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Kia Whita – Accelerating Māori Language Learning

Kia Whita is the name of a new and innovative gestural and storied based language learning approach designed to accelerate the acquisition of te reo Māori. It is an immersion pedagogy that exploits the capacity of a carefully selected pared down language, bolstered by visual techniques involving pūrākau, whakaari, waiata and mahiā-ringā. The integrated nature of this method intends to rapidly develop a critical level of learner fluency within the safe, predictable, fun and comprehensible context of a story. This workshop will introduce some of the key principles of the approach to you and also seeks feedback on how to further develop the method.

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