

## Northern Southland College – 0395

Year end December 2025

### Giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

NSC gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in several ways, ensuring that its policies, practices, and relationships with stakeholders uphold the principles of partnership, participation, and protection.

- **Incorporating Te Reo Māori and Māori culture into the curriculum:**

NSC continues integrating the Māori language and culture across various subjects and activities to promote cultural understanding and respect among students. This includes

- offering Te Reo Māori instruction from year 7 onwards (taught subject from years 7 to 10, compulsory in years 7&8 and optional in years 9&10), working towards incorporating Māori perspectives into existing subjects
- growing Kapa Haka within the school and reinvigorating our school haka and waiata.
- A korowai was made specifically for our school and is used in special ceremonies at NSC. Staff say karakia to begin and end morning briefings.
- Common Te Reo language being used across the school. A word or phrase of the week is added to our student management system to encourage use of the language in everyday situations.

- **Engaging with local iwi (tribes) and Māori communities:**

Continuing to build relationships with Hokonui Rūnanga for improved understanding of all of our perspectives, needs, and aspirations.

- **Implementing policies and practices that support equity and inclusion:**

NSC ensures that its policies and practices promote equity and inclusion for Māori students, staff, and communities. This could involve providing targeted support for Māori learners, implementing culturally responsive teaching practices, and fostering a culturally safe and inclusive learning environment.

We also have replaced old signage and created new to support inclusion Te Reo Māori. Classrooms and other spaces use Te Reo Māori and we have entrance signage to welcome people to our school in Te Reo Māori with Kōwhaiwhai patterns that give meaning to who we are at NSC.

- **Creating opportunities for Māori student success:**

NSC is developing targeted initiatives and support services to ensure that Māori students have the resources and support they need to succeed academically and personally. This includes mentoring, offering financial assistance, and establishing pathways to further education and employment.