Ako

Teaching and learning

The concept of ako describes a teaching and learning reciprocal relationship, where the educator is also learning from the student or child. As ako is grounded in the principle of reciprocity, it also recognises that the learner and whānau cannot be separated.

This concept is often confused with one whakapapa aspect of the tuakana/teina (older/younger) relationship. A clear distinction can be made between the ako principle and the tuakana/teina concept: ako does not have a gender rule; whereas whakapapa dictates your role as either a tuakana or teina through one’s own genealogical line of descent and one’s gender.

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1. Te reo greeting
2. Karakia
3. Waïata
4. Mihimihi
5. Whakataukī

Whakataukī:

Mā te tuakana ka tötika te teina, mā te teina ka tötika te tuakana.

It is through the older sibling that the younger one learns the right way to do things, and it is through the younger sibling that the older one learns to be tolerant.

Whakataukī: Mā te aro ngaro ake tōtika te whakataukī, mā te aro ngaro ake tōtika te uruponga.

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**Whanaungatanga**

**Relationships**

People are taonga (treasures). Therefore, the system of kinship, whānau, hapū, and iwi is at the foundation of this principle. The system of kinship includes rights and reciprocal obligations that underpin the social organisation.

Whanaungatanga is about being part of a larger whole of the collective. Māori are related to all living things and thus express whanaungatanga with their surroundings.

Whanaungatanga is about knowing you are not alone, but that you have a wider set of acquaintances that provide support, assistance, nurturing, guidance and direction when needed.

Defined roles such as kaumātua, mātua, rangatahi, tāne, wāhine, tuakana/teina are also part of whanaungatanga as these are dictated by whakapapa.

Characteristics of independence are inconsistent with whanaungatanga. Interdependence with each other rather than independence is the goal.

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**Whakataukī: He kura tangata – He kura whānau.**

A person educated is a community educated.
Kotahitanga

Unity

This is developing and maintaining a unity of purpose and direction and avoiding approaches and decisions that lead to division and disharmony.

A commitment by all to oneness of mind and action to achieve a vision would be the expression of kotahitanga.

Everyone is encouraged to make their contribution, to have their say. Decisions appropriate for all will incorporate strategies that ensure collectivism process.

Whakataukī: He waka eke noa

A canoe which we are all in with no exception.

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Wāhangatauha – session one

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- Tautoko or waialua himene
- Mihimihi
- Whakataukī – Whakamarama atu: Explain and kohia (gather) examples of collectivism approaches and practices from the group.

Wāhangataua – session two

- Delivery – group work, reciprocal reading, reflection, sharing.
- Use of te reo Māori throughout delivery.

Wāhangatutoru – session three

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### Mauri

**Life principle – life force**

Mauri is described as being a life principle, a life force of all things animate and inanimate within te ao Māori.

**Examples:**
1. By using te reo Māori and tikanga Māori within one’s daily practices; is a reflection of ensuring the mauri of te reo and tikanga Māori are maintained.
2. A mauri stone can be dedicated to a centre to ensure that the mauri of teaching and learning is maintained within centre environments. This ensures security, safety, and a sense of belonging.

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### Whakataukī: Ko te manu e kai ana te miro nōna te ngāhere; Ko te manu e kai ana te mātāuranga nōna te ao.

The bird who eats from the miro will reign in the forest; The bird who eats knowledge – the world is his oyster.

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Rangatiratanga

Life leadership
Simply translated ‘ranga’ to weave, ‘tira’ the group and ‘tanga’ to draw from collective knowledge is the basis that not only develops one’s own ability, but develops the ability, knowledge and wisdom of all.

Rangatiratanga in translation is the strength of one’s own ability to lead or become a leader.

A true rangatira can be identified by their ability to have good intentions supported with effective actions.

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### Whakaatuā: Ko te kai a te rangatira he kōrero.
The food of leaders is communication.

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**Whakataukī:** Tohua ngā whakatipuranga ki te inu i te puna o te mātauranga. Kia hora ai te whakaruruhau o te ora, ki runga ki te iwi. Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui.

Show the young how to drink from the spring of knowledge. So the sheltering mantle of well-being may spread over the nation. Be strong, be courageous, be resolute.

