

Massey High School

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5 December 2025

The Massey High School Board of Trustees met on 4 December 2025. There was brief discussion around Massey High School's continued commitment to giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi with the Board unanimously agreeing on the following position.

Recent Government announcements include a proposal to change the legal duties of school boards in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Under the current legislation, boards are required to make 'giving effect' to Te Tiriti one of their primary objectives. The proposed change would shift this into a 'supporting objective', with educational achievement becoming the new 'paramount objective'. At Massey High School, our commitment to Te Tiriti is much deeper than simply meeting a legal requirement.

At Massey High School our commitment to support students achieving at a high standard has never been second to Te Tiriti o Waitangi but our commitment remains to uphold both simultaneously, enriching our students with the best of both worlds. Through our ongoing collaboration with local iwi, Ngāti Whātua and Te Kawerau ā Maki, we gain shared cultural insight that assists us in upholding the mana of our whare, Te Mahanahana. Te Mahanahana continues to be a cornerstone of Massey high School and a reminder of how far we have come and how our commitment to the kaupapa remains stronger than ever. We demonstrate this with the thriving Te Reo Māori Bilingual Summit Programme, Te Whare Ahuru.

The value of this approach extends well beyond legislative compliance. Ultimately, we believe it strengthens our school community and supports educational achievement for all Massey High School students. It reflects our shared commitment to respect, understanding, and genuine partnership. Te Tiriti o Waitangi remains fundamental to our history and the future of this country. It guides us toward partnership, equity, belonging, and a shared responsibility for the wellbeing of our ākonga. These principles are integral to who we are as a school.

Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi remains central to who we are, shaping our values, our relationships, and the learning environment we create. The proposed legislative change will not affect the way we work or the approach we continue to take.

Ko Pukewhakarātara te maunga
Ko Whau te awa
Ko Waitematā te moana
Ko Te Mahanahana te whare
Ko Manawanui te wharekai
Ko Te Waonui o Tiriwa te kura

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