

OKAIHAU COLLEGE POLICY : TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Rationale:

To recognise the dual cultural heritage of New Zealand by reflecting and valuing that heritage and thus to fulfil the terms of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Purpose:

- To ensure that the curriculum reflects Maori perspectives.
- To make provision within the curriculum for the needs of Maori students.
- To provide opportunities and resources for the teaching and learning of Maori language and culture.
- To encourage opportunities to present Maori language and culture within the school's daily life.

Guidelines:

Curriculum leaders will be expected to incorporate Maori perspectives in the programmes for which they are responsible.

All Year 7 and Year 8 students will undertake a study of Maori language and culture.

Maori will be offered as an optional subject from Year 9 to Year 13.

A Maori culture group will be fostered and actively encouraged with time and financial resources.

A Maori dimension will be presented where possible and appropriate as a part of the culture of the school, eg at gatherings, welcomes for visitors, assemblies, signage for buildings etc.

Links will be encouraged with the local iwi and other school community groups. Support will be sought for programmes and issues affecting Maori students and culture. Appropriate role models will be encouraged to participate in educational programmes.

Staff and students should be encouraged to use the correct pronunciation of Maori words and to acquire knowledge of Te Reo Maori. The Professional Development Committee will provide training where needed.

Conclusion:

Okaihau College will recognise the Treaty of Waitangi within the programmes and life of the school.