

TAURANGA GIRLS' COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD
OPERATIONAL POLICY 16
Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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Outcome Statement

To uphold and embed the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi in all aspects of College learning and activities as a recognition of the bi-cultural nature of partnership, protection and participation.

Policy

The College acknowledges the three key Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles of partnership, protection and participation and commits to incorporating these into the decision-making processes and practices. It will work towards creating an inclusive and culturally responsive environment that reflects the diversity of Aotearoa New Zealand. Cultural awareness and understanding will be promoted with staff, students and parents.

Expectations and Limitations

- all students and staff will have the opportunity to engage with, learn about and practise te reo Māori me ona tikanga. (Māori language and culture)
- consultation with the local community will inform Board policies, procedures and the local curriculum with relation to tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori.
- mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge and understanding) will be included in learning programmes across the curriculum, including the arts and in teacher-student relationships.
- Māori participation in College governance will be encouraged.
- priority will be given to achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students and opportunities for cultural leadership.
- professional opportunities will be provided to enhance the cultural competency of staff members and Board members.
- tikanga will be observed in formal school events.

Delegations

The Board delegates to the Principal the responsibility for:

- the overall implementation and monitoring of this policy.

References

Ka Hikitia - Ka Hāpaitia | the Māori Education Strategy
<https://www.nzsta.org.nz/maori-student-achievement/>