



TE TIRITI O WAITANGI POLICY (THE TREATY OF WAITANGI)

Rationale

We recognize that Aotearoa/New Zealand is the only place in the world where Maori 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 Maori language and culture and in helping our students develop knowledge and understanding of the cultural heritages of both Treaty partners.

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 Maori, 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. All pupils in the school will learn Maori language and culture. A specialist Maori Language teacher will work in all classrooms as the classroom release teacher. Where funding allows the specialist Maori Language teacher will also regularly work in the classroom, alongside the class teacher to help build the class teacher's use of Te Reo throughout the week and to consolidate the children's Reo.
2. Parents have an opportunity to enroll their children into Te Mua Upoko, a Maori Enrichment programme developed by the whanau and staff of Macandrew Bay, Broad Bay and Portobello Schools and guided and supported by Te Runaka O Otakou. This programme will run as long as funding allows.
3. The school will consult with the school's Maori community annually (formally and informally).
4. The school will seek assistance when needed from local whanau, iwi, hapu and the Resource Teachers of Maori or Maori Adviser.

5. The BOT will support the training of staff in Kaupapa Maori.
6. The BOT will seek to appoint staff with skills in Kaupapa Maori.
7. Every three years at least the whole school will have the experience of visiting a local Marae and learning about Marae protocol.

Effectiveness Review

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

Policy adopted:

Reviewed:

Signed:  Date 13.8.12