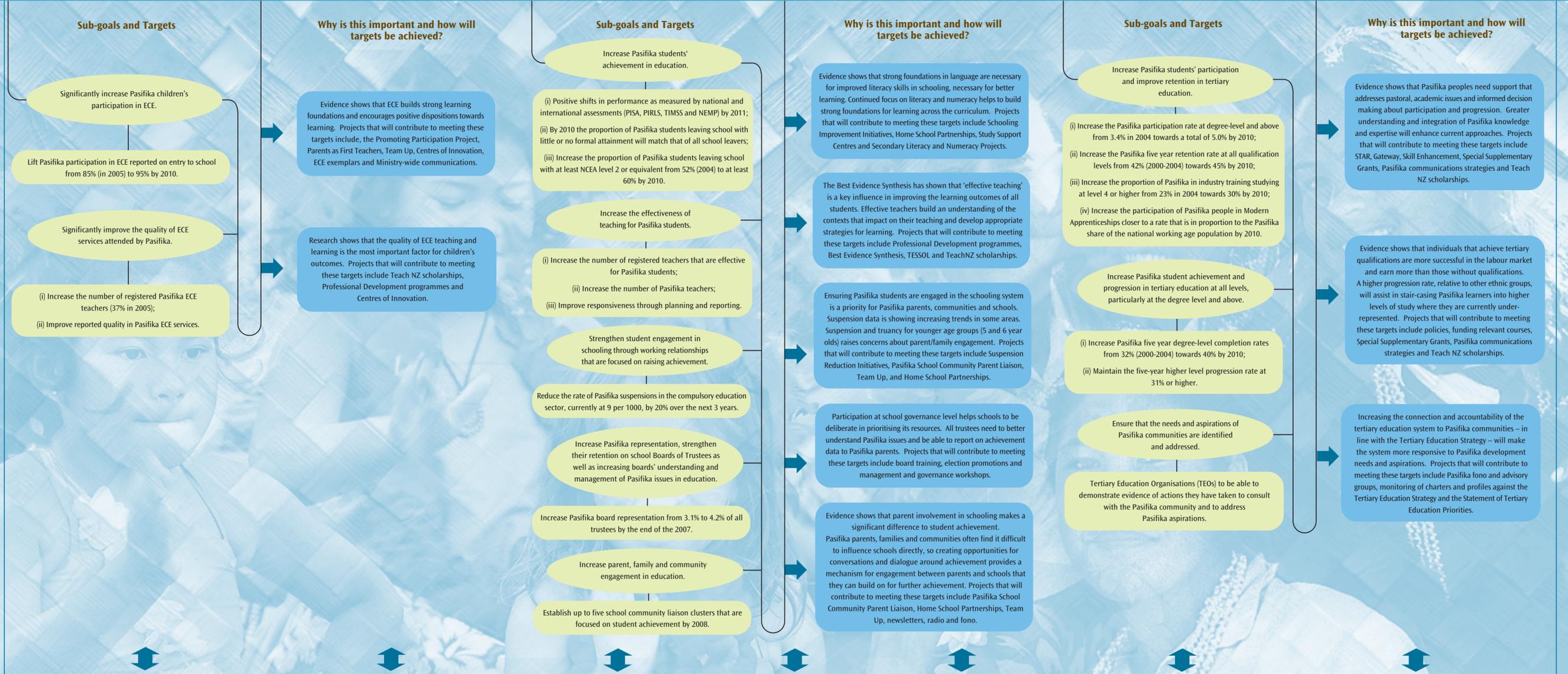


# PASIFIKA EDUCATION PLAN 2006-2010

**Early Childhood Education:** The focus is on increasing Pasifika participation in quality Early Childhood Education (ECE) services.

**Compulsory Education:** The focus is on increasing achievement in early literacy and numeracy and the attainment of school qualifications through improving engagement in schooling.

**Tertiary Education:** The focus is on increasing participation, retention and achievement and, encouraging progression to higher levels of study.



