

Kura Hourua O Whangarei Terenga Paraoa

Sponsor:	He Puna Marama Trust
Location:	Whangarei
Type of school:	Co-educational secondary school for years 7 to 13
Size of school:	An opening roll of 50, with a maximum roll of 300.
Target group:	Māori students
Teachers:	All core NCEA subjects will be taught by Registered Teachers or holders of Limited Authority to Teach. Non-registered teachers will be used to teach supplementary subjects such as engineering and carving.

Background

He Puna Marama Trust was established in 1997 with a mission to provide outstanding education to students and whānau seeking bilingual education. The Trust runs four Early Childhood Centres and a residential hostel facility, the Leadership Academy of A Company, for 40 Māori high school boys.

Proposal

The school will be established on the outskirts of the central business district of Whangarei and will be part of an existing cultural and community hub. It aims to address the underachievement of Māori students by reconnecting them with an ethos of leadership and pride, as demonstrated by their tupuna who served in the 28th Māori Battalion.

Te Kura Hourua will offer Te Marautanga O Aotearoa – the Māori medium curriculum for Kura Teina and an NCEA-focussed curriculum for Kura Tuakana.

Students will learn in both English and Māori, structured around three Pou:

Be Māori (Be) - Kura wide and individually, all will become culturally competent.

Be Educated (Know) - That akonga become competent, confident, independent, achieving, lifelong learners.

Be Rangatira (Do) - That akonga become authentic, confident, young people with integrity.

This will help students develop strong connections to culture, language and identity to create a 'living culture'.

Vision

“Unlock the potential of our rangatahi while honouring the deeds of our tupuna so that we may raise generations of Ngāpuhi who are confident, competent and capable so that they may find ‘their place on the marae and their place in the world’.”

Aims

- Establish a Kura Hourua that understands Māori youth and understands the learning environment they require to ground them in their culture and to prepare them to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.
- To develop young Māori who are capable, confident and comfortable in themselves as Māori, ultimately exhibiting unconscious cultural competence in such environments.
- The educational programme aims to enhance the students secondary education through a constructivist approach to learning.

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