



Mission Statement

To nurture our tamariki in the traditional Māori performing arts and to develop, enhance and maintain a passion and enjoyment in the pursuit of Kapa Haka excellence.

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Since the announcement of Alert Level 4 on August 17 2021, Te Tauihu o te Waka a Māui Māori Cultural Council and the Te Mana Kuratahi National Executive have been working on contingency plans that ensures the health and safety of our tamariki, whānau and kapa haka community.

Covid-19 has impacted immensely on the preparations of Te Mana Kuratahi National Board and Te Tauihu o te Waka a Māui Māori Cultural Council. Both bodies have collaboratively developed plans that ensure the kaupapa continues should alert levels change in the lead up to the national competitions.

Delegates of the National Board have met regularly over the past three weeks to deliberate and consider the plans developed. There were initially three scenarios which were narrowed down after robust discussions. The two remaining plans are:

Plan A:

Te Mana Kuratahi National Primary Schools Competition 2021 will go ahead as planned in Nelson from Sunday 31st of October to Thursday 4th of November, if the whole country is at Alert Level 1 on Monday 13th September.

Plan B:

Te Mana Kuratahi National Primary Schools Competition 2021 will go ahead as a national competition following a NEW ONLINE FORMAT:

- Kapa will perform in 7 designated centralised venues to minimise interregional travel.
- Kapa will be filmed live and the competition will be broadcasted later as per *official Performance Schedule*.
- Judges will be judging from a centralised venue simultaneously as the Competition is broadcast.
- Head Scrutineer will be present at ALL rohe filming.

On Monday 13th of September, Te Mana Kuratahi Executive Committee confirmed that Te Mana Kuratahi National . Primary Schools Competition 2021 will not be hosted in Nelson and it will be moving to an online format. **However, if at any time** , any region (outside of Tamaki Makaurau) moves up to Level 3 or higher, then Te Mana Kuratahi Whakataetae Kapa ā Motu will be cancelled for 2021.

The health and safety of all our tamariki is paramount and this decision was not made lightly. Te Mana Kuratahi executive committee and Te Tauihu o te Waka a Māui Māori Cultural Council will now work closely with local regional authorities to ensure the safety of our kapa haka and kura in preparation for the new online format.

EDITORS NOTES

All health and safety measures for Te Mana Kuratahi National Competition adhere to alert level regulations set out by the NZ Government and will align with the guidelines from the Ministry of Health. Te Mana Kuratahi receives all information on COVID-19 and the vaccine from trusted sources – the Ministry of Health, Unite Against COVID, and Karawhiua channels.

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