**Why is this important and how will targets be achieved?**

Monitoring, evaluation and reporting frameworks are important in knowing whether delivery on the Plan's targets are effective, are on time and assist in early risk identification. Projects that will contribute to meeting these targets include an Annual Pasifika Education Plan Report.

Parents and families need to make education decisions based on good information provided through media they can easily access and understand. Projects that will contribute to meeting these targets include the Pasifika Education Communications Strategy, web based information, community radio, Talanoa Ako news magazine, Pasifika education fono and Team Up.

Feedback shows strong and effective networks add value to the Ministry's work and help build bridges to access Pasifika communities. Key Pasifika Advisory Group members have effectively acted as champions and supporters of our work. Projects that will contribute to meeting these targets include Pasifika Advisory Groups and regional reference groups.

Assessing the effectiveness of special education support for Pasifika outcomes will identify areas of concern including whether appropriate information is going out to families and communities. Projects that will contribute to meeting these targets include the Behaviour project, Early Intervention and Better Information to Address Barriers to Learning Development Site - Manukau.

Positive educational outcomes for Pasifika must be raised sharply particularly in Auckland where 73 percent of the Pasifika student population attend education services. Projects that will contribute to meeting these targets include building up Pasifika capacity in Auckland, a stocktake of services, a focus on achieving targets, school improvement, education agencies' and working together.

NCEA results for students sitting Samoan and Cook Islands' Maori language unit standards have continued to climb. Evidence is now beginning to show that Pasifika students in bilingual units may be performing at higher levels compared to students in mainstream. Projects that will contribute to meeting these targets include finalisation of curriculum guidelines, continued resourcing of existing Pasifika curricula and bilingual initiatives.

Approaches that are linked across different sectors improve efficiency, effectiveness and minimise duplication. Key work that will contribute to meeting these targets include linking with other sector agencies' strategies. In recent years, request for joint projects in the Pacific have increased. Key work that will contribute to meeting this target include fulfilling international commitments to Samoa, Niue and Tokelau and the Forum Education Ministers' Basic Education Plan.

**Sub-goals and Key Activities**

Finalise monitoring and evaluation framework.

Ongoing development and monitoring of the Pasifika Education Plan that is driven by robust evidence and linked to education sector and theme strategies.

(i) Implement the Pasifika Communications strategy in a timely and effective way – Talanoa Ako printed, web maintenance, radio programmes and annual strategic fono series;  
(ii) Increase the availability of Pasifika research evidence.

Improve the quality of information available to Pasifika parents, families and communities through a variety of media with strong linkages across a number of communications strategies.

(i) Finalise Pasifika capacity/capability development plans;  
(ii) Further develop and strengthen Pasifika Advisory Group and regional reference groups.

Build and sustain the Ministry's capacity, capability and networks to effectively deliver on the Pasifika Education Plan.

(i) Include appropriate measurement of special education support interventions for Pasifika students in the Student Support Outcomes Monitoring System;  
(ii) Establish systems for analysing and reporting indicator measures for a range of special education interventions for Pasifika students.  
(iii) Develop a screening resource to assist educators identify, clarify and respond to the special education needs of Pasifika learners.

Increase access and understanding of special education services and identify and develop effective practices that are reflective of Pasifika perspectives on special education.

Finalise Auckland Strategic Action plan.

Build and strengthen a significant strategic Pasifika focus on Auckland.

Finalise the development of Niuean, Tongan and Tokelauan curriculum guidelines for release during 2006.

Increase opportunities for building strong Pasifika language foundations through Pasifika language curriculum and resource development.

(i) Increase links between the Plan and other government strategies;  
(ii) Finalise a strategic framework for responding across the Pacific region.

Strengthen relationships with external agencies for closer, whole of government collaboration on education within New Zealand and across the Pacific region.

**Education Sector-Wide:**

The focus is on monitoring the implementation of the Pasifika Education Plan, developing models of effective practice contributing to education outcomes and consolidating strategic approaches and networks supporting Pasifika education within New Zealand and across the Pacific region.