

# Te Kāhui Mātauranga o Puke Ariki

# Pre-visit information

## Taranaki Wars

NCEA Level 1-3, all year.

Te Pua Wānanga o Taranaki / Taranaki Research Centre



Volunteer Rifles going on duty, New Plymouth, 1860  
*by Edwin Harris, Collection of Puke Ariki A65.892*

Ever since European settlers arrived and set-up New Plymouth in 1841, they had their eyes on land in the vicinity of the Waitara River. Local Māori were adamant in not selling these lands. Until in 1859 Te Teira of Te Ātiawa iwi offered the Pekapeka Block near the mouth of the Waitara River for sale. The Crown accepted the offer, despite protest from Te Ātiawa rangatira, Wiremu Kīngi Te Rangitāke, and his followers. Without investigating the rightful ownership of the disputed land, Crown forces occupied the Pekapeka Block in March 1860 and declared Martial Law. Armed conflicts and land confiscation followed until 1881.

Specialists within the Puke Ariki Heritage team in the research centre support and guide secondary school students to learn research skills necessary for NCEA and tertiary level study.

Explore our collections and learn more about the Taranaki Wars. Students will learn how to access research material to answer focus questions for achievement standards and add authentic material to their referencing.

Students will be able to access a wide range of authentic references and take copies if required for assessment.

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## Primary Sources:

- Newspapers (Papers Past or microfilm)
- Maps
- Journals, diaries and letters (archives and transcripts)
- Official publications
- Posters and Declarations
- Photographs and Artworks

## Secondary Sources

- Published books
- Journal articles
- Thesis
- Waitangi Tribunal Reports
- Websites

## Curriculum Links:

**Social Science:** This topic covers elements of NCEA History Level 1-3.

## Web links:

### Introductory Education Resources online:

- [Te Ara Encyclopedia of New Zealand, Taranaki Wars – An Interactive Overview](#)
- [RNZ. NZ Wars: Stories of Waitara \(2019-2020\) - Documentary](#) (44 mins).
- [The New Zealand Wars: Taranaki Prophets \(episode 4\) \(1998\) – Documentary](#) by James Belich (50mins).
- [The New Zealand Wars: Taranaki Prophets:4](#) – an excerpt from the New Zealand Wars episode by James Belich (6mins).

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