

Maria Kapa

Tena koutou katoa, (greetings to you all).

My name is Maria Kapa. He uri ahau no Ngati Rangitihi, me Whakatohea, me Ngati Pikiao, me Ngati Rangitihi, me Ngati Tuwharetoa. I am a descendant of these iwi.

I grew up in Rotorua immersed in my culture and Maori performing arts. I completed a Bachelor of Music with Honors at Waikato University where I majored in ancient Maori instruments and vocal performance 'opera'. While living and teaching in Brisbane I trained in 'the Kodaly method' and since being home, have trained in the Orff method as well. I have taught at many levels, including early childhood, primary, high school and tertiary. I recently presented a workshop about 'Maori music', for the 'Kodaly 2021' online summer school conference. I also wrote an article on bi-cultural teaching in the classroom for the MENZA magazine. I currently teach music to children in grade 1 through to grades 7 and 8. It is my hope that you will discover the beauty that abounds in the music of the 'tangata whenua', people of the land and the whenua, the land itself.