



MARIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PROCEDURE: Pastoral Care

With Christ the Good Shepherd as its model, Marist Catholic School community nurtures, supports, and cares for individuals. Our pastoral care system makes use of support offered by church, government, local authority, and social service agencies.

Relationships

The school is a friendly, welcoming, cooperative learning environment where the dignity of each person is respected.

- Interactions are characterised by friendliness, openness, and effective listening.
- There is a climate of courtesy and respect among all members of the school.
- The pastoral care programme supports parents and families in their responsibility for their children.

Bicultural commitment

The school is committed to the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

- The school recognises the importance of the treaty and the status of Māori as tangata whenua.
- Bicultural elements such as Māori tikanga, wairua, te reo, and karakia are part of the daily life of the school.
- Te reo is recognised as an official language.
- The school consults annually with the Māori community.

Cultural awareness

- The school recognises and honours cultural diversity.
- The school respects different ways of being, acting, and believing that harmonise with gospel values.
- The school encourages pride in cultural identity, and students' first languages and cultures are celebrated and acknowledged.
- Cultural traditions, language, and music are incorporated into prayer and liturgy.
- The school promotes greetings in the languages of its students and takes care to pronounce students' names correctly.

Behaviour management

Behaviour management is just, compassionate, respectful, and consistent.

- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Structures and processes are in place to foster this aspect of personal growth.
- The school has a support system to reintegrate students after stand-down.

Safety

The school provides students and staff with an environment that is safe physically, emotionally, socially, spiritually, and culturally.

The school promotes zero tolerance of violence.