### Wāhanga tuatahi – session one
- Karakia
- Waiata Tautoko or Waiata Himene
- Mihimihi
- Whakatauki – Whakamarama atu: Explain and kohia (gather) examples of holistic health approaches and resource sustainability practices from within centres/services.

### Wāhanga tuarua – session two
- Content delivery – group work, reciprocal reading, reflection, sharing.
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**Whakataukī:** Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana. A person who is taught at home will stand collected on the marae. A child who is given proper values at home and cherished within his family will not only behave well amongst the family, but also within society and throughout his life.

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  - Rangatiratanga
  - Taha Tinana
  - Wairuatanga
  - Whakapapa

**Ukaipōtanga**

**Belonging**

The importance of this principle is being able to ground one’s self to one’s true home. Ukaipō are the places we find ourselves, our strength, our energy. Having a place where you belong, where you count, where you are important and where you can contribute is essential for well-being.

As a whole person with your identity intact, you can make your contribution.

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Wairuatanga

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Whakataukī: Nō Te Kōhanga National Trust Board.

Kei a tātou anō te ara tika.
The answers are within us.

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Whakapapa

Genealogy
Whakapapa is to lay one generation upon the other. Therefore we are only the eyes and ears of those gone before us (past). As we live our daily lives (present), we are aiming to sustain and provide viable opportunities for our future generations.

Whakapapa can be explained as ‘to move towards Papa’. Papa being the whenua, our earth mother, as she draws us in and grounds us in ‘who we are’ and ‘what we stand for’ as part of the greater collective.

Everyone has a whakapapa for Māori. It is your whakapapa that dictates your role amongst your whānau, hapū, and iwi. Māori are born into a collective and certain roles and responsibilities are delegated accordingly.

Whakatauki: Kia whakapuakiakihia mai ngā pepeha tupuna.
As our ancestors are recalled to remind from whence we came.

Whānau tuatahi – session one
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- Waiata
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Whānau tuarua – session two
- Whakatauki – Whakamararau atu: Explain and kohia (gather) examples of spiritual awareness and what spiritual nourishment may mean for individuals or from the group.
- Content delivery – group work, reciprocal reading, reflection, sharing.
- Use of te reo Māori throughout delivery.

Whānau tuatoru – session three
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**Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho**

**Intergenerational Transmission of Knowledge**

Taonga tuku iho is about acknowledging all the treasures (knowledge, rationales, language, culture, whakapapa) that have been passed down through the generations since the beginning of time.

This is not just whakapapa-based taonga, but it is about the taonga of all iwi and the sharing amongst us all.

Marae, whānau, hapū and iwi are knowledge repositories. However, we all have a role to play here as we are also the transmitters of knowledge.

The intergenerational transmission of knowledge is upon us and we are now passing this knowledge down to Aotearoa New Zealand’s youngest generations within our services.

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**Intergenerational Transmission of Knowledge**

Taonga tuku iho is about acknowledging all the treasures (knowledge, rationales, language, culture, whakapapa) that have been passed down through the generations since the beginning of time.

This is not just whakapapa-based taonga, but it is about the taonga of all iwi and the sharing amongst us all.

Marae, whānau, hapū and iwi are knowledge repositories. However, we all have a role to play here as we are also the transmitters of knowledge.

The intergenerational transmission of knowledge is upon us and we are now passing this knowledge down to Aotearoa New Zealand’s youngest generations within our services.

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**Whakatauki:** Nāku te rourou, Nāu te rourou, Ka ora ai ngā tamariki.

Your contribution and my contribution, Our children will strive.
**Te Reo Māori**

### The Māori language

Have you ever travelled to another country and felt you could not be part of or contribute fully to the people, places and things because you did not know the language?

Te reo Māori is the medium through which Māori articulate their world views. Te reo Māori is a beautiful language which is steeped in whakapapa, mana and knowledge.

The survival of the Māori language relies on New Zealanders as a whole to learn and speak our indigenous language. Within early childhood education, it requires our teachers to rise to this challenge and start learning and speaking te reo in their everyday lives and their daily professional practices with colleagues and children. Come on. Give it a go...

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**Whakatauākī – Nā Timoti Karetu**

*Ko toku reo tōku ohoho, ko toku reo tōku māpihi mauria.*

My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul.

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