



MASTER KANE RAUKURA

“Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora te manuhiri”
“With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive”.

PROFILE

Driven leader who is passionate about Taekwon-Do and the development of young people.

Always looking at the long view and implications for the future.

A motivator who strives to bring out the best in others and pushes the boundaries of excellence and performance.

A man of conviction and purpose who serves with empathy, care and inclusivity.

EDUCATION

Diploma of Teaching: Auckland College of Education (1996)

Bachelor of Science: University of Auckland (1995). Double major in Analytical Chem and Marine Zoology.

Buttimer Programme: Saint Mary's College, Moraga, California. Masters Level Papers, Kalmanovitz School of Education. (2015, 2016, 2017)

EMPLOYMENT

Deputy Principal
St Ignatius College 2022- Present

Assistant Principal
De La Salle College 2019 - 2021

Science Head of Faculty
De La Salle College 2008 - 2018

ITKD BOARD ELECTED MEMBER

To the membership / instructors of ITKD (NZ):

I write in support of my application to the Board as an elected member in the upcoming AGM.

Firstly, I deem it an honour to be a part of our organisation and being able to contribute at every level.

Secondly, I submit the following with intention to serve you once again. As a past Board Member, I feel that previously my ill health cut my options significantly. I am now 110% and wish to re-enter the fray.

Feel welcome to peruse my history and CV.

Kindest regards,

Master Kane Raukura VII
Head Instructor Dragon's Spirit
Taekwon-Do (ITKD)

TAEKWON-DO HISTORY

I began my training story under the instruction of Mr. Sam Clark (3rd Degree ITF Taekwon-Do) in 1989. I was encouraged to join the Papatoetoe Dojang by my younger brother Harley. At this time, we were affiliated to the ITF (International Taekwon-Do Federation) via Grandmaster Young Ku Yun based in Australia. I joined at a time of turmoil and which eventually led us to become independent. This was a major turning point for our organisation and one that turned out to be positive and beneficial to all involved. We now were directly recognised by the ITF and our Founder General Choi Hong Hi. We also created strong connections with the USTF and made many lasting friendships that have stood the test of time. We became known as ITFNZ (International Taekwon-Do Foundation of NZ) and later rebranded to ITKD in July 2010 (International Taekwon-Do).

I spent many years under the tutelage of Mr. Clark and learned at a great pace with many wonderful friends, many of whom I still regularly train with today. During 1993 - 1994, Mr. Clark stepped away with family commitments and while at the University of Auckland I took over the Dojang - one of the oldest and most established ITF schools in New Zealand. So at the age of 22, I took control of the hall keys and riding my ten speed bike, I rode three times a week through summer heat and winter rain to keep our Dojang afloat. In 2023, we celebrate our 40th Birthday and the amazing connection we have with the local community! I am extremely proud of all we have accomplished with the most recent being six members of the club in the New Zealand Team for the World Championships in Inzell, Germany in 2019. I continue on my learning journey with ITKD and enjoy greatly being able to contribute at all levels.



Mr. Sam Clark - Founding Instructor
Papatoetoe Taekwon-Do

Master Kane Raukura - Head Instructor today
Covid Home Dojang 'Live Stream' class

TAEKWON-DO WHAKAPAPA

It with pride that I can state that my 'Taekwon-Do' whakapapa traces directly back to our Founder General Choi Hong Hi. Many people today remark on the similarity between myself, Mr. Sam Clark and his Instructor - Mr Tere Maorikava. I wear these comments like a badge of honour and it greatly inspires me as a martial artist.

GENERAL CHOI HONG HI - FOUNDER



GRANDMASTER PARK JUNG TAE



MR. TERE MAORIKAVA



MR. SAM CLARK



MASTER KANE RAUKURA

TAEKWON-DO TIMELINE AND TRAINING PROFILE

- Initiated training at Papatoetoe Taekwon-Do under Mr Sam Clark 1989.
- Grading History: 1st Degree 12th April 1992
2nd Degree 14th May 1995
3rd Degree 7th May 2000 - A Pass
4th Degree 8th August 2004
5th Degree 19th July 2008
6th Degree 10th November 2013 - A Pass (NZ's first)
7th Degree 8th March 2020 (Master's Promotion - evidence attached)
- Head Instructor of Papatoetoe Taekwon-Do January 1995 (name change to Dragon's Spirit Taekwon-Do 1999).
- Appointed Counties Manukau Standards and Discipline Advisor 2005.

TAEKWON-DO TIMELINE AND TRAINING PROFILE

- Appointed National Standards and Discipline Director 2007 - 2017.
- Qualified A-Grade ITF Umpire.
- Regional Examiner 2010 - Present.
- National Kids Camp Instructor 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and hopefully post-COVID 2023.
- Veterans Camp Instructor 2020, 2021 and hopefully post-COVID 2023.
- Black Belt Symposium Key Instructor and Organiser (National 1st Dan to 3rd Dan) July 2021.
- Black Belt Academy (Dan Testing Preparation) Guest Instructor - ongoing.
- International Instructor License Holder.
- TKD Coaching Guest Instructor 'What makes a good club' - 2018.
- Director ITKD Board from 2020 - 2022.
- National Instructors Update Course Presenter 2022.
- Senior National Examiner in training : 2021 - 2022.
- Senior National Examiner 2023, 2024.



BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

Background

Of Ngāti Whakaue and Irish descent, my parents were Robin John Raukura and Robyn Mary Raukura. I attended school at Saint Joseph's Primary Otahuhu and then De La Salle College Mangere in Auckland from 1985 - 1991. In 1991 I was the College Captain. In 1989 I began my training in ITF Taekwon-Do and since then the Martial Arts have been an integral part of my life. The moral culture of Taekwon-Do, our tenets and the student oath have shaped my personal philosophy, belief system, relationships, communication and life outlook. My core friendship base is contained within my Taekwon-Do family and it is through my training and position that I find a large part of my personal identity. I am currently employed as the foundation Deputy Principal of Saint Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College in Drury, Auckland.

Special qualities, skills, or achievements

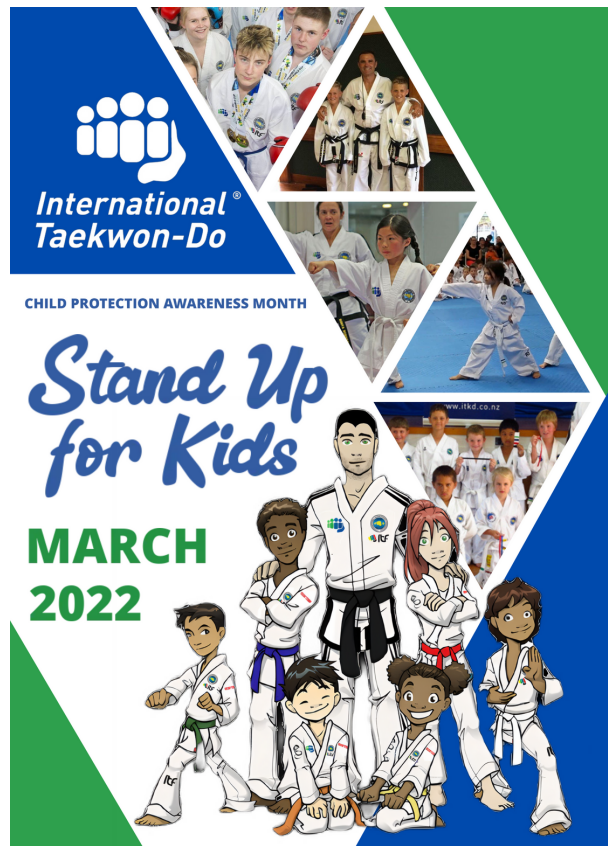
In 2004, 2006, 2008, 2020, 2021 my club, 'Dragon's Spirit' Taekwon-Do Papatoetoe was voted as the National Club of the Year. 2004 saw myself successfully gain National Instructor of the Year. I have also received nominations and been shortlisted for this award in 2012 and 2021. I am recognised as an instructor who is loyal and a true guarantor of our Founders legacy. As a person who actively lives out our tenets, my integrity and mana have meant that I have held many trusted positions within our organisation, including the Director of Standards and Discipline for New Zealand. This was a role I held for over ten years and saw me safe guard all we stand for and deal with scenarios that involved multiple external agencies. I have also sat as a Director on our National Board, authored the 'Child Protection Policy' for our organisation and began our 'Stand Up for Kids' Annual Child Protection Awareness Month. On the 26th July 2014 I received my plaque for 25 years of dedication and service to Taekwon-Do in New Zealand and in July of 2015 I was made a 'Life Member' of our organisation (ITFNZ / ITKD).



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Through my example and clear expectations of my students, Dragon's Spirit Taekwon-Do has actively and positively served the local community for over 27 years. At this stage in my martial career I have personally created over 128 Black Belts and high performance athletes that have represented New Zealand at the World Championships and World Cup on numerous occasions. So even though I consider us a 'grassroots' family club, we achieve at the highest level. I have not heard a single story of any of my Black Belts (past or present) who have not had larger success in life and have not become their very best selves.

Technical ability in your chosen art

I have been a Regional Examiner within ITKD for the last 10 years and have recently been appointed as the newest Senior Examiner nationally. I personally have not competed for many years and this is an aspect that I find minor compared to the greater intricacies of our art and why we do what we do. That said though, I support and encourage all forms of competition to those that are interested. In that regard, I am a respected judge, umpire and regularly take a head jurors position at our regional and national tournaments. I love Taekwon-Do and what we do, I have a particular leaning towards breaking, tul (kata) and self defense, but consider all aspects beautiful in their own way.



