



South Auckland Samoa Fono: Feedback Summary

“Raise awareness. In my own experience I have been subjected to racism. Very important for kids to know/understand their own culture and especially language and also other cultures.” Samoan parent and community member

Are the proposed areas important?

- There is support for the focus areas with particular mention of addressing racism, discrimination and harmful stereotypes and on getting more Pacific teachers and parents and schools working together

“There should be a special allowance for bilingual teachers because their workload is more than those teachers who only teach in one language of instruction” Samoan teacher (translated into English)

Is there something missing? What would you change?

- The resources to support the changes to happen
- A language policy – IELTS is a barrier for Pasifika people
- Addressing financial burden of education, including finances/funding/scholarships to support low income families
- Easier pathways for teachers from the Pacific (specifically language teachers)
- More Pacific content in curriculum areas
- More Pacific teacher aides for learning support
- More full immersion services in early learning
- The resources to support the changes to happen – in particular compensation for teachers in bilingual and immersion settings who spend time translating materials and creating new resources
- Spiritual teachings
- A better understanding of different countries and cultures from non-Pacific teachers
- Make sure we do have a more holistic focus on children – not just academic but the talents, skills and abilities they grow within their church and family environments

What questions do you have?

- Can Bible teachers be enforced in schools?
- Why is education so expensive?
- What is stopping our current Pacific teachers from progressing to a higher level?
- When will these changes be put into place?

“This is a great start to make our kids equal in learning throughout NZ and it's up to us the parents to have a voice in school. PPTAs and school councils to drive our Pacific success.” Pacific parent

What does success look like for you?

Top 2

Pacific learners' faith beliefs and cultures are valued in education

Pacific learners have the skills to succeed in the workforce

Top 6

Pacific learners and their families feel accepted and included

Pacific learners can learn in their language throughout their education

Pacific learners and families are free from racism and discrimination in education

Pacific learners and families feel that their subject choices create good opportunities for their future