



Te Reo Māori Policy

The Māori Party has a vision for a proud, bilingual Aotearoa that supports Maori culture, language and Māori identity to flourish.

The Māori Party will:

- ✓ **Bilingualise** towns and cities, starting with bi-lingual signage in Rotorua, Ōtaki and Wairoa.
- ✓ **Establish** Reo Housing Development pilots in partnership between whānau, hapū, iwi, councils and government to create communities of reo-speaking papakāinga.
- ✓ **Establish** a dedicated Centre of Excellence for research, development and teacher training for reo Māori.
- ✓ **Make** te reo Māori, Māori history and culture core curriculum subjects in all schools up to year 10.
- ✓ **Work** with the Ministry for Education and Teacher Training providers to develop a strategy to implement te reo Māori, history and culture in all schools a part of the core curriculum to Year 10.
- ✓ **Provide** more funding for digital learning and digital learning programmes in te reo Māori.

- ✓ **Increase** overall funding for Māori medium education.
- ✓ **Promote** Māori medium as a viable pathway for student success and achievement.
- ✓ **Create** parity of funding between kōhanga reo and early childhood education providers.
- ✓ **Set up** one year teaching courses for te reo Māori speakers.
- ✓ **Increase** the number of Teach NZ scholarships for Māori medium teachers who are teaching STEM subjects, te reo Māori and Māori history and culture.
- ✓ **Write off** student loans for teachers of te reo and Māori medium kaiako who have served more than five years teaching te reo or in the medium of te reo.
- ✓ **Establish** a fund to enable one person in every non-reo speaking whānau to study Te Reo Māori full time for two years at an approved reo wānanga or institute. The fund would pay for tuition and course related fees and provide an allowance similar to the 'Career Changer' scholarship – of up to \$500 per week to study.
- ✓ **Establish** a \$1 million annual fund to support Kura Reo.
- ✓ **Establish** a \$5 million annual fund to support Māori Performing Arts to flourish and include provision for Matatini kapa haka performers to travel as a part of tourism and economic development delegations to promote Māori language and culture.

- ✓ **Support** a Te Reo Māori Anake Village at Te Matatini, with provision for free entry to Matatini.

- ✓ **Establish** a \$1 million annual fund to support Ngā Manu Kōrero, a Primary School Reo Rua Spelling Bee Annual Competition, an annual Secondary National Quiz competition and a Māori Toastmasters competition.