

## ***Curriculum Policy for Area School***

The Council is required to ensure the curriculum abides by the Integration Agreement that is aligned to our special character definition of Montessori.

The Wā Ora Montessori School Board of Trustees is required to foster ākonga (student) achievement by providing teaching and learning programs through the Montessori curriculum, which incorporates the New Zealand curriculum as expressed in National Curriculum Statements.

Therefore the principal must ensure that:

- The Montessori philosophy underpins all curriculums and its delivery. The delivery of the curriculum is designed to meet the specific needs of the developmental age and stage of ākonga in a particular class.
- Priority is given to achievement in literacy and numeracy through the Montessori Method, especially in years 1-4.
- There is regular reporting on progress and achievement of ākonga to whānau (parents), the Board/Council the community and ākonga.
- Ākonga at risk of not achieving are identified and teaching and learning strategies to address their needs are implemented.
- For all Māori ākonga, whānau and kaiako (teachers) in partnership to share information, set high expectations, monitor achievements and observe in relation to the learning and development of, and decision-making about ākonga. This approach ensures a mutual understanding of ākonga skills, interests, cultural background, and the aspirations whānau have for them.
- In partnership with parents, families and communities, kaiako respond to the identities, languages and cultures of each Pasifika group.
- Where needed, we will obtain information and guidance from appropriate agencies to support the learning and development of ākonga with special needs and work effectively with parents/whānau.
- Career information and guidance is provided for Year 7 and above.

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The Principal is delegated the responsibility to ensure the curriculum is covered. The following procedures exist:

- Assessment
- Careers
- Curriculum Delivery
- Equity
- Gifted and Talented
- NCEA Assessment
- Special Needs

Signature of Chairperson, Wā Ora Montessori School \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_