

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

POLICY: SPECIAL CHARACTER

Purpose

To state the elements of, and define, what constitutes the Stella Maris Catholic Primary School Special Character

1. To bring together all facets of school life in the light of Catholic belief and tradition.
2. To nurture and encourage a Christian way of life in all members of the Stella Maris community
3. To provide opportunities for the pupils to learn about the beliefs of the Catholic Church through a systematic and structured course using the Religious Education Programme endorsed by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops.
4. To instil a sense of pride in the traditions and heritage of the Catholic Church through encouragement to participate in the life and worship of parish and school.
5. To promote the integration of our Special Character in all curriculum areas.
6. Promote professional development in Religious Education and Special Character.
7. Encourage teachers to gain accreditation levels in Religious Education.

POLICY REVIEW DATE

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