

Te Tiriti o Waitangi Policy

See also: *The New Zealand Curriculum*
 Ka Hikitia – Ka Hāpaitia/The Māori Education Strategy
 Tātaiako: Cultural Competencies for Teachers of Māori Learners
 Hautū: Māori Cultural Responsiveness Self Review Tool for Boards of Trustees
 Departmental reports on the achievement of priority learners
 School Charter

Rationale:

The purpose of this policy is to provide information and guidance to staff, students and whanau about the Treaty of Waitangi.

Lincoln High School takes its responsibilities according to the Treaty of Waitangi seriously. School systems, practices and policies reflect the principles of the Treaty; enabling and promoting the **protection** of Māori language and culture, working in **partnership** with whānau, hapu and iwi to ensure that the school supports their aspirations, ensuring that whānau are active participants in the education of their tamariki, and ensuring that students are active **participants** in curriculum decision making. The school acknowledges the two critical factors that make the biggest difference to Māori student achievement, as outlined in the Māori Education Strategy, Ka Hikitia.

- quality provision, leadership, teaching and learning, supported by effective governance.
- strong engagement and contribution from parents, families, whānau, hapu, iwi, Māori organisations, committees and businesses.

These critical factors, along with the 5 principles of Ka Hikitia, underpin the goals below.

Goals:

1. Embed mana whenua values within school systems, policies and practices.
2. Strengthen the bi-cultural confidence and competence of staff, students and School Board.
3. Strengthen partnerships with whānau.
4. Create a culturally inclusive and responsive learning environment that supports Māori students to achieve their academic potential.
5. Ensure that the learning, social, cultural and physical environment reflects and celebrates Te Ao Māori.

For actions and procedures including time frames, key responsibilities and evaluation tools related to this policy, please see Māori Development Plan.

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