

How Whakamārama School has given effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's founding documents and represents the binding contract between Māori and the Crown. Te Kura o Whakamārama / Whakamārama School recognises our role and responsibility to honour and give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) and its unique position in Aotearoa / New Zealand.

Under the Education and Training Act 2020, a primary objective of the board of Whakamārama School is giving effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi. We do this by:

- working to ensure our plans, policies, and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori
- taking all reasonable steps to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
- working towards achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students
- providing opportunities for learners to appreciate the importance of te Tiriti o Waitangi and te reo Māori.

Whakamārama School works from the principles of partnership, protection, and participation to meet our obligations under te Tiriti o Waitangi. These principles reflect the three articles of te Tiriti.

Our kura takes our school vision, values, pedagogy and practice (and anything else important to our school's strategic direction) and through ongoing self-review makes links to the Articles of te Tiriti o Waitangi:

- Kāwanatanga – Honourable Governance
- Rangatiratanga – Māori self-determination, authority, agency
- Ōritetanga - Equity - the guarantee that Māori would have the same rights as others
- The Spoken Promise