

Hei Ara Ako ki te Oranga – Kaupapa Māori Wellbeing and Assessment Model for Māori Literacy Learners

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Hei Ara Ako ki te Oranga is a collaboration between Literacy Aotearoa and Te Wāhanga, NZCER, and is funded by AKO Aotearoa. The purpose of the project is to develop a kaupapa Māori assessment model that demonstrates the link between literacy learning and wellbeing for Māori learners. It addresses the need of Māori literacy providers for relevant and appropriate assessment models of wellbeing for Māori, and it complements the Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Tool for Adults. This project builds on the work of an earlier collaboration between Literacy Aotearoa and Te Wāhanga, NZCER. The project produced the report He Whānau Mātau, He Whānau Ora. This presentation will introduce Hei Ara Ako ki te Oranga – a kaupapa Māori wellbeing and assessment model for Māori literacy learners. This kaupapa Māori assessment model identifies positive changes that occur for learners and their whānau following their involvement in a literacy programme. Some of the key ideas that have shaped the development of this model and will be discussed in this presentation are:

- confidence and wellbeing are important for learners and their whānau
- individual and whānau wellbeing are interrelated and
- policy makers need to find ways to legitimise and validate improved wellbeing for Māori.