



Ako Rolleston Position Description

Early Childhood Teacher

Reports to: Manager

Supervising: Children

Relationships with: Teaching Team, Children, Whānau, Community, External Agencies.

Main Objectives:

- Adheres to and implements centre policies, procedures and regulations
- Contributes to the learning environment, curriculum design and team discussion / decision making
- Engage in professional learning
- Attends staff meetings
- Engage in and maintain professional relationships with all akonga and professionals
- Maintain Teacher Certification
- Maintain and respect the confidential and sensitive nature of the Early Childhood Profession

Overarching statements:

WHAKAMANA: empowering all learners to reach their highest potential by providing high-quality teaching and leadership.

MANAAKITANGA: creating a welcoming, caring and creative learning environment that treats everyone with respect and dignity.

PONO: showing integrity by acting in ways that are fair, honest, ethical and just.

WHANAUNGATANGA: engaging in positive and collaborative relationships with our learners, their families and whānau, our colleagues and the wider community.

Task	Outcome
<p>Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership</p> <p>Demonstrate commitment to tangata whenuatanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership in Aotearoa New Zealand.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and recognise the unique status of tangata whenua in Aotearoa New Zealand. • Understand and acknowledge the histories, heritages, languages and cultures of partners to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. • Practise and develop the use of te reo and tikanga Māori.
<p>Professional learning</p> <p>Use inquiry, collaborative problem-solving and professional learning to improve professional capability to impact on the learning and achievement of all learners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquire into and reflect on the effectiveness of practice in an ongoing way, using evidence from a range of sources. • Critically examine how my own assumptions and beliefs, including cultural beliefs, impact on practice and the achievement of learners with different abilities and needs, backgrounds, genders, identities, languages and cultures. • Engage in professional learning and adaptively apply this learning in practice. • Be informed by research and innovations related to: content disciplines; pedagogy; teaching for diverse learners, including learners with disabilities and learning support needs; and wider education matters. • Seek and respond to feedback from learners, colleagues and other education professionals, and engage in

	<p>collaborative problem solving and learning- focused collegial discussions.</p>
<p>Professional relationships</p> <p>Establish and maintain professional relationships and behaviours focused on the learning and wellbeing of each learner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in reciprocal, collaborative learning-focused relationships with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – learners, families and whānau – teaching colleagues, support staff and other professionals – agencies, groups and individuals in the community. • Communicate effectively with others. • Actively contribute, and work collegially, in the pursuit of improving my own and organisational practice, showing leadership, particularly in areas of responsibility. • Communicate clear and accurate assessment for learning and achievement information.
<p>Learning-focused culture</p> <p>Develop a culture that is focused on learning, and is characterised by respect, inclusion, empathy, collaboration and safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop learning-focused relationships with learners, enabling them to be active participants in the process of learning, sharing ownership and responsibility for learning. • Foster trust, respect and cooperation with and among learners so that they experience an environment in which it is safe to take risks. • Demonstrate high expectations for the learning outcomes of all learners,

	<p>including for those learners with disabilities or learning support needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the learning setting to ensure access to learning for all and to maximise learners’ physical, social, cultural and emotional safety. • Create an environment where learners can be confident in their identities, languages, cultures and abilities. • Develop an environment where the diversity and uniqueness of all learners are accepted and valued. • Meet relevant regulatory, statutory and professional requirements.
<p>Design for learning</p> <p>Design learning based on curriculum and pedagogical knowledge, assessment information and an understanding of each learner’s strengths, interests, needs, identities, languages and cultures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select teaching approaches, resources, and learning and assessment activities based on a thorough knowledge of curriculum content, pedagogy, progressions in learning and the learners. • Gather, analyse and use appropriate assessment information, identifying progress and needs of learners to design clear next steps in learning and to identify additional supports or adaptations that may be required. • Design and plan culturally responsive, evidence-based approaches that reflect the local community and Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership in New Zealand.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harness the rich capital that learners bring by providing culturally responsive and engaging contexts for learners.• Design learning that is informed by national policies and priorities.
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