



Whānau Policy

Whānau are at the heart of everything we do in the Māori Party. We believe in whānau determining their own tino rangatiratanga, their own prosperity and success and overall, their own futures.

We want to:

- Move funding and resources from social service delivery to whānau designed and community-led development.
- Take a whole systems approach for longer term sustainable change.
- Empower local flaxroots leadership and community enablers.
- Promote central and local government, community, business and iwi collaboration.

Whānau Ora

The Māori Party will:

- ✓ **Create over** 3000 new whānau ora navigator positions as follows:
 - **500** hapū and iwi-led navigators
 - **120** navigators with specialist skills in family violence
 - **500** Pacifica church and community-led 'TaTupu' navigators
 - **1000** employment-led navigators
 - **1000** housing-led navigators

- ✓ **Implement** a range of policies that embody a Whānau Ora approach to addressing social, economic and cultural needs and aspirations.
- ✓ **Advance whānau-centred** community-led development projects in health, housing, employment, marae, education, rangatahi, environment and justice.
- ✓ **Expand** the whānau ora approach to support a greater number of whānau.
- ✓ **Significantly increase** opportunities for whānau ora commissioning, right across government, as it was always intended to, with specific appropriation tagged to whānau ora commissioning in justice, education, housing, social development, environment and business, innovation and employment.
- ✓ **Invest** in the establishment of the 'TaTupu' - outcomes framework for Pacific families. The 'TaTupu' approach is a cultural, social and economic transformational change kaupapa led by Pacific Island communities.

Oranga Tamariki | Children's Wellbeing

The Māori Party will:

- ✓ **Increase** the numbers of kaiwhakawhanaungatanga (whānau researchers) from 20 nationally to 150 in Oranga Tamariki.
- ✓ **Require** Oranga Tamariki to engage in strategic partnerships with iwi and Māori organisations as a primary mechanism to improve outcomes for vulnerable Māori children, young people and their whānau.
- ✓ **Require** Oranga Tamariki to invest in Whānau Ora to assist whānau to develop a stronger understanding on their own strengths and how they can better access social services to support better outcomes for vulnerable children.

- ✓ **Implement** the Waikato Tainui-led model *Mokopuna Ora* in more areas
- ✓ **Create** 12 pilots based around the 1000 Days Trust model, an early intervention model which consists of a week-long residential services supported by a 1000 Days follow up service for Whānau. The intended outcome for 1000 days is to proactively support Whānau parenting, to establish healthy and positive relationships with their children, and to be backed with the tools to change the trajectory for Whānau who may otherwise be placed at risk.

Oranga Rangatahi | Young Peoples' Wellbeing

The Māori Party will:

- ✓ **Expand** Passport to Life to every rangatahi aged 17 to 20 years to ensure every rangatahi leaves college with a driver's licence, a bank account, an IRD number and a curriculum vitae.
- ✓ **Free** public transport for students at all levels.
- ✓ **Expand** the Rangatahi Suicide Prevention Strategy.
- ✓ **Improve** access to vocational training and pathways in rural and isolated Māori communities.
- ✓ **Expand** reciprocal Working Holiday Schemes to support greater rangatahi participation in overseas work holiday exchanges, and broaden appeal to international youth wanting to experience Māori culture.

- ✓ **Introduce** international scholarships for rangatahi to travel overseas to attend indigenous youth, educational and cultural conferences.
- ✓ **Partner** with iwi and local communities to provide better connections to identity, culture and language for rangatahi.
- ✓ **Establish** 2,000 Pacific youth scholarships and 300 Pacific youth internships per year.

At High School

- ✓ **Remove** fees on NCEA exams so all students are able to receive their qualifications regardless of the whānau financial position.
- ✓ **Establish** driver licence classes at secondary schools and provide access to identity documents through expanding the 'Passport to Life' programme.
- ✓ **Target** investments in waka ama, kapa haka clubs, community, regional and national rangatahi leadership hui.
- ✓ **Appoint** mental health youth workers in schools.

School leavers and NEET

- ✓ **Introduce** a 6 month 'earn as you learn' job experience scheme for unemployed youth.
- ✓ **Establish** tuākana/tēina role modelling programmes to encourage and incentivise rangatahi to make sound career planning decisions.
- ✓ **Create** more pre-degree pathways for Māori and Pacific students who have not achieved entrance requirements to undertake tertiary education.

