

# Enabling Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako to work together more collaboratively

Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako are groups of schools, kura, early learning and tertiary providers that work together to help students achieve their full potential by sharing expertise in teaching and learning.

Source: Ministry of Education factsheet

The Minister of Education may approve Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako. Once approved, members of Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako can enter into an agreement with the Secretary for Education that includes their achievement challenges, a plan to achieve those challenges and methods to monitor and report on progress.

The Act also allows boards of trustees that are members of a Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako to do work for other educational or social services for the benefit of the Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako. For example, the board could engage a home liaison person to work with families of children and young people who are enrolled across the Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako.

## What are the key roles of boards of trustees within a Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako?

- Agree to their school's involvement in a Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako before an expression of interest is submitted to the Ministry of Education
- Ensure ongoing consultation and communication with their own school's community about the Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako
- Influence the strategic direction of the Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako and ensure that it aligns with the vision and strategic goals of their own school
- Contribute to the development of the stewardship group that will oversee the Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako

## How is the board involved in appointments to key Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako positions?

- People seeking the Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako leadership role or the teacher (across community) role must seek and receive prior approval from their employing board before applying for the role. Appointment is made by the Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako appointment panel
- Appointments to teacher (within school) roles are the responsibility of the employing board
- Employing boards retain their employment responsibilities, including appraisal of staff who have been appointed to roles across the community

## Where do I find this in the Education Act?

Sections 71C-75

## When do the changes take effect?

These provisions took effect from 19 May 2017.

## Where do I get advice?

NZSTA will continue to update and advise you through factsheets, newsletters, and our website.

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