

KO TE REO TE MAURI O TE MANA MAORI
The language is the soul of the people
Naa Taa Himi Henare

This is a famous quote from our great Ngapuhi rangatira, Sir James Henare. This statement is a reflection of how important the maori language is to us here at Northland College.

The idea for a bi-lingual class was fostered in 2006 in recognition that over 90% of our school roll is Maori and that the formation of a bilingual class here at Northland College would go towards in addressing the social and academic needs of maori students with an emphasis in Year 9 and 10. Kia whai i nga taumata teitei!

The name of Bi-lingual Programme is called Te Whanau o Awatea

NGA KAI-AKO

Whaea Turia Rogers 9 Tahi (replacement teacher for Terms 1 and 2)
Whaea Joey Rogers 10 Tahi (Faculty Leader of Te Reo Maori and Director of Te Whanau o Awatea)

The students in Te Whanau o Awatea will study 6 subjects on the IDS Programme Days

1. Maths
2. Literacy
3. Social Studies
4. Te Reo Maori
5. Technology
6. Hauora – Haakinakina (Sports and Health)

They will also study other subjects on Wednesday and Thursday namely Science, Technology, Health, Visual Arts, Performing Arts.

Te Reo Maori me ona tikanga is the vehicle of instruction in Te Whanau o Awatea. We have students who have a passion for the language and arts of our tupuna, and if your child has that passion then Te Whanau o Awatea is the place.

Students will get the opportunity to do Kapa Haka, Mahi Toi and represent the school on a number of occasions.

No reira koutou ma, he patai waau, karawhiua mai!
If you have any questions, please contact me here at school

Mauriora kia koutou
Joey Rogers
Director of Te Whanau o Awatea