

Policy 1A: CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Rationale:

To ensure that the policies and practices of the school reflect the Special Character as defined in the Integration Agreement.

Purpose:

To provide all children with the best Catholic education possible and to enable and encourage them to live and develop their Catholic Faith.

To develop and maintain close ties with St Patrick's Parish.

To be a school where our Catholic faith is nurtured - "a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals His transforming love and truth."

Objectives:

To ensure:

1. That we are a school that children encounter Christ everyday.
2. Staff implement the Religious Education Programme for Catholic Schools in Aotearoa New Zealand.
3. The school provides regular opportunity for prayer and faith development.
4. The school encourages parents/family/friends of the children to participate in the Religious Education programme and to contribute to the Special Catholic Character of our school.
5. All staff uphold the Special Catholic Character of the school.
6. Staff complete relevant professional development programmes.
7. That the Charism of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions RNDM to be kept alive in our Mission school.
8. Management Team and all associated with St Joseph's School are aware of and take responsibility for pastoral care of others.
9. There is participation of the school in reaching out to and serving members of our wider community.

Chairperson: Aaron de Farias

Date: May 2018