

# Whakamana - Empowering all learners to reach their highest potential

## Māramatanga

High level understanding and knowledge

- To recognise and emphasise the importance of Hauora (wellbeing) as a platform for growth and learning.
- To enhance our school-wide culture so that it recognises and develops all aspects of the individual.
- To build an inspiring and responsive curriculum with the intent of fully developing each and every student.
- To actively explore opportunities within our teaching and learning programme that:
  - enrich learning.
  - encourage creativity and extend learning (auahatanga – creativity).
  - emphasise the value and importance of education outside of the classroom and school (taiao – connection to the land and the natural world).

## Kotahitanga

Unity and common purpose

- To build a culture of collaboration so as to strengthen teaching and learning across the school (ako).
- To promote responsible environmental attitudes and actions across our school and within the wider community (kaitiakitanga – guard our taonga – reciprocity / giving back).
- To provide specialised support for reading, writing and mathematics to learners who most need this.
- To maintain a positive, future focused, appropriately resourced, and safe learning environment for all students and staff.

## Mapua School Strategic Goals 2019 - 2021

## Rangatiratanga

Leadership

- To promote a culture of Tuākana/Tēina (Experienced helping those less experienced)
- To provide opportunity for all students to take up leadership (mana whakatipu) roles and develop skills within this area.
- To provide and encourage relevant professional development opportunities for all staff.

## Whānaungatanga

A sense of belonging and community

- To communicate with, and connect to, the wider community, maximising authentic learning contexts, and encouraging opportunities which promote collaborative and reciprocal learning between these groups (ako - reciprocal learning).
- To celebrate and learn about the cultural diversity of our community.
- To welcome and integrate the wider community into school programmes and learning (Manaakitanga).
- To promote the value of both te ao Māori and tikanga in our school and community.

***“Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi - Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.”***