

What is Kapahaka?

Kapahaka is one of many Māori cultural art forms of Aotearoa, New Zealand. All compositions are in Te Reo Māori (the Māori language) and are taught in accordance with Tikanga Māori (Maori traditional lore). As such, haka is an essential and effective vehicle for the teaching and learning of Māori culture, language, tradition and practice.

The music is a combination of traditional oratory such as haka and moteatea as well as contemporary music. All movements are founded upon Māori martial arts and cultural lore. Together these gifts are combined to form a unique, challenging and exciting performing art.

Why are we offering Kapahaka at Baldivis Gardens Primary School?

We are offering this medium to the Baldivis Gardens community to ensure all children have an avenue for learning and retaining Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga (language and culture) in Western Australia. We wish to grow a community of Māori language speakers and enthusiasts within our local schools.

Finally, we're doing this because it is FUN and our children love it.

Who can do kapahaka?

All students from Baldivis Gardens Primary School are welcome to learn Kapahaka. You do not have to be of Māori descent or have any previous knowledge or experience of haka. You will be expected to participate with respect for learning Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga (Māori language and culture).

Children at Kindy and Pre-Primary must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Parents and siblings are welcome to come along to learn alongside your Tamaariki! We also understand that not all participants want to perform! Everyone is welcome to come along and learn.

When and where do we hold practice?

Practices will at Baldivis Gardens undercover assembly area. Our first practice will be held on Tuesday 8th May from 3pm – 4pm. Future training times will be confirmed upon consultation with members.

What does it cost?

\$50 per student per term. Payment plans are available for family's with more than one child. We do not want cost to be a barrier to participation. Contact us directly to discuss payment options.

What's planned for 2018?

Students who commit to the Kapahaka will have at least one performance opportunity per term. As the Kapahaka grows, we will look at forming a Komiti Whakahaere – Steering Committee who will take bookings for future performances, organise fundraisers and manage our Kapahaka.

How do we sign up?

Complete a Registration form and drop it in the school office. If you have any questions or require further information please contact us directly. Ngā mihi.

