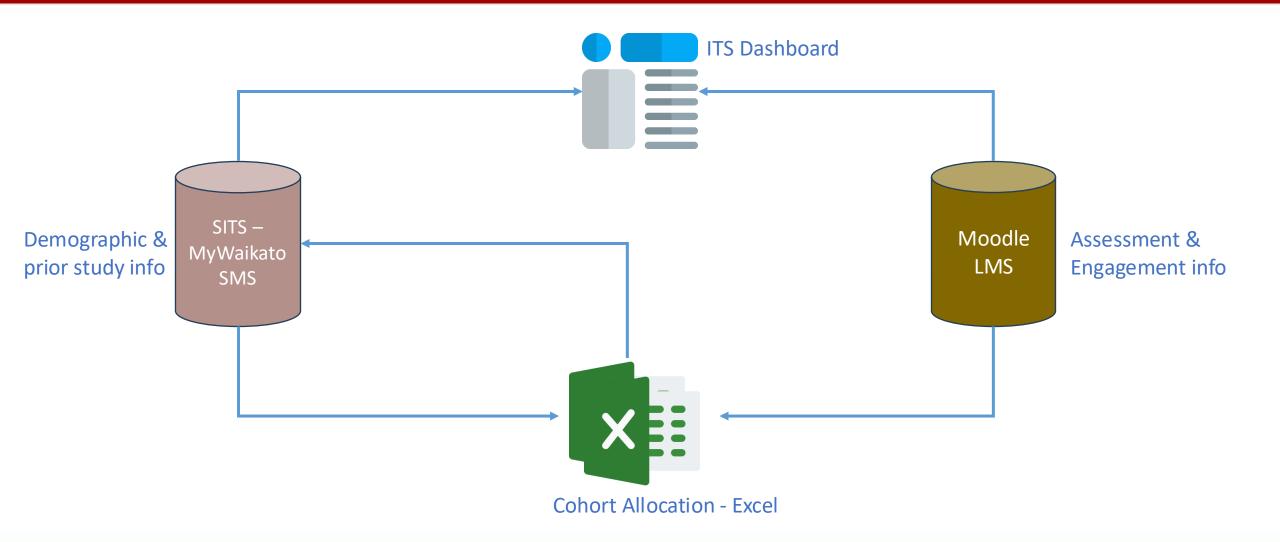


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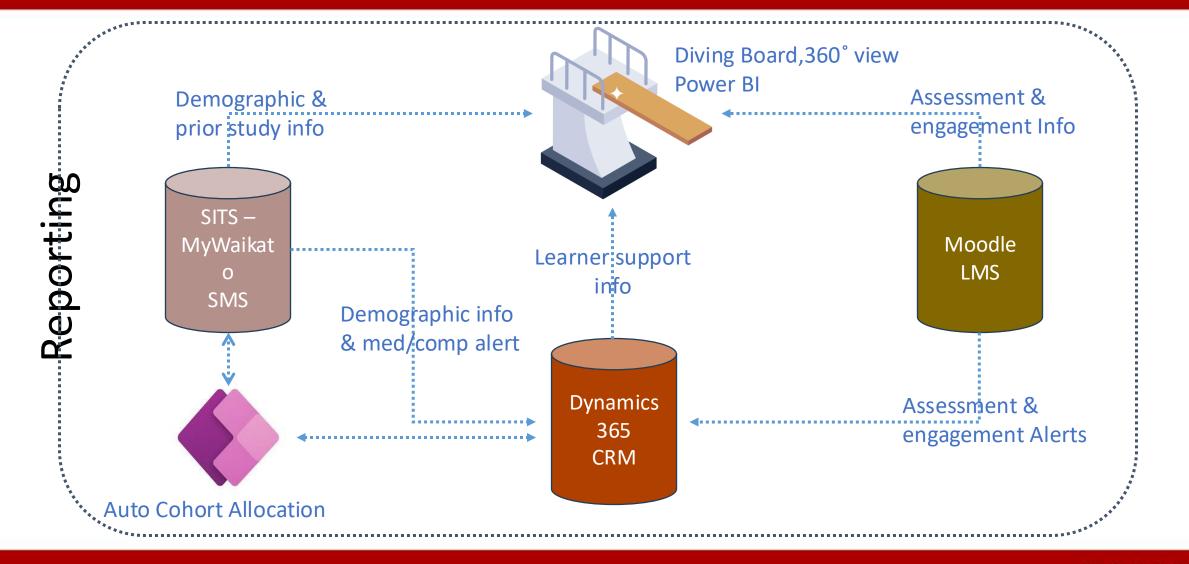
Systems Ecosystem 2023 – what we had





