

Māori values help to protect whānau

HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) AND SCHOOLS

Education builds strong tamariki

Early childcare, education and whānau support programmes can act as buffers, providing stability and stimulation to children and strengthening the ability of whānau to meet a child's developmental needs at home.

Quality ECE and schools provide protective supports for tamariki, as key places to access targeted and intensive support.

Participation in high-quality early childhood has long-term health benefits, reduces risky behaviour, depression and substance abuse.

E Tū Whānau values that support quality early education and school experiences

- **Kōrero awahi**
- **Aroha**
- **Whanaungatanga**

Some of the things we do to build these values in our homes and communities:

- *Our tamariki are surrounded by love from the minute they are born – their first experiences are positive, nurturing and loving*
- *We choose early childhood experiences for our tamariki that best suit our whānau – maybe they are with nannies as well as a local kohanga reo or childcare service*
- *We see the education centres as an extension of the home*
- *We invite other tamariki and their whānau to our house*
- *We are confident about talking to teachers and other carers about our tamariki's progress – we go along to parent teacher conferences and we ask questions when we are not sure about anything or if we have concerns*
- *Every day we take the time to ask our tamariki about their day – the highs and the lows*
- *We actively participate in activities and events at our tamariki's school or early childhood education place*
- *We play together and have fun.*

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