Where have all the flowers gone? Kua ngaro ngā putiputi ki whea?

A Paucity of Indigenous Early Childhood Student Teachers in Mainstream Education?

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Mihi - Greetings

Kulin Nation

Ko wai māua?
Who are we?

• He ngohe - Warm up exercise



He Körero nehe -Background to Teacher Education Programme

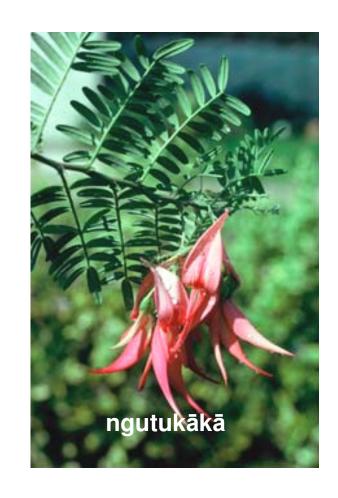
Field based programme

Research Background



Whanaungatanga - connecting

- making connections, a sense of belonging to a group
- 'wanted to see a Māori face'or a familiar face.



Manaakitanga – care for

- •Demonstrating the ability to care for, support each other in the learning environment
- 'tutors were approachable' and 'Kaiawhina was supportive'



Kōwhai

Whakamā - shy

- Ensure that the student is safe from actions that may demean, isolate, expose or disempowered in any way.
- 'being singled out in class
 - sit in the back'



Mana - strength

- Valuing the person that support their learning styles and affirming their ways of being.
- 'gain confidence to speak out and be proud of who they were'



He Whakahiatotanga - Summary

- Students recommendations:
- Integration of Māori pedagogy in the curriculum
- Regular 'student whanau' hui to support wellbeing
- Applied 'kinesthetic' learning environment
- Tutor (all) engagement in applying tikanga / Cultural practices in the learning environment



