

## **PROCEDURE 47: TREATY OF WAITANGI**

### **Rationale**

The Treaty of Waitangi is the founding document of our nation. It provides a framework for partnerships today and in the future. We acknowledge New Zealand's cultural diversity and the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua. Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Treaty of Waitangi, is one of eight principles in The New Zealand Curriculum that provide a foundation for a school's decision making.

The New Zealand Curriculum acknowledges the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand. All students need to have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga."

### **Statement of Intent**

The school aims to implement the provisions and intents of the Treaty of Waitangi by:

1. Ensuring the curriculum reflects Māori perspectives; te ao Māori. The Māori world view, te ao Māori, acknowledges the interconnectedness and interrelationship of all living and non-living things.
2. Making equitable provision for the needs of Māori.
3. Providing opportunities for students who wish to learn Māori language and culture; Te Reo Māori, and Tikanga.
4. Providing for those wishing to be educated through the te reo Māori.
5. Recognising Māori values in resourcing the school.

### **Guidelines**

1. Curriculum planning will ensure Māori perspectives are embodied in the content, methodology and assessment.
2. Teaching strategies will utilise Māori examples.
3. Opportunities will be provided for all students to learn tikanga, and te reo Māori.
4. Students will have access to the school's bilingual and immersion resources.
5. Pastoral care is provided through culturally appropriate ways.
6. Māori values and customs will be, as far as practicable, incorporated into school life.
7. Budgeting will reflect the need to implement the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

### **Implementation**

1. Whareorino School's commitment to the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi is reflected through the following:

#### **Partnership and consultation**

We recognise and value all cultures at our school and acknowledge the special position of Māori in New Zealand society. We work together to achieve the best environment for success for our students. We consult with our Māori community in creating and maintaining our school which is the guiding document of our school, and access cultural advice as appropriate.

## **Protection and self-determination**

We respect each person's culture and their right to follow their cultural direction. We foster and promote the value of te reo and tikanga Māori.

## **Participation**

We promote Māori achievement and equal opportunities for all members of the Whareorino School community, including our staff and our students who need extra support at school.

2. The Treaty of Waitangi principle is one of eight principles in *The New Zealand Curriculum* that provides a foundation for schools' decision making. The Treaty of Waitangi principle calls for schools and teachers to deliver a curriculum that:
  - acknowledges the Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles
  - acknowledges our nation's bicultural foundations
  - enable students to acquire knowledge of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori

Resources to support the school's curriculum implementation include, but are not limited to the following:

[Ka Hikitia](#) (the Māori Education Strategy, 2020) **Ctrl+Click to follow link**

Ka Hikitia sets out how the education sector will achieve system shifts and support Māori learners and their whānau, hapū, and iwi to achieve excellent and equitable outcomes. Ka Hikitia provides an organising framework for the actions that schools and supporting agencies will take.

[Tau Mai Te Reo](#) (the Māori Language in Education Strategy, 2020) **Ctrl+Click to follow link**

Tau Mai Te Reo is a companion strategy to Ka Hikitia. It sets out goals for the education sector and provides a framework for coordinating programmes and services that support Māori language in education.

[NZC Update 16 – The Treaty of Waitangi principle](#) **Ctrl+Click to follow link**

This update is structured around the three Treaty of Waitangi principles – partnership, protection, and participation. It provides information, resources, case studies, and questions to help you enact the Treaty of Waitangi principle at your school.

[Te Tiriti o Waitangi: School Journal Story Library](#) **Ctrl+Click to follow link**

This comic from the Instructional Series provides a fresh approach to the story of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document.

**TKI** <https://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Principles/Treaty-of-Waitangi-principle> **Ctrl+Click to follow link**



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