

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

POLICY: ANIMAL WELFARE

Ahakoā he iti he pounamu.

Despite being small you are of great value

PURPOSE

1. To encourage through example the proper care of living things within the school
2. To provide experience for children to observe, handle and care for a range of animals in a humane way
3. To ensure that the care and welfare of animals is considered in any activity involving the keeping of an animal or its study on a field trip
4. To educate children through example and discussion on the importance of animal care and welfare and the responsibilities involved

PROCEDURES

1. All living creatures are to be treated humanely
2. If the appropriate care cannot be provided, the animals should not be kept in school. Creatures kept in classrooms for observation must be housed and fed properly, and returned to their natural habitat on completion of the study

POLICY REVIEW DATE

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