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**GUIDANCE  
FOR  
TEACHERS  
WORKING WITH  
MĀORI  
STUDENTS**

**MEMBERS' GUIDE**

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## Introduction

E mihi nui ki a koutou ngā kaiako i roto i ngā Kura Tuarua o Aotearoa. Welcome to all teachers in secondary schools who work with Māori students. This booklet is a guide to support you with your learning and teaching. Kia kaha.

## School environment

This booklet supports the many secondary schools across Aotearoa who have acknowledged Māori culture and other cultural groups within their school environment.

Carved meeting houses, carved gateways, Māori art and craft can be seen in many school buildings. The way school assemblies and gatherings are conducted, celebrations are recognised, visitors are welcomed and communications are undertaken with parents and the community, are examples of the bicultural and multicultural dimensions that schools exhibit.

Advancement of Māori education in the professional and learning environment of a school is encouraged and is a board of trustees policy.

## Practical implications

The Treaty of Waitangi requires teachers of Māori students to develop strategies that will support the learning and cultural needs of their students and acknowledge the bicultural world that they live in. Teachers are encouraged to recognise, support and value Māori cultural identity.

This implies:

- schools' awareness of local Māori history
- awareness of cultural ceremonies such as tangihanga requirements
- an effort to pronounce Māori words and names correctly.
- teachers' support for Māori initiatives include:

- learning marae protocol (kawa)
- learning songs (waiata)
- welcoming extended family members (whānau) into the school
- identifying and welcoming elders (kaumatua), parents (mātua), fathers (ngā matua) and mothers (ngā whaea)
- support for local and national speech competitions (Ngā Manu Kōrero) and regional song and dance organisations (kapa haka).

## **Advice and guidance**

For further advice and guidance, consult your local member of Te Huarahi, PPTA's Āpiha Māori (Te Mākao Bowkett), Te Mataroa (Bill Anderson) or your local field officer.



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