Treaty of Waitangi Policy

***A Policy of the Tokoroa High School Board of Trustees***

**Rationale**

Tokoroa High School takes its responsibilities according to the Treaty of Waitangi seriously. School systems, practices and policies will reflect the principles of the Treaty; enabling and promoting the protection of Māori language and culture, working in partnership with whānau, hapu and iwi to ensure that the school supports their aspirations, ensuring that whānau are active participants in the education of their tamariki, and ensuring that students are active participants in curriculum decision making. The school acknowledges the two critical factors that make the biggest difference to Māori student achievement, as outlined in the Māori Education Strategy, Ka Hikitia- Accelerating Success 2013-2017.

* quality provision, leadership, teaching and learning, supported by effective governance
* strong engagement and contribution from parents, families, whānau, hapu and iwi.

These critical factors, along with the 5 principles of Ka Hikitia, underpin the goals below.

**Goals**

1. Embed mana whenua values within school systems, policies and practices.

2. Strengthen the bi-cultural confidence and competence of staff, students and Board of Trustees.

3. Strengthen partnerships with whānau groups and local iwi particularly Ngati Raukawa

4. Create a culturally inclusive and responsive learning environment that supports Māori students to achieve their academic potential.

5. Ensure that the learning, social, cultural and physical environment reflects and celebrates Te Ao Māori.

**Key documents and tools to support this policy**

**Te Tiriti-o-Waitangi**

The New Zealand Curriculum

Ka Hikitia: Accelerating Success 2013-2017

Departmental reports on the achievement of priority learners

School Charter.

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