



BIRKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rumaki Enrolment Information

Our 2 learning pathways at Birkdale Primary School:

At Birkdale Primary School we have 2 educational pathways whānau can choose from.

1. **Auraki:** a typical NZ primary pathway. Auraki means mainstream - $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school population are in this stream. It is English-medium but we are working toward our Level 4b qualification this year which means at least 3 hours of te reo Māori instruction being used.
2. **Rumaki:** Māori-medium, immersion learning pathway based on kaupapa Māori principles, practices and operates a Level 1 Maori medium programme, which means te reo Māori is the language of instruction 81-100% of the time. The 20% te reo Pākehā focusses on pākehā fluency in reading and writing because we aim to have students leave fluent in the literacies of both te ao Māori me Pākehā. The rumaki team is called 'Te Puāwaitanga'.

You have expressed interest in enrolling your child in our rumaki pathway. Please read the enrolment criteria carefully below and consider whether you and your whānau are ready to make the 6 year commitment with us, if accepted.

Special Programme Enrolment Entry Criteria

Entry criteria is determined by a tono process, in which an interview takes place between the tumuaki, whānau supporting te reo Māori in the home, and team lead.

Decision on entry will be based on:

1. **Te reo Māori fluency level:**

- **Y0-1** Entrants are preferred to have graduated from (attended for two years) a Kohanga Reo or Puna Reo or have been brought up in a home environment where te reo is the first language and are able to engage in everyday conversation through the medium of te reo Māori but if the whānau commitment is there than that will be considered for students with no reo.
- **Y2-6:** A high level of fluency in conversational te reo Māori, as assessed by kaiako through oral interaction with children.

2. **A commitment from the applicant's whānau to use te reo in the family home.** This means:

- at least one member of the whānau living with the child having a high level of fluency in reo
- OR for Y0-1 only, at least one member of the whānau being willing to start their language learning journey with their child by being able to show proof of enrolment in a te reo Māori language learning course.

3. **A commitment from parents to take an active role in their child's education** throughout their child's attendance at school by contributing to the unique nature of the special programme. This will involve regular attendance to whānau hui and community initiated activities [fundraising].

If you would still like to pursue enrolment, let the office know and they will set up an appointment.

Nga mihi nui

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