



Briefing report

Education Review Office (ERO): Launch of *Te Muka Here Tangata*

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Addressee	Action sought	Deadline
Associate Minister of Education	<p>It is recommended that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the contents of this briefing report. b) Note the attached copy of <i>Te Muka Here Tangata</i>. c) Agree to work with ERO officials on your involvement in the launch of <i>Te Muka Here Tangata</i> in Tauranga, on April 29. d) Note that this briefing is recommended for proactive release following the launch of the <i>Te Muka Here Tangata</i> in Tauranga, on April 29. 	



Attachments:

Māori enjoying and achieving education success as Māori

Te Muka Here Tangata



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Hon Jan Tinetti
Associate Minister of Education

Launch of Te Muka Here Tangata

Purpose

1. This briefing report updates you on ERO's report *Te Muka Here Tangata: The Strand that Binds People*, and its forthcoming launch in Tauranga on 29 April 2022.

Background

Te Muka Here Tangata: The Strand that Binds People – Supporting Māori learners in English-medium schools during Covid-19.

2. *Te Muka Here Tangata* identified the impacts of Covid-19 upon Māori learners in English-medium education. It explored:
 - How well schools responded to the challenges of the pandemic.
 - What actions schools took to support Māori learners' wellbeing, engagement, and learning progress during lockdown (distance learning) and upon their return to school.
3. The report is case study based. ERO partnered with a cohort of eight low-decile schools, with high Māori populations, in the Bay of Plenty and East Coast regions.
4. This work supports the research outlined in *Te Kahu Whakahaumarū: Ngā mahi a te rāngai mātauranga Māori*, which shares the successes and challenges faced by Māori-medium sites during the Alert Level changes in 2020. It is intended both reports will provide valuable insights for the sector in supporting Māori students in the event of future lockdowns.

Summary of findings

5. *Te Muka Here Tangata* found that leaders and school staff were better equipped to support distance learning and whānau wellbeing when a series of factors were in place.
 - **Ground-up leadership**
Strong leadership and governance practice, sharing responsibility and decision making with school communities. Effective communication is critical here.
 - **Appropriate resources, appropriate delivery**
Ensuring learners are provided with both differentiated, fit-for-purpose resources,

and meaningful learning experiences. This is central to developing learners' linguistic and cultural capability, and their ability to effectively participate in te ao Māori.

- **Technology and equipment**
Teachers and whānau need appropriate hard copy learning materials, digital technology, adequate devices, and reliable internet connections.
- **Digital literacy**
Flexible, evolving digital curricula are needed, as well as teacher capability to effectively use technology as both a teaching and learning platform.

Upcoming launch

6. ERO will be launching *Te Muka Here Tangata* on April 29, 2021, at Trinity Wharf in Tauranga. We will work with your office to plan your involvement in the launch.

Recommendations

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Noted

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Agree

Noted

Nicholas Pole
Chief Executive

NOTED/APPROVED

Hon Jan Tinetti
Associate Minister of Education

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