

MACANDREW BAY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI POLICY (THE TREATY OF WAITANGI)

Rationale

We recognize that Aotearoa/New Zealand is the only place in the world where Māori are tangata whenua (the indigenous people) and that the signing of Te Tiriti O Waitangi formed the basis for the nationhood of our country. We have a part to play in protecting and supporting Māori language and culture and in helping our students develop knowledge and understanding of the cultural heritages of both Treaty partners. To give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, students need to understand its history and the perspectives of the diverse people who keep the Treaty alive.

Purposes

1. To fulfill the intent of Te Tiriti O Waitangi by valuing and acknowledging Aotearoa/New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
2. To integrate Kaupapa Māori, Te Reo and Tikanga into the school curriculum and school life in general.
3. To ensure all students learn about Te Tiriti O Waitangi and its significance to our country.
4. To create a physical and social environment at Macandrew Bay School which reflects our dual cultural heritage.

Guidelines

1. We acknowledge and celebrate the unique place of Te Reo Māori as the first official language of Aotearoa- New Zealand. We have a commitment that all pupils in the school will learn Māori language and culture. Kaiako (Teachers) will teach Te Reo Māori and Māori culture as part of everyday practices and this will be demonstrated with care and respect. We will use Te Reo Māori and encourage all ākonga (students) to speak Māori and share the Māori they know.
2. Māori and Non-Māori tamariki will have the opportunity to be involved with the school Kapa Haka group. (subject to numbers). All students will experience opportunities to learn waiata as part of their classroom programme.
3. The school will continue to build strong relationships and partnerships with Māori whānau and work collaboratively towards a shared

understanding of whānau perceptions, aspirations and goals for their tamariki.

4. The school will continue building relationships with local whānau, Mana Whenua, Te Rūnanga o Ōtakou, and the Resource Teachers of Māori or Māori Adviser.
5. The BOT will support the training of staff in Kaupapa Māori.
6. The BOT will seek to appoint staff with skills in Kaupapa Māori.
7. Every two years at least the whole school will have the experience of visiting a local Marae and learning about Marae protocol.
8. The school will ensure there are opportunities to empower our gifted and talented Māori learners by recognizing Te Ao Māori key constructs e.g., outstanding personal qualities and values, service to others, traditional knowledge and skills, leadership ability, oratory, language and pronunciation, knowledge of whakapapa etc.

Effectiveness Review

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board's self review timetable.

Policy adopted:

Reviewed:

Signed: _____ Date _____