

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Joint statement from:

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SCHOOL BOARD COMMITS TO HONOURING TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

At a meeting on Tuesday 2 December, the School Board unanimously passed a resolution reaffirming its commitment to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The Board, college leadership and staff stand united in their affirmation of Te Tiriti.

The college's commitment to Te Tiriti is already woven into everyday life at the school.

Giving effect to Te Tiriti reflects the school's kaupapa, *toitū te whenua, toitū te tangata | when the land is strong, the people are fulfilled*, which was gifted to the college by Kai Tahu. It represents that when our community and our school do well, we all do well. Te Tiriti also underpins our values, and supports the sense of identity, wellbeing, and access to equitable educational opportunities for all our students.

We honour Te Tiriti through our recognition of te ao Māori, including the teaching of te reo Māori, the celebration of Māori performing arts through Te Mākahi o Tititea (the MAC kapa haka group), our annual house haka competition, and our observation of tikanga (protocols and customs).

We are proud that our students can share in the richness of Aotearoa New Zealand's Māori culture and heritage, and we believe that our diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

Finally, we believe that giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi is fundamental to the fulfilment of our school vision of being an inclusive and sustainable learning environment that inspires our students to be creative, curious, courageous, and compassionate.

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More information

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