

## **Statement of Intent – Maori Students**

St John's School recognises New Zealand's cultural diversity and has taken this into consideration in the school's practices and policies.

We aim to help children develop an understanding and appreciation of all cultures with emphasis on Maori customs, protocols, traditions and history.

In Foundation Years (early childhood education and the first years at school) our goals are:

- \* That Maori children move confidently and successfully from early childhood education to school.
- \* That strong foundations are built in literacy and numeracy during the first years at school.

In Young People engaged in Learning our goals are:

- \* That young Maori people are engaged in learning and are achieving.
- \* That young Maori people have strong literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills.

For Maori Language in Education our goal is:

- \* That Maori students and all other students have access to a Te Reo Maori language programme.

Through REAP, a Maori tutor will come approximately two or three times a term to support us in Te Reo. She will provide a half hour lesson for each of the three classes. This is funded through REAP with support from our Board of Trustees who contribute towards this cost.

Our Board of Trustees would ensure reasonable steps are taken to provide instruction in Tikanga Maori (Maori culture) and Te Reo Maori (Maori Language) for children whose parents requested this.

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