

8 STATEMENT: BICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket the people will live

Aim

The Treaty of Waitangi/ Te Tiriti Waitangi recognises that Maori are unique to New Zealand. Montessori Children's House Wanaka values this partnership with our whanau through reciprocal and respectful relationships. Our Montessori values reinforce this belief which forms the basis of all our programmes and interactions with children, families, staff and the community.

8.1 Guidelines

- 8.1.1 Montessori Children's House Wanaka recognise Maori as tangata whenua.
- 8.1.2 Montessori Children's House Wanaka will continue to develop an understanding of bicultural partnership.
- 8.1.3 Management and staff will consult with the local Maori community regarding appropriate protocol for ceremonies / special occasions.
- 8.1.4 Maori whanau are encouraged to share their knowledge, skills and aspirations with the Montessori community.
- 8.1.5 Te Reo is woven throughout the Montessori educational programme.
- 8.1.6 Teachers will use relevant resources reflecting Te Reo and Tikanga.
- 8.1.7 Information on Te Tiriti Waitangi is available for all whanau.
- 8.1.8 Teachers are committed to extending their knowledge of biculturalism through ongoing professional development.

Whaia te iti kahurangi kit e tuahu koe me he maunga teitei

Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain