



Ranginui Uetonga Rikirangi-Thomas

(Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Ranginui)

Ranginui is a passionate advocate for Te Ao Māori who is dedicated to the revitalization of this taonga as he has been immersed in it his whole life. He is fortunate to be a product of the initiatives that were established for the revival of the Māori language, being Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori, Wharekura and on to Tertiary Education, which then paved his career pathway as an exponent of the Māori language.

Ranginui has experience in developing and delivering programmes in a variety of education settings, including, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, in both full-immersion and mainstream. His current role as a Pouwawao Mātauranga at Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue involves the delivery of Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori programme.

Ranginui enjoys hunting and diving for his community as well as practicing the holistic nature of well-being from a Māori perspective.