Systems Ecosystem 2025 – what we've got







Cohort Allocation Tool

Cohort Allocation Tool – Study advisors



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Cohort Allocation Tool - Students



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Cohort Allocation Tool – Student details...



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CRM (Tribal Dynamics)

CRM - Cohort view

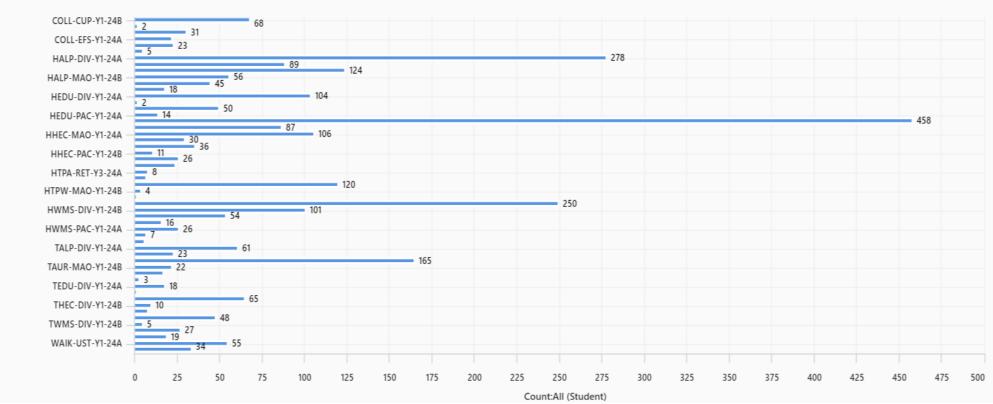


My Active Study Advising Students - LSC

Cohort Group Summary - by Cohort Group

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Cohort



CRM - Student search



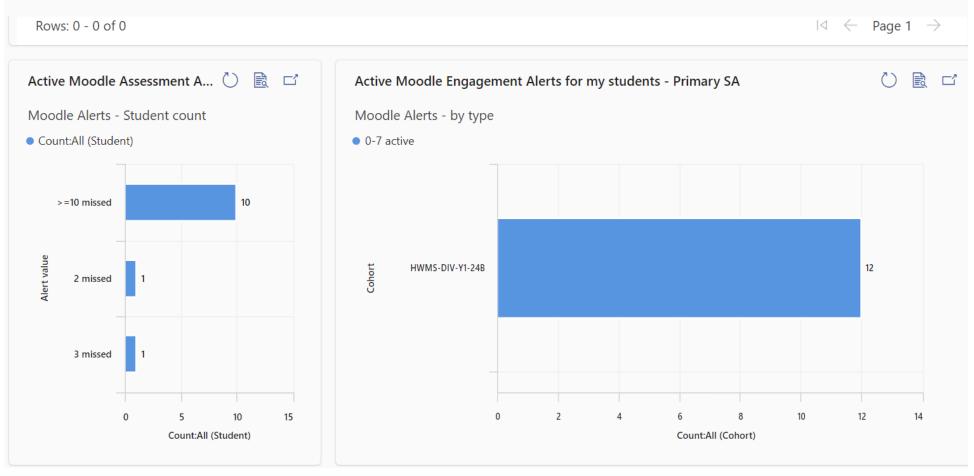
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CRM Study advisor view – "all my students"



Study Advisor Dashboard (Primary) ~



CRM - Student details - Alerts



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CRM - Student details - Communications



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The Diving Board



The Diving Board – Student search



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The Diving Board – Student details



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2024	Certificate of University Prepa	ration	University of	Waikato College							

