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TARANAKI CATHEDRAL



SCHOOL VISITS

Te Whare Hononga is a *whare wānanga* - a flexible purpose-built education space, offering a free exhibition created for self-guided learning. The building itself speaks the story, with every detail prompting us to reflect on our history with honest curiosity.

The 9-minute animated video gives a historical overview of Ngāmotu and Pūkākā, and an honest retelling of St Mary's conflicted relationship with Taranaki Māori, paying special attention to voices that have called for peace for generations.

The entire exhibition is relatable for any age group and is in a style that kids can take in, inviting curiosity and questions. It is hard-hitting and thought provoking, but leaves pathways open to explore what reconciliation looks like.

There are four interactive multimedia touch screens that can be read in English & Te Reo Māori. Each screen corresponds to one of four pou:

- *Whakapapa* – connections to people & creation
- *Mana Motuhake* –indigenous decision-making
- *Taonga Tuku Iho* – caring for environmental treasures
- *Whakaponu* – perspectives of faith, hope & love

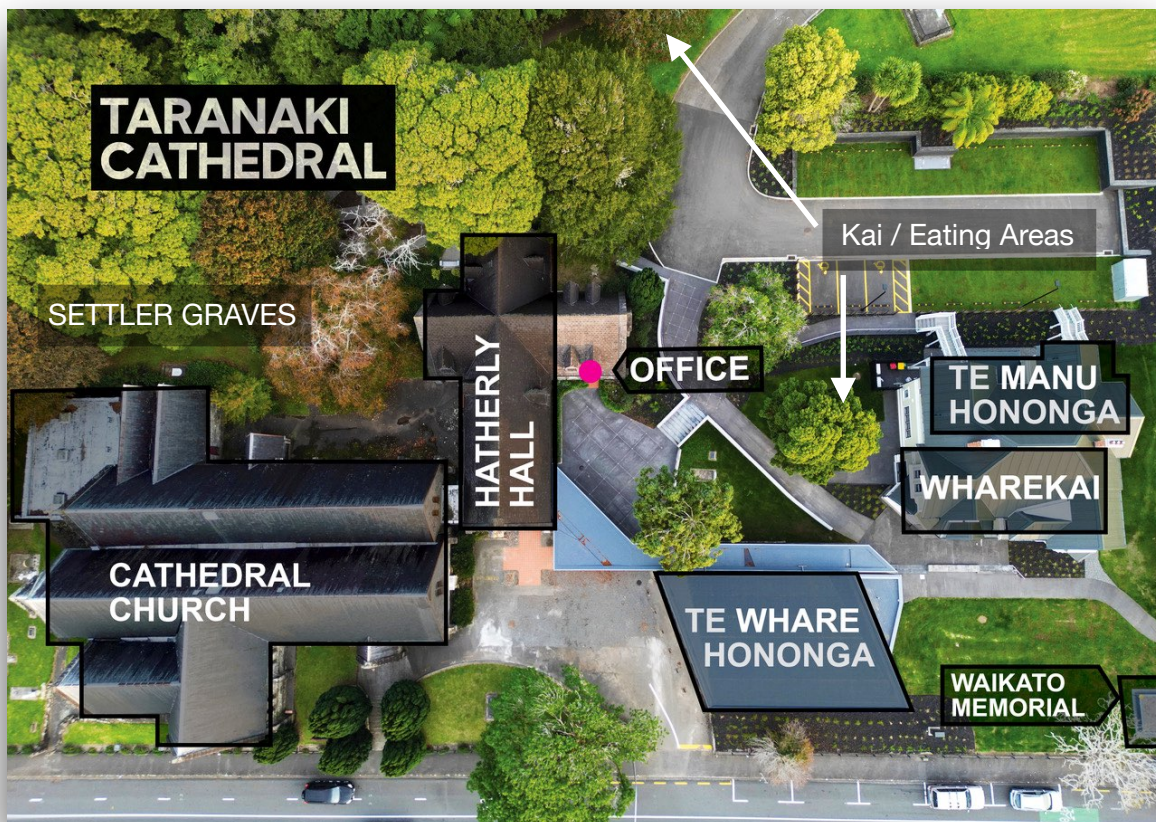
TIKANGA

There is no requirement to be formally welcomed into the space, you can just walk right in. You can even take photos. We encourage you to treat it as an extended classroom and as an opportunity to practice tikanga.

For instance...

- If you have visited the gravesites then you may use the water available to help your students transition from tapu to noa, from conflict to peace.
- We ask school groups to remove their shoes before entering Te Whare, and to sit on the floor when watching the video.
- Take a moment as you enter Te Whare Hononga to acknowledge the kaupapa of peace and reconciliation. Use this as an opportunity to recite a karakia or practice a mihi whakatau.
- Although it is acceptable to bring small amounts of food and water into Te Whare, we ask that meals be taken outside. Feel free to sit in the courtyard or under the trees by our driveway, but do not eat on or near the graves.

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PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Visiting Hours are Monday - Friday, 9am – 3:00pm

Before visiting, please let us know you're coming.

Go to: www.taranakicathedral.nz/tour-bookings

SELF-GUIDED VISITS - free of charge.

Teachers are encouraged to use our space to enhance the NZ History Curriculum. Volunteers are available most days to offer manaakitanga and answer questions.

If you'd like to give a koha towards our work, our bank details are:

Taranaki Cathedral - 15 3942 0578002 80 - Reference: SPRC

GUIDED SCHOOL TOUR - \$150 per class

A guide will host your school group for 1 hour with age-appropriate history kōrero, activities, animated video and time for Q & A. The tour gives an overview of the history connected to Pūkākā Pā, the Land Wars and Taranaki Cathedral. Gather in our courtyard before visiting the Settler Gravesite, Waikato Warriors' Memorial, and Te Whare Hononga. Classes are welcome to spend extra time after the tour exploring the site and looking through the exhibition touch screens in Te Whare Hononga. If you plan on bringing more than one class or more than 35 students please book two tours or contact us for other options.

For more go to:

www.taranakicathedral.nz/schools