

Learning Support Overview

2022

Introduction

At Te Ao Mārama we believe that every learner has the right to an individualised approach to their learning journey. We know our learners, their strengths and what they need to achieve "their" success. At Te Ao Mārama we have a wonderful learning support team to work with teachers, students and families.



Current Supports

English Language Learners and Learning Support



At Te Ao Mārama our learners have additional supports in place to support their knowledge and understanding in key areas of the curriculum. This additional support is with our Inclusive Learning Assistants (ILAs).

This learning places a large focus on building skills and confidence in oral language, reading and writing etc., as well as numeracy support including basic facts knowledge and repetition of class learning. Our ILA's work closely with our teachers to support the needs of these learners.

In-class support



Our Inclusive Learning Assistants also support students in class with learning, self-regulation, social/emotional learning, and health needs. Often these learning assistants are also supporting ALL learners, and helping to lower our class size ratios.



External Specialists



For some of our learners who require greater levels of support, we can also access advice from Resource Teachers for Learning and Behaviour, Psychologists, Speech/Language Therapists and Child Developmental Services

Social and Emotional Wellbeing



Through our Whānau time we explicitly teach social and emotional wellbeing for all of our learners. We also use Social and Emotional Resources to support our learners in small groups to build confidence, resilience and the knowledge and skills to develop positive relationships with others.



Our funding challenge

Ministry of Education Special Needs Funding

In 2022 our confirmed Government funding to support students with learning or behaviour needs is just **\$17,000**

*Note: this is largely due to our school being Decile 10 (based on socio-economic factors of our community.). Some schools of our size receive over **\$500,000** per year extra.*

Through a series of submissions we have gained an additional \$170,000 to support our learners with health, behaviour, high needs, and English language learners.



School spending

The Board of Trustees currently funds **\$340,000** to support the learning needs of our students at Te Ao Mārama.

This is ***well above the funding we receive*** and demonstrates our commitment and resolve to support our children as best as we possibly can.

We sincerely appreciate any payments of the school donation, as this also helps to lower class sizes, provide rich opportunities and resources, and to assist ALL of our learners.