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Co-Presiding Members
Ngāti Toa School Board
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Tēnā kōrua

Thank you for your proposal asking me to allow Ngāti Toa School Board to retain Year 7 and 8 ākonga in your school to continue in the Level 3 te reo Māori bilingual programme. After considering all the information provided to me, I have decided to agree to the change. This change will be phased in, with Ngāti Toa School offering Year 7 in 2024 and Year 8 in 2025. This approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. bilingual education is provided in Māori Immersion Level 3 or above.
- ii. Ngāti Toa School will provide a full appropriate Year 7 and 8 curriculum for ākonga in this Māori Immersion bilingual programme.
- iii. enrolment of Year 7 and 8 ākonga will be restricted to only those ākonga who were enrolled at Ngāti Toa School in Year 6;
- iv. Year 7 ākonga will be retained from Term 1 of 2024, and Year 8 from Term 1 of 2025.

This change is effective from December 2023. Should you require additional support to implement this change, please feel free to contact Chris Wells at chris.wells@education.govt.nz.

I congratulate you on taking the initiative to strengthen te reo Māori provision in your area. I wish you the best for the upcoming year. Thank you for your work throughout this process.

Nāku noa nā

Nancy Bell
Hautū | Deputy Secretary
Te Mahau | Te Tai Runga

cc Roy Sye, Director of Education for Wellington