



Years | Tau 0-10 Draft Curriculum In-class Trialling

9 December 2025

Priority 1: Establishing a knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the science of learning

To help shape the draft Years | Tau 0-10 learning areas and wāhanga ako, schools and kura are invited to participate in the in-class trialling during Term 1, 2026.

The journey to strengthen the National Curriculum, consisting of the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, continues to reach significant milestones with the release of the draft Years 0-10 New Zealand Curriculum content on 28 October 2025.

The draft framework and Tau 0-10 wāhanga ako of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa will be released for consultation on 28 January 2026 – including Pūtaiao, Te Ao Māori, Waiora, Toi Ihiihi, Hāngarau, Ngā Reo, and Te Reo Pākeha.

The strengthened National Curriculum is knowledge-rich and sets out the knowledge and practices to be taught to students through responsive teaching and learning programmes. This provides a foundation for learning that supports equity and excellence for all students.

[Consultation is now open](#), and we welcome your feedback on the draft content through to **Friday, 24 April 2026**.

Insights received are essential to shaping a curriculum that is clear, structured, evidence-based, and grounded in the science of learning. By drawing on the expertise of teachers, principals, and a wide variety of education professionals, academics, and associations, we aim to enhance student progress and achievement.

Following consultation, the draft content will be finalised, with formal release of the updated curriculum planned for mid-2026.

In-class trialling – Term 1, 2026

To support a genuine and authentic engagement process of the draft Years 0-10 NZC and TMoA curriculum content, teachers and kaiako, alongside principals and tumuaki are invited to participate in the **In-class trialling** planned from **Monday, 2 March to Thursday, 2 April 2026**.

Your insights into teaching practices around this draft content are invaluable to help shape the draft Years 0-10 learning areas and wāhanga ako ahead of the mid-2026 curriculum release.

During the consultation process, we want to hear from you as you engage with this content in your classrooms and as part of your planning for your students and ākonga.

The draft learning areas for the New Zealand Curriculum that will be trialled are: Years 0-10 Science, Social Sciences, Health, The Arts, Learning Languages, and Technology.

The draft wāhanga ako for Te Marautanga o Aotearoa that will be trialled are: Tau 0-10 Pūtaiao, Te Ao Māori, Waiora, Toi Ihiihi, Hāngarau, Ngā Reo, and Te Reo Pākeha.

What to expect

This initiative gives teachers and kaiako the opportunity to take part in a Ministry-supported trial of the draft curriculum in real classroom settings.

Over a five-week period, we ask that teachers and kaiako consider, incorporate selected Years | Tau 0-10 curriculum content into their current teaching plans, deliver it in their classrooms, and share feedback on their experience.

To support you throughout the trial, the Ministry will provide online assistance, including access to experienced facilitators who can answer questions and help resolve issues as you work with this content. The trial also offers an additional channel to provide your feedback on the draft Years | Tau 0-10 curriculum content, alongside the wider consultation process.

The scope of the trial is intended to be manageable to support participation without adding unnecessary workload for teachers and kaiako.

What we'd like your feedback on:

For the learning areas or wāhanga ako you trial, please share your insights and feedback on the following:

- **Selective** – is the chosen content critical for student learning?
- **Coherent** – does the content progress and flow and is it carefully connected?
- **Carefully sequenced** – does the curriculum sequencing build on prior content and gradually increase in complexity?
- **Specific and clear** – does the content explicitly outline what students and ākonga are expected to know and be able to do?
- **Overall** – is the content practicable and appropriate for implementation in your school or kura and teaching context?

The in-class trialling will be based on the draft Year 0-10 NZC curriculum that is currently available for consultation, and the Tau 0-10 TMoA curriculum content that will be released for consultation on 28 January 2026.

Invitation to participate

Registrations are [now open](#) for schools and kura across Years | Tau 0-10 who would like to take part in the in-class trialling during Term 1, 2026.

Responses are due by **Monday, 9 February 2026** and all schools and kura will receive confirmation of their registration by **Monday, 16 February 2026**.

We are seeking to include a range of schools and kura, locations, and contexts to ensure broad representation in this trial and the insights we receive, while recognising that it may not be possible to represent every experience through this initiative.

Onboarding and introduction

All participants are asked to attend a half-day **onboarding session** during the week of **23 – 27 February 2026**.

This session will:

- Provide detailed information regarding the in-class trialling process and answer questions
- Introduce support teams and resources
- Build connections with other participating schools and kura.

Facilitators will work with teachers and kaiako during the session to provide any required planning guidance and assistance in advance of the trial period.

Additional supports

Presentations: From 24 November to 8 December 2025, teachers of the NZC were invited to attend a series of online presentations to unpack the learning areas. Videos of the sessions are published on Tāhūrangi. [Presentations: Unpacking the NZC learning areas](#)

Teacher Only / Curriculum Days: In addition to the in-class trialling and unpacking sessions, materials will also be available for schools to use during your teacher-only or curriculum days in late January/early February to explore the draft curriculum and prepare for in-class trialling onboarding.

In-class Trialling Support: Facilitation teams will provide expertise and support to schools and kura throughout the trial period.

