



Briefing Note: Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi Paepae Rangatira and Update on Te Kura i Huna

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Purpose of Report

This paper provides you with information about the education item that will be discussed at the upcoming Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi Paepae Rangatira (Annual Ministerial Forum) on Wednesday 26 January 2022.

Summary

- Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi Paepae Rangatira is an annual Ministerial Forum designed to discuss and agree priority initiatives or areas of collaboration that will enable the strengthening of Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi muka and support shared outcomes.
- Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga understands that Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi will discuss the updates about Te Kura i Huna, and the concerns they have about the application process and legislative requirements. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga will continue to work with Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi to address these concerns.

Proactive Release

a **agree** that Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga release this briefing.

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Background

1. You have been invited to attend the Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi Paepae Rangatira (Annual Ministerial Forum) from 1:00pm to 3:30pm on Wednesday 26 January 2022 at Te Aroha Marae, Kai Iwi.
2. Dr Daryn Bean, Hautū, Te Tuarongo, will also be attending to support you at the forum.

Te Kura i Huna

3. The key education item on the agenda is the Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi Te Kura i Huna proposal. Te Kura i Huna is an online kura concept that will be used to transmit intergenerational moohiotanga - Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi knowledge via digital tools.

Agreements from previous Paepae Rangatira

4. The agreement at the previous Paepae Rangatira, on 16 July 2020, was for Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga to continue to support Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi to develop Te Kura i Huna via the existing iwi-led co-design process.
5. Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi had initially intended to open Te Kura i Huna by 2024, however, this was extended to 2025 due to Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi concerns with the current application process for establishing a State school as a designated character school (Education and Training Act 2020, section 204). Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi are currently seeking further establishment options.

Update on the development of Te Kura i Huna

6. Since the last Paepae Rangatira [METIS 1220221 refers], Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi have been working with Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga on the development of Te Kura i Huna as part of their education strategy.
7. Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi asked for support from Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga to address the issue of establishing Te Kura i Huna using the current application process.
8. From mid-September 2020 to August 2021, Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga provided an IT staff member to Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi at 0.4 FTE to support the co-design development for Te Kura i Huna.
9. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga and Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi formed a Project Team to prioritise and commission the practical actions and commitments to give uri of Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi access to their own moohiotanga. The Project Team was made up of three members from Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi and four members appointed by Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga. The two co-chairs were from Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi and Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga.
10. The Project Team supported Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi with their application to establish a designated character school. Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi highlighted aspects of the application process and legislation that did not align with their objectives and later withdrew their application.
11. Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi have raised concerns about school boards being treated as the agent of the Crown (Education and Training Act 2020, section 61), which does not acknowledge the status that Māori have as Treaty partners.

12. Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi have also raised concerns around how the legislation outlines the various ways the board members are appointed, and the composition of school boards (Education and Training Act 2020, Schedule 22, s3). Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi prefer that the iwi decide on the composition and the appointments for the board.
13. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga has acknowledged these concerns and sought to include this with the Māori Medium Education and Kaupapa Māori Pathways Work Programme to propose changes to the legislation.
14. The Project Team has researched the different options for establishing Te Kura i Huna and whether they align with the aspirations of Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi. Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi have advised that the option that most aligns with their aspirations is the approach that was used to establish Te Kawa Matakura. Te Kawa Matakura is an education programme that is being piloted in Te Tai Tokerau, and is designed to provide development opportunities to rangatahi Māori who demonstrate a passion for tribal knowledge, and take part in succession planning for their iwi and te ao Māori.
15. Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi have asked for support from Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga to take a similar approach to that which was used to establish Te Kawa Matakura to set up Te Kura i Huna and reset the teams supporting them.
16. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga will support Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi to pursue their Te Kura i Huna proposal using the Te Kawa Matakura approach as this will offer Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi the opportunity to test the various aspects of their online kura concept with their rangatahi. However, this approach is not guaranteed to be a long-term solution, but a starting point toward the development Te Kura i Huna.
17. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga is of the opinion that the aspirations of Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi will be best met within the Māori Medium Education and Kaupapa Māori Pathways Work Programme. Possible changes in this programme are more likely to address their concerns with the legislation.
18. The Māori Medium Education and Kaupapa Māori Pathways Work Programme has been raised with Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi project team members. This is an opportunity for you to invite them to participate in the engagement that will begin to take place from February.

Achievements to date

19. The design brief of Te Kura i Huna was completed and signed by Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi and Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga in April 2021.
20. In December 2021, Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi decided the first step to establish Te Kura i Huna is to begin with a similar approach taken with Te Kawa Matakura.

Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga Financial investment in Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi

21. From mid-September 2020 to August 2021, an IT staff member was provided to Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi at 0.4 FTE to support the co-design development for Te Kura i Huna.
22. In April 2021, Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi received \$180,000 to develop local curriculum as part of Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories.

23. In November 2020, a one-off payment of \$20,000 was made to Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki to support them through the design and application process of Te Kura i Huna as a digital kura.
24. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga will commit to an ongoing discussion on funding provision to support the education aspirations.

Kaupapa that Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki will raise at Paepae Rangatira

25. Te Kura i Huna is the one education kaupapa that Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki have requested for the Paepae Rangatira agenda.
26. This briefing is concerned with Te Kura i Huna (item c).
27. The following kaupapa will also be discussed concerning the Crown-Māori relationship:
 - a. Engagement with Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki and the nature of that engagement
 - b. Direct financial investment in Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki, including COVID-19
 - c. Investment in the Whanganui/Taranaki rohe that would benefit ngā uri of Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki

Next Steps

28. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga is working with Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki to arrange support and set up a Governance Team and reset the Project Team to one that is equipped to establish Te Kura i Huna with the Te Kawa Matakura approach. Details outlining this support are expected to be finalised by February 2022. A briefing note will be provided to you to provide an update.
29. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga will engage with Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki to address the concerns that they have highlighted around setting up Te Kura i Huna under the current legislative requirements.
30. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga will meet with Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki on Friday 21 January 2022 and will discuss the raised concerns and how these can be included into the Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori Work Programme. Engagements with Ngāa Rauru Kaitiaki about the Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori Work Programme will be carried out between February-April 2022. An update of the outcome of this meeting will be provided to you accordingly.

Annexes

Annex 1: Talking points