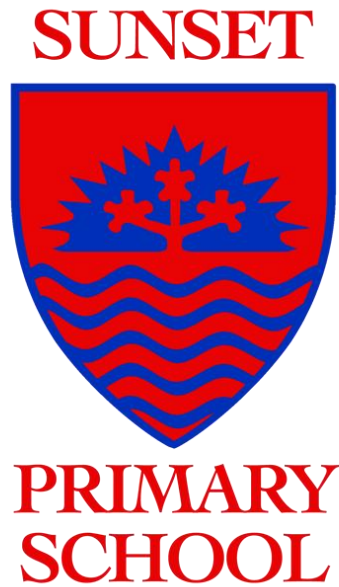


# **Sunset Primary School**

## **Strategic Plan 2024-2026**



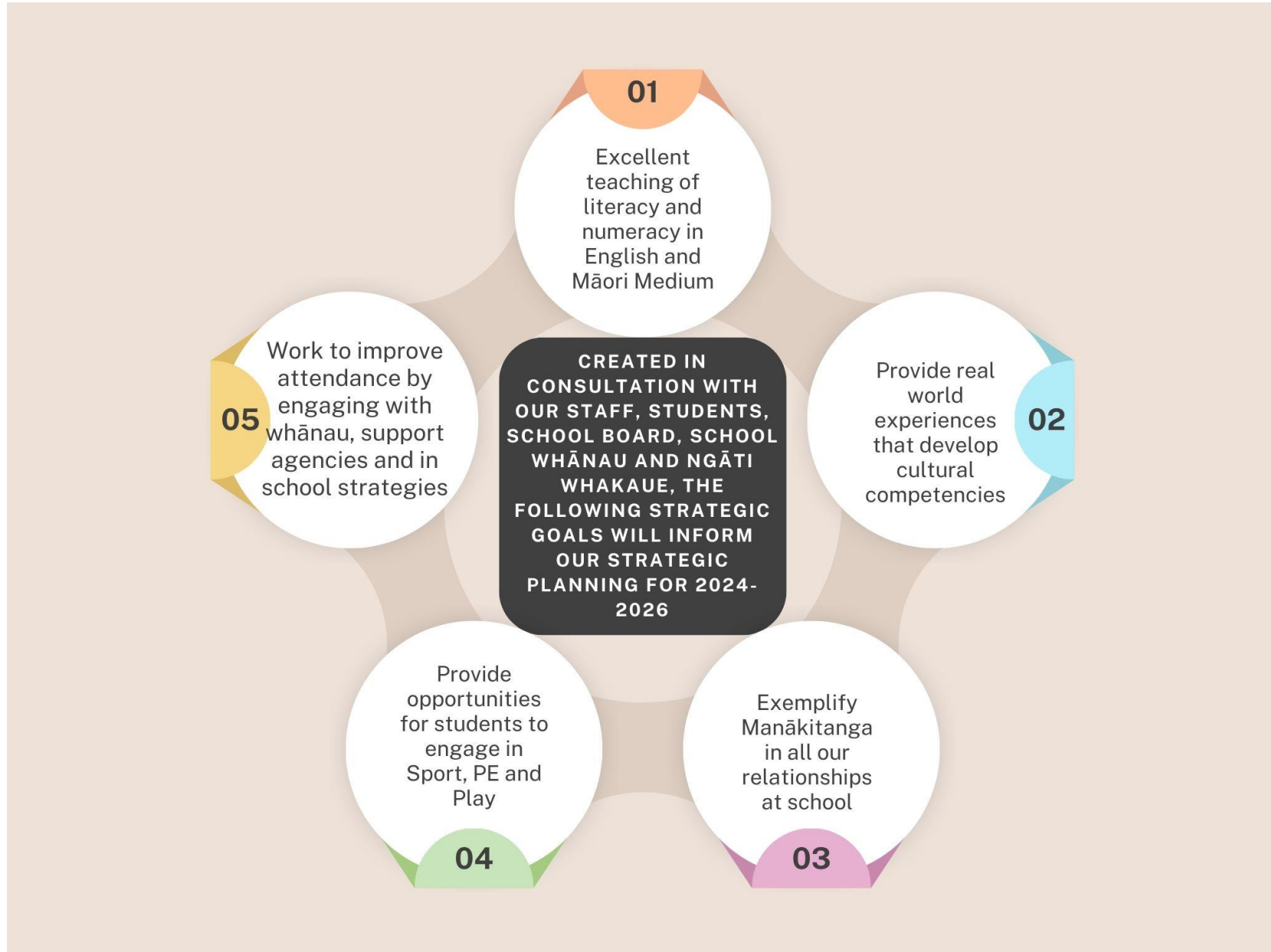
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Ratified

The School Board reviewed and ratified this Strategic Plan at their meeting 18 March 2024

# STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2024-2026 STRATEGIC GOALS



## TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

The School Board has actively implemented Te Tiriti o Waitangi to foster cultural understanding and equity within the educational framework. By incorporating the treaty's principles, such as partnership, participation, and protection, the board ensures that Māori perspectives are integrated into the localised and te Awaratanga curriculum. This includes acknowledging the cultural significance of local iwi, incorporating Te Reo Māori into teaching, and promoting tikanga Māori. Additionally, the board actively engages with the Māori community, seeking their input in decision-making processes. These efforts reflect a commitment to giving effect to the treaty and to create an inclusive educational environment for all students.

