



TREATY OF WAITANGI POLICY

Rationale

- The Treaty of Waitangi is a founding document of our nation and is central to the development of a bi-cultural society in New Zealand.
- The Education Act requires us to accept responsibility for endeavouring to fulfil the intent of the Treaty.
- We believe that the students of the Lawrence Area School should have the opportunity to learn about the cultural heritage of New Zealand as a step towards understanding and accepting our bi-cultural and multi-cultural society.

Purpose

1. To increase knowledge of the Treaty of Waitangi.
2. To increase knowledge of Te Reo (language) and develop respect for Kawa (protocol) and Tikanga (customs)
3. To provide opportunities for all students to experience Maori culture.
4. To continue to make the school a place of belonging, a turangawaewae for all students.

Guidelines

Students:

1. Te Reo and Tikanga are valued and used in day to day classroom practices.
2. Cultural experiences e.g marae visits are valued and acknowledged as essential aspects of the school programme
3. Opportunities to perform e.g waiata, kapahaka, powhiri are valued and encouraged

Staff:

1. Professional development opportunities centred on cultural competencies (Tataiako) will be made available to staff annually.
2. Elements of Tataiako will be included in the annual appraisal process.

Community:

1. Consultation with community on the achievement of Maori students will be undertaken bi-annually.
2. Representatives from the Maori community should be consulted on any significant decision affecting Maori students.

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