

NGĀ KURA Ā IWI O AOTEAROA

Te Tihi o Angitu | *Mō tātou, mā tātou, e ai ki a tātou*



Information Sheet

Established in 2007, *Ngā Kura ā Iwi* is a movement that has evolved due to the incredible effort, commitment and sacrifice of many elders, community leaders, families, schools, teachers and students.

Our role is to support the aspirations of iwi (tribes), whānau (families) and kura (schools) by;

- Establishing and supporting opportunities for our people to work together and learn from each other
- Facilitating opportunities to support the capability building of iwi, hapū, school boards, principals, staff and students
- Advocating on a national and international level for the rights and aspirations of our iwi, families, schools, staff and students
- Establishing and nurturing partnerships with tribal entities, government agencies and the private sector to support our kaupapa (mission) and strategic priorities

OUR FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE

- To embed our identity markers such as our language/dialects, our way of life, our view of the world
- Creating **our own unique epistemology**, (curriculum, pedagogy, values) and a governance model and policy framework to support that
- To have the freedom to live with authority **as a NGĀTI, NGĀI** - kinship in our own tribal context
- To be **key decision makers** on all aspects of the education of our children
- Ngā Kura ā Iwi supports kura to do this, and Iwi and their Kura decide how this is achieved for them

OUR MAJOR EVENTS

- National Conference – an annual event held in Rotorua which all kura are invited. The focus of the National Conference is professional learning at all levels and in all areas of the kura.
- Leadership Conference – an annual event held in different tribal areas each year or every two years. The Leadership Conference is designed for School Leaders and Boards of Trustees.
- Hui Amorangi – a hui held twice a year for student leaders to support, inspire and encourage their growth in their respective roles
- Whanaungatanga Events throughout the country – designed to bring a small groups of kura together to grow relationships between students, teachers and Iwi.

KEY SUPPORT FEATURES

- Professional development designed for Boards of Trustess, Tumuaki, Senior Leaders, Teachers and Students
- Online collaboration spaces with IT Support
- Advocacy and Partnerships with Government Agencies and others
- Access to a network of likeminded Kura