Current Grade and Title

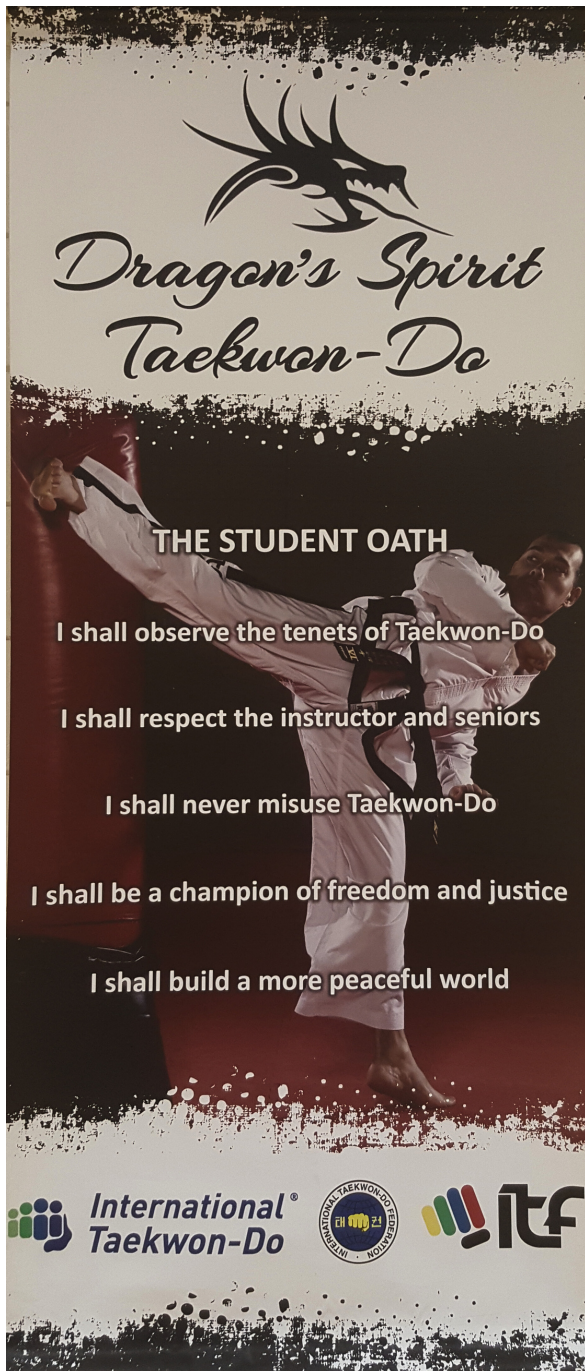
My current rank is **7th Degree Black Belt (7th Dan)**. Promotion date : **8th March 2020**.

My title as known in ITF Taekwon-Do is "**Sahyun**" or "**Master**"

Contribution and Instructor Experience

After so many years of personal involvement with ITKD, I am blessed with the opportunity to instruct each week at my own club. Dragon's Spirit Taekwon-Do Papatoetoe is whānau based and the student-teacher relationship is paramount to me. I believe through teaching our tenets and oath, I change lives and create proactive citizens who are instrumental in guiding our society, workplaces, schools and homes in ways that are kind, considerate and empathetic.

General Choi Hong Hi left us the legacy of Taekwon-Do and I pray that through my instruction I allow others to correctly and successfully access all that the martial art offers, whether this be technical aspects, moral behaviour or physical / mental development. As a senior within our organisation I also have the opportunity nationwide to take gradings at various levels maintaining high standards of ability, instructing in technical seminars and both leading and teaching at various camps.





**Dragon's Spirit
Taekwon-Do**

THE STUDENT OATH

- I shall observe the tenets of Taekwon-Do
- I shall respect the instructor and seniors
- I shall never misuse Taekwon-Do
- I shall be a champion of freedom and justice
- I shall build a more peaceful world

International Taekwon-Do



Integrity
(Yom Chi)

Courtesy
(Ye Ui)

Self Control
(Guk Gi)

Perseverance
(In Nae)

Indomitable Spirit
(Baekjool Boolgool)

Dedication to betterment

I identify as a martial artist. From a young age, Taekwon-Do has molded and influenced my life decisions and outlook. As our Founder, General Choi, was guided by Confucius and others, I to listen, read and contemplate on this wisdom. Compared to colleagues and old friends, I have remained young and fit in both body and mind. There is no other explanation for this bar my life spent in training. My personal discipline, focus and drive influenced through my martial arts, has led to success after success.

My life is what it is because of 'Budo'. I continue each day to find my 'Way' and strive with all my heart to allow others to do the same. The countless students that have passed through my Dojang doors have been immersed in this. Some are fleeting, some stay awhile, others remain for 20 years. If in some small way, my support, my teachings, my honesty, can touch and transform a life, then I am a happy man. I never turn up to class and teach just the physical. It my responsibility to 'teach life'.

This is the way of the martial artist.



Myself, paying respects to my hero and inspiration - the great Korean Admiral Yi Soon-Sin. Hyeonchungsa Shrine, Chungcheongnam-do, South Korea, 4th October 2019.



Recent events I have been involved with as organiser and instructor.