

RUAWAI PRIMARY SCHOOL

“True to our Trust”



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NAG 1 TREATY OF WAITANGI POLICY

Introduction

The Treaty of Waitangi, which recognises New Zealand’s heritage, must be acknowledged for its importance. Both cultures must be valued and respected as an integral part of the school’s philosophy in order to achieve the mission statement.

This policy ensures that commitment is made to tikanga Maori.

Purpose

1. To ensure curriculum areas reflect Maori perspectives.
2. To make equitable provision in the curriculum for the instructional needs of Maori students.
3. To provide opportunities for students to learn the Maori language.
4. To investigate provision for students whose parents wish them to be educated through the Maori language.
5. To recognise Maori values in the provision of resources and facilities within the school.

Guidelines

1. Integrate a Maori perspective into learning programmes and practices, where practicable, including a Marae visit and using Kaumatua as resource people, and the acquisition of appropriate learning materials to teach taha Maori.
2. Taha Wairua (self esteem) and Maori cultural activities will be nurtured and encouraged for all students.
3. The special Tangata Whenua status of Maori language and culture will be nurtured through a Te Reo programme, whenever practicable.

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