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## New Zealand's Histories in Schools and Kura

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<b>To:</b>	Hon. Chris Hipkins	<b>METIS No:</b>	1204767
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### Purpose

- Many New Zealanders leave school **not fully aware of key events and the ways they have influenced and shaped our nation**. Through the Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga and wider public discussion New Zealanders have made clear that **this is not okay**. [Paragraph 3]
- The National Curriculum, which consists of *The New Zealand Curriculum* and *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa*, currently allow schools and kura to decide how New Zealand's histories are covered [Paragraph 5]
- Variation in delivery means that **too much is left to chance** about the **teaching and learning** each school and kura delivers in relation to **New Zealand's histories**. [Paragraph 5]
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
- Given the calls from New Zealanders for this to change, I propose **immediately progressing with updates** to *The New Zealand Curriculum* and *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa* to make explicit the expectation that **New Zealand's histories are part of the local curriculum in every school and kura**. [Paragraph 6]

### Making New Zealand's History Learning Expectations Explicit

- The updates will be developed by the Ministry of Education **collaboratively** with experts, Māori, Pacific and ethnic communities, the sector, students, parents and whānau, and other groups with a strong interest in **shaping how New Zealand's histories are taught**. [Paragraph 8]
- This will set **a national framework that ensures all learners are aware of key aspects of New Zealand's histories**, and the ways they have influenced and shaped our nation. [Paragraph 7]
- This will include setting specific achievement objectives at each level of the curriculum that clarify the themes, events and perspectives that should be explicitly

**We get the job done** Ka oti i a mātou ngā mahi

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**We back ourselves and others to win** Ka manawanui ki a mātou me ētahi ake kia wikitoria

**We work together for maximum impact** Ka mahi ngātahi mō te tuinga nui tonu

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included in local curriculum. I expect that **a range of New Zealand's histories will be covered across each student's learning journey.** [Paragraph 7 & 8]

- Supports are already available to help schools and kura incorporate New Zealand's histories into their local curriculum, working with their local communities and mana whenua, but these **have been insufficient to ensure that every student learns and understands New Zealand's histories.** [Paragraph 9]
- Some strengthening of existing supports will be undertaken while the updates are being developed, but it is clear that **more support is needed to enable all schools and kura to meet New Zealanders' expectations.** [Paragraph 9]
- Once the content for the updates is known, existing supports will be reviewed and **an implementation package will be developed that will enable all schools and kura to include the new content and learning expectations in their local curriculum,** working in partnership with their local communities and mana whenua. [Paragraph 9]
- Work to develop updated content and an implementation package will be undertaken over the next two years, **ready for implementation in schools and kura from the 2022 school year.** This timeframe reflects learning from what has been required to develop and implement the new Digital Technologies and Hangarau Matahiko curriculum. [Paragraph 10]

#### Financial implications

- Work in 2019/2020 to collaboratively develop the updates to *The New Zealand Curriculum* and *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa* will be funded through Ministry baselines. [Paragraph 16]
- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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**Agree / Disagree**

Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Minister of Education**

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