## SUNSET PRIMARY SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

### ONLY THE BEST FOR SUNSET PRIMARY SCHOOL

This Strategic Plan takes it lead from the whakatauki;

***“Me te huruhuru, ka rere to manu” Without feathers, the bird cannot fly.***

For this reason, each thought, decision and action are made through the lens of enhancing student outcomes.

It is based on the belief that children should feel safe and engaged at their school and that their hauora is considered a crucial factor in their learning success.

Sunset Primary School students will consider themselves a success, and that success may mean different things to each child, come at different times and in different ways.

Sunset Primary School is committed to developing a welcoming, exciting and beautiful environment for every student to thrive within.

As a learning community we recognise the challenges that our community face and are determined to provide our students with the best possible environment, with teachers who feel supported to deliver outstanding learning programmes resulting in accelerated progress for all learners.



## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUNSET PRIMARY SCHOOL

The buildings are very traditional and have been renovated and modernised in 2023, and two rooms have a shared flexible learning space to allow the modern teaching pedagogy delivered by teachers to have full effect.

The school provides a caring, safe and culturally supportive environment where high expectations are the norm. Behavioural issues are quickly dealt with.

Sunset School hosts two Rotorua Specialist School satellite classes, the Essence of the Pacific ECE and the Waikato University Reading Recovery Training Centre. These additional tenants contribute to helping make the school feel like a dynamic campus. There are complex issues created with pressure around car parking and drop offs, as well as questions around how the school is resourced to maintain the property occupied by tenants, as income is minimal.

We have a school hall with a kitchen, half of which is being used as a teaching space in 2024. The school has a relatively large outdoor playing space, which is beautifully appointed with attractive fencing, two challenging adventure playgrounds, a modern basketball/netball court and an asphalt bike track.

The school has a diverse roll. The student roll is 10% Pasifika (Cook Island Maori, Tokelauan, Samoan, Fijian and Tongan) and 95% Maori. The school has students who excel in academic, in sporting and in cultural areas. Most students live within walking distance of the school although many students are transported by car and by the school vans.

Our School is currently staffed by eight full-time classroom teachers, two of whom are partially Board of Trustees funded. Our teaching positions are staffed by teachers who come from diverse backgrounds, supporting our connections with our students and their families. We make use of all available quality educational support in our school and there are numbers of programmes that are run by volunteer agencies and groups. Learning Support Workers are employed for student support and literacy programmes in both the junior and senior area of the school, as well as for Māori language and special needs.

## OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE SCHOOL INCLUDE

- ✚ The New Entrant's Learning Initiative to support readiness to school
- ✚ Learning support programmes for reading, mathematics and writing
- ✚ Fruit trees and vegetable gardens
- ✚ Breakfast in classrooms for all kids every day
- ✚ Fruit in schools.
- ✚ Lunch in Schools
- ✚ Free stationery
- ✚ Child Equity Strategy programme with Rotorua Lakes Council
- ✚ Ngāti Whakaue funding for programmes supporting literacy.
- ✚ No Fees
- ✚ Public Health Support
- ✚ KidsCan support



## CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVE PRACTICE

The Sunset Primary School Board of Trustees embraces New Zealand's cultural diversity and supports inclusive practices in all our practice decisions.

In acknowledging our cultural diversity, we offer Level 1 Māori Rumaki learning using Te Marautanga o Aotearoa to those whānau that wish for their children to be educated in a te Reo Māori immersion setting.

We foster the language and identity of all learners and constantly seek ways to encourage parent participation and high achievement for all.

The Board actively supports and promotes the inclusion of the Essence of the Pacific Early Learning Centre within our school.



Tikanga and te Reo are provided through the mainstream classes.

Through inclusive practices we work to ensure success for all students who are enrolled with us and have a history of adaptation of resources and of success for students. Our attitude is that we can make a successful place for all.

We actively celebrate events of special cultural significance and include activities from these days into our programmes.

Our systems quickly identify students with learning and behavioural needs and we actively work in partnership to address these.

As a school, we access knowledge and skills within our community as well as the Special Education Sector, and the RTLB service (amongst others), to support improved outcomes for all students.

