22 January 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian

**RE: TEACHING OF TE REO MAORI AT WHANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL**

The purpose of this letter is to update the School community regarding the teaching of Te Reo Maori at Whanganui Collegiate School for 2019.

Since the resignation of Mrs Rene Gardiner the School has tried its best to find a teacher of Te Reo Maori who will be able to build on what has been achieved both in and out of the classroom. This has involved not only advertising extensively through the Education Gazette, but also approaching key members of our wider community. Unfortunately, the School has been unable to find a replacement. As a result, we propose the following:

**Year 9 and 10**
Spanish will run for each student for half a Year.
The other half will be a Citizenship programme where students will focus on their rights and responsibilities as a NZ citizen. Included in this course, students will explore their rights and obligations, the political system of NZ and in pre-European Aotearoa, financial literacy AND Te Reo/Tikanga in which Ash Patea will assist. The latter part of the course will focus on being a Global Citizen. This ties in with the Whanganui Collegiate initiative of being a Round Square school.

**Senior Te Reo Maori**
Students will enrol in Te Kura (Correspondence School) and Ash Patea will attend one day a week to assist.

Note that we will continue to seek and build on our existing Tikanga programme within the Houses and the wider School.

Kind regards

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Deputy Headmaster