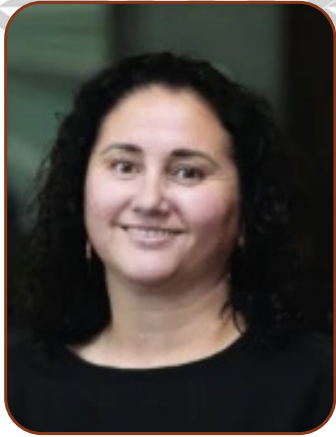




TE HUNGA RANGAHAU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

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Te Tohu Pae Tawhiti

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Professor Melinda Webber

Te Tohu Pae Tawhiti recognises a researcher who has made significant contributions to Māori education by conducting high quality research, broadly defined, over an extended period of time.

Professor Melinda Webber (Ngāti Hau, Ngāti Hine, Te Paatu, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Whakaue) is one of Aotearoa's leading Māori educational researchers. She is a unique and highly experienced researcher whose projects are informing and transforming our educational and community environments. Melinda has a significant body of published research, with seven books and 80 peer-reviewed articles, chapters and research reports. She has delivered over 100 keynote presentations and published in both English and te reo Māori.

Melinda has an impeccable record of academic service and leadership, from within her own Faculty extending through to national and international roles, including serving on multiple panels for Marsden, Rutherford, TLRI and PBRF. She was a foundational member of the Advisory Board for the Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity programme based in Melbourne, 2018-2023. She was Director of the Starpath Project 2017-2018, Co-Editor of MAI journal 2018-2022, a member of RSNZ Council 2018-2021, and in 2025 has accepted the role of Co-Director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.

Melinda is a rare scholar, relational and humble, who actively cares for the relationships established through the work she leads. She is an exemplary colleague, researcher, whānau and community member.

With three decades of excellent research, teaching and leadership in Māori education, Melinda is an outstanding recipient of this award.