

What does Iti Kahurangi mean?

Mike Kawana, Rangitāne o Wairarapa kaumātua provided the name *Iti Kahurangi* for this curriculum framework because a kahu or cloak provides warmth and support for the wearer.

In an educational sense Rangitāne o Wairarapa wants to manaaki or support all learners, especially children by providing holistic learning that can be wrapped around them, like a cloak.

Manaaki can also mean to “take care of.” Rangitāne o Wairarapa not only wants to contribute to a person’s overall education but has a responsibility to care for individuals, teachers, schools and organisations by providing specialist learning material that only it can.

The following well known whakatauākī encourages all of us to have high aspirations in life, to not let obstacles stop us from achieving our goals and to aim for educational success.

Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi, ki te tohu koe me maunga teitei.

Seek the treasure that you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.