



1.0 Te Tiriti Policy

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's founding documents and represents the binding contract between Māori and the Crown.

Liston College recognises our role and responsibility to honour and give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Under the Education and Training Act 2020, a primary objective of the Liston College Board is giving effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi.

This policy aligns with [NELP](#) Objective 1: Learners at the Centre, Objective 2: Barrier Free Access, and Objective 3: Quality Teaching and Leadership.

We do this by:

- working to ensure our plans, policies, and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori
- taking all reasonable steps to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
- working to ensure we achieve [equitable outcomes](#) for Māori students
- providing opportunities for learners to appreciate the importance of te Tiriti o Waitangi and te reo Māori.

Liston College works from the principles of partnership, protection, and participation to meet our obligations under te Tiriti o Waitangi. These principles reflect the three articles of te Tiriti.

Partnership

- Liston College aims to work in partnership with our local Māori community to support rangatiratanga/self-determination. We seek the guidance of our local Māori community to help us better meet the needs of our ākonga Māori and ensure they experience educational success as Māori.
- We aim to consult with our local Māori community on the development of our strategic plan to make sure it reflects and upholds appropriate tikanga Māori and te ao Māori. We seek opportunities to collaborate with Māori to invest in, develop, and deliver Māori-medium learning (NELP Priority 2).

Protection

- Liston College protects and upholds mātauranga Māori, te reo Māori, and tikanga Māori, and ensures they are meaningfully incorporated into the everyday life of our school (NELP Objective 5). We engage with [Ka Hikitia Ka Hāpaitia](#).
- We take all reasonable steps to make instruction available in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori.
- We support our teachers to build their teaching capability, knowledge, and skills in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori. We provide opportunities for teachers to develop their understanding and practice of culturally responsive teaching that takes into account ākonga contexts (NELP Priority 6).



Participation

- Liston College has high aspirations for every student. We encourage the participation and engagement of students and their whānau in all aspects of school life.
- Our relationships with our school community help us meet the needs of all students and sustain their identities, languages, and cultures. The participation of whānau and our wider Māori community informs the way we design and deliver education to ensure ākonga Māori experience educational success as Māori (NELP Priority 2).

Related topics

- [Māori Educational Achievement](#)
- [School Planning and Reporting](#)
- [Equal Employment Opportunities](#)
- [Learning Support](#)
- [Inclusive Education](#)

Legislation

- Education and Training Act 2020

Resources

- Ministry of Education | Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga: [The Education and Training Act 2020: Te Tiriti o Waitangi](#)
- TKI | Te Kete Ipurangi: [Treaty of Waitangi principle](#)
- Victoria University of Wellington | Te Herenga Waka: [Te Tiriti o Waitangi Guide](#)

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