



# Briefing report

## **Education Review Office (ERO): ERO, Ministry of Education and Māori Medium National Project – Te Kura Huanui: *Pursuing successful pathways***

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Addressee	Action sought	Deadline
<b>Associate Minister of Education</b>	<p>It is recommended that you:</p> <p>a) <b>Note</b> the contents of this briefing and the attachments provided to support the Parliamentary launch of Te Kura Huanui on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.</p> <p>b) <b>Agree</b> that this work provides the impetus for a research programme that further supports the strategies, Ka Hikitia, Tau Mai te reo, and the National Education Learning Priorities. It could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further research in the Māori-medium space and valuable opportunities to strengthen the learning experience for Māori enjoying and achieving education success as Māori.</li> <li>- Research in English medium settings as we seek to investigate, report, and showcase what enjoying and achieving education success as Māori looks like.</li> </ul> <p>c) <b>Note</b> that this briefing is recommended for proactive release.</p>	



### Attachments:

**Education Review Office (ERO):  
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Kura Huanui: *Pursuing Successful  
pathways***

### Minister's Office to complete

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### Comments:



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Hon Kelvin Davis  
Associate Minister of Education

**ERO, Ministry of Education and Māori Medium National Project – Te Kura Huanui:  
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**Purpose**

1. This briefing is to provide background, content, and an overview of the launch of Te Kura Huanui on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It is supported by:
  - a. Speech notes.
  - b. Questions and answers to support media engagement.
  - c. The press release.
  - d. The run sheet for this event.
  - e. Key messages.

**Background**

2. Te Kura Huanui is an evaluation project that was led by the Education Review Office. The purpose of Te Kura Huanui is to highlight the te reo Māori pathway, and Māori enjoying and achieving success as Māori. The project was completed in partnership with Te Runanga Nui o Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori, Ngā Kura ā Iwi, and the Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust and Ministry of Education.
3. ERO's evaluation insights supported the development of the national findings, Te Kura Huanui – *The treasures of successful pathways, valuable for our system, precious for our whānau*. The project began with specific names that acknowledged the kaupapa of the different peak body groups. This work is also known by Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori as *Poutiria te reo Mauriora*, and by Ngā Kura ā Iwi as *Whaia nga ara painga kia angitu ai*.
4. Te Kura Huanui is a strong, evidenced based view of the successes in te reo Māori pathways and the factors in institutional arrangements, underpinning philosophies and practice which give life to this success. There is a gap in education research and evaluation like this. The report aligns to the Minister's goals of broadening te reo Māori pathways.

**Findings**

5. This National Project consists of:
  - a. A national report and vignettes that:
    - i. Identifies the Māori medium education pathway, captures good practice, highlights characteristics of educational success and portrays the role of parents, families, whānau, hapū and iwi and community participation.

- ii. Additionally, it shows successful transitions for mokopuna, tamariki and uri from kōhanga reo, to kura, wharekura, where wananga and into their chosen vocation.
  - b. Peak Body reports and site vignettes
    - i. Identifies each raukura or graduate, their journey, and their success through the education provision of choice.
- 6. Te Kura Huanui: *The treasures of successful pathways*, highlight the holistic education approach and identifies five common conditions for success across Māori medium education sites:
  - a. Mana Māori Motuhake: Being Māori.
  - b. Tikanga Māori.
  - c. Whanaungatanga: Relationships and connectedness.
  - d. Ako: Teaching and Learning.
  - e. Kāwhiri Whakarite: Leaders as Visionaries.
- 7. The intention of this body of work is to showcase good practices across the Māori medium sector which are contributing to their success. To support parents in their decision making and in respect of choosing a Māori medium pathway for their children, and to document and ultimately acknowledge the achievement of the educationalists who, over the past three decades crafted genuinely indigenous education provision in Aotearoa.

#### **Te Kura Huanui Parliamentary Launch**

- 8. The Education Review Office and The Ministry of Education have worked together in preparation for this launch.
- 9. The attachments required to support this launch include, speech notes, media information and an official run sheet. The Ministers speech notes specifically reference senior members of each peak body group represented on the day.
- 10. The invitation list includes a wide range of representatives from across the Māori medium education paradigm and educators who have made significant contributions. The final RSVP list will be made available on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Next steps**

- 11. This work provides the impetus for a research programme that further supports the strategies, Ka Hikitia, Tau Mai te reo, and the National Education Learning Priorities. It could include:
  - a. Further research in the Māori-medium space and valuable opportunities to strengthen the learning experience for Māori enjoying and achieving education success as Māori.
  - b. Research in English medium settings as we seek to investigate, report, and showcase what enjoying and achieving education success as Māori looks like.

## Recommendations

12. It is recommended that you:

- a) **Note** the contents of this briefing and the attachments provided to support the Parliamentary launch of Te Kura Huanui on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021. **Noted**
- b) **Agree** that this work provides the impetus for a research programme that further supports the strategies, Ka Hikitia, Tau Mai te reo, and the National Education Learning Priorities. It could include:
- Further research in the Māori-medium space and valuable opportunities to strengthen the learning experience for Māori enjoying and achieving education success as Māori.
  - Research in English medium settings as we seek to investigate, report, and showcase what enjoying and achieving education success as Māori looks like.
- c) **Note** that this briefing is recommended for proactive release. **Noted**

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Chief Executive

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Associate Minister of Education

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