



## OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL

### 1.1 TREATY OF WAITANGI POLICY

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#### RATIONALE

He aha te mea nui o te Ao?  
He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

What is the greatest thing on earth?  
The people! the people! the people!

The *Te Tiriti O Waitangi* is New Zealand's founding document<sup>1</sup>. The inherent principles within the Treaty of Waitangi provide the Board with the framework to better understand how this can be applied within Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, through:

- Partnership – active and on-going role in the strategic direction of the school
- Protection - equitable access to resources
- Participation – engaged at all levels.

#### GUIDELINES

The Board expectations are aligned with our School Mission, addressing:

##### **Empower our Learners to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

1. In curriculum areas Te Ao Māori perspectives are embodied in the content and methodology e.g. Social Studies, Maths, English (literature), Religious Education.
2. Teaching strategies will make equitable provision for the instructional needs of Māori students e.g. the use of Māori examples, establishment of positive relationships with students, suitable seating arrangements, culturally appropriate teaching methods which are collaborative, co-operative and non-competitive.
3. Opportunities will be given for all students to increase their knowledge and use of Te Reo.
4. The school will endeavour to provide opportunities for all students to further develop their knowledge and understanding of New Zealand's dual culture.

##### **Navigate the 21<sup>st</sup> Century using our Catholic Compass**

5. The school will work consistently to ensure that Māori values and customs are integrated into all aspects of school life, particularly in the expression of our Catholic faith and within public functions and ceremonies.
6. Ensure children of Māori descent walk tall in the knowledge that their language, culture, identity and spirituality are a valued part of the whole school programme.

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<sup>1</sup> 'The Treaty in brief', URL: <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/politics/treaty/the-treaty-in-brief>, (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 12-Feb-2014



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**Govern to Excel**

7. Ensure that there is genuine sharing and valuing of our Māori whanau and community through consultation and decision making processes in the school.
8. The Board of Trustees will, as part of their self-review process, seek appropriate guidance to ensure the school is effectively meeting the aims of this Treaty policy.
9. The school will ensure that programmes in place are catering for the needs of our Māori students and are giving appropriate opportunities.

Review Schedule: Triennially

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**SECRETARY**

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