

# Te Tatau Pounamu

## Memorandum of Understanding

Tatau Pounamu - The green stone door: A metaphor for a Safe Haven, a Safe, friendly, nurturing place.

**Tatau:** Door - Mum

**Pou:** Support - Dad, whanau, hapu, iwi, community

**Namu:** Movement of the baby just before it breaks out into the world and says '*Tihei Mauriora*'

**Note:** In days of old when war was imminent, the *Rangatira* from opposing sides would come together and agree to set aside a place where wounded or tired people could be and it didn't matter from which iwi or hapu, could enter and be safe. This they called Te *Tatau Pounamu*.

**No reira**, this journey is about creating a Safe, friendly, nurturing place for our tamariki, their whanau, our staff and the wider community.

## Between

### Te Roro o te Rangi Hapū and Mokoia Intermediate

#### **Kaupapa Matua (Purpose):**

The purpose of Te Tatau Pounamu/M.O.U. is to formalise the commitment of the parties to work in partnership to cement the relationship between Te Roro o te Rangi Hapu and Mana Whenua of the Rohe upon which Mokoia Intermediate sits.

#### **Te Horopaki (Context):**

Te Roro o te Rangi Hapū have cultural, spiritual, historical and traditional association with the whenua upon which Mokoia Intermediate sits and are recognised as iwi/hapū who are mana whenua and kaitiaki of the rohe which encompasses Mokoia Intermediate. The Board of Trustees of Mokoia Intermediate recognise their legal obligations under the Deed of Settlement reached with the Crown on Historic Grievances suffered by Te Roro o te Rangi Hapū and has further offered:

- A permanent (co-opted) representative position to Te Roro o te Rangi Hapū on the Mokoia Intermediate Board of Trustees.
- Full autonomy on selection of their Hapū Board representative in consultation with the Mokoia Intermediate Board of Trustees.
- Full speaking and voting rights for the Hapū representative on the Mokoia Intermediate Board of Trustees.

#### **Te Roa:**

The Te Tatau Pounamu/M.O.U. is in effect from 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in perpetuity or for as long as Mokoia Intermediate continues to operate on the current location and under the principles encompassed in this document.

*“Toitū te whenua, whatungarongaro te tangata”*

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Rawiri Wihapi  
Principal, Mokoia Intermediate

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Paraone Pirika  
Te Roro o te Rangi Hapū Representative

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Julie Wenham  
Chairperson, Mokoia Intermediate Board of Trustees

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Minnie Vercoe  
Te Roro o te Rangi Hapu Representative

Dated: Tuesday the 28th day of May 2019

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