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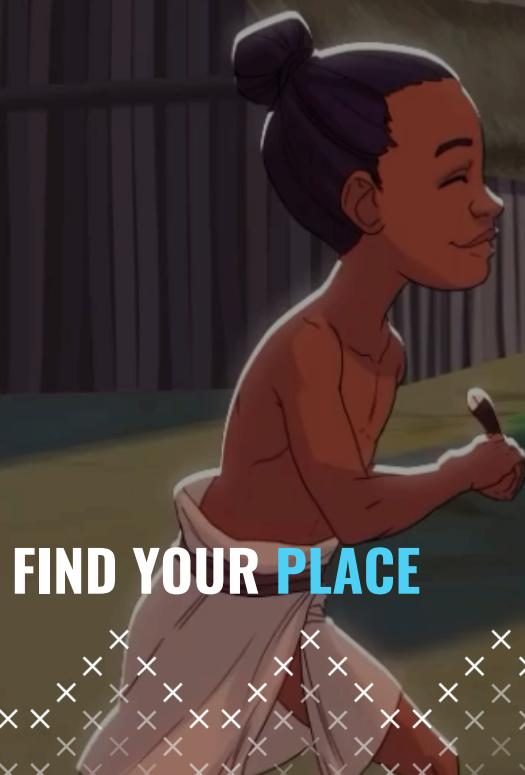
DNA & Native Tech support rangatahi to become work-ready by developing practical skills, employment capability, and confidence, underpinned by wrap-around pastoral care and growth-focused learning.

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INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL & CREATIVE TECH

Pre-Level 1 & NZQA Level 1-3 Options

FIND YOUR PLACE

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

DNA is an award-winning non-profit supporting rangatahi into work, training, and further study through digital and creative learning. Delivered through Native Tech, DNA's NZQA-accredited education arm, our programmes builds work-ready skills, confidence, and capability, supported by wrap-around pastoral care and a strong focus on belonging, culture, and identity.

Employers, training providers, and education partners are seeking confident, engaged rangatahi who are tenacious, adaptable, and motivated to learn new skills. They value people who can communicate effectively, work as part of a team, show initiative, and respond positively to new challenges, capabilities that are essential across digital, creative, and non-tech workplaces alike.

Roblox Engine

Website Dev

Computer Programming

Graphic Design

3D Printing

Content Creation

Video Editing

3D Asset Dev

GET QUALS

Foundation Skills

Pre-Level 1 + NZQA Levels 1-3

Monday to Friday | 10am - 3pm

Students will co-construct their learning journey with the support of our teaching staff, across various subjects, for example:

- Plan a Career Pathway
- Learn to Evaluate
- Apply your Knowledge
- Esports/Event Management
- Project Management
- Learn to Create Emersive & Engaging Narrative Experiences
- Content Strategies for Online Campaigns
- Understand Logistics and Operations
- Develop Risk Management Tools
- Strategic Business Considerations in Event Management
- Develop Complex and Rich Storytelling Techniques

Developing key skills: Self-directed learning, self-management, time management, communication, leadership and team oriented thinking skills

Programme Foundation: We use a Te Ao Māori worldview as our foundation and are open to all cultures. We welcome neuro-divergent rangatahi and are allies to our Rainbow Youth communities.

KAUPAPA

Our Foundations+ programmes are designed to help rangatahi (15-24) looking for alternative education, what to get work-ready and who thrive in small classes with high pastoral care, building confidence and transferable skills through digital and creative learning.

OVERVIEW

Students in the programme will develop a customised plan that takes into consideration the needs of each individual wanting to explore digital & creative tech with an eye to studying or working in the industry while receiving full wraparound pastoral care.

Learners will gain key work-ready skills including communication, time management, teamwork, CV and portfolio development as well as driver's licence support.

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