

GETTING STARTED WITH

KAHIKITIA

ACCELERATING SUCCESS
2013–2017



PRIMARY EDUCATION

OUTCOME

(In English medium and Māori medium education)



All Māori students have strong literacy, numeracy and language skills.

FOR TEACHERS AND LEADERS

OF PRIMARY EDUCATION (EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS)

Things to think about and discuss for primary education teachers and leaders

- How well are Māori students doing at our school?
- What are the school's plans to support and strengthen the achievement of our Māori students?
- How are teachers and leaders focused on accelerating the progress of Māori students?
- How do the school board's processes contribute to improved outcomes for Māori students?
- How do teachers and leaders (including the school board) use achievement information to improve Māori student outcomes?
- How does our school support the identity, language and culture of Māori students?
- How do we ensure our students get access to quality Māori language?
- How do you work with Māori students' parents and whānau to make sure they are engaged in, informed of and influencing the quality of teaching and learning in your school?
- What other data and information do we need?
- What evidence are we using to answer these questions?

Things to do in the short term

- Discuss *Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013–2017* – talk about the goals, actions and intent of the strategy and link this to what we are already doing.
- Analyse your school data on achievement to target resources for the best effect.

- Get support from the board, Ministry of Education Regional Operations team, local iwi, hapū, whānau, communities, Māori organisations and local businesses to plan for Māori student success.
- Find the local organisations, including iwi, that can support our school to raise Māori student achievement.
- Review our relationship with whānau, hapū and iwi – what are our shared goals and how will we work together to achieve them?
- Share teaching practices with your colleagues that support excellent outcomes for Māori students.
- Create partnerships with our Māori students' parents, caregivers and whānau that are focused on education success, then link learning at home with learning at school.
- Plan your next steps in integrating Māori students' identity, language and culture through developing local curriculum informed by your relationship with whānau, hapū and iwi.
- Plan for effective, well-supported transitions – starting school, changing year levels, transferring from one school to another, moving from Māori medium to English medium education, and shifting to intermediate and secondary school – what is working well now and what needs to be improved?
- Ensure the right services and support are in place for those children and their special needs.
- Support Māori students to plan their pathway through education – what are their areas of strength? What should they focus on to improve?
- Contact the Ministry of Education Regional Office to see how they can support you to put *Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013–2017* into action.

Follow-up actions

- Monitor and measure our Māori students' achievement to inform decision-making.
- Keep our senior leaders, staff and community informed of progress in putting *Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013–2017* into action.
- Talk with our Māori students and their parents, families and whānau regularly about their progress.

- Try new strategies to connect with parents and whānau. Plan to visit them and to discuss their child's learning.
- Use *Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013–2017* and *Tātaiako* as discussion points during staff development and appraisal processes.
- Foster whole school high expectations of students to succeed in education as Māori.

FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES AND WHĀNAU

OF PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Did you know that:

- you can ask your school or kura how well your child is doing?
- you can ask your school or kura whether they have strategies to support and strengthen the achievement of Māori students?
- students who expect and are expected to succeed by teachers and their whānau are more likely to succeed.
- you can support your child to achieve education success by working together with your school or kura to share and grow knowledge of what works to support your child.
- your school must ensure all reasonable steps are taken to provide instruction in Māori culture and the Māori language for full-time students whose parents ask for it.
- when looking at primary education for your child you can visit your local schools and kura and they will tell you about how they work and help you to make the best choice for you and your child.

In the short term you can:

- celebrate your child's education achievements and progress.
- discuss the information in the *Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013–2017* summary with your child's teacher, with your whānau and with other parents.
- help your child with learning strategies at home.
- talk with your child about school and follow up with them regularly.
- search the Ministry of Education's 'Education Counts' website for all the data relating to your school, region and achievement levels: www.educationcounts.govt.nz
- be proactive about following up with your child's school about their progress.



ask your child's teacher, dean or principal where the gaps are for your child and suggest ways you can help your child at home. How is your child's progress in literacy and numeracy, national standards and Ngā Whanaketanga?



ask how your school is meeting the identity, language and culture needs of Māori students.



ask your school to provide high quality instruction in Māori culture and Māori language if it doesn't already.



get to know who is on your school's board of trustees (they have regular meetings and must listen to what parents want).



get involved with the the board of trustees elections, you can vote every three years.



ask the board of trustees for information explaining how Māori students are doing at your child's school.



ask what plans, resources and support the school is using to raise Māori student achievement.



find out if the school has a parent group, such as a parent teacher association or Whānau Advisory Group that you can join.



look online on the Ministry of Education's website; it has lots of information for whānau on the best ways to help your child learn: www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents

Take the time to:



regularly monitor your child's progress to ensure your child is on the right track towards achieving their goals.



THE MĀORI EDUCATION STRATEGY

www.minedu.govt.nz/KaHikitia



TE TĀHUHU O TE MĀTAURANGA

Ministry of Education

Some helpful information

Check out the Education Review Office website – it has helpful information on school and kura performance and detailed information on how you can support your child's learning and achievement.

Te Puni Kōkiri has a website to help young people make career choices
www.maorifuturemakers.com

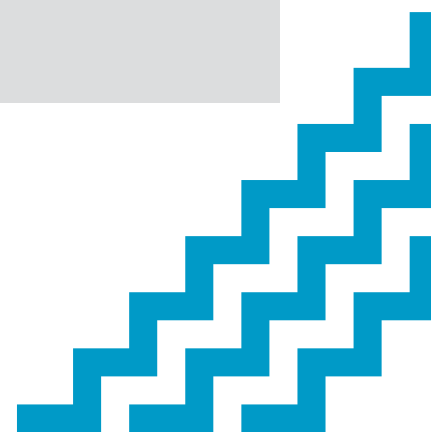
Check out the Ministry of Education website. It has a parents and whānau section where you will find useful information about your child's education including tips on choosing a school, what they learn, how their progress is assessed and other topics of interest.
www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents.aspx

Check out Te Kete Ipurangi - the online knowledge basket - New Zealand's bilingual education portal www.tki.org.nz

The Education Leaders website has information about school leadership
www.educationalleaders.govt.nz

Ruia is a resource that supports principals and other school leaders to improve outcomes for Māori students by working in educationally powerful partnership with whānau <http://partnerships.ruia.educationalleaders.govt.nz/>

Tātaiako – Cultural competencies for teachers of Māori learners www.minedu.govt.nz/~media/MinEdu/Files/TheMinistry/EducationInitiatives/Tataiako/TataiakoWEB.pdf



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa