

TERTIARY EDUCATION

Tertiary education has numerous benefits. Māori with higher level qualifications are more likely to be employed and earn higher incomes. They are also more likely to live longer and have better life outcomes than Māori with only school or no qualifications.¹

Help young people with decisions about tertiary study

Encourage students to:

- set academic goals
- develop regular study habits
- recognise the link between their effort and academic outcomes.

Transitions to tertiary education

Early preparation for tertiary study is really important.

Things that help students:

- choosing NCEA subjects with clear links to chosen fields of study
- experience sitting external exams
- high expectations from parents and whānau, combined with advice and encouragement.

Resilience in tertiary education

Resilience enables students to continue through two crucial transition points: from secondary to tertiary education, and beyond the first year. Resilient students:

- are well prepared for tertiary study
- know what they want to achieve and why
- are more determined to succeed in their study.

Influencing tertiary providers

Students, parents, whānau and iwi should expect tertiary providers to be responsive to their needs to improve educational and employment outcomes for Māori. They can:

- choose their tertiary education organisation carefully – ask about the outcomes for Māori students.

SOME HELPFUL HINTS

Check out the Ministry of Education website. It has a parents and whānau section where you will find useful information about your child's education including tips on choosing schools, what they learn, how their progress is assessed and other topics of interest.

www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents

To find out more about Ka Hikitia visit the website.

www.minedu.govt.nz/KaHikitia

Tau Mai Te Reo – the Maori Language Education Strategy 2013 – 2017 outlines the Government's plan for achieving Māori language and education outcomes.

www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/PolicyAndStrategy/TauMaiTeReo.aspx

Search the Ministry of Education's 'Education Counts' website for all the data relating to your school, region and achievement levels.

www.educationcounts.govt.nz

Check out the Education Review Office website. It had helpful information on schools and kura performance and detailed information on how you can support your child's learning and achievement.

Te Puni Kōkiri has a website to help your people make career choices.

www.maorifuturemakers.com



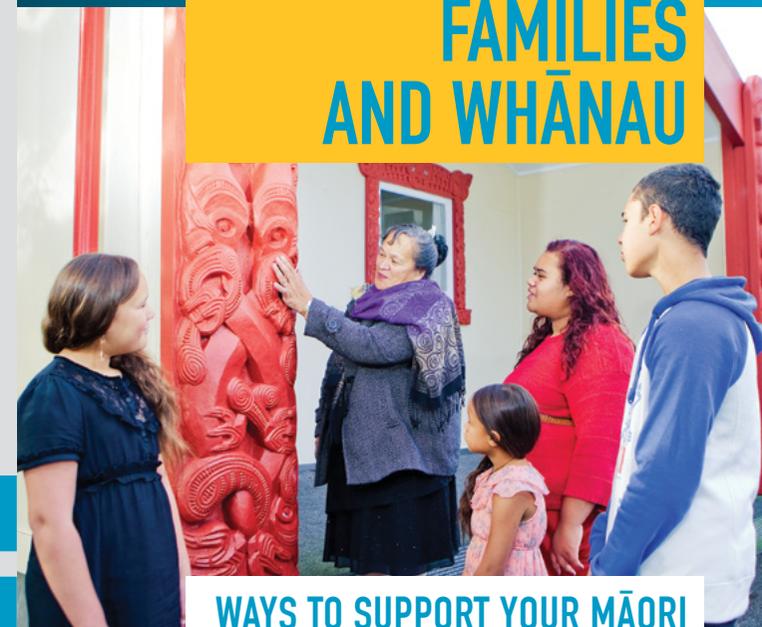
GETTING STARTED WITH

KA HIKITIA

ACCELERATING SUCCESS

2013–2017

FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES AND WHĀNAU



WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR MĀORI
CHILD TO SUCCEED IN EDUCATION



THE MĀORI
EDUCATION STRATEGY

www.minedu.govt.nz/KaHikitia

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa

¹ Benefits of Education for Māori: www.tpk.govt.nz

Ways to support your Māori child to succeed in...

EARLY LEARNING

- Early learning gives children a great start to their learning and development.
- The early learning services in your area can tell you about how they work and help you make the best choice for you and your child.
- Do your best to use Māori language in your home. This will help your child's language development, especially if they are in Kōhanga Reo or Puna Reo.
- Ask your child's teachers or kaiako about how you can help your child's learning and development at home.
- Encourage your child to follow their interests and ask questions.
- Talk to your child's teachers or kaiako about what you have noticed your child doing at home, what they like and don't like. This can help teachers and kaiako get to know and understand your child better.
- You may also be able to get financial support through a Childcare Subsidy. For more information, visit www.workingforfamilies.govt.nz or contact Work and Income on 0800 774 004.
- Visit local schools or kura when getting your child ready for school. They can show you and your child around and answer any questions you might have to help you decide if it is a good match for you and your child.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

- When looking at primary education for your child you can visit your local schools and kura and they will tell you about how they work and help you to make the best choice for you and your child.
- Be proactive about following up with your child's school about their progress.
- Talk with your child about school and follow up with them regularly.
- You can ask your school or kura whether they have strategies to support and strengthen the achievement of Māori students.
- You can support your child to achieve education success by working together with your school or kura to share and grow knowledge of what works to support your child.
- Students who expect and are expected to succeed by teachers and their whānau are more likely to succeed.
- Your school must ensure all reasonable steps are taken to provide instruction in Māori culture and the Māori language for full-time students whose parents ask for it.
- Ask how your school is meeting the identity, language and culture needs of Māori students.
- Get to know who is on your school's board of trustees (they have regular meetings and must listen to what parents want).

SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Your school can help you to understand how NCEA works.
- You can ask for the school to tell you about your teenager's progress towards NCEA credit achievements.
- Your school must ensure all reasonable steps are taken to provide instruction in Māori culture and the Māori language for full-time students whose parents ask for it.
- Set aside time and space for your teenager to study.
- Ask your teenager about their study and career aspirations, and support them to plan their pathway through education so they can reach their goals.
- Keep up to date with your teenager's progress to ensure your teenager is on the right track towards achieving their goals.
- Meet with your teenager and their dean/teachers to discuss your teenager's progress.
- Get involved in decision-making in your school through parent and whānau groups or consider becoming a member of the school board of trustees.

Take the time to celebrate your child's success

