

# WRITING at Te Uku School

## Year 0-8

### What is the Hochman Method?

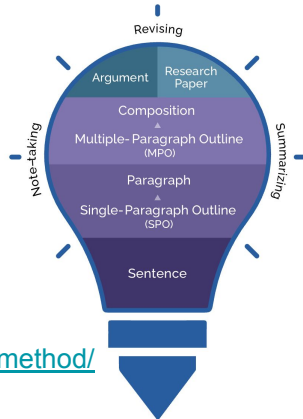
The Hochman Method is an explicit set of evidence-based strategies for teaching writing. The Writing Revolution (TWR) approach is based on the Hochman method and builds from sentences to compositions.

We know that students need explicit instruction in writing, right from Foundation and that sentences are the building blocks of all writing. Using this method at Te Uku School enables us to teach writing skills and content simultaneously.

### The Six Principles of The Hochman Method

- Students need **explicit instruction** in writing, beginning in the early elementary grades.
- Sentences** are the building blocks of all writing.
- When **embedded in the content** of the curriculum, writing instruction is a powerful teaching tool.
- The **content** of the curriculum **drives the rigor** of the writing activities.
- Grammar** is best taught in the context of student writing.
- The two most important phases of the writing process are **planning** and **revising**.

For more information: <https://www.thewritingrevolution.org/method/>



### What happens at Te Uku School?

Structured literacy, through MSL, is how we teach reading and writing in the first 2 years of school. Students develop foundational literacy skills that support with both reading and writing. It benefits ALL learners, including students with dyslexia, and those struggling to develop these skills.

At Te Uku School we teach writing through the Hochman method. This is from Year 0-8. This approach is carefully designed to be sequential, building from sentence level to compositions.

While writing, spelling, handwriting and reading are taught explicitly as an individual subject, they are also interwoven through all literacy teaching and learning, and other curriculum.

We teach the structures of writing (TWR) 3 days a week and use these skills in independent writing 2 days a week.