



Education in Schools 2026 Catalogue



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Kia ora koutou,

As you may be aware, 2026 brings several changes to our unit standards. These updates come from the Workforce Development Council, Toitū te Waiora. Some standards are expiring, and new ones are being introduced. All new unit standards have been designed to be even more engaging, accessible, and user-friendly.

As you explore these new options please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are here to answer questions, and we welcome any feedback. Please email: EIS.Admin@plunket.org.nz

Ngā mihi,

Education in Schools | Sharelle, Deb and Alice

Level 2 Descriptions



23091 Te reo in the workplace (5 credits)

A perfect introductory course for te reo Māori. Dive into the beautiful world of te ao Māori by learning a wide range of words, phrases, waiata, your pepeha and tikanga practices.



29861 Support Services (3 credits)

It is important to know where to find help to support young children and yourself. This course looks at how to identify and find different support services in Aotearoa.



29857 Introduction to Learning & Development (5 credits)

Discover the fascinating world of child development. Learn about speech & language skills as well as cognitive and physical milestones in pēpi/babies and mokopuna/children.



29853 Child Health & Hygiene (4 credits)

Understand how to prevent and handle common health issues and communicable diseases. Learn more about environmental practices, personal hygiene and immunisations. (This unit replaces 29854).



29855 Attachment Relationships (3 credits)

Recognise common responses, patterns and feelings pēpi/babies and mokopuna/children will show when they go through minor and major transitions in life. Learn appropriate ways to support them.



29858 Play Experiences (5 credits)

Learn about different kinds of play. Understand how play can help development and learning. Create fun play experiences for young mokopuna/children. Assessment includes a practical element.



29860 Relationships & Behaviour (6 credits)

What do you do if a child bites or swears at you? Learn how to develop positive relationships, effective communication and behaviour management skills. Assessment includes a practical element.



32988 Basic Care Needs (5 Credits)

Focus on holistic care. Learn about how different needs impact mokopuna/children's learning and development. Learn how to care for young mokopuna/children and keep them safe. (This unit replaces 29852, 29854 and 29856).



32989 Nutrition (3 Credits)

Learn how to identify nutritious foods and fluids for young mokopuna/children. Understand safe food preparation practices and ways to reduce choking risks. Create your own 3-day meal plan for a nominated mokopuna. (This unit replaces 29852).

Level 3 Descriptions



10026 Learning & Development (6 credits)

Learn about holistic education through the seven dimensions of learning and development; social, cultural, spiritual, physical, emotion, cognitive and linguistic (language).



26708 Relationships (4 credits)

The first step to a successful career in ECE is knowing how to form respectful, responsive and reciprocal relationships with mokopuna. Learn strategies and use in a real ECE setting. Assessment includes practical elements.



29865 Health & Wellbeing (4 credits)

Can a rash be life-threatening? What is New Zealand's immunisation schedule for pēpi? How can we protect the wellbeing of mokopuna? Discover the answers to these important questions and more.



10019 Safety (4 credits)

Learn how to create and manage safe environments including, minimising risks, hazards and planning for emergencies. Learn these essential skills within a real ECE setting. Assessment includes practical elements.



26707 Play (4 credits)

Describe the value of play for children's learning and development. Have fun creating your own play resources for infants, toddlers and young children. Assessment includes practical elements.



29866 Nutrition (3 credits)

Eating nutritious food has a profound influence on children's growth, brain development, health, energy levels, behaviour, concentration and learning. Learn age-related nutrition needs for mokopuna in an ECE setting. Assessment includes practical elements.



Level 3 Descriptions continued



29868 Professional Behaviour & Wellbeing (4 credits)

No matter the industry you work in, understanding professional behaviour is essential. Learn appropriate ways to act as well as how to manage personal health & wellbeing in an ECE setting. Assessment includes practical elements.



29871 Philosophies & Services (3 credits)

What do we really mean when we refer to ECE? Learn the difference between all the early childhood services in Aotearoa, how they operate and their philosophies.



33034 Te Whariki (3 credits)

Understand the ECE curriculum, its visions, and its relevance to Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi. Learn about the underpinning theories of Te Whariki. Understand how Te Whariki supports kaiako/educators to build partnerships with whānau/family. (This unit is an updated version of 10013 with a deeper focus on Te Tiriti and the importance of local influences such as iwi and hapu on the curriculum).



29869 Ethics (3 credits)

In Aotearoa, it is expected employees act ethically in their practices and decision making. Working in ECE is no exception to this. Learn more about ethical responsibilities and code of conducts.



29864 Attachment & Transitions (4 credits)

Get a snapshot into leading academic theory on attachment including the Circle of Security and Bowlby's stages of attachment. Learn practical steps caregivers can take to form healthy and strong relationships with tamariki.





Other offerings



Babysitting (Online or In-Person)

Learn babysitting essentials and how to get a job. This course covers the different stages of child development, safety, handling emergencies and basic first aid. Can be completed in one day or across multiple sessions.



Caring for mokopuna

For some students, looking after younger siblings and whānau is a very normal part of life. This course helps equip them with essential skills to keep themselves and their whānau safe and well.



Youth Parenting (online or In-Person)

From baby cues to nutrition, to self-care and play ideas. This course covers a range of important topics of parenting. It also offers a chance to connect with other youth parents.

This is a Ministry of Social Development (MSD) approved course, certificates will be issued upon completion.



Booster

A great opportunity to give students a boost in credits in a block-style 1-to-2-day course. Boosters can also offer a taster for what Whānau Āwhina Plunket offers. Perfect for students interested in ECE, health care, hospitality and more!



Combos

Increase student motivation by adding an assessed unit standard to Babysitting, Caring for mokopuna or Youth Parenting courses.

Earn up to 6 credits in one day.



Get in touch!

Catalogue Summary

Level 2

23091 Te reo in the Workplace

5 Credits | 6 Modules

29853 Child Health and Hygiene

4 Credits | 7 Modules

29855 Attachment Relationships

3 Credits | 4 Modules

29857 Learning and Development

5 Credits | 6 Modules

29858 Play Experiences

5 Credits | 7 Modules

29860 Relationships and Behaviour

6 Credits | 6 Modules

29861 Support Services

3 Credits | 4 Modules

32988 Basic Care Needs

5 Credits | 6 Modules

32989 Nutrition

3 Credits | 5 Modules

Non-Assessed

- **Babysitting (online or in-person)**
- **Caring for mokopuna**
- **Youth Parenting (online or in-person)**

Combos

1 Non-Assessed + 1 Unit Standard

Tag on any Unit Standard to any of the Non-Assessed Courses to earn up to 6 Credits

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10019 Safety

4 Credits | 6 Modules

10026 Learning and Development

6 Credits | 7 Modules

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4 Credits | 7 Modules

26765 Health & Wellbeing

4 Credits | 6 Modules

29866 Nutrition

3 Credits | 5 Modules

29868 Professional Behaviour & Wellbeing

4 Credits | 5 Modules

29869 Ethics

3 Credits | 4 Modules

29871 Philosophies & Services

3 Credits | 5 Modules

33034 Te Whariki (available mid-2026)

3 Credits

Single Students

Any Level 2- & 3-Unit Standards

Assessment can be marked by school or Plunket Staff

Booster Courses

1-2 Days

Can be run in either school holidays or term time. Earn between 3-10 Credits

For all pricing, please [enquire here](#)

