

Papakura High School

1.2 Te Tiriti o Waitangi policy

Rationale

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the founding document of our nation. As a living document, the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi directs our partnership today and into the future.

Papakura High School honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the status of Maori as Tangata Whenua in its school Charter.

Purpose

Our partnership and kawenata signed with Waikato/Tainui and Mana Whenua will support our school in this process.

The school accepts full responsibility to ensure that the curriculum delivery reflects a Maori perspective, making equitable provisions for the needs of Maori, providing opportunities for students who wish to learn Maori language and culture, and recognising Maori values in and when resourcing the operations of the school.

Guidelines

1. Maori are represented on the Board of Trustees
2. Te Tiriti o Waitangi validates Maori as Tangata Whenua and is honoured in the school charter and the strategic plan in official documents and in decision-making plans.
3. The school will provide equitable access to staff, students and whanau to learn about Tiriti responsibilities and obligations.
4. Te Reo me ona Tikanga are provided for and protected in school policy, and are well resourced.
5. Maori language is an integral part of all programmes school-wide and across all curriculum areas, this includes and requires the correct pronunciation of Maori students' names.
6. The school will be guided by local kaumatua and kuia to support and advise the school on matters of protocol, culture and decision making.
7. Te Kahurangi me Te Whare o Matariki are pivotal to our school, student and community and in particular to Maori activities, Maori students and whanau Maori. The whare and whare kai will be adequately resourced and protocols for powhiri and manaakitanga will be determined by the Head of Maori department and staff, who will guide these interactions in keeping with tikanga Maori.
8. Maori whanau, students and staff are empowered to make choices and decisions that affect all, particularly Maori students.
9. The Board of Trustees will provide facilities, resources and budgeting to fulfil the needs of this policy and that of the future.

10. Curriculum design will include whanau and reflect Maori perspectives in the content, delivery, methodology, assessment, evaluation and review.
11. Tikanga Maori includes, but is not limited to, the teaching of mara kai, waka ama, nga mahi a rehia, kapa haka, whakairo and all other aspects of Te Ao Maori.
12. Papakura High School honours Maori as an equal partner of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by allowing students and whanau to have full access to the curriculum through Maori medium.

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Signed:

Designation: Chair, Board of Trustees



Related procedures/supporting documentation