

All names of students and schools in this work are fictitious

Wahanga Tuatahi: Hīria

What information is given about Hīria's father and his views on education?

Her parents live on family land. Her dad was only 15 years old when he left school to look for work to help his family. He's a forestry worker (an axeman). He has no school qualifications because of this he strongly urges Hīria to go to Auckland to pursue an education "*Kaha tōna akiaki kia haere a Hīria ki te haere ki Tāmaki Makaurau hei whai i te mātauranga*".

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What concerns does Hīria have about her education?

Although Hīria understands the reason she was sent to boarding school she is really lonely for her family. Her younger sister Miriama goes to the local school in Harikoa. In Hīria's view the level of schooling is quite similar to her own boarding schooling. In addition to that, Miriama is learning about customs and tribal knowledge relevant to Māori.

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Hīria gets quite jealous while she is listening to her sister speaking Māori to their grandfather and grandmother. Hīria wants to pursue an education but is worried that if she living in a city how will she be able to learn the knowledge of her tribe. That is the big question for her at the moment.

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Why does Hīria use the whakatauki, "Te tamaiti ākona ki te kāinga, tū ki te marae, tau ana"?

This whakataukī is relevant to the way Hīria feels when she returns home, and goes to marae hui with her younger sisters they appear so relaxed in that environment but she feels like a stranger. "He āhua tauhou ahau ki ngā tikanga me nga mahinga marae".

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Wahanga Tuarua: Rehutai

What do Rehutai and her school friends disagree about?

They disagree with her future plans. The majority of Rehutai's friends think she is crazy ("Ki te nuinga o aku hoa he āhua pōrangi ahau") because she is moving to Wānui at the end of the year to live. Time for happiness, fun and parties. The second reason that they think she is crazy is to be a poor student for many years and have a huge debt at the end of it.

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How does Rehutai use the whakataukī, "Whāia te pae tawhiti kia tata, whāia te pae tata kia mau" to support her opinion? Support your answer with evidence:

This is her big goal that is why she chose this whakataukī (Whāinga te pae tawhiti – that is being a doctor). Despite the cost and effort, she thinks you need to focus on the many benefits of an education, that is she will get a prestigious and well paid job.

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1 She will be living in Wānui because she has got a summer job in a supermarket. This will enable her to save money to achieve her goal of going to university next February to do medicine.