



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

"A thriving Bible-based learning community"

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The Emmanuel Christian School Board would like to provide clarity to the school community following recent changes to the Education and Training Act (2020), which removed provisions related to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

At Emmanuel Christian School, our identity is grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We understand Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a covenant calling us into a relationship of respect, partnership, and shared responsibility. Our commitment rests on our belief that God calls us to walk in unity, humility, and love (Ephesians 4:2–3).

From a biblical perspective, covenantal relationships require faithfulness, mutual responsibility, and honouring all people as bearers of God's image (Genesis 1:27). We are committed to Emmanuel Christian School as a learning environment where cultural understanding grows and where our students and whānau continue to experience mana, belonging, and respect. We celebrate the richness of every culture, including the unique place of Māori as tangata whenua.

Upholding Te Tiriti reflects our desire as Christians to show Christ's heart for justice, reconciliation, and the flourishing of all people (Micah 6:8). As your School Board we are committed to Emmanuel Christian School continuing to honour and give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within the context of the school's special character, as stated in the school's deed of integration.

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