

## **Whakapapa** *Place layer upon layer*

The rings of the Kauri represent the age and growth. The rings also represent our experiences our stories our history who we are our whakapapa.

*The first layer* is to learn of people's history and understand how they arrived at the place they are now. We recognise our journeys to be where we are today is important and sharing of our stories enables us to understand, empathise, support and walk alongside each other in moving forward.

Whakapapa enables us to connect to our past, places and events which have influenced and shaped who we are today. Whakapapa is displayed when we take time to get to know a person listen to their story, learn their whakapapa.

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**Foundation**

**Connections**

**Relationship**

**Our past**

**Our present**

Through enquiring of peoples dreams and aspirations we gain an understanding of who they are, their knowledge, life experiences, cultural identity, values and personal beliefs.