

Te Reo Māori Greetings, Terms of address and email sign offs



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Greetings

Greetings to one Tēnā koe (formal), Kia ora (informal)

Greetings to two Tēnā kōrua (formal), Kia ora kōrua (informal)

Greetings to three or more Tēnā koutou (formal), Kia ora koutou (informal)

Greetings to a friend Tēnā koe e hoa (formal), Kia ora e hoa (informal)

Dear Sir/Madam Kei te rangatira, tēnā koe (very formal)

Dear Vice-Chancellor E te Tumu Whakarae, tēnā koe

Dear Sir/Madam Tēnā koe

Dear Michael Tēnā koe Mikaere

Good morning Ata mārie, Mōrena

Good afternoon Ahiahi mārie

Goodbye to those who are staying E noho rā

Goodbye Haere rā

See you (again) Ka kite (anō)

See you tomorrow Ka kite āpōpō

Until tomorrow Hei āpōpō

See you on Monday Hei te Mane

Terms of address

Mother Hākui (Kāi Tahu)/Mama

Father Hākoro (Kāi Tahu) /Papa

Son Tama

Daughter Tamāhine

Brother of a girl Tungāne

Sister of a boy Tuahine

Child Tamati

Children Tamariki

Family whānau

Baby pepi

Friend/Colleague e hoa

Grandmother Taua (Kāi Tahu)/Kuia

Grandfather Poua (Kāi Tahu)/Koro

Parents Mātua

Term of respect to an older male Matua/Koro

Term of respect to an older female Whaea/Kuia/Taua (Kāi Tahu)

Sir Tā

Term of respect Rangatarira/Rakatira

Vice-Chancellor Tumu Whakarae

Professor Ahorangi

Student Taura

Dr Tākuta

Email sign offs

Yours sincerely (one signatory) Nāku noa, nā

Yours sincerely (two signatories) Nā māua noa, nā

Yours sincerely (three signatories) Nā mātou noa, nā

Yours faithfully (one signatory) Nāku, nā

That is all for now Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī

With best wishes Ngā manaakitanga

Thanks Kia ora

Many thanks Kia ora rawa atu

All the best Noho ora mai

From Nā

Yours faithfully Nāku, nā

Yours sincerely Nāku iti noa, nā

Kind regards or thank you Ngā mihi

Kind regards (with more emphasis on gratitude) Ngā mihi nui

Goodbye for now Hei konā mai

Bye for now, see you later Mā te wā

Stay well, look after yourself, good bye Noho ora mai

Have a nice day Kia pai tō rā

Have a nice day (two people) Kia pai tō kōrua rā

Have a nice day (three or more people) Kia pai tō koutou rā

Have a great weekend! Kia pai tō rā whakatā