

Introduction

The Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society welcomes you to participate in the further development and delivery of this educational resource. We have designed this resource in a way so that we may share our history and cultural heritage with our local schools and communities. We are excited to have you with us and look forward to working with you.

Forward

Kei Whea Te Aute is a Paatere (chant) that signifies the historical landmarks of the Iwi (tribe) Ngaati Whanaunga which is based from Mahurangi to Tamaki to the Hauraki Plains and the Coromandel Peninsula. Kei Whea te Aute pays homage to our tribal boundaries - the mountains, rivers, sea beds and land areas where our people lived and utilised special areas to cultivate and harvest our main food sources. This Paatere also signifies the lives and times of their tuupuna (ancestors), how they lived, how they developed their lands and sea beds and how they faced the many challenges and changes brought about by early European settlers.

The Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society designed and developed this educational resource to be delivered in both primary and secondary schools. It provides a comprehensive approach to building the knowledge and understanding of this Paatere through an integration of five key curriculum areas – Te Reo Maaori, Tikanga-aa-iwi (Social Studies), Puutaiao (Science) Ngaa Toi (The Arts) and Senior School History.

Aims

This education resource is designed to:

- **retain the cultural heritage of Ngaati Whanaunga**
- **enrich the history of the Coromandel Peninsula**
- **identify the historical landmarks and boundaries of Ngaati Whanaunga**
- **increase knowledge and understanding of Ngaati Whanaunga tribal history**
- **develop an appreciation of Ngaati Whanaunga as tangata whenua**
- **recognise Ngaati Whanaunga as kaitiaki (caretakers) of Coromandel lands and seas**