

Paula Morris MNZM

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Paula Morris MNZM (Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Whatua, Ngāti Manuhiri) is an internationally acclaimed New Zealand novelist, short story writer, essayist and editor whose distinguished career has made a significant contribution to literature, education and the promotion of Māori writing.

Paula holds degrees from universities in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States, including a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of York and a Master of Fine Arts from the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop.

She is the founder of the Academy of New Zealand Literature and Wharerangi, a hub dedicated to Māori literature, and serves as Managing Editor of the Aotearoa New Zealand Review of Books. Through these initiatives, she has played an important role in supporting and promoting New Zealand writers and their work.

Her literary achievements have been recognised internationally through numerous prestigious fellowships and residencies, including the Katherine Mansfield Menton Fellowship and opportunities in Italy, Denmark, Belgium, Japan and Latvia. She has also represented New Zealand literature at festivals across Europe, North America, Asia, Africa and Australasia.

Before pursuing her academic career, Paula spent ten years working in London and New York in the music, marketing and advertising industries. Since 2003, she has taught creative writing at universities internationally. She is Director of the Master of Creative Writing programme at the University of Auckland.

> Paula's distinguished career reflects her passion for storytelling, education and creating opportunities for others. Through her writing, teaching and advocacy, she has helped strengthen the voice of New Zealand literature both at home and internationally.

Rutherford College is proud to recognise Paula Morris and her outstanding contribution to literature, education and the arts.