



Strategic Plan 2026 - 2028

Connected - Nurtured - Empowered

Riwaka te puna wai, whakatipu ngā tamariki - The flowing waters nurture our future generation

Goal 1: Connected to Community – ‘Our Place’ is alive

Success Statement: Riwaka School is the heart of the community – inclusive, welcoming, and connected.

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Measures of Success
	2026	2027	2028	
Embed & Celebrate Our Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Launch ‘Our Place’ calendar and Media MobShare AWHI moments through Hero and social mediaStrengthen visibility of our identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Embed Media Mob as part of school cultureHost an annual Our Place FestivalDevelop a digital story portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sustain signature events and storytellingArchive Our Place stories as school heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community events well attendedAWHI moments visible and celebratedOur Place identity recognised and lived

Curriculum of Our Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and trial Our Place story scope with iwi, historians, and community partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed spiralled Our Place curriculum Integrate global and local comparisons Share inquiries across teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidate curriculum and host annual Learning Expo Maintain and grow digital resource hub 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers use local stories confidently Scope & Sequence available for kaiako Iwi and whānau voices visible Learners connect local identity to global understanding
Partnerships in Our Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh enrolment and welcome systems Host whānau hui and community events (e.g. Bangers & Maths) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deepen partnerships with iwi, local groups, and whānau Expand themed hui and curriculum showcases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustain partnerships through shared initiatives Our Place partnerships become intergenerational 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whānau report strong belonging Partnerships visible and valued Our Place known as the heart of the community

Goal 2: Nurtured to Grow – Strengthen Identity, Hauora and Belonging

Success Statement: Our ākonga and community feel a deep sense of identity, belonging, and wellbeing at Our Place.

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Measures of Success
Belonging at Our Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen welcome and induction systems Launch mihi whakatau and welcome packs Embed buddy systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed belonging systems and tuakana-teina leadership Deepen whānau partnership and feedback loops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belonging culture self-sustaining Student and whānau voice shapes continual improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New staff, students, and whānau feel connected Relationships reflect AWHI values Belonging is visible in culture
Hauora for Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review hauora systems Strengthen EOTC and wellbeing processes Teach Te Whare Tapa Whā 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed targeted wellbeing programmes Strengthen hauora partnerships Deepen staff hauora PLD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustain hauora culture across school Students lead wellbeing initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff, whānau, and learners report high wellbeing EOTC road map embedded Hauora visible and embedded
Identity and Cultural Confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen te reo and tikanga through PLD Refresh cultural visibility and events Celebrate diversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deepen iwi narratives and cultural practice Grow learner leadership in kapa haka, pōwhiri, language weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural identity visible in all learning Iwi and multicultural stories embedded in curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learners proud of identity Whānau and iwi see themselves reflected Te reo me ūna tikanga woven through daily life

Goal 3: Empowered to Flourish – Inspiring Learning and Achievement

Success Statement: At Riwaka School, everyone is empowered to learn, grow, and flourish.

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Measures of Success
Everyday Matters: Attendance & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen transition supports Monitor and analyse attendance Build trauma-informed, inclusive practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed targeted supports and agency partnerships Celebrate engagement and attendance success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustain high attendance Embed belonging and engagement in daily practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance improves Whānau partnerships proactive Learners engaged and present
Achievement and Progress for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse and moderate data Identify and support priority learners Strengthen data literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed Te Mātaiaho and Science of Learning practices Develop learner-led conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data-informed teaching embedded Progress and equity sustained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement gaps reduce Progress visible Learners and whānau articulate growth and next steps
Future-Focused Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed AWHI attributes and goal setting Strengthen digital learning and integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand student leadership and inquiry learning Connect learners with authentic community projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learner agency fully embedded Students self-direct learning beyond school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learners set goals, reflect, and lead Digital fluency evident AWHI language drives learning culture
Teaching for Deep Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop previous PLD on conceptual and integrated curriculum Develop Teaching to the North-East approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed concept-based planning and inquiry design Mentor teacher capability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching to the North-East embedded Deliver rich, challenging learning experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers design deep, integrated learning Collaboration and reflection high Learners experience coherence and challenge