



## **TE TIRITI O WAITANGI**

### **Rationale:**

The Education and Training Act (2020) requires the school boards to honour and give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's founding documents and represents the binding contract between Māori and the Crown. Whangārei Boys' High School recognises its role and responsibility to honour and give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi.

This policy aligns with the statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP) 1: Learners at the Centre; 2: Barrier Free Access; and 3: Quality Teaching and Leadership

### **Purpose:**

The Board of Whangārei Boys' High School will give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi by working to ensure:

- Equitable outcomes for Māori students
- Our plans, policies, and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori
- All reasonable steps are taken to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
- Opportunities for learners to appreciate the importance of te Tiriti o Waitangi and te reo Māori.

### **Guidelines:**

Whangārei Boys' High School strategies and practice will be informed by [Ka Hikitia - Ka Hāpaitia](#) / The Māori Education Strategy.

Whangārei Boys' High School works from the principles of partnership, protection, and participation to meet our obligations under te Tiriti o Waitangi. These principles reflect the three articles of Te Tiriti.

#### *Partnership*

Whangārei Boys' High School aims to work in partnership with our local Māori community to support rangatiratanga/self-determination. We actively seek the guidance of our local Māori community to help us better meet the needs of our ākonga Māori and ensure they experience educational success as Māori.

We consult with our local Māori community on the development of our charter/strategic plan to make sure it reflects and upholds appropriate tikanga Māori and te ao Māori. We seek opportunities to collaborate with Māori to invest in, develop, and deliver Māori-medium learning (NELP Priority 2).



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### *Protection*

Whangārei Boys' High School actively protects and upholds mātauranga Māori, te reo Māori, and tikanga Māori, and ensures they are meaningfully incorporated into the everyday life of our school (NELP Priority 5). We actively engage with Ka Hikitia Ka Hāpaitia Website link icon.

We take all reasonable steps to make instruction available in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori.

We support our teachers to build their teaching capability, knowledge, and skills in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori. We provide opportunities for teachers to develop their understanding and practice of culturally responsive teaching that takes into account ākonga contexts (NELP Priority 6).

### *Participation*

Whangārei Boys' High School has high aspirations for every student. We encourage the participation and engagement of students and their whānau in all aspects of school life.

Our relationships with our school community help us meet the needs of all students and sustain their identities, languages, and cultures. The participation of whānau and our wider Māori community actively informs the way we design and deliver education to ensure ākonga Māori experience educational success as Māori (NELP Priority 2).

### **Conclusion**

Whangārei Boys' High School is committed to honouring and giving effect to Te Tiriti O Waitangi. We believe this will not only meet legislative requirements but will benefit all of our akonga and will support Māori students to enjoy equity and success as Māori.

### **Related Policies:**

1. Cultural diversity
2. Curriculum
3. Equal employment opportunities
4. Safe School
5. Respecting cultural diversity

### **References or Sources:**

1. Ka hikitia
2. Te Tiriti o Waitangi
3. The Education and Training Act (2020)



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