

# STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## POLICY: TREATY OF WAITANGI

### PURPOSE

1. To develop a respect for issues raised by the Treaty and an understanding of its place in New Zealand's history
2. To encourage students to develop an understanding of Tikanga Maori
3. To encourage students to become familiar with and gain an understanding of Maoritanga
4. To encourage students to understand and value their bi-cultural heritage
5. To help students realise that the contribution made to the life of New Zealand by Maori language and culture is an enriching one

### PROCEDURES

1. Staff will work towards a Curriculum Plan for Taha Maori
2. Opportunities will be provided for all students to learn Tikanga Maori
3. Adequate resources will be provided for staff development to support teachers in creating an appropriate Taha Maori programme
4. Pastoral care will be provided through culturally appropriate ways
5. Maori values and customs will, where practicable, be incorporated into school life
6. The Principal will have overall responsibility for the implementation of the Treaty of Waitangi policy. (This may necessitate consultation with representatives of the Maori community from time to time)
7. We will endeavour to expose the children at Stella Maris to Marae Kawa (Protocol)

### POLICY REVIEW DATE

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

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