

Playing with the tradition of a salon-style hang, *Whakawhanaungatanga 2026* features the work of around 40 tertiary students, in a creative collaboration between Ara Institute of Canterbury and Ilam School of Fine Arts.

Whakawhanaungatanga means the process of building and sustaining those multi-layered, flexible, and dynamic relationships and forms the foundation of our communities.

This annual exhibition continues to offer opportunity for connection, communal growth, and for taura from both institutions to share their work with each other, the community, and the art world.

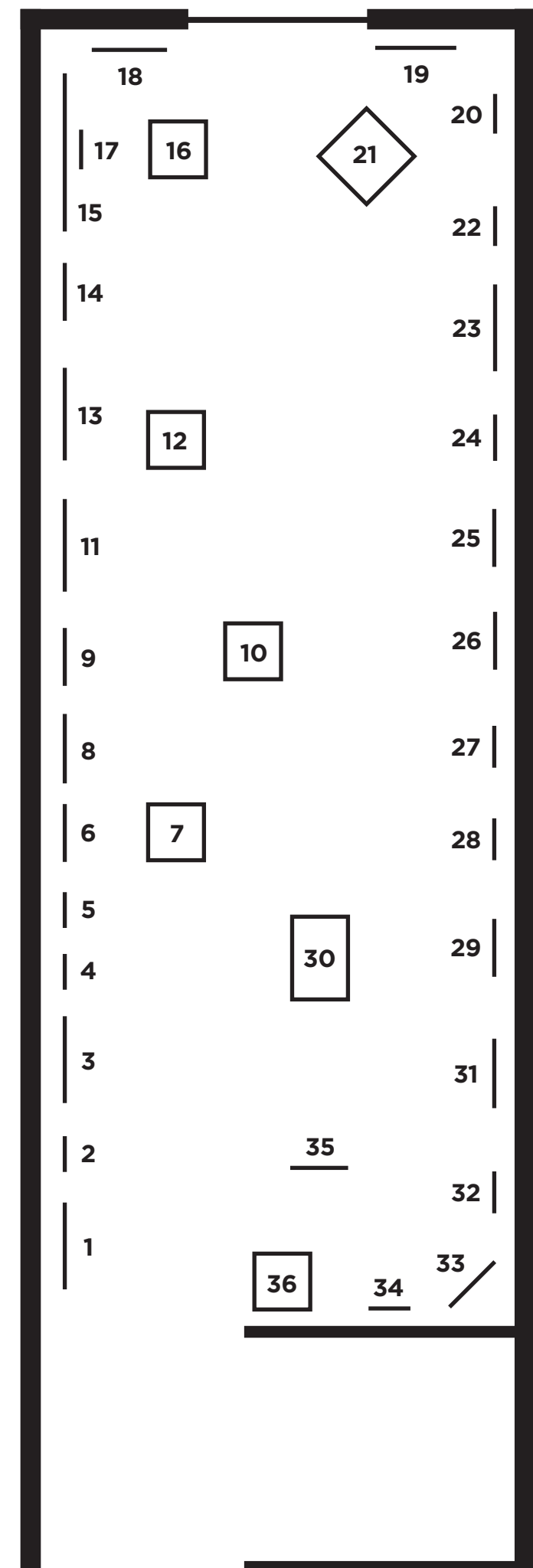
“Whānau is often translated as ‘family’, but its meaning is more complex. It includes physical, emotional and spiritual dimensions and is based on whakapapa. Whānau can be multi-layered, flexible and dynamic. Whānau is based on a Māori and a tribal world view. It is through the whānau that values, histories and traditions from the ancestors are adapted for the contemporary world.” — Tai Walker, academic.

