



Professor Wiremu Doherty

Mātauranga Māori – Mātauranga-a-iwi

Wiremu of Ngāti Tawhaki and Tuhoë comes from a secondary school background, where he was Assistant Principal at Saint Stephen's School until its closure, and prior to moving to Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi was the Principal of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi Marae and Executive Director at Manukau Institute of Technology. Wiremu's research is a mixture of his upbringing in a Māori environment in Te Urewera, Ngāputahi, where Māori was the first language of instruction through to the experiences in teaching and managing mainstream secondary schools. His PhD is on the roots of Mātauranga Māori in tribal based knowledge – Mātauranga-a-iwi where he combines a kaupapa Māori background with experience in imaging future education and its relevance to Māori.

Wiremu is the Chair of Kai Tuhono the Body established by NZQA to ensure Māori content is used appropriately. He serves as a board member on the James Henare Research Centre, University of Auckland and is also the Chair of Te Whānau o Waipareira Trust Academic Board. He is a past president of Te Akatea, the national body representing Māori Principals and Deputy Principals, within this capacity has worked with several Education Ministers and Secretary of Education on numerous initiatives.