



How does Waihi College give effect to Te Tiriti O Waitangi?

At Waihi College, we continue to make connections from our past, while preparing in our present and for our future selves. “Mātai ki te rangi, homai te kauhau wānanga ki uta, ka whiti he ora”. Look beyond the horizon, and draw near the bodies of knowledge that will take us into the future. (Te Mātaiaho 2023).

At Waihi College we acknowledge and give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We actively seek to embody the spirit of the treaty, to engage and promote the principles - partnership, protection and participation of Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

We review our cultural responsiveness as part of our annual practices. We recognise our Hauraki mana whenua, and contributing Iwi, and we ensure that Maori are succeeding as Maori.

Te Tiriti and its principles (as articulated by the Courts and the Waitangi Tribunal) set out obligations from the Crown and Maori, that guide how tangata Tiriti and tangata whenua can love together with mutual respect.

The key principles include rangatiratanga, partnership, participation, active protection, equity and opportunity. They provide for the active protection of taonga, including te reo Maori, tikanga Maori, and matauranga Maori, and enable fair and equitable educational process and outcomes for Maori and for all akonga.