

Te Rangihakahaka

Centre for Science & Technology

PARENT, FAMILY, WHĀNAU, IWI AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
NGĀ TIKANGA WHAKAŪ MATUĀ, WHĀNAU, HAPŪ, IWI, HĀPORI

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PURPOSE | TŪĀPAPA

Te Rangihakahaka Centre for Science and Technology understands that whānau engagement is crucial to the educational success of the tamaiti. Education of our tamariki is achieved through a partnership between whānau and our Centre. Educational success is also dependant on maintaining clear and regular communication between parents, family, whānau, iwi and the community.

This policy presents how we will ensure the continued communication between ourselves and our whānau and how we will maintain and foster the relationships already made with our community and industry partners.

This policy demonstrates the necessity of developing and maintaining open, honest and respectful relationships with parents, whānau, Iwi and the community.

PRINCIPLES | NGĀ POUTĀUHU

Engagement by Parents, Family, Whānau, Iwi and Community is an essential component of our Centre. It is a fundamental aspect to the success of our wānanga style programme, as it is through engagement and thus collaboration, that we gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of each other.

Positive engagement occur when all parties;

- feel respected and needed
- are free to voice their ideas and opinions without judgement
- are encouraged and supported
- are consulted and communicated with

This policy outlines the ways we will ensure engagement happens at ur Centre.

This policy is part of the ***Staff and Volunteer induction programme.***

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All Staff, Whānau, Volunteers, Board and members of the community that are associated with Te Rangihakahaka Centre for Science and Technology are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by, this policy.

Engagement at TRCST means the following;

- We recognise the rights of whānau to be involved in every aspect of the education of their tamaiti and will support whānau in doing this
- The centre is open before and after the formal learning hours for whānau, Iwi and the community for a number of different reasons, whether it be a scheduled class/activity or whether it be for no specific reason at all. All are welcome.
- Whānau are welcome to contact and/or meet with Tumuaki and Staff – however staff prioritise learning time with their tamariki
- Whānau work collaboratively with TRCST to assist the tamaiti in designing their TOA (Taku Oranga Āpōpō, Ā-mua, Aotūroa)
- Whānau are able to contact TRCST through a number of ways – social media, in person, text/phone
- Whānau and Iwi are expected and encouraged to attend all whānau hui and on enrolment commit to attending 75% of the hui
- Reporting takes place every term
- Industry and Iwi experts are regularly used by TRCST to enhance the learning for each kaupapa
- Extra-curricular activities are run by and/or for whānau at the Centre
- The community benefits from the Service Day each Wednesday

RESPONSIBILITIES | NGĀ HEKE

The Tumuaki is responsible for;

- creating opportunities for whanau to be integrated into our centre's everyday life
- looking for opportunities to foster links with the wider community
- promoting the vision and objectives of TRCST
- speaking to the media and fostering relationships with key media
- establishing relationships (and in some instances) memorandums of understanding with key STEAM industries
- providing regular updates (in various formats) to parents, family, whānau, Iwi and community

The Staff are responsible for;

- developing and cherishing relationships with parents and whānau in order to be able to constructively hold meaningful, purposeful and honest dialogue with them
- celebrating the successes of their tamariki in ways that uplift the whānau
- co-ordinating Service Day
- providing constructive and meaningful reporting whenever the need arises

APPENDICES | KŌWHAIWHAI – TŪRAPA

Appendix 1 - Tāku Oranga ~Āpōpō, Ā-mua, Aotūroa (TOA) *eventually replace with Poutama TOA*

Tāku Oranga (TOA)		
Tamaiti Name:		Year:
Date:	Time:	
Goals		
What are my Goals?	How can I reach them?	How will I know I have reached them?
Tamaiti Signature:	Name:	
Parent/Whānau Signature:	Name:	
Teacher Signature:	Date:	Time:

Appendix 2 - 2018 Whānau Hui Schedule

Every whānau needs to commit to attending at least 75% of whānau hui for each year. If you are unable to attend another member of the whānau can be there in your place. All hui are held at Te Rangihakahaka Centre for Science and Technology (Turipuku site).

MONTH	DATE last Wednesday of every month	TIME
January	Wednesday 31	5.30pm
April	Wednesday 25	5.30pm
August	Wednesday 29	5.30pm
December	Wednesday 12 – the second Wednesday of the month	5.30pm

MĀRAMATANGA

A tamaiti is better able to learn, be curious and take full advantage of their time at our centre if they are supported to develop significant relationships with their teachers and other members of their community. If they are encouraged positively by those around them, then they are more able to thrive and prosper and become TOA MATARAU.