

Treaty of Waitangi Policy

The Board of Trustees recognises that New Zealand has a dual cultural heritage and is committed to the spirit of partnership, protection and participation embodied by the Treaty of Waitangi.

Maungaraki School's Governance Statement gives effect to the Treaty of Waitangi, as required by the Education and Training Act 2020, by:

- ensuring that the School's plans, policies, and local curriculum include local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori
- taking reasonable steps to offer or make available instruction in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
- working to achieve equitable outcomes for Māori students.

Partnership

Partnership involves working together with iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori communities to develop strategies for Māori education, and ensuring Māori have agency, voice and choice, and the power to act.

At Maungaraki School, this includes:

- engaging with our local Māori community in the decision-making, planning and development of the curriculum and charter
- inquiry place-based learning: finding out about the Māori origins of our rohe, mountains, rivers
- having Māori participation on the Board of Trustees.

Protection

Protection means actively protecting Māori knowledge, interests, values, and other taonga, and a commitment to knowing, respecting and valuing where students are, where they come from and building on what they bring with them.

At Maungaraki School, this includes:

- valuing, validating and protecting local knowledge (place-based learning)
- normalising te reo Māori
- learning and including tikanga school-wide.

Participation

Participation emphasises positive Māori involvement at all levels of education. Māori have the same rights and opportunities as non-Māori and educational barriers and inequalities are removed to ensure equitable educational outcomes.

Maungaraki School

At Maungaraki School, this includes:

- the school environment reflecting the biculturalism of Aotearoa
- school planning reflecting the aspirations of Māori whānau
- strengthening home-school relationships.

Resources:

- TKI: [Treaty of Waitangi principle in the New Zealand Curriculum](#)

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