History of Pacific at Unitec *Project: 1993-2020*

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The ‘History of Pacific at Unitec’ project aims to identify and discuss the development of Pacific at Unitec through the contributions of significant past and present staff and students, in the last 30 years.

- Acknowledge the milestones achieved over the years
- Use mixed-method approach

The results of the project will be immense, as a project of this nature has not been done before.

- A record of how Pacific emerged and gained significance at Unitec

The output will add to the stories of all groups at Unitec, which will make it historically compelling, as Unitec becomes part of the newly formed New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (NZIST). This will ultimately have implications on the future of Pacific at Unitec as the institute moves into a journey of new prospects in the education sector.
People - Staff and Students

- “Aunty” Maina Jones
- Sose Uputaua-Maia
- Tofa Misimale
- Lucy Atiga
- Anna Smith
- Deborah Faaiuaso
- Linda Aumua
- Annette Pitovao
- Lance Laulala
- Falaniko Tominiko
- Stephen Mata’ia

- First Pacific graduate
- Pacific graduate in 5-6 programmes
- First Pacific student president
- Associations, e.g. Samoan, Tongan, etc.
Policy/Framework

- **Fono Faufautua** (driving agent of PSS)
- **successive Pacific Success Strategies**
- **Na Kuita**
- Pacific Success Framework- 2017 e.g. SEF Koloa
- **Fale**
- Pacific Champion structure
Initiatives

- Pacific Orientations
- Pacific Fanau Evenings (now Whanau/Fanau Evenings)
- Pre-Police training course
- various Fono
- Koloa
- Matala He Toume
- Pacific Language week committees
Communities

- Pasifika festival
- Polyfest
- APSTE
- Pacific Postgraduate Group (Talanoa)
- Pacific ECR Network
Vinaka vaka levu & Fa’afetai tele lava!!!