



Sign up to Kukari, the Teaching Council's bulletin to keep student teachers updated

Congratulations on choosing to train as a teacher here in Aotearoa, New Zealand!

Kia ora,

As a teacher you will be joining a profession with 100,000+ members. The Teaching Council is the professional body for teachers and will play an important role for you over your career. The Teaching Council works with and for registered and certificated teachers in New Zealand, in early childhood, primary and secondary schooling and in English and Māori medium settings. Our purpose is to ensure safe and high-quality leadership, teaching and learning for children and young people. We do this by ensuring teachers are competent, fit to practice and accountable for the way in which they teach. To support you in your professional journey we would like to invite you to sign up for our brand-new Teaching Council bulletin, written especially for you, our newest members of the profession!

We are calling it 'Kukari'. We selected the name Kukari, or fledgeling, because as Kukari you are taking your first steps towards the edge of the nest, ready to step off into the air for the first time. You do so with the knowledge and guidance from those who can already fly.

We will be using Kukari to communicate with you about issues that are pertinent to you as a student teacher such as:

- Advice about how to register as a teacher
- Updates about COVID-19 or other important events
- Functions of the Teaching Council
- What becoming a professional means.

We are hoping to add depth and richness to your developing professional identity, alongside your programme and professional experience placements. We will also be asking for your voice on important issues from time to time as we value the perspective you bring. It's easy to sign-up to Kukari, just click here to enter your details into [our online sign-up form](#), or scan the QR code. We look forward to seeing you soon.

