



PAPAKAIO SCHOOL



603 Recognising New Zealand's Cultural Diversity

Papakaio School has an increasing number of learners with different cultural backgrounds. We are committed to supporting all students through recognising and celebrating their cultural heritages and practices through our everyday programs and organisation.

1. Papakaio School, as appropriate to its community, develops procedures and practices that reflect New Zealand's cultural diversity and that will also recognise the unique position of Maori culture.
2. In recognising the unique position of the Maori culture, Papakaio School will take all reasonable steps to provide instruction in Tikanga Maori (*Maori culture*) and Te Reo Maori (*Maori language*).
3. If a whanau requests a high level of Tikanga and/or Te Reo than is at present evident in our school's Maori programme, the staff and the family will discuss and explore the following options:-
 - Further explain the existing programmes
 - Further extend the existing programmes if and as appropriate
 - Seek support from local Iwi contacts
 - Dual enrolment with correspondence school
 - Provide in-school support and resources to further enhance inclusion of Te Reo and Tikanga within the child's classroom
 - Explore other schools who may offer programmes closer to their expectations.
 - Other negotiated actions such as online learning opportunities
4. The school will work closely with family, whanau and caregivers of children from other cultures to ensure our practices and programs support their cultural needs. This may include;
 - integration of cultural perspectives throughout unit studies across all levels

- convening parent support groups and meetings
- accessing cultural advisors, cultural dance/food festivals
- classroom programmes incorporating different greetings
- providing materials in their own language
- respecting their customs, food choices and beliefs

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