



Tōku Ara Policy

Tōku Ara (My Path) is a residential localised curriculum specifically designed for Whangamatā Area School Year 10 students at the Wharekawa campus in Ōpoutere.

Te Reo Me Ona Tikanga Māori

OUR MISSION IS...

To set students on a path of personal growth, and support them to discover and develop their potential, through challenging experiences within our local environment.

Rationale

The Māori people are Tangata Whenua of Aotearoa.
Our culture and language are unique to the world.

For a fully rounded education, students require learning which provides and acknowledges the significant contribution of these taonga (treasures) make as part of Aotearoa.

Purposes

1. To value Maori language and culture as part of the essence of our children and empower them.
2. To give all students the opportunity to experience Te Reo Māori Me Ona Tikanga Māori.
3. To provide a Place based context within our curriculum, and to hear and experience these narratives from Mana whenua.

Guidelines

1. Tōku Ara will provide opportunities through out the curriculum for students to learn through tangata whenuatanga (placed based learning) and encourage staff to develop their knowledge of our place and our story.
2. Students and staff will learn to utilise the correct pronunciation of all personal and place names.
3. Tōku Ara will endeavour to sign post all areas of the Wharekawa Lodge with Māori titles.
4. Tōku Ara staff will develop links with Mana whenua and iwi and seek community support from Kaumatua and Kuia and actively encourage their participation in our programme.
5. To provide a variety of teaching tools to enhance Tikanga.
6. Encourage and support staff and students to participate in Mihi whakatau, karakia, waiata, Haka, Mana whenua haerenga.
7. To provide a learning environment specifically for Te Reo Me Ona Tikanga Māori.