1. Current Year

Qual Abbrev	Paper Occurrence	Enr Code	Start Date	End Date	Grade
BBus	ACCTN101-24B (HAM)	ENR	8/07/2024	3/11/2024	
BBus	FINAN101-24B (HAM)	ENR	8/07/2024	3/11/2024	
BBus	MGSYS101-24B (HAM)	ENR	8/07/2024	3/11/2024	
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CUP	FOUND002-24A (HAM)	ENR	26/02/2024	23/06/2024	A-
CUP	FOUND005-24A (HAM)	ENR	26/02/2024	23/06/2024	A-
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1. Past Assessments 2. Other Assessments

Paper Occurrence	Assessment Name	Submission Date	Due Date	Final Mark	Max Mark
ACCTN101-24B (HAM)	Financial accounting test for online students		8/5/2024		100.00
ACCTN101-24B (HAM)	Homework submission 4	9/23/2024	9/23/2024		100.00
ACCTN101-24B (HAM)	Homework submission 5	9/23/2024	9/30/2024		100.00
FOUND002-24A (HAM)	CLOSE READING TEXT ANALYSIS PRACTICE FOR TEST 1		3/30/2024		5.00
FOUND002-24A (HAM)	REVISION PRACTICE FOR TEST 1		4/4/2024		32.00
FOUND005-24A (HAM)	ASSESSMENT 1: Strategic Management: In - Class Test (25%) - Group 2		3/22/2024		100.00
STMGT101-24B (HAM)	Case Analysis Report and Presentation (30%)	9/3/2024	10/4/2024		100.00
FOUND002-24A (HAM)	What is critical thinking: Revision quiz 1	3/1/2024	6/1/2024	5.00	5.00
FOUND002-24A (HAM)	Intercultural Communication Activity (10%)	5/3/2024	6/1/2024	8.00	15.00
FOUND002-24A (HAM)	Test 2 text analysis close reading activity (5%)	6/6/2024	6/13/2024	9.00	12.00
FOUND001-24A (HAM)	Learning Activity 5 worth 3-5% undertaken in workshops	5/20/2024	6/1/2024	10.00	10.00
FOUND002-24A (HAM)	Fallacies 1: Revision quiz 1	3/25/2024	6/1/2024	10.00	10.00
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FOUND002-24A (HAM)	Fallacies 2: Revision quiz 1	5/26/2024	6/1/2024	10.00	10.00
FOUND002-24A (HAM)	Weston's arguments: Revision quiz 1	3/15/2024	6/1/2024	10.00	10.00
FOUND001-24A (HAM)	Final Essav (20%) Independent study based on	3/3/2024	7/25/2024	11 00	20.00

The Diving Board – Moodle log-ins





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Post Phase 5 - August 2025 Onwards



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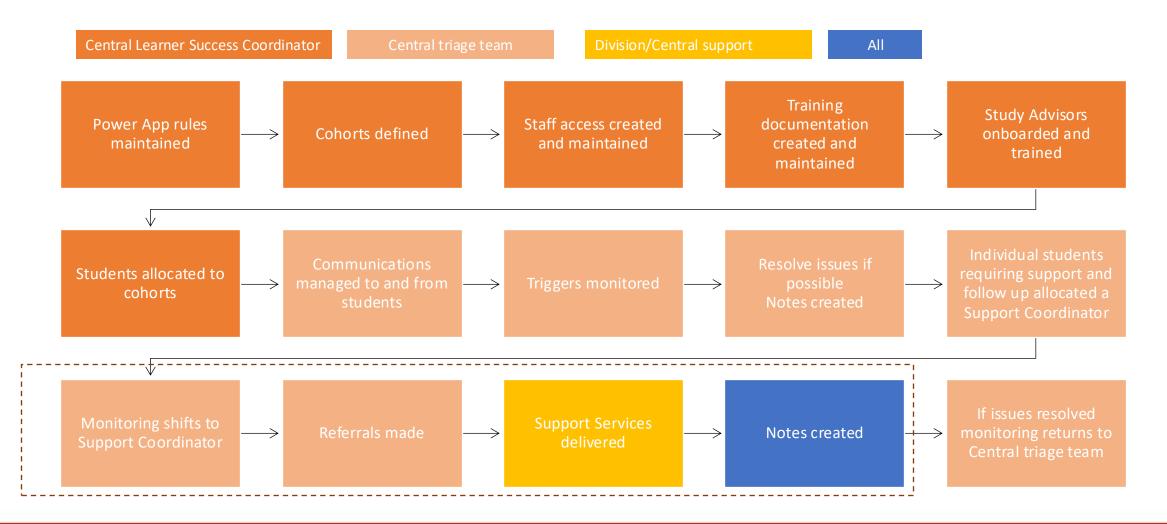
Commence business as usual for the delivery of the Future State "Connecting Learners and Support Services" (CLASS) (previously referred to as "Study Advising")

