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SOMERVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL POLICY ON TAHA MAORI

RATIONALE:

Taha Maori is an important part of New Zealand's culture and history. New Zealand children should have an understanding of Tikanga Maori (Maori values, attitudes and behaviour), and an introduction to Te Reo Maori.

Charter Reference: The Board of Trustees accepts an obligation to develop policies and practices which reflect New Zealand's bi-cultural heritage.

Legislative Reference: NEG 9

Related Policy: M22 Treaty of Waitangi

PURPOSES:

1. To develop cultural awareness and sensitivity in the students and an appreciation of our bi-cultural heritage.
2. To understand, experience and appreciate Maori culture, attitudes and values.
3. To incorporate Maori cultural perspectives as a part of the school programme.
4. To recognise our obligation to the Treaty of Waitangi.

GUIDELINES:

1. Taha Maori will be integrated where applicable with other curriculum areas.
2. Staff development should include an introduction to Te Reo Maori, Tikanga Maori and Te Reo Kori cultural sensitivity.
3. A resource person should be responsible for purchasing equipment and promoting Taha Maori.
4. Community expertise will be utilised when available and appropriate.

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