

TIKANGA MAORI IN CENTRE PROGRAMME PLANNING:

RATIONALE:

All tamariki (children) who reside in Aotearoa (NZ) have the right to learn of and experience Te Ao Māori, the dual heritage of Aotearoa and the partnership inherent in 'Te Tiriti O Waitangi'.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Children attending Akoranga Preschool will experience a programme that integrates te reo (the language) and tikanga Māori (the culture/protocol) Weaving it into aspects of the Centre environment; this will be done by:

- Ongoing communication and consultation with whanau, hapu, iwi and the local community
- Programme planning from tamariki Strengths & Interests linking them to the Early Childhood curriculum 'Te Whariki'
- Involving families/whanau in the individual programme planning of their tamariki
- Written policies, procedures and practices that reflect Te Tiriti O Waitangi
- Individual planning sheets for all tamariki attending Akoranga Preschool

PROCEDURES:

- Individual and group planning will include relevant aspects of tikanga Māori as agreed to by teachers and families/whanau, this will include: waiata, karakia, te reo, legends, natural resources, storytelling, local land points and their relevance to Māori, visits and visitors from hapu/iwi, whakapapa, posters, kowhaiwhai patterns
- Teachers reflect on how the policies, procedures and practices reflect the Principle of Partnership inherent in Te Tiriti O Waitangi, and how they are inclusive, equitable and culturally appropriate
- The communication and consultation to be the nature where all involved parties will be informed and updated on things pertaining to the Centre and its programme, able to contribute to the programme planning in a way that is meaningful and culturally appropriate i.e. Orally and/or written as well as informally.

THE AIM:

Is to incorporate Tikanga Māori into the Centre Programme Planning, in consultation with Whanau and where appropriate hapu and iwi; strengthening Home and Centre links; assisting children's understanding of the dual heritage of Aotearoa.

CONSULTATION:

- Who? Families/whanau
- How? Written and discussion
- When?

Date: August 2024

Review Date: August 2026

(Linked to in-Centre self-reviews)