



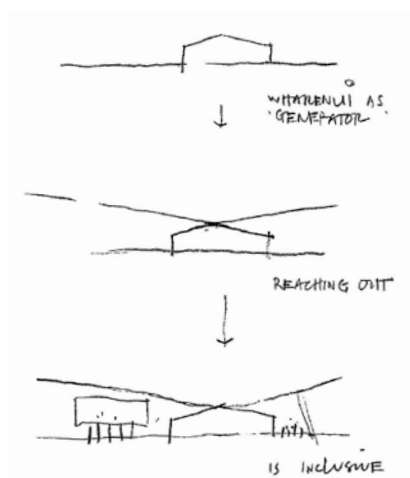
## University of Waikato The Pā

### Project Details

Client: University of Waikato  
Location: Hamilton, New Zealand  
Approx. Value: \$84m  
Floor Area: 6,500m<sup>2</sup>  
Completion: 2022

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The Pā is an innovative and versatile facility which will transform the on-campus experience for the University and its community. Located on a prominent ridge, The Pā provides a welcoming new main entrance and student hub for the University of Waikato's Hamilton Campus together with a significant ceremonial space that reflects the University's unique character.

Organised along the primary east-west pedestrian axis through the campus The Pā brings together four key projects under one roof structure; the Wharenuui to the east, a wing for the University executive leadership team to the south, a central student hub, and the refurbishment of the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies Building A on the western edge.

The Wharenuui is the central generating form creating The Pā roof which reaches out to encompass a collection of new

and existing spaces in one inclusive gesture. Conference facilities, offices, teaching and support areas as well as a re-purposed existing building, are all interlaced around a highly adaptable, social hub. This new student hub offers both indoor and outdoor spaces for socialising, eating and learning and will be a year-round home of campus life.

The Pā provides for a variety of intimate and large scale, informal and traditional functions but is ultimately a multi-purpose facility that prioritises University community, interaction and wellbeing.

The project is a design collaboration between Architectus, Jasmx, Design Tribe and Wraight & Associates.