Phase 6 Initiatives:

- Integration of information and data related to support service delivery and uptake – eg, Student Learning, Accessibility Services, Pacific learner support, Māori learner support
- 2. Assessment design, Moodle/Gradebook design to improve student experience and accuracy of data for monitoring
- 3. Automation of actions linked to triggers as accuracy of data is improved

BAU 2026 model – Connecting Learners and Student Support





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Th The Students



Pacific Panel: Fostering critical thinking

Chair: Phil Alexander-Crawford

Hanga Aro Rau

Pacific Panel: Fostering critical thinking

Vaivaimalemālō Fred Luatua, Hanga Aro Rau

- Jone Tawaketini, Unitec
- Kamuka Pati, Unitec

Chaired by Phil Alexander-Crawford, Hanga Aro Rau



Staying current with educational trends

Linda Keesing-Styles & Jane Terrell Education Consultants

Introducing Linda, Jane & the PLD Survey...



Extract from the sector-wide PLD Survey...

...have a go!



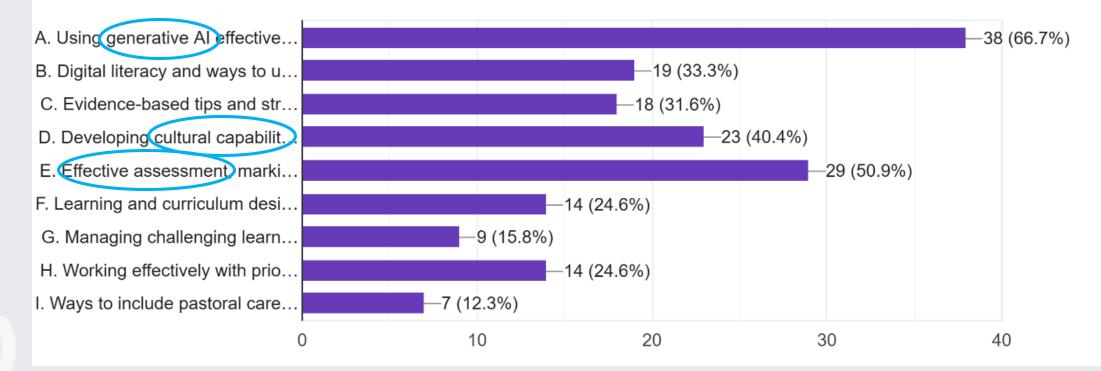
Watch your results come in...



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with the Sector-wide results...

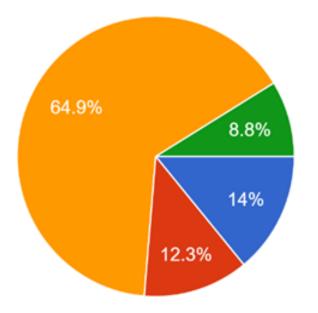
2. Check the THREE topics that are most important or pressing PLD needs for your kaiako ⁵⁷ responses



Q2 Compare your <u>results</u>

with the Sector-wide results...

What is the ONE challenge that most limits your kaiako participation in PLD?
 ^{57 responses}



 There is inadequate organisational/ centralised funding for staff who PROVIDE PLD opportunities for our k...

There is inadequate organisational/ department funding for our kaiako to PARTICIPATE in PLD.

Workload and/or other time constraints make it difficult for our kalako to priorit...

