

# COMMUNITY CONNECTED



We understand the importance of creating community connections and the benefits they bring to our students, staff and local community.

We work alongside not-for-profit organisations, iwi, schools, community groups and local people to build and strengthen our community.

We have strategic alliances with four regional not-for-profit organisations; Habitat for Humanity Central North Island, Community Living, Child Matters and Sport Waikato. These relationships allow us to share our knowledge and resources, while also giving staff and students the opportunity to participate in meaningful community projects.

Through a formalised relationship with Tainui, we are committed to enhancing the educational experience and outcomes for Māori in the Waikato. Since opening in 2012, our marae – Te Kōpū Mānia o Kirikiriroa – has played a key role in hosting both local and visiting iwi as well as supporting Māori education initiatives.

Our suite of excellent venues on our campuses – the marae, The Atrium, The Long Room, the Bill Gallagher Events Centre and the Training Space – are available for hire for community groups. Their popularity enables us to connect with a wide range of individuals and groups while also raising our profile within the region.

We want to make it easier for secondary school students to transition into tertiary study and ultimately, find a career that's right for them. So, we work closely with regional secondary schools offering career information evenings, expos, campus tours and school visits.

Additionally we have partnered with more than 35 secondary schools to run the Waikato Trades Academy, a government-led initiative which gives students a head start; gaining specific and practical experience and skills in an industry based setting, and the opportunity to move directly into a job or apprenticeship, or further study, on completion of secondary school.

We're proud to help our community through sponsoring a number of organisations and events in our region such as Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival, Spark (International Festival of Media Arts and Design), Waikato Business Awards, Kudos Awards, Young Enterprise Scheme, Sport Waikato Sports Awards and ShadowTech.

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