

Embrace mahi tahi

Mahi tahi means working as one, with collective responsibility, commitment, and a shared focus. Review the following statements for your own context.

Mahi tahi or working as one is alive in a learning community when:

- ākonga and whānau are included in making decisions, setting goals, and solving problems
- ākonga and whānau expertise is valued and community members are viewed as teachers and learners
- the local curriculum is co-constructed with ākonga, whānau, and mana whenua to create a responsive, localised curriculum linked to te ao Māori
- learning is made visible in ways that work for both ākonga and whānau, for example, through learning stories or blogs and e-portfolios
- creative, flexible and responsive ways keep whānau connected (mobile technologies and community networks)
- kaiako work to understand learning and behaviour from all perspectives
- kaiako are open to feedback from whānau and the wider community
- kaiako actively engage with mana whenua and take responsibility for embedding their knowledge and narratives in curriculum and practice.

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