

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

POLICY: EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

“Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi engari he to takimano.”

My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective.

PURPOSE

1. To develop and implement special learning programmes for students identified as having divergent learning requirement/needs.
2. To ensure that equal opportunities are given to students of all 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 termly, 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. All genders will have equal access to the New Zealand curriculum, school resources and equipment
4. Opportunities will be given for students from all 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