

Te Mātāpuna is the new name for the AUT Library.

Translated as ‘the wellspring’, it speaks to the special connection AUT has to the underground waterways, tributaries and rivers that continue to flow through Tāmaki Makaurau connecting us to both the Manukau and Waitematā harbours.

Te Mātāpuna also alludes to the faces (mata) of those present within the space, not only of our students, but of those who work within it.

‘Ki’ means ‘at’ or ‘to’, therefore it is the mātāpuna for the campus in which it resides.

Each mātāpuna is seen as the fountain of knowledge for their campus. In that sense, the City Campus Library is known as *‘Te Mātāpuna ki Waihorotiu’*, the North Campus Library as *‘Te Mātāpuna ki Akoranga’*, and the South Campus Library as *‘Te Mātāpuna ki Manukau’*.

Te Mātāpuna ki Waihorotiu takes its name from the Waihorotiu Stream that still flows beneath Queen Street and runs into the Waitematā Harbour.

Akoranga, meaning ‘the place of learning’, becomes ‘the source of learning’ for Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makaurau for Te Raki Pae Whenua (North Shore).

Te Mātāpuna ki Manukau draws on the historical narrative of ‘Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa’ acknowledging the hapū of Waikato Tainui, and the importance of water in the southern part of Tāmaki Makau Rau.

Like water, knowledge is essential for life and growth, and Te Mātāpuna is a source promoting the growth and nurturing of knowledge within AUT – Ko te Mātāpuna o te Kete Aronui