

Kaitiaki Pēpi

Everyone has a pepehā which links you to your ancestors. It's like a story that connects you to your waka, your hapū and iwi. It identifies important places like your maunga, awa and marae.

Pēpi may have several pepehā that link him to their different whānau. Teaching pēpi through stories, photos, pictures or even singing, the pepehā helps them grow up feeling connected and familiar with who is and where they are from.

Example of a
simple pepehā:

Ko.....tōku waka
Ko.....tōku maunga
Ko.....tōku awa
Ko.....tōku hapū
Ko.....tōku marae
Ko.....tōku iwi

