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Te Whanau o Te Kakano

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## Te Whānau o Te Kākano

### **Background to Te Whānau o Te Kākano**

Te Whānau o Te Kākano was set up in 1992 by Jenny Lee, as a bilingual unit for the junior year levels and a form class for the Y11 -13.

Since then the structure has changed and the kaupapa revised to allow input from the whānau and community.

### **Te Kaupapa o Te Whānau o Te Kākano.**

Te Whānau o Te Kākano provides a Māori pathway for students and their whānau in Northcote College to draw from the strength of their identity to achieve their academic potential.

It provides students with an opportunity to be in an environment that embraces all aspects of Tikanga and Te Reo Māori. It allows students to flourish within Te Ao Māori and also the wider school.

Celebrating and maintaining identity as Māori in Te Whānau o Te Kākano, enhances the development to become confident, connected educated Tangata Whenua of Aotearoa New Zealand.

*Revised 2016*

### **Te Whānau o Te Kākano 2016**

The whānau class is made up of students from Y9 to Y13.

Year 9 & 10 students will travel with mainstream classes, known as travelling class, in every subject area except in their half year options. Year 11, 12, 13 all do options and therefore where possible are placed together for support. This structure enables students to study at levels appropriate to their ability.

The Whānau class consists of 3 kaiako:

Whānau Kaiako

Mark Snowden

Whānau Kaiako

Rebekah Te Hau

Student Support Worker

Stan Conrad

Whānau staff work closely with all services involved in providing the appropriate support that meets the needs of each student for the best outcomes. Northcote College has a wide variety of support services that caters for all abilities to ensure students receive appropriate support and extension.

## **The Whānau Class aims**

- To encourage cultural pride among the students.
- To promote Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga within the whānau class and the wider school.
- To provide support for students in their wider subject areas.
- For students along with their whānau to value education and develop a sense of purpose and direction for the future.

## **Objectives**

### **We will:**

- have support from parents, Whānau and the wider Māori community
- have support and feedback from staff who teach Whānau students
- praise and acknowledge achievements and successes - large and small.
- encourage whānau involvement whenever necessary

Provide students with opportunities to be involved in:

- Marae noho
- Kapahaka
- Historical and cultural events
- The Whānau will provide a Turangawaewae that will nurture the student's sense of belonging and self-esteem.

## **Enrolment Process**

All students enrolled in Northcote College are welcome to apply to be a member of Te Whānau o Te Kākanō regardless of ethnicity however the student and their Whānau must be prepared to involve themselves in all Kaupapa of Te Whānau o Te Kākanō

### **Time Line:**

7 September	Out of zone enrolments close.
Early October:	Enrolment packs are sent out.
13 October:	Subject Selection Evening
End of October:	Applications for Te Whānau o Te Kākanō close.
November	Interviews with the Dean, Whānau form teacher, student and their Whānau take place.
End of November	Student and Whānau receive a letter determining their place in Te Whānau o Te Kākanō.

# Te Whānau o Te Kākano Te Kura Tuarua o Onewa

Tēnā kōutou katoa,

I apply for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to join the Whānau class.

I agree that to be a part of this class, students need:

- The agreement and support of their parents and their commitment to helping their children to achieve by attending at least three whānau hui per year.
- Attend with a parent / caregiver, an entry interview with the Dean and Form Teacher.
- To work hard individually and as a group and be dedicated to achieving their true potential.
- A commitment to involvement in all kaupapa of the whānau.
- A commitment to fostering Te Reo and Tikanga Māori.
- Be an active member in the Kapahaka group.

Parent Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Iwi \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **Application for Te Whānau o Te Kākano**

Students and parents applying to be members of the Whānau are asked to write a letter on this page stating their reasons for wanting to join the class.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Reasons for joining.***

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

***Reasons for wanting son / daughter to join.***