



# MARIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## PROCEDURE: Te Tiriti o Waitangi

We acknowledge New Zealand's cultural diversity and the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua. Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) is one of eight principles in The New Zealand Curriculum that provide a foundation for a school's decision making.

"The curriculum acknowledges the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand. All students have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga." The New Zealand Curriculum, p 9.

The Education and Training Act 2020 sets giving effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi as a primary objective for the board of trustees, including by:

- ensuring plans, policies, and local curriculum include local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori
- taking reasonable steps to offer or make available instruction in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
- having equitable outcomes for Māori students.

See [Māori Educational Success](#).

Marist Catholic School's commitment to the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi is reflected through the following:

### **Partnership and consultation**

We recognise and value all cultures at our school, and acknowledge the special position of Māori in New Zealand society. We work together to achieve the best environment for success for our students. We access cultural advice as appropriate and consult with our Māori community in creating and maintaining our school charter/strategic plan so that it reflects local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori.

### **Protection and self-determination**

We respect each person's [cultural diversity](#) and their right to follow their cultural direction. We take all reasonable steps to offer teaching in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori as part of the government's [Maihi Karauna](#) strategy to revitalise Māori language.

### **Participation**

We promote equitable Māori achievement and equal opportunities for all members of the school community, including our staff and our students who need extra support at school.