

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL POLICY

TE REO ME NGA TIKANGA MAORI

Rationale

Te Reo me nga Tikanga Maori Programme will endeavour to develop an awareness of Te Mana o Te Iwi Maori o Aotearoa (the uniqueness of New Zealand's heritage) and provide means of fostering better cultural understanding of it consistent with the Treaty of Waitangi.

In keeping with the Special Character of the school, aroha (love), tika (justice) and pono (truth) will be reflected in the programme.

Purposes

1. To develop Maori cultural awareness in the school community and an appreciation of our cultural heritage.
2. To provide students with varied opportunities to understand and respect Tikanga Maori (Maori values, attitudes and behaviour).
3. To provide for students to understand and learn Te Reo (language) and provide opportunities for visual expression of, and to read, write and speak Te Reo.
4. To integrate Tikanga Maori and Te Reo Maori in all curriculum areas whenever possible.
5. To involve parents and whanau of Maori children in making decisions about their children's education (Tino Rangatiratanga)
6. To enhance the school cultural climate so that it becomes the turangawaewae (place of belonging) for the whole school community.
7. To provide a learning place or forum for staff and parents to be involved in Te Reo and Tikanga Maori.

Guidelines

1. Opportunities must be made available for liaison between the school, community and Iwi.
2. The school will aim to integrate Tikanga Maori and Te Reo Maori in all curriculum areas.
3. Resources will be provided to give opportunities to implement this policy.
4. The budget will address Te Reo me nga Tikanga Maori and allow the purchase of resources providing equal treatment for equitable outcomes.

Signed.....Chairperson

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