

# Recognising New Zealand's Cultural Diversity

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Our school shall reflect New Zealand's cultural diversity. Our Lady of the Assumption will develop procedures and practices that reflect New Zealand's Cultural Diversity and the unique position of the Maori culture.

Our Lady of the Assumption school students are encouraged to value differences in each other by:

- Celebrating Cultural days
- Experiencing the integration of Te Reo and Tikanga Maori whenever appropriate in class programmes

The school comprises:

NZ European 73% , Maori 7% , Pasifika 3.5% , Asian 2, other 14.5% .

## Incorporating Tikanga Maori

Our Lady of the Assumption School takes the following steps to incorporate Tikanga Maori into the school's curriculum:

- Fully integrating Tikanga Maori into the Religious Education Programme
- Budget for Professional Development courses
- Including Tikanga Maori in whole school and syndicate assemblies
- Teach Te reo Maori (Maori Language) to an elementary level(greetings, counting,basic vocabulary for everyday items, and pronunciation of place names) in all classes.
- Sing waiata (Maori songs) in assembly, classroom music
- Use elements of Maori protocol as part of any official ceremony
- Integrate Maori through all curriculum areas as identified through integrated planning
- Provide fortnightly PD in Tikanga Maori and Te Reo for staff
- Annual consultation with Maori community

## Provision for Instruction in Te Reo Maori

If a whanau requests a higher level of Tikanga and/or Te Reo than is at present evident in our school's Maori programme, the staff and family will discuss and explore the following options:

- Further explanation of existing programmes
- Further extend the existing programmes if and as appropriate
- Consider dual enrolment with correspondence school
- Combine with a neighbouring school for parts of the day/programme
- Provide in-school support and resources to further enhance inclusion of Te Reo and Tikanga Maori within the child's classroom
- Explore other schools which may offer programmes closer to their expectations