

# 13 Whānau Tohu

This is a good time to get together with your whānau to talk about the special things that you all learned from your kaumātua.



1. Talk about how fragrances, aromas, places or sounds can remind us of a time and place and sometimes of a special person. When the time, place and people have passed, we can still remember those things that were around at that time.
2. Encourage the whānau to remember those special people in their lives who have passed on and also well-known ancestors.
  - a. What were their special attributes?
  - b. What advice did they give?
  - c. What did they stand for?
  - d. What can we learn from their example?
3. Now encourage the whānau to talk about the things that they do today that demonstrate the examples and legacies that were passed down to them by those loved ones and ancestors.
4. Then pass out the pens and paper and ask the whānau to design a whānau tohu or crest that symbolises what they believe the whānau stands for today and base it on those special attributes of the loved ones passed and the ancestors.
5. Keep working as a whānau until everyone agrees on a tohu that they like.
6. Be creative and have lots of fun!