Whakawhanaungatanga 2026

3rd-year
student show



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| 1. Phoenix Fowler
Ara
<i>Old Hokitika Road/
Rail Bridge</i>
Woodcut and watercolour
415 x 970 x 10mm
2026 | 8. Otto Elworthy
Ilam — Moving Image
<i>Breaking News, 1977</i>
16:7 moving image work,
640 x 480mm
2026 | 15. Blair Holland
Ara
<i>Accumulation</i>
Monotype illustrations, zine
Dimensions variable
2026 | 22. Lourie Torr
Ilam — Sculpture
<i>Sigil</i>
Apple, fume, hair,
spore colonies
80 x 80mm
2026 | 30. Joe Furniss
Ilam — Sculpture
<i>Brickwork</i>
Coromandel clay,
fireplace ash glaze
210 x 220 x 70mm
2026 |
| 2. Ruby McDermott
Ilam — Painting
<i>Found Figure</i>
Acrylic on mdf
400 x 400 x 3mm
2026 | 9. Olivia Bennett
Ilam — Sculpture
<i>[Can You See What I See?]</i>
840 x 590mm
Newsprint, markers,
wheatpaste, ply wood, gesso
2026 | 16. India Jenkins
Ilam — Photography
<i>A Blanket of Spider Silk</i>
Accordion photo book
(paper, and fabric cover) with
end page attached to ceiling
Dimensions variable
2026 | 23. Cam Naughton
Ilam — Sculpture
<i>Untitled</i>
Dimensions variable
2025-26 | 31. Seoyoung Park
Ilam — Painting
<i>Undertow</i>
Acrylic on canvas
300 x 500mm
2026 |
| 3. Amy Bright
Ilam — Painting
<i>How we got here</i>
Oil on board
1000 x 750mm
2026 | 10. Yannick Hornell
Ara
<i>Parasitus Rotarius</i>
Clay and found materials
Dimensions variable
2026 | 17. Madeline Hann
Ilam — Painting
<i>and under tired eyes
(I hid from her)</i>
Oil on board
500 x 500 x 35mm
2026 | 24. Egie Ascona
Ilam — Painting
<i>The Farm</i>
Canvas board on
an old frame
290 x 360mm
2025 | 32. Malaea Mcfadyen
Ara
<i>Surveyor</i>
Oil on canvas
250 x 200mm
2026 |
| 4. Milo Neil
Ilam — Painting
<i>The Expanded Cogito</i>
Oil on board
300 x 400mm
2026 | 11. Adan Spencer
Ara
<i>blacklight moon</i>
Canvas
500 x 1200mm
2026 | 18. Alexandra Copplestone Ilam
— Moving Image
<i>The Decision to be Different</i>
26 minute looping video
Dimensions variable
2026 | 25. Miya Lili
Ara
<i>I Protect Her Peace</i>
Acrylic on canvas
450 x 900 x 45mm
2026 | 33. Mollie Newman
Ara
<i>Rest Stop</i>
Timber, plywood,
recycled skateboards
730 x 820 x 300mm
2025 |
| 5. Eliza Hills
Ara
<i>Te Kore</i>
Rosaspina paper
500 x 350mm
2026 | 12. Jaron Blomfield
Ilam — Design
<i>Paper Wait</i>
Concrete
297 x 210 x 50mm
2026 | 19. Tayla Murdoch
Ara
<i>A Mothers Choices</i>
Fabric screenprint
820 x 1350mm
2026 | 26. Elliott Collins
Ilam — Painting
<i>Orpheus</i>
Oil on wood
600 x 700mm
2026 | 34. Natasha Thompson
Ara
<i>Haunted</i>
Acrylic ink, acrylic
paint, lino cut print
696 x 400mm
2026 |
| 6. Cole Anderson
Ilam — Painting
<i>Ko au te awa</i>
Framed PET plastic
with LED lights
450 x 620mm
2026 | 13. Samantha Foote
Ilam — Design
<i>Purple Rage (lesbian flag)</i>
2026
Fabric
800 x 1400mm
2026 | 20. Poppy Heyward
Ara
<i>Untitled</i>
Ceramic, oxide stain,
clear glaze
200 x 50mm
2026 | 27. Rose Major
Ilam — Painting
<i>Untitled</i>
Oil on canvas
457 x 457mm
2026 | 35. Ana Krakosky
Ilam — Painting
<i>Light Falls I</i>
Silk, calendula,
lavender, cornflower,
madder root,
hollyhock, indigo,
walnut husks and
finishing dye
470 x 1960mm
2025 |
| 7. Georgie Walker
Ilam — Sculpture
<i>Handcrafted Spinning Wheel</i>
Pine wood, nails, string,
plastic support
900 x 400 x 300mm
2026 | 14. Gabby Chapman
Ara
<i>Loss of control</i>
Acrylic on canvas, black
floating frame
800 x 600mm
2026 | 21. Schira Withers
Ilam — Painting
<i>Retrospective</i>
Acrylic, 9 mirror tiles, perspex
940 x 940 x 120mm
2026 | 28. Megan Woodhead
Ilam — Painting
<i>Strength</i>
Oil on canvas
453 x 600mm
2026 | 36. Charlie Mainwaring
Ilam — Moving
Image
<i>Unrendered
innocence</i>
CRT TV on plinth
2025 |
| | | | 29. Ben Gilden
Ara
<i>Temptation</i>
Acrylic on canvas
500 x 1000mm
2026 | |



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