Something else (Please state what in GENERAL COMMENTS ON SECTIO...



How can AI help me with a PLD need?

• Choose one PLD need

• Find **one way** AI can help you with that need

Google OR

Prompt an Al assistant

• Share your answer

Jane's Chat GPT...

o Prompt:

- Create a **30-minute plan** for a conference session
- Use UDL principles



- Link Professional Learning and Development (PLD) needs and challenges to staying current with educational trends
- Identify own PLD needs and challenges
- Share one way AI can assist with a PLD need





Your takeaway?

Thank you!



Al Panel: What will your future students look like?

Chair: Professor Paul Denny

University of Auckland

Al Panel: What will your future students look like?

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Becoming intentionally fallible

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Prompt, Alternative titles

• Prompt:

Promoting ethical standards and practices in education by <u>setting an example</u> through thought leadership. Addressing issues such as <u>equity</u>, <u>inclusivity</u>, and <u>academic integrity in your approach to</u> <u>teaching and learning</u>.

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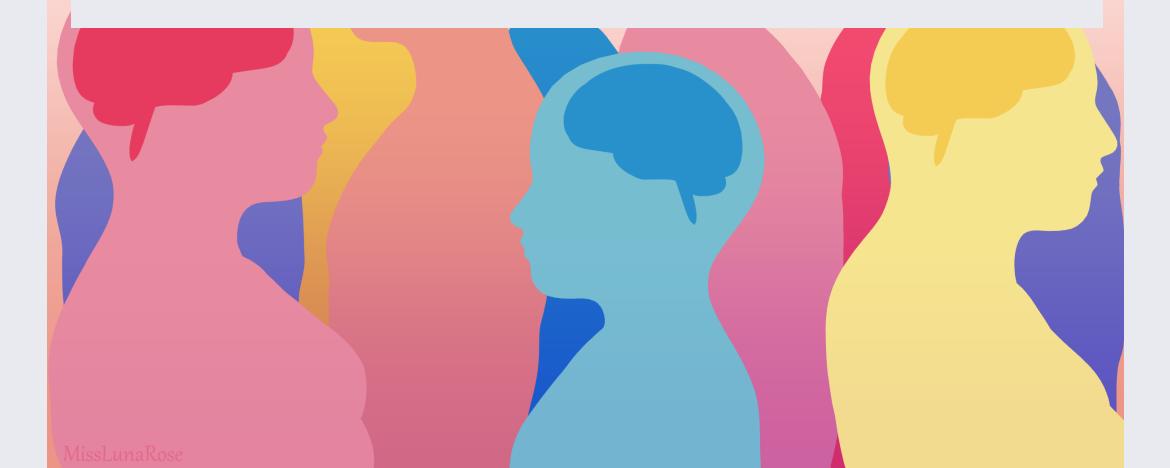
- Bring yourself to work day
- Walking your walk
- Letting the mask slip



WHEN YOU COME HOME FROM WORK AND CAN FINALLY BE YOUR TRUE SELF



Becoming intentionally fallible: a journey of acceptance of a neurodiverse academic



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Thesis/ Conclusion

•Being open about who you are and your limitations liberates you, improves student engagement and learning.



Invisable disablities

- Medical conditions like cancer, diabetes, epilepsy or respiratory conditions.
- Mental health disabilities like anxiety, depression or bipolar disorder.
- Neurological conditions such as migraine or traumatic brain injury.
- Print disability.
- Problems with dexterity e.g. OOS/RSI, injuries to fingers, hands, arms.
- Specific learning disabilities like dyslexia.
- Sensory problems like low vision or hearing impairment.



