



A message from the Te Aro School Board: Our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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E ngā mātua, e te whānau, tēnā koutou katoa,

You may have seen a recent directive from the Ministry of Education that removes expectations for School Boards to uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Te Aro School Board of Trustees to let you know that we do not support this directive, and we will not be rolling back our commitment to uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

While government policies may shift, our school's values and commitments do not. We continue to recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a cornerstone of our vision, shaping our decision-making, relationships, and educational outcomes. Our strategic goals remain unchanged, with a strong emphasis on giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi – not out of obligation, but out of respect for its enduring significance and the partnership it represents.

Te Tiriti provides us with a framework for honouring diversity, fostering equity, and ensuring that all voices are valued. Embedding these principles in our school governance, our curriculum, and our culture provides our tamariki with the tools and understanding they need to thrive in a diverse Aotearoa.

At Te Aro School we are extraordinarily proud of our unique diversity and commitment to the cultural heritage of our community. The relationships with our whakapapa are foundational to who we are as a school community.

We want to be absolutely clear, the Te Aro School Board is unwavering in its commitment to ensuring that Te Tiriti o Waitangi continues to inform our governance and decision-making. We will continue to honour the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all that we do.

We thank you for your continued support as we uphold these fundamental values.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kate Brazier

On behalf of the Te Aro School Board of Trustees