

# CHRISTCHURCH RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**E hara taku toa, I te toa takitahi ēngari he toa taku tini**

*My strength is not from myself alone, but from the strength of the group*

NAG 0.2 Policy on: **TE TIRITI O WAITANGI**

## **Rationale**

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the founding document of this nation.

In order to facilitate an understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the school will promote awareness, for students and staff, of its values and the obligations and responsibilities arising from this document for the people of New Zealand.

## **Goals**

1. To provide substantial instruction in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its political and socioeconomic ramifications.
2. To provide instruction in Te Ao Maori, including tikanga Maori (Maori culture) and te reo Maori (Maori language) for all students throughout the school and to integrate these where possible in all lessons.
3. To promote a school environment which fosters an understanding of the history of the land and its people prior to, and after, the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and to provide access to programmes for all staff, the Board of Trustees and Proprietors which promote an understanding of this.
4. To ensure that all school policies and practices reflect New Zealand's cultural diversity, and the unique position of Maori as tangata whenua in New Zealand, and the implications of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
5. To provide resources to support this policy.

## **Guidelines**

6. The Board of Trustees will fully support any endeavour within the school which promotes cultural inclusiveness as per Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
7. The Board of Trustees will provide access to education programmes for Trustees and interested members of the community to focus on the history of the land and its people and to promote an understanding of the principles, values, obligations and responsibilities inherent in Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
8. The Board of Trustees will ensure that the Professional Code of Conduct for staff incorporates the principles and values on which Te Tiriti o Waitangi was founded.
9. The Board of Trustees will honour the special relationship with our Kāi Tahu cultural adviser in appropriate ways.

*Responsibility for review: Board*

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*Signed:*



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