



What Turitea Tamariki Need to Thrive: A Community-Driven Vision

The feedback from our community on our Whānau Showcase evening on Thursday 24th July 2025 gave some insight on what it means for our tamariki to thrive.

Whānau desire a holistic educational experience that nurtures character, fosters active engagement, develops practical abilities, and instills a strong sense of identity and connection.

Qualities:

You emphasized the importance of our tamariki needing strong character attributes.

Kindness stands out as a paramount quality, alongside **Resilience** and **Confidence**.

Other highly valued qualities include:

- Empathy
- Curiosity
- Perseverance
- Reliability
- Independence
- Respect
- Bravery
- Thoughtfulness
- Pride in self
- Patience
- Fairness
- Positivity
- Open-mindedness
- Body empowerment

Dispositions:

You highlighted an active and engaged approach to learning and life.

A **Love of Learning** and a **Willingness to Take Risks** remain central.

Additionally, the desire for children to be:

- Accepting of each other's differences and learning abilities
- Embracing differences
- Responsible for themselves and their actions
- Encouraged by their environment
- Whanaungatanga (a strong sense of connection and belonging)
- Not giving up when things are hard

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Skills:

You suggested needing practical abilities for navigating the modern world.

Problem-solving and **Creativity** were frequently mentioned, as were:

- Critical thinking
- Teamwork
- Self-management
- Clear communication skills
- Digital confidence
- Goal setting
- Making mistakes and learning from them
- Social skills
- Learning to say no
- Life skills
- Self-reliance

Knowledge:

You value knowledge that grounds children in who they are and their place in the world.

Key areas include:

- Knowing who they are (culturally and personally)
- Understanding the world around them
- Understanding different cultures
- Awareness of the environment in NZ and the world
- Hauora (holistic well-being)
- Strong connection to local place and community
- Awareness for others
- Real-life experiences

Have we got this right? Does your views match what you see above for your tamariki? Let us know via the Hero short survey. Please [email Troy](#) as I'd love to hear more from you if there is something missing...

Whānau Voice:

- 15 thought this strongly matched their views
- 8 thought this mostly matched their views
- 3 thought this somewhat matched their views
- 1 thought this didn't match their views

Qualities:

- 16 people chose Resilience
- 15 people chose Kindness
- 15 people chose Confidence
- 3 people chose Curiosity

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- 2 people chose Empathy
- 1 person chose Independence

Dispositions:

- 13 people chose a sense of responsibility for themselves and their actions
- 12 people chose a love of learning
- 10 people chose a strong sense of connection and belonging
- 1 person chose willingness to take risks
- 1 person chose accepting of each other's differences and learning abilities

Skills:

- 21 people chose problem solving
- 20 people chose critical thinking
- 9 people chose self-management
- 3 people chose creativity
- 3 people chose teamwork
- 1 person chose digital confidence

Knowledge:

- 18 people chose Knowing who they are (culturally and personally)
- 11 people chose Understanding the world around them
- 7 people chose Awareness for others
- 5 people chose Real-life experiences
- 3 people chose Awareness of the environment in NZ and the world
- 3 people chose Hauora (holistic well-being)
- No one chose Strong connection to local place and community or Understanding different cultures