

# RIDGEVIEW SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY



## TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

### National Administration Guideline 1 - Curriculum

#### Background to Policy

The Te Tiriti O Waitangi is the founding document of our nation; it provides a framework for partnership today and in the future. Our school accepts its responsibility to fulfil the intent of the Treaty.

#### Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of RidgeView School to ensure that the Te Tiriti O Waitangi is embedded within the programmes taught.

#### Policy Implementation

In implementing the policy on the Te Tiriti O Waitangi, the Board will take appropriate action to ensure that Ridgeview School will:

- Value and celebrate the cultural diversity of the school community.
- Ensure the curriculum reflects Māori perspective.
- Make equitable provision for the needs of Māori.
- Provide opportunities for students who wish to learn Māori language and culture.
- Recognise tikanga Māori - culture and protocol in resourcing the school.
- Involve representatives of the Māori Community in decisions affecting Māori students and programmes.
- Ensure Māori are consulted and involved in school governance where relevant.

#### Guidelines

- 1) Māori perspectives will be considered in the content, methodology and assessment of curriculum planning.
- 2) Teaching strategies will utilise Māori perspectives.
- 3) School to provide training opportunities to enable staff to develop relevant skills in te ao Māori.
- 4) Opportunities will be provided for all students to learn tikanga Māori. The school will provide opportunities to learn in settings where Māori cultural knowledge and skills are relevant (e.g. Kapa Haka, Powhiri, Poroporoaki and Marae Visits).
- 5) Students will have access to instruction in Māori as set out in the school's Cultural Diversity Statement.
- 6) Pastoral care is provided in a culturally appropriate manner.
- 7) Māori values and customs will be, as far as practicable, incorporated into school life.
- 8) Kaumatua and other resource personnel will be invited to the school to assist the school in meeting its Charter obligations.

**This policy will be reviewed as per the Board's Effectiveness Review Programme**

Confirmed by the Board of Trustees on: 09 NOV 2021 (date)

The planned review date will be: 09 NOV 2024 (date)

**Chairperson**

**Principal**