Wānanga

Wānanga are recognised as tertiary institutions under section 162 of the Education Act 1989. As such, wānanga are regarded as the peers of universities, polytechnics, and colleges of education. Under the Act:

*A wananga is characterised by teaching and research that maintains, advances, and disseminates knowledge and develops intellectual independence, and assists the application of knowledge regarding ahuatanga Māori (Māori tradition) according to tikanga Māori (Māori custom).*

There are currently three wānanga recognised under the Act. *Te Wananga o Raukawa, Te Wananga o Aotearoa* and *Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi.*

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