

# Understand Māori perspectives on giftedness

Take a kauapapa Māori approach to identifying and fostering the potential of gifted Māori learners. Mahaki and Mahaki (2007) list some cultural qualities that are valued by Māori and may serve as indicators of giftedness and talent.

- ✓ Manaakitanga: generosity – honouring, caring and giving mana to people, thus maintaining your own mana.
- ✓ Whanaungatanga: family values, relationships.
- ✓ Wairuatanga: balance – harmony, spirituality, being grounded, calm.
- ✓ Kaitiakitanga: caretaker/guardianship of knowledge, environment and resources.
- ✓ Rangatiratanga: ranga – to weave, tira – a company; leadership that inspires unity.
- ✓ Mātauranga: knowledge – intellect, thinking skills, wisdom, education, learned, studious.
- ✓ Te mahi rēhia: recreational pursuits – physical and artistic performance.
- ✓ Tikanga: approved etiquette – correct behaviour, truthful, proper, respectful.

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