



Briefing Note: YouThrive NZ Limited (Trading as Lālanga)

To:	Hon Jo Luxton, Associate Minister of Education		
Cc:	Hon. Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Briefing Note

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to YouThrive NZ Limited (trading as Lālanga) in East Tamaki on Thursday 13 July. The visit is part of the Associate Minister of Education (Pacific) portfolio to a provider who is funded through the Pacific Education Innovation Fund.

This Briefing Note identifies key people, outlines the visit itinerary, and gives further information about the programme.

YouThrive NZ Limited (Trading as Lālanga)

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Key People - Ministry of Education

Ministry Officials: Kiva Jackson, Senior Adviser – Pacific Engagement
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Background

- 1 YouThrive NZ Limited, trading now as Lālanga (referred to in this briefing), are a Pacific owned and operated educational provider based in East Auckland
- 2 Lālanga is owned by Lesieli Oliver and her husband Dan Oliver who are currently delivering projects in Manurewa South School, Mangere College, and Tāmaki College

Pacific Education Innovation Fund

- 3 The Pacific Education Innovation Fund (PEIF) is part of the \$80.2m investment in Pacific Education through the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund announced in budget 2020, as a support to implement the Action Plan for Pacific Education
- 4 The PEIF specifically targets innovative practices that support Pacific learners' wellbeing and curriculum needs, which have been affected or made worse by COVID-19
- 5 Lālanga have received a total of \$692,478.00 funding through the Pacific Education Innovation Fund, since the initiation of the fund in 2020
- 6 Lālanga are currently seeking opportunities to expand their 'Lālanga Toolbox' program which supports educators to deliver culturally relevant lessons and resources in schools for Pacific learners
- 7 The Lālanga Toolbox provides curriculum support, lesson planning and ideas, resources and suggestions that are responsive to the culturally specific needs of learners

Impact of COVID-19 and Severe Weather Events

- 8 Lālanga have been a critical part of the Ministry's COVID response by working closely with Pacific families to keep learners engaged in Education through lockdowns and through severe weather events
- 9 The team at Lālanga have supplied digital devices, uniforms, stationery, and other supports as a direct response to the Pacific community's needs across the wider Tāmaki Makaurau area.

Other known risks or issues

- 10 There are no known risks or issues related to Lālanga.

Proactive Release

1. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you

Agree



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Hon Jo Luxton
Associate Minister of
Education

10/7/23

Annex 1 - Run Sheet

Time	Activity	Other details
12:15pm	Minister Luxton arrives at Lālanga office and is greeted by Lesieli and team	Other attendees include: Representative from the Ministry of Education regional office, Kiva Jackson – Senior Adviser – Pacific Engagement
12:20pm	Meet and greet with the Minister and Lālanga team	
12:30pm	Presentation by Lālanga	
1:15pm	Minister's response and discussion	
1:30pm	Minister to depart	