



Powhiri a Formal and Traditional Welcome

Northcross School performs a powhiri, annually to welcome our new students and staff. For 2020, this will take place on Tuesday 4th February at 10am

Year 7 students, new staff and parents/ Whānau will first meet in the staff car park to go through the waiata tautoko (support song) “E toru nga mea.”

Whānau are asked to meet here to be aware of these protocols and entering the space with our wāhine kaikaranga at the front with girls & females. Males behind to uplift our mana, it’s a visual to show our males are supporting our females.

- **Karanga**- the manuhiri are called onto our grounds by a kaikaranga (always female) to which manuhiri kaikaranga responds to. During this time the ope (group) move onto the grounds where the powhiri is being performed, which is our netball court area.
- **Seating** - as we move into the space, atea, the students will stop and wait to be seated on the courts (we allow hats to be worn with formal uniform) There will be seats in the front, this is the pae pae for male speakers and remaining staff. We ask that all male staff be seated in the front and if room any male whanau, behind will be remaining new staff, whanau to follow behind.
- **Whaikorero** - Tangata whenua will begin this process, NX uses the kawa of Paeke. The kaikorero will present their korero and following each korero a song of support will be performed by students, this is called waiata tautoko. The speaking role then moves to manuhiri who follow the same process.
- **Koha** - this is an internal powhiri at this time we present a gift of good will to our school this is given by our kaikorero and tangata whenua accept our gift of good will.
- **Hariru** -a handshake and a hongī is a ceremony of sharing one’s mauri life force, we ask that the students remain seated and only our Pae Pae those seated on our speaking space partake in the hongī.
- **Kai** - students are offered something to eat, this is what ends the formalities of the powhiri. Everyone must eat and drink something, which is to whakanoa to lift the tapu (sacred), of the formalities.

REMEMBER: the powhiri is a formal occasion and for this reason no photos and videos can be taken and manuhiri are to respect the process. Tangata Whenua look to use manaakitanga, to look after our new students, staff and whanau.

Karakia or blessing (Used for both the korowai and taonga)

Ma te whakapono	By believing and trusting
Ma te tumanako	By having faith and hope
Ma te titiro	By looking and searching
Ma te whakarongo	By listening & hearing
Ma te mahitahi	By patience & perseverance
Ma te manawanui	By doing this with love & compassion
Ma te aroha	We can succeed
Ka taea e mātou	