

## B1.4.1. Te ao Māori concepts – whanaungatanga

### Whanaungatanga

**Te Aka Māori dictionary definition:** *relationship, kinship, sense of family connection - a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging. It develops as a result of kinship rights and obligations, which also serve to strengthen each member of the kin group. It also extends to others to whom one develops a close familial, friendship or reciprocal relationship.*

**Find 3 more definitions of whanaungatanga.** Note the source of this information. Try to find at least one definition from a source (a group or an organisation's website) close to where you live or go to school.

Definition	Source
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Select one of the health models you have studied.

Name of health model	
Main aspects/parts/dimensions of the model (list these in the rows below)	Describe how a sense of whanaungatanga relates to each of these directly or indirectly.

You may explore the concept of whanaungatanga across a range of contexts in your Health Education course.

**What are some actions you could do at school to develop a sense of whanaungatanga?**

The term '**whakawhanaungatanga**' is the *process of establishing relationships, relating well to others*. **Whakawhanaungatanga** requires some form of action to be taken or skills to be used. When learning about strategies that enhance hauora wellbeing (Part D of the Learning Journal and Workbook) you will find many of the skills you learn about contribute to whanaungatanga.

**How does whakawhanaungatanga link closely to the dimension of Taha Whanau in the Te whare tapa wha model?**