We have one of the highest tertiary education success rates for Māori in New Zealand. It is through our on-going commitment to Māori achievement that we accomplish this.

Our region, which incorporates the greater Waikato area, has one of the highest Māori populations in the country. As a result, more than a quarter of our students are Māori or Pasifika.

In 2017, 37% of our Māori or Pasifika were studying at level seven and above. While these statistics are amongst the best in the sector, we intend to further improve Māori achievement.

Raising Māori achievement levels is the responsibility of all at Wintec. We have a Māori Achievement team that leads and supports Māori educational development in conjunction with our student support and retention services, as well as all other areas of the organisation, including schools and centres, human resources and capability development services.

We also work with Waikato Tainui, iwi, Māori businesses, community leaders and other providers to ensure our learning environment, student support initiatives and teaching and learning practices are meeting the educational needs of Māori students.

Since 2014, Wintec collaborates with regional employers, industry training organisations, Pasifika communities and iwi within the Waikato Māori and Pasifika Trade Training Consortium. The aim of the Māori and Pasifika Trades Training initiative is to enable more Māori and Pasifika learners, aged 16-40, to obtain meaningful trades apprenticeships and qualifications. The end goal is that all participants gain skilled and sustainable employment. Wintec provides the qualification section for this consortium and students receive pastoral care and employment support.

Te Kopū Mānia o Kirikirioa, our marae at the top of the hill on our city campus opened in 2012. This contemporary marae plays an important role in enhancing Māori achievement by supporting our students, staff and community with their Māori education and learning. It provides a home and an identity for Māori on campus, and is inclusive of all cultures.

Wintec intends to further improve Māori achievement.