

COHORT ENTRY PROCEDURE

Ka hāngai ēnei tuhinga ki ngā mātāpono o Te Aho Matua

AIM

- Tōku Māpihi Maurea Kura Kaupapa Māori supports cohort entry for new entrants to our kura.

RATIONALE

- To provide whānau with the opportunity for their tamaiti/new entrant to start school in a group at the start of each school term, or at a mid-term point date after they have turned five.

LEGISLATION

These guidelines are in accordance with the Education Act 1989 (SECTIONS 5A, 5B, 5C).

GUIDELINES

- These procedures will come into effect at the 1 January 2020.
- All new entrant tamariki that start kura will be aged between 5 and 6 years of age.
- After a child has turned 5, they will be able to start school on any first day of term, or mid-term date, up until they turn 6.
- The Ministry of Education determines the precise mid-term dates for each term. This date will determine what term a child may start. These are published on the Ministry of Education's website and in the Education Gazette.
- There are eight start states per year for new entrants.
- Whānau can still choose to delay their child's start until the beginning of a later term or mid-point until age six if they are concerned about their child's readiness for school.
- Once an offer of a position is made, the kura will initiate a conversation with the whānau regarding the start date for their child as well as transition dates.
- Whānau who choose to delay their child's start, need to advise the kura within 7 days of receiving notification of a place.

2020 mid- term dates for schools implementing cohort entry

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID-TERM DATE*	END OF TERM DATE
1	7/02/2020**	9/03/2020	9/04/2020
2	28/04/2020	2/06/2020 (Tuesday)	3/07/2020
3	20/07/2020	24/08/2020	25/09/2020
4	12/10/2020	16/11/2020	18/12/2020

* The mid-point of each term will be the Monday nearest to half way between the first and the last day of the term. If the Monday falls on a public holiday the next working day will be used as the mid-term date.

**The date used for the first term is the latest possible term start date. Even if your school uses an earlier start date than the day after Waitangi Day, or finishes before the latest possible end date for Term 4, the mid-term dates will apply for the purposes of a cohort entry policy.