

# Ōtanewainuku

- Be unique
- Be confident
- Stand strong

## **Ōtanewainuku, te pou rangatira ki uta hō!**

*Ōtanewainuku, the inland pillar of strength and pride*

The chief mountain that marks the original boundary line between Waitaha/Tapuika and Te Arawa. The mountain of the parting waters, where the clouds met the land, and the rain leaves the sky.

Ōtanewainuku stands tall in the Hautere forest and marks the boundary of Tapuika on the Te Puke side to the east, Te Arawa in the Rotorua area to the south, and Ngai Tamarawaho the hapū of Ngāti Ranginui local to our kura.

He was the chiefly victor in the quest against Maunganui for the hand of Pūwhenua the maiden maunga to the west of where he stands.

Because of his charisma and presence, her heart beat only for him hence the journey Maunganui made from where they are to where he now stands.