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| <b>Policy Title:</b> | <b>TE TIRITI O WAITANGI (TREATY OF WAITANGI)</b> |                                         |
| <b>Approved by:</b>  | <b>Leadership Team</b>                           | <b>For Board Meeting: December 2023</b> |
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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to outline how the School intends to uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including its focus on the achievement and recognition of students who identify as Māori and the School's relationship with the Māori community.

## **SCOPE**

This policy is applicable to all members of the School's Board of Trustees, School employees, current students and their parents/legal guardians and members of the School community.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The School is committed to upholding the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, fostering te reo Māori, tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori, and to meeting the specific aspirations of its students who identify as Māori.

The School recognises the importance of partnership and participation with tangata whenua in assisting it (the School) to meet the provisions of the Education and Training Act 2020 and the National Education and Learning Priorities.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The School seeks to:

1. Recognise Māori values in the provision of resources and facilities within the School.
2. Actively promote the learning and use of te reo Māori, and encourage the correct pronunciation of te reo Māori throughout the School.
3. Offer te reo Māori courses within its Curriculum.
4. Ensure the curriculum reflects Māori perspectives.
5. Recognise the diverse abilities and strengths of students who identify as Māori.
6. Be alert to the instructional needs of students who identify as Māori and implement effective teaching practices to promote success.
7. Monitor and support the academic progress of students who identify as Māori.
8. Provide mentoring and pastoral support for students who identify as Māori to support their educational progress.

9. Provide opportunities for parents/legal guardians of students who identify as Māori to meet and discuss matters pertaining to their child's achievement and pathways throughout the School.
10. Provide teachers with professional development to extend their knowledge of te reo Māori, tikanga Māori, matauranga Māori and te ao Māori and acquire further knowledge in the teaching of students who identify as Māori.
11. Acknowledge important events that increase the understanding and appreciation of tikanga Māori and te reo Māori (for example, Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, Ngā Manu Kōrero).
12. Promote an ongoing, mutually respectful relationship with mana whenua, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

#### **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Education and Training Act 2020

Te Tiriti o Waitangi