

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

POLICY: Tiriti o Waitangi – Treaty of Waitangi

“In the Treaty of Waitangi, we find the moral basis for our presence in Aotearoa New Zealand and a vision that sets this country apart.” New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference 1995.

Whiria te tangata – Weave the people together

PURPOSE

To follow the three main principles of Tiriti o Waitangi interwoven with our Special Character and faith. These are:

Partnership: to work with whanau, Maori community and iwi, the church and Ministry of Education.

Participation: to include Maori whanau in our school decision making and that our school environment will reflect the biculturalism of Aotearoa.

Protection: will actively protect Maori Knowledge, interests and values and other Taonga, and allow opportunities to weave tikanga into everyday situations.

PROCEDURES

1. Staff will work towards a Curriculum Plan for Taha Maori
2. All students have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of te reo Maori and tikanga
3. Resources will be provided for staff development to support teachers in implementing the three principles of Tiriti o Waitangi.
4. Taha wairua and pastoral care will be provided through culturally appropriate ways.
5. Adding Maori perspective to concepts and inquiry.
6. Incorporating Maori values alongside our Marian values reflecting our unique culture and identity.

POLICY REVIEW DATE

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