

PREPARING FOR A VISIT TO MIT MARAE

DRESS: The same that you ordinarily wear to work is fine. It is preferable, but not required, for women to wear a skirt or dress (black is best, if possible). You will be taking off your shoes (which may affect your choice of socks). After the powhiri process is completed, you may store your shoes in the cupboards underneath the seats; do not leave valuables in the whare when it is empty (e.g., when going to morning tea).

TIME: please be there by 8:45 to be ready to go on by 9 am. The easiest parking is in a building at Gate 11; you can then walk between the buildings to the gate which is at the edge of the parking lot at Gate 12. Do not move under the roof at the gate until you are ready to go on together. If it is raining, you may shelter under the overhang of the curved building to the left of the gate. If you arrive late, just quietly move to join the MCC group.

PŌWHIRI PROCESS: Karena will be there to support the group. The waiata to learn before next week are

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

You may also like to practice saying 'kia ora' and 'tēnā koe' which may be used in the hariru.

koha - it is up to the group to decide in the morning before you go on whether you would like to make a koha; MCC has paid for the costs of the visit; so if you do make a koha it will be put into a hardship fund for students.

If you need to move around while speeches are occurring, take care not to walk in front of a speaker or to turn your back to the people on the other side. Do not at any time sit on pillows (even if you are on mattresses) or on a table.

After the pōwhiri process is completed, the marae ātea is noa again; so feel free to move over it casually (unless/until another pōwhiri begins); however the whare hui retains its tapu so food and drink (except plain water and/or medication if needed) are not taken inside. There should always be karakia before eating together in the whare kai – you will probably know that it is about to start because someone will knock on a table for silence.

If you wish to take photos or use a tape recorder, please check with the kaumātua first.

Once you have been formally welcomed to the marae you are joined with tangata whenua (no longer manuhiri); so there will not be a pōwhiri on the second day. Also, as tangata whenua you now share responsibility for the marae – one way you can exercise this is to help with tidying up after the kapu ti and before departing at the end of the session.

The name of the complex is Ngā Kete Wānanga; all aspects of the design have significance, but the main metaphor is a 'matau' or fishhook (when buildings are seen from above) – to 'hook' people into education. The whare hui is Te Kete Uruuru Matua. The two classroom wings around it are Te Kete Uruuru Rangi and Te Kete Uruuru Tau. The whare kai is Tahua Roa. The whare paku are behind the whare hui.

The only area for smokers is in a gazebo beside ND block.



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