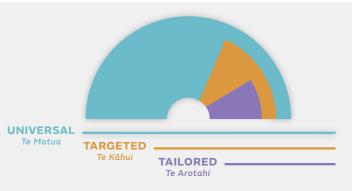
# **STUDENT PATHWAYS**

Ko Taku Reo - Deaf Education New Zealand



Ko Taku Reo - Deaf Education NZ is a unique school that is funded by the Ministry of Education. Our services are designed to follow the Learning Support Framework set out by the Ministry of Education.

These are split into three sections:



Source: https://hepikorua.education.govt.nz/how-we-work/flexible-tailored-model-of-support



## **UNIVERSAL**

Te Matua

Strengthens inclusive environments, cultures, and practices.

#### • Indirect RTD Service

A collaborative support model where an RTD (Resource Teacher of the Deaf) works with the local school where the student is enrolled, their teachers, and their family to equip them with the resources and strategies needed to support the student. This includes monitoring assistive technology and giving advice and guidance to the school in the best ways to meet the student's communication and language needs. This is a one-off, responsive service. For more information, email <a href="mailto:outreachschool@kotakureo.school.nz">outreachschool@kotakureo.school.nz</a>.

#### • KIT (Keep in Touch) Days

Organised by Teachers of the Deaf for students to meet with and interact with other Deaf and hard of hearing students. Contact your RTD to find out details of upcoming KIT Days or email outreachschool@kotakureo.school.nz.



#### **TARGETED**

Te Kāhui

Offers focused approaches to enhance participation, learning, and wellbeing.

#### Deaf Youth Hui

Opportunities for Deaf and hard of hearing students to attend a week-long hui for learning, culture, challenges, and fun. They encourage independence and provide a space to explore Deaf identity alongside other Deaf students from around Aotearoa NZ. These hui are led by Deaf adults and provide an opportunity for reflection and learning about Deafhood. For more information, frequently asked questions, and details of upcoming hui, see link or email deafyouthhui@kotakureo.school.nz.

#### • ITS (Interim Targeted Service)

The purpose of this service is to decide if a student needs to move along the service continuum (i.e. from indirect to direct or direct to indirect) because of an identified teaching, learning, or social/emotional need. It is for a short period of time only – maximum one hour a week for one term. Students must be enrolled in a state school to access this service. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:outreachschool@kotakureo.school.nz">outreachschool@kotakureo.school.nz</a>.



## **TAILORED**

Te Arotahi

Provides more specific support for unique needs and contexts.

#### RTD Direct Service

A regional outreach service delivered by a Resource Teacher of the Deaf. They are allocated to provide direct support to the Deaf or hard of hearing student to support their learning in their school of enrolment. Student needs are prioritised around language levels and functioning in the classroom, and ORS status. For further information please contact outreachschool@kotakureo.school.nz or see website.

## • Enrolled School Bilingual Provisions

Are for Deaf and hard of hearing learners aged 16+ years who enrol directly with us. This is because they require specialist teaching to access the New Zealand Curriculum. The family enter into a Section 37 Agreement under the Education and Training Act 2020 with the Ministry of Education. This is required to access these bilingual Provisions, with ORS funding being a requirement for students to be able to get this agreement. Day students will be eligible for transport assistance through SESTA (Specialised School Transport Assistance) – either a taxi or payment of mileage. Our Towards Independence (or Transition) bilingual Provisions are in Auckland and Christchurch. For more information see link.

- o **Tū Kōkiri** is based in Kelston on our main campus. This Provision has a strong focus on vocational pathways and preparing students for life after school. We have a strong Gateway and work experience programme running at Tū Kōkiri that all students can access. Students can stay at this Provision until the year they turn 21. Click link for more information or contact info@kotakureo.school.nz.
- o Hagley Community College is based in Christchurch. This Provision has a strong focus on vocational pathways and preparing students for life after school. It has strong connections with Ara, a tertiary place of learning where students can be dual-enrolled at Ara and Ko Taku Reo. Students can stay at this Provision until the year they turn 21. Please email at <a href="mailto:info@kotakureo.school.nz">info@kotakureo.school.nz</a> if you require more information.

#### Residences

Located in Christchurch and Auckland. Their purpose is to provide accommodation for students who live outside of Christchurch, Wellington, or Auckland, so they can access the Tū Kōkiri or Hagley Community College Provisions. Students live on site during term time, and a home-like environment is provided students can learn, grow, and be immersed in Deaf Culture. All students and whānau who are interested must have a placement visit. For more information see website or contact nicki.morrison@kotakureo.school.nz.