

# Our Shared Kaupapa

## Why we're refreshing *The New Zealand Curriculum*

**As Aotearoa has evolved, the curriculum has remained the same.  
All ākonga (learners) need to see themselves reflected in the curriculum.  
We have recognised this, and it is time for change.**

### **Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu**

Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar

We are refreshing the New Zealand Curriculum (the NZC) to better reflect the aspirations and expectations of all New Zealanders. The refresh will adorn our ākonga with a korowai tied with a 3-strand whenu (cord). This korowai will be layered with huruhuru (feathers) representing who they are, who they can be, their whakapapa, and their connection to our whenua (lands). The whenu tying it together is made up of whānau (family), ākonga, and kaiako (teachers) working as partners to use and localise the NZC.

The refresh will ensure that the NZC reflects diverse ways of being, understanding, knowing, and doing. It helps us inclusively respond to the needs of individual ākonga, who are at the centre of all we do. Ākonga will be able to

see their languages, cultures, identities, and strengths in what they learn at school. This will empower ākonga to go boldly into an ever-changing future and contribute to local, national, and global communities.

This vision will primarily be realised by kaiako and school leaders, in partnership with iwi and their school communities. However, it will be important for all New Zealanders to be part of this journey and help create multiple pathways towards equity and success for all ākonga.

#### *Curriculum Voices Group\**

\* The Curriculum Voices Group of around 65 people includes educators from primary, intermediate and secondary schools in communities across Aotearoa, as well as representatives from education unions and professional bodies, the disability community, the tertiary education sector and other education agencies.

The NZC refresh aims to adorn

Ākonga with this korowai

