



Briefing Note: Update on Saili Malo Career Resources and Activities

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Purpose of Briefing

This briefing provides you with an update on the Saili Malo Career Resources Activities for 2022 and next steps.

Summary

- The 'Saili Malo' project is an initiative focussed on developing careers and transition resources to better support Pacific learners and their parents as they navigate career decision making and transitions into tertiary, further training or employment.
- The design of career resources stemmed from what Pacific parents told us of their experiences of the education system in Aotearoa New Zealand. Parents wanted to have a dedicated space for talanoa about careers and pathways where 'learners and their parents and families could journey together'¹.
- In 2022, the Saili Malo initiative delivered across three components;
 - a. Saili Malo Leaders' Summit held in Auckland for Pacific Student Leaders'
 - b. Saili Malo Career Resources for Talanoa Ako partner
 - c. Rising Stars (Collaboration with NZQA developing a Careers Resource Book & Video Library).

¹ Talanoa Ako: Pacific talk about education and Learning 2021.

Agree hat this briefing is proactively released as part of the next publication.



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Saili Malo Leaders' Summit 2022

1. The inaugural Saili Malo leaders' Summit was held on Monday, 25 July 2022 at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) South Campus in Manukau. The Summit was a one day leadership programme for Year 13 head prefects and student leaders of Pacific descent, followed by a family celebration event at the Manhattan Function Centre in Mt Roskill, Auckland.
2. In June 2022, 85 Auckland schools were invited to nominate two Pacific student leaders to attend the Saili Malo Leaders' Summit. Each student leader was offered invitations for two guests to attend the family celebration event.
3. Thirty-one (31) head prefects and leaders representing 18 Auckland schools attended the Saili Malo Leaders' Summit with over 90 people attending the family celebration event. You attended in your ministerial capacity as the Associate Minister of Education and gave the keynote address on your Pacific leadership journey.
4. A summary of feedback on the Summit noted that:
 - **Over 85 percent of the students strongly agreed that the Leaders' Summit was worthwhile attending.** They were inspired and enjoyed having a platform to connect with their peers and more specifically, to attend a Pacific programme that enabled them to interact or network with other Pacific student leaders.
 - **Over 77 percent of the students strongly agreed that the speakers and workshops at the Leaders' Summit were of value to them.** They felt it was relevant to their learning needs and helped with planning for the future.
 - **Over 80 percent enjoyed the workshops on identity and leadership**
 - A large majority of the **students felt the content was relevant to them** as it:
 - responded to personal experiences
 - inspired them to be a better leader
 - helped them to connect with their Pacific identity
 - made them realise the potential they have to make a difference.
 - Through evaluative questions **students shared their top 3 issues** that they were facing:
 - the need for additional support to live through the impact of COVID
 - self-doubt/lack of confidence in their abilities/potential
 - the continued lived experience of racism and discrimination in the education system.

Saili Malo Career Resources

5. The Saili Malo initiative also includes the development of a set of resources for Talanoa Ako partners in supporting their work in promoting career pathways and transition information.
6. *'Level Up! Prepare for your Future'* are a set of activity workbooks developed to promote discussions on careers and transitions between Pacific learners and their parents.

7. The workbooks have been developed for intermediate aged (Years 7-8), junior high school (Years 9-10), senior high school (Years 11-13), parents and a guide for facilitators on how to use and deliver the workbooks (refer to **Annexes 1 – 5**).
8. In 2022, a draft version of these resources was presented to the Talanoa Ako Professional Learning and Development sessions in Auckland and Wellington. The feedback from Talanoa Ako partners has been overwhelmingly positive. They were excited to receive the resources to support them run their sessions on careers pathways.
9. The draft of the content material was also reviewed by the Pacific Career Practitioner Network, who gave positive feedback on the resource. The resources went to print in July 2022 and hard copies were delivered to Talanoa Ako partners in August 2022.
10. The digital download version of the Saili Malo resources is now available via the Talanoa Ako section on the Te Kete Ipurangi (TKI) website (refer to link [https://pasifika.tki.org.nz/Talanoa-Ako/\(tab\)/1925](https://pasifika.tki.org.nz/Talanoa-Ako/(tab)/1925)).

Rising Stars (Ministry collaboration with NZQA)

11. The Pacific team at the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) approached us with an opportunity to collaborate and support the development of a resource titled 'Rising Stars'. This resource was modelled after the successful 'STEM it up' resource with a focus on career pathways.
12. The Rising Stars resource has been developed into two parts:
 - a. Rising Stars Careers Pathway Resource Booklet (Rising Stars Resource Booklet)
 - b. Rising Stars video library

Rising Stars Resource Booklet

13. This resource booklet contains a comic book story focussed on careers. Information includes the six vocational pathways (manufacturing and technology, construction and infrastructure, Creative Industries, Primary Industries, Social and Community Industries and Service Industries) showcasing emerging careers and highlighting Pacific peoples in those careers.
14. NZQA supported the development of the resource booklet through partnerships with Bright Sunday, David Riley and Chad Robertson.

Rising Stars Video Library

15. The discussions with NZQA also led to the production of short video profiles of Pacific peoples being collated into a '**Rising Stars Video Library**'.
16. The Video Library features emerging Pacific talent across a wide range of careers and represents high-demand growth industries across the six vocational pathways mentioned previously. It creates exposure to industries where Pacific representation is low.

Circulation and Access to Resources

17. Both resources have been released on the NZQA website (refer to link <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/maori-and-pasifika/pasifika/rising-stars/>). These resources will be made available to Talanoa Ako partners providing further resources to support their career pathways discussions with Pacific learners and their families.

Next Steps

Saili Malo Career Resources

18. To better understand the future use of Saili Malo resources in schools and communities, we will bring together a talanoa group of career advisors in November 2022.
19. We have received queries from schools wanting to use the Saili Malo resources which are available in a printable format on the TKI website. A series of six Professional Learning and Development modules will be developed between December 2022 and early 2023 and piloted to three or four school in 2023. This will ensure that future use of the resources (outside of Talanoa Ako partners) is delivered appropriately and effectively for both Pacific learners and parents. To expand this approach would be dependent on future funding.
20. In March 2023, as follow up to the Saili Malo Leadership Summit 2022, we will bring together a talanoa group made up of students who participated. The next Saili Malo Leaders' Summit is planned for April 2023.
21. We will inform your office of next year's Summit closer to date and opportunities for you to attend and speak.

Annexes

- Annex 1: Saili Malo Facilitators Guidebook
- Annex 2: Saili Malo Workbook 1 - Intermediate
- Annex 3: Saili Malo Workbook 2 - Junior High School
- Annex 4: Saili Malo Workbook 3 - Senior High School
- Annex 5: Saili Malo Workbook 4 - Parents