STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

POLICY: EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

PURPOSE

1. To develop and implement special learning programmes for students identified as having 'divergent learning.

2. To ensure that equal opportunities are given to students of both genders in every curriculum area

3. To develop cultural awareness in the students and recognise the need of Maori, Pasifika and other ethnic groups to feel proud of their heritage

4. To allow for the inclusion of physically disabled students in all school activities

5. To ensure that no student will be excluded by socio-economic circumstances from participation in school activities

PROCEDURES

1. Students with divergent learning needs will be identified annually, and programmes to cater for these children will be implemented

2. Staff will review special learning programmes annually and the Principal will report progress to the Board

3. Boys and girls will have equal access to the New Zealand curriculum, school resources and equipment

4 Opportunities will be given for students with various ethnic groups to celebrate and share their cultures

5. Students with physical disabilities will receive help as is needed for them to be included in school activities as far as is practicable.

6. The school will use available resources to ensure no student is disadvantaged by socio-economic circumstances.

POLICY REVIEW DATE

This Policy will be reviewed according to the Board's Effectiveness Review Programme

_____ Chairperson _____29/05/14_____ Date