

## Poutama Form Class

As part of the college experience, all students are assigned a form class. This is where the form teacher will take care of administrative tasks, as well as oversee the hauora and pastoral aspects of school-life for your child/children.

Poutama is a vertical form class for Years 9 through to 13 and based in and around our whare wānanga, Okohanga. Poutama is a form group that provides guidance and support for student leadership development within a Whānau based and Māori context. Poutama is for any student, regardless of ethnicity, who wish to experience kura through a Māori or Pasifika lens with a whānau based pastoral system. We encourage our tamariki to focus on developing leadership, whanaungatanga, direction and all-roundedness in preparation for their futures after school.

Poutama are also the guardians of tikanga and kawa at our kura. They benefit our taura with the multiple leadership opportunities they experience, including serving on the Ruamano Cultural Executive Committee for Years 9 – 13, Year level Committees, or applying to be a Poutama prefect, known as Tātāriki. They are surrounded by support and opportunity. Poutama students plan and lead kaupapa Māori related events at kura including pōwhiri, Matariki celebrations and our annual Māori and Pasifika Awards night.

There are six Poutama form classes for 2023 which will include one class in Year 9:

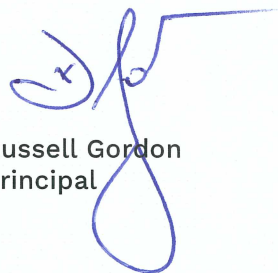
Whaea Stevie-Jane Mutu (Year 9)  
Matua Adam Braddock (Year 10)  
Whaea Kathryn Brewer (Year 11)  
Whaea Lana Moore (Year 12 and Poutama oversight)  
Matua Mark Lunjevich (Year 13)  
Matua Tapene Mika (Poutama oversight)  
Whaea Ash Lack (Year 12 Dean)  
Whaea Melissa Nicholson (Year 13 Dean)  
Matua Tuwharetoa Hapi (HoD Māori)  
Matua Bobby Ketu (SLT Kaitiaki)

If you think Poutama is a place you and your tamaiti (child), please complete the included application form and hand in or upload with your enrolment.

Ngā mihi nui,



**Bobby Ketu**  
SLT Kaitiaki



**Russell Gordon**  
Principal