

# Teacher support materials: Understanding Muslim identity in Aotearoa

## Glossary

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Allah:	The Arabic word for God, used by Muslims to refer to the one and only God.
Arabic:	The language used for religious and sacred purposes in Islam, as it is the language in which the Qur'an was revealed to the prophet Muhammad.
Asr:	One of the five daily prayers performed by Muslims, which takes place in the afternoon.
Assalaamu alaykum:	A common Arabic greeting that means "peace be upon you". The response to this greeting is "Wa alaykum assalaam", meaning "and upon you be peace".
Dhuhr:	One of the five daily prayers performed by Muslims, which takes place just after noon.
Du'a:	A prayer or supplication made to God in Islam.
Eid:	A Muslim holiday that celebrates the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting. There is also another Eid at the time of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
Fajr:	One of the five daily prayers performed by Muslims, which takes place just before dawn.
Hadith:	A collection of sayings and actions of the prophet Muhammad, which serve as a source of guidance and inspiration for Muslims.
Hajj:	The annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. Muslims should perform this once in their lifetime if they are physically and financially able to undertake it safely.
Halal:	Refers to food, drink, and other products that are considered permissible under Islamic law.
Haram:	Actions or behaviours considered forbidden/sinful in Islam, such as consuming alcohol or pork, gambling, etc.
Hijab:	A headscarf worn by Muslim women as a sign of modesty and religious observance.
Ishaa:	One of the five daily prayers performed by Muslims, which takes place in the evening.
Islam:	The religion of Muslims, based on the belief in one God and the teachings of the prophet Muhammad.

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Jumah:	The congregational prayer that Muslims perform on Fridays, which replaces the regular Dhuhr prayer.
Kosher:	Refers to food that is prepared according to Jewish dietary laws.
Madrassa:	A Muslim school/after-school programme where children learn about Islam, the Qur'an, and Arabic.
Maghrib:	One of the five daily prayers performed by Muslims, which takes place just after sunset.
Mosque/Masjid:	A place of worship for Muslims, where they gather to pray and learn about their religion.
Muslim:	A person who practices the religion of Islam.
Prophet Muhammad:	The founder of Islam, who Muslims believe received revelations from Allah and transmitted them to humanity.
Qaa'i'da:	A reader series for learning to read Arabic.
Qur'an:	The holy book of Islam, believed by Muslims to be the word of God as revealed to Muhammad.
Ramadan:	The month in the Islamic calendar during which Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, as a way to purify themselves spiritually.
Sunnah:	The way of life and teachings of the prophet Muhammad, as recorded in Islamic tradition.
Wudu:	The Islamic practice of ritual washing before prayer, to purify oneself spiritually and physically.
Zakat:	The Islamic practice of giving a portion of one's wealth to charity, as a way of fulfilling one's religious obligation to help the poor and needy.