

Long Bay Primary School

Tikanga Maori Policy

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WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION

Rationale

Students throughout the school need to develop knowledge of Maori language and culture. This development will be assisted by providing direct and indirect experiences in the school and other places as appropriate.

Purpose

1. To increase awareness and appreciation of different cultures, specifically Maori.
2. To enhance student understanding of their own culture.
3. To introduce aspects of Te Reo and Marae Protocol.
4. To assist in the development and independence of Maori students.
5. To ensure that practices adopted in the school reflect the spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi; partnership and sharing.

Guidelines

1. Aspects of Taha Maori will be incorporated across the curriculum, e.g. greetings, day of week, counting, colours, months, basic commands.
2. Myths and legends will be studied throughout the school.
3. Encourage participation with community resource people
4. Maori language week will be observed on a class or school basis.
5. The position of resource person in Taha Maori will be designated each year.
6. Teachers may require professional development where necessary to ensure they feel confident with the content of their Maori programmes.
7. Programmes will encourage respect for the diverse ethnic and cultural heritage of New Zealand, with acknowledgement of the unique place of Maori people within our culture.

Summary

Taha Maori is not a subject in the traditional sense. It is an attitude and commitment to cultural awareness and sensitivity and it should pervade the whole school curriculum and the daily work of the school.

Approval

When the Board approved this Policy it agreed that no variations of this Policy or amendments to it can be made except with approval of the Board. A copy of this policy is to be included in the School Policy Manual, a copy of which shall be available to all staff, and to parents and students at their request.

Last Review:	2011	APPROVED BY:	
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	2014		