At Tertiary

- ✓ **Introduce** First in Whānau scholarships to target the “First in Whānau to engage in a Bachelor level qualification” programme.
- ✓ **Increase** the number of Teach NZ scholarships for Māori teachers and Te Reo teacher.
- ✓ **Write off** the living cost component of all student loans and explore the viability of writing off the total student loan for those who work in a job equivalent to their qualification in Aotearoa for a period of five years.
- ✓ **Reinstate** student allowance for Post-Graduate students.
- ✓ **Introduce** a universal student allowance and make a ‘cost of living’ adjustment.
- ✓ **Reduce** the repayment levels on a student loan starting at 4% (\$40,000), 6% (\$50,000) and 8% (for \$60,000 and over).
- ✓ **Remove** the 8EFTS cap for medical students.
- ✓ **Investigate and implement** new whānau-centred, student-led approaches to ensure rangatahi are well equipped to undertake and successfully complete tertiary study at all levels.

Rangatahi Entrepreneurs

- ✓ **Implement** the recommendations from the Turongo Māhina-a-Rangi Leaders by Design Summit 2017.

- ✓ **Set up** community based Māori Innovation and Entrepreneurship hubs.
- ✓ **Support** and harness the inner 'tutu' of every rangatahi to realise their entrepreneurial potential through re-purposing *Matariki X* as a three-day workshop offered throughout Aotearoa.
- ✓ **Provide** low interest business start-up loans for rangatahi entrepreneurs.

Oranga Kaumātua | Elders' Wellbeing

Kaumātua (elders) are a taonga (treasure) across all cultures. As such, we all have an obligation to ensure they are nurtured, loved and respected through their retirement. We embrace the knowledge, values and customs that they hand down for future generations. Our elders are our window to the past, our connection to our present, and our backbone for the future.

The Māori Party wants to ensure that all our kaumātua have access to the services they need to enable them to live comfortably and securely in their retirement.

The Māori Party will:

Legislation and government investment

- ✓ **Establish** a new ministerial portfolio to ensure greater government accountability for retirement policy and greater investment in aged care for the benefit of all kaumātua.
- ✓ **Amend** existing retirement policy to enable all eligible retirees to take their superannuation at the full rate, earlier than the current eligibility age of 65 years.

- ✓ **Review** and reset the eligibility criteria for accessing superannuation for Māori and Pacific and consider lowering the age to 63 until life expectancy outcomes for Māori and Pacific are the same as for non-Māori and non-Pacific.
- ✓ **Introduce** legislation that supports better regulations of aged care facilities
- ✓ **Reinvest** in the aged care sector to ensure the sector is able to provide greater care of Kaumātua living in rest homes or aged care facilities.
- ✓ **Develop** government enabled co-investment options with whānau, hapū, iwi or community housing providers and private equity firms to support the building of fully serviced, high quality retirement communities.

Wellbeing & Cost of Living

- ✓ **Expand** services for Gold card holders by introducing free healthcare through Whānau Ora services.
- ✓ **Free** annual health and free annual dental check for all people aged over 60 years.
- ✓ **Fully** subsidised prescriptions for everyone over 60 years of age.
- ✓ **Free** bi-annual eyesight checks for everyone over 60 years of age.
- ✓ **Introduce** subsidies for renewable energy solutions for goldcard holders through our iwi energy plans.
- ✓ **Work** with local government to provide rate payment assistance for retired homeowners who are unable to pay their rates arrears due to the rising costs of living.

- ✓ **Increase** financial support to enable whanau to care for kaumatua so they can remain with their whanau (if they choose to) and better support kaumātua who are struggling with the rising living costs.
- ✓ **Advocate** for financial support for kaumātua who provide cultural or religious support to organisations or agencies on a voluntary basis.
- ✓ **Free** public transport for those aged over 60 years.
- ✓ **Increase** navigators for Whānau Ora and other support workers connecting and engaging with our elderly, to provide a safe support network to prevent elder abuse.
- ✓ **Establish** specialised Māori led elderly residential care facilities, medical and support services.

Grandparents as carers

- ✓ **Increase** support from the Oranga Tamariki Agency for grandparents raising their grandchildren to ensure that grandparents are well resourced to raise their grandchildren – to get the right support, at the right time.
- ✓ **Establish** a programme that allows young people to be mentored and taught life skills, budgeting, driving lessons, DIY and home craft skills by kaumātua willing to offer their knowledge, time and support.
- ✓ **Fund and support** grandparents who have taken on fulltime responsibility to care for their grandchildren outside of the care and protection system.