

John Paul College Policy

TREATY OF WAITANGI / TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

RATIONALE

John Paul College will honour the Treaty of Waitangi as our nation's founding document. John Paul College will value and reflect Aotearoa/New Zealand's bi-cultural heritage by supporting the commitment of the Catholic Church to a bi-cultural church in a bi-cultural society.

PURPOSES

1. To demonstrate through action a commitment to bi-culturalism and the principles of the Treaty, namely **Partnership, Protection and Participation**
2. To recognise Maori as tangata whenua and the bi-cultural relationship between Maori and people of other cultural background in Aotearoa/New Zealand. (**Partnership**)
3. To display a commitment to developing shared understandings between both tiriti/treaty partners (Maori and Non Maori), including acknowledging and respecting Maori aspirations, values, language and culture. (**Partnership**)
4. To support the Catholic Church's commitment as a bi-cultural church in a bi-cultural society in Aotearoa/New Zealand. (**Partnership**)
5. To provide opportunities for all students at John Paul College to understand key concepts of Maori culture and spirituality. (**Participation**)
6. To make equitable provisions for the needs of Maori students to succeed as Maori in both the Maori and other cultural backgrounds. (**Protection**)
7. To recognise Tikanga Maori and Te Reo Maori in resourcing the school. (**Protection**)

GUIDELINES

1. The John Paul College school community will seek to learn and understand Maori perspectives. Themes based on Te Ao Maori, history, kaitiakitanga and Maori spirituality will be included in the education programme e.g. Religious Education, Social Studies, (**Protection, Participation**)

2. Tikanga Maori will be reflected in the life of the school through:
 - Educating all students about the Treaty of Waitangi
 - Respect for language and customs
 - Respect for inclusive methods of decision making.
 - Respect for the mana and tapu of every individual. (**Protection**)
3. A schedule of community and lwi consultation will be drawn up and followed on an annual basis. (**Participation**)
4. The Maori Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees (known as the Whanau Support Group) provides advice and guidance on tikanga, Te Ao Maori. Te Ao Wairua me ona tikanga katoa. (**Participation, Protection**)
5. John Paul College will seek to understand the implications of bi-culturalism for the College and reflect this in our school practices.
6. John Paul College will seek to work with appropriate resource personnel and kaumatua to ensure a positive school environment is in place for Maori students to excel within. This pertains to endeavouring to have Maori staff and the provision of te reo Maori for all students and staff. (**Protection**)
7. John Paul College will establish a relationship with tangata whenua (people of the land) regarding the provision of education in their rohe (district) (**Partnership, Protection**)

Ratified by Board



Signed for B.O.T Chair

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