

# STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## **POLICY: SPECIAL CHARACTER**

Taku toi kahurangi  
*My precious jewel*

### **Purpose**

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

### **Procedures**

1. Bringing together all facets of school life in the light of Catholic belief and tradition.
2. Nurturing and encouraging an encounter with Christ for all members of the Stella Maris community
3. Providing 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. Instilling 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. Promoting the integration of our Special Character and Marian Values in all curriculum areas to achieve the best possible academic standards.
6. Promoting professional development in Religious Education and Special Character.
7. Encouraging teachers to gain accreditation levels in Religious Education.

### **POLICY REVIEW DATE**

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