

Thornton School - Supporting Maori Students

At Thornton School we acknowledge the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi by providing students with opportunities to acquire knowledge of te reo Maori me ona tikanga.

We do this through:

1. Actively teaching aspects of Te Reo Maori in all classes
2. Active teaching, modelling and discussion of the appreciation of the bicultural nature of New Zealand
3. Monitoring of Maori student achievement
4. Setting targets for our Maori students
5. Findings and recommendations are reported to the BOT and community and action taken as needed.
6. Participation in our local Maori Achievement Collaborative
7. Use PLD staff meetings to complete our MASAM – Maori Achieving Success as Maori/ Culturally Responsive School Derived Self-review framework with support from MAC facilitator
8. Consultation with our parent and wider community to help develop programmes and opportunities within our curriculum.
9. Use of Maori and bi-lingual resources in class and school e.g., signs, dictionaries, wall displays.
10. Using Maori students in our classes as experts to share their knowledge, skills and understandings with both students and teachers.
11. Marae visits for sharing and developing knowledge and understanding of things Maori through waiata, stories, games, and language based activities.