Invisible disabilities in NZADHD:1 in 20Dyslexia:1 in 10Autism:1 in 54



Whakawhanaungatanga

- Academic with learning difficulties
- Always taking the long way
- Always a struggle

10,02.2025

It's Suzanne Thurlow writing, I had the delight of Dear Cody. teaching you privately at Green boy many years ago (maybe three decades !) I recently had a Conversation with my neighbour's grandson. He reminded me of you with his enthusiasm for what his life might hold, despite his struggles with reading and the written language. His ability to hald a conversation was impressive. I decided to Google your name, knowing that synchronicities like that hoppen for a reason! I was overwhelmed to see what a success you have made of your life, Gody, and soon found the tears flowing. - hoppy tears ! What you have achieved defies all the adjectives I might produce. It is easy for me to visualise the consistent and persistant focus and hard graft you must have employed to achieve so much. And as well as the outstanding qualifications (those little groups of letters that disguise the enormous accomplishment), what moved me so much was the fact that you identified as a person with disabilities, and that you are

possionate about industive teaching - that was my passion too, It still sits there as I proudly . Notch our 30n, who is 52, achieve as a fire-fighter and a member of the USAR team. (The exams that FENZ set are hideous !)

Eighteen months ago Ion and I moved from Orford into Christohurch, to a retirement Village to be nearer to medical care for Ian. If you are ever in Christohurch I would love to see you.

ab well Cody. You are making the world a more humane place because of your knowledge and passion.

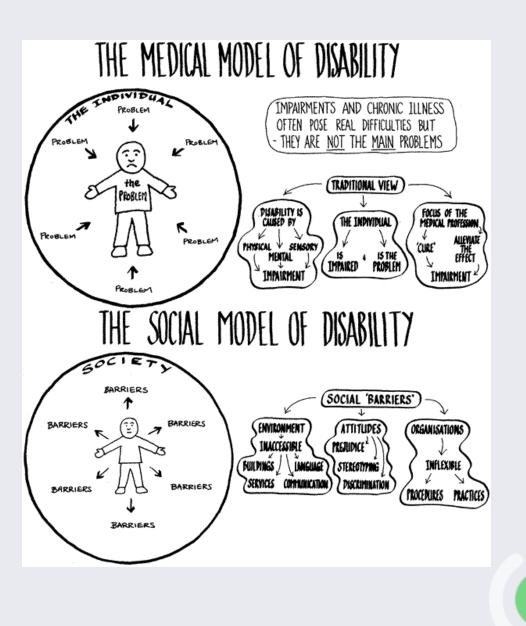
With love, Suzanne Thurlow

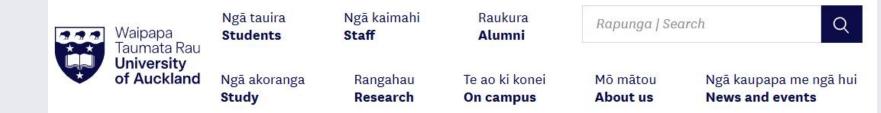
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Concepts that helped

- Masking behaviour
- Neurodiversity
- Social model of disabilities







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What it looks like in Practice

Representation matters

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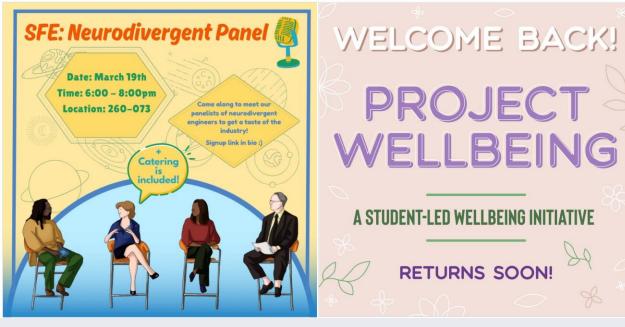
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What it looks like in Practice

Never forget the struggle: Generate a learning envrionemt that is welcoming and supports all students

Comments
Engagement and explaining
Cody was approachable and very willing to explain concepts in different ways and always made sure that everyone understood them. He also gave breaks in between the 2 hour lectures which was helpful to collect your thoughts and think of any questions
He was very encouraging for me to answer questions myself first instead of relying on information in front of me
Using a tonne of examples and taking lots of mini breaks so you had time to digest the info and ask questions. really approachable
level of approachability. Didn't try to be fancy to seem smart. Always listened to Tumanako and other student input
Very clear explanations of content and of answers to questions that really ran through his thought process in a way that was easy to understand.
He is very personable and it made it easy to ask for help.



Engage and Support Passion







Closing

James Oldfield

Ako Aotearoa Board

