

The Rise UP Academy

Sponsor:	Rise UP Trust
Location:	Mangere, South Auckland
Type of school:	Co-educational primary school for years 1-6
Size of school:	An opening roll of 50, rising to 100 by 2016
Target group:	Māori and Pasifika students
Teachers:	All teaching staff will be registered.

Background

Rise UP Trust is a not-for-profit community organisation which provides wraparound education services for Pasifika and Māori whānau. They currently deliver after-school mentoring services to South Auckland whānau.

Proposal

Situated in Mangere East, an area of Auckland with a 64 per cent Pasifika population, The Rise UP Academy will provide holistic, Pasifika culturally responsive programmes for vulnerable students, their families and the wider Mangere community.

The Rise UP approach will include effective governance, excellent teachers of inquiry based learning and culturally responsive whānau engagement.

Their programmes have been designed by teachers who have grown up and worked in South Auckland schools for many years. They are passionate about their community and have high expectations for their children.

The academy will follow the New Zealand curriculum and employ registered teachers.

The Rise UP Academy students will learn to communicate in an additional language, and explore different world views in relation to their own. The academy will partner with community organisations to provide specialist Arts, Sports and Culture & Heritage programmes. Students will develop a strong positive sense of culture and identity, including an appreciation of Māori language and customs.

The Rise UP Academy will use whānau educators to pro-actively engage with their students and whānau. Teachers and parents will develop whānau education plans which will reflect The Rise UP Academy goals and will empower parents to set their children up for success.

Vision

Connecting Hearts and Minds through whānau and communities learning together

Rise UP Academy students will have:

- **Sharp minds:** be critical and caring thinkers, problem solvers and lifelong learners
- **Strong bodies:** actively involved in physical activity, developing a healthy physique and be positive role models to others
- **Good hearts:** happy and respectful, able to relate to others, motivated, humble and resilient team players

Aims

- **Inclusion and coherence** - where whānau engage more with The Rise UP Academy and are more willing to seek the support they need to foster their children's learning and development.
- **High expectations** - with broadened Whānau aspirations that highlight flourishing women and positive male role models.
- **Cultural diversity and Treaty of Waitangi** - where whānau are stronger in their identity and culture.
- **Learning to learn and future focus** - where parents engage more in their children's learning.
- **Community engagement** - where whānau have increased positive engagement with each other and the community.

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