Gathering feedback

We will use multiple methods to capture insights during this process. These include:

- Online feedback forms for teachers and kaiako to complete at the end of the trial.
- Post trial feedback sessions in April 2026 to gather insights and experiences..
- The wider draft Years 0-10 consultation is open until Friday, 24 April 2026 and we continue to welcome your insights on the draft content through this channel – here.

Activities and timeline

An overview of the in-class trialling activities and timeline is provided below. We'll continue to share further updates over the coming months.

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	Term 4, 2025	Term 1, 2026		Term 2, 2026
	November – December 2025	January – February 2026	March – April 2026	April – May 2026
ONBOARDING	1 Invitation to participate (Dec 2025): In-class trialling invitation open, and information available for schools and kura.	3 Invitations Close (Feb 2026): In-class trialling invitations close on Monday, 9 February 2026.		
		4 Registrations confirmed (Feb 2026): Schools and kura receive registration confirmation by 16 February 2026		
		5 Onboarding session (Feb 2026): Half-day onboarding hui for participating schools and kura during week of 23 – 27 Feb 2026.		
SUPPORTS	2 Unpack the NZC (Nov – Dec 2025): Presentations to unpack the NZC Learning Areas.	6 Unpack TMoA (Feb - Mar 2026): Sessions to unpack the TMoA Wāhanga Ako.		
		7 Teacher Only Days (Late Jan 2026): Opportunity to learn more about the draft curriculum prior to in-class trials.	8 In-class Trial Support (Mar – Apr 2026): Available for participating schools and kura during the trial.	
TRIALLING			9 In-class Trial – Years Tau 0-10 (Mar – Apr 2026): In-class trial from 2 March to 2 April 2026. Completed by the end of Term 1, 2026.	10 Feedback Sessions – Years Tau 0-10 (Apr 2026): Sessions to share experiences and discuss findings.

Is this the final content?

The Years | Tau 0-10 curriculum is presented in draft format and open for feedback. This is not yet the final version.

Following consultation, the draft content will be finalised, with formal release of the updated curriculum planned for mid-2026. It will become required teaching from the start of 2027.

- **2027:** Years 0-8 content for Science and Pūtaiao, Social Sciences and Te Ao Māori, Health & Physical Education and Waiora will need to be used from Term 1, 2027.
- **2028:** Years 0-8 content for The Arts and Toi Ihiihi, Technology and Hāngarau, Learning Languages and Ngā Reo, and Te Reo Pākehā (Te Marautanga o Aotearoa only) will need to be used from Term 1, 2028.
- All **Years 9-10** learning areas and wāhanga ako will need to be used from **Term 1, 2027**.

The Refreshed National Curriculum

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
English and Te Reo Rangatira 0-6 and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau 0-8 required to be used	English and Te Reo Rangatira 0-10 and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau 0-10 required to be used All learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks available. Encouraged use of all Year 9 content	Full curriculum required to be used for Years 9-10 For Years 0-8 use requirements are extended to include Science and Pūtaiao, Social Sciences and Te Ao Māori, Health & Physical Education and Waiora	All Years 0-11 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used	All Years 0-12 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used	All Years 0-13 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used
English 0-6 Te Reo Rangatira 0-6	English 0-10 Te Reo Rangatira 0-10	English 0-10 Te Reo Rangatira 0-10	English 0-11 Te Reo Rangatira 0-11	English 0-12 Te Reo Rangatira 0-12	English 0-13 Te Reo Rangatira 0-13
Mathematics and Statistics 0-8	Mathematics and Statistics 0-10	Mathematics and Statistics 0-10	Mathematics and Statistics 0-11	Mathematics and Statistics 0-12	Mathematics and Statistics 0-13
Pāngarau 0-8	Pāngarau 0-10	Pāngarau 0-10	Pāngarau 0-11	Pāngarau 0-12	Pāngarau 0-13
		Science 0-10 Pūtaiao 0-10	Science 0-11 Pūtaiao 0-11	Science 0-12 Pūtaiao 0-12	Science 0-13 Pūtaiao 0-13
		Social Sciences 0-10	Social Sciences 0-11	Social Sciences 0-12	Social Sciences 0-13
		Te Ao Māori 0-10	Te Ao Māori 0-11	Te Ao Māori 0-12	Te Ao Māori 0-13
		Health & Physical Education 0-10	Health & Physical Education 0-11	Health & Physical Education 0-12	Health & Physical Education 0-13
		Waiora 0-10	Waiora 0-11	Waiora 0-12	Waiora 0-13
		The Arts 9-10	The Arts 0-11	The Arts 0-12	The Arts 0-13
		Toi Ihiihi 9-10	Toi Ihiihi 0-11	Toi Ihiihi 0-12	Toi Ihiihi 0-13
		Technology 9-10	Technology 0-11	Technology 0-12	Technology 0-13
		Hāngarau 9-10	Hāngarau 0-11	Hāngarau 0-12	Hāngarau 0-13
		Learning Languages 9-10	Learning Languages 0-11	Learning Languages 0-12	Learning Languages 0-13
		Ngā Reo 9-10	Ngā Reo 0-11	Ngā Reo 0-12	Ngā Reo 0-13
		Te Reo Pākehā 9-10	Te Reo Pākehā 0-11	Te Reo Pākehā 0-12	Te Reo Pākehā 0-13

Contact us

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