



St James' Catholic School

Whakaruru Hau      A Sheltering Place

— Te Kura Katorika o Hāto Heemi —

## ST JAMES' CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# Pastoral Care Policy

<b>Date Reviewed:</b>	April 2017
<b>Review Team:</b>	T Edwards, M Fennessy, C Cosgrove, P Balm
<b>Date of Next Review:</b>	April 2019
<b>Connection to the Bishops document "The Catholic Education of School Age Children"</b>	<i>Pg 21. A Catholic school is unique in being able to use the Church's social teaching principles not just in relationship to other schools, but also as a framework for its own organisation and ethos. Human dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity, participation, and the preferential option for the poor can all be used as guiding principles for the way the school operates. They can be taught to students as the guiding principles in their relationships with one another and their participation in the life of the school. Students experiencing a community which operates according to these principles will naturally come to see justice as an integral component of their faith. "A policy of working for the common good is undertaken seriously as working for the building up of the kingdom of God. "</i>
<b>Related Documents:</b>	The Declaration of the Proprietors of Catholic Schools in New Zealand on the Essential Characteristics of Catholic School education.
<b>NAG:</b>	NAG 3
<b>Community Consultation</b>	6 June 2017
<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Approval Date:</b>	

## INTRODUCTION

As members of St James' Catholic School community we are responsible for providing pastoral care in accordance with the special character of our school. Our Shared Vision states "We are a welcoming community who responds practically, with compassion, understanding and sensitivity to the needs of others. We participate positively in service to contribute to the common good of all."

## GUIDELINES

- To care for each person.
- To acknowledge and respect each person's unique individuality.
- To acknowledge and respect cultural differences and individual needs.
- To sensitively support staff, students, family/whanau and our wider community.
- To be Jesus example of LOVE by demonstrating Gospel values SAINTS

- The PTFA and PTFA helpers will endeavour to offer appropriate pastoral care to the school community. This care is in response to an identified need, and will be offered in a manner that acknowledges and affirms the worth of each individual.
- The Gospel values of Jesus Christ will be the model for all action. Recipients cultural beliefs will also be considered, and care planned accordingly.
- Referrals for pastoral care will usually be made by parents in the community, learning space teachers the Office staff or the Principal.

### **Approval**

1. When the Board approved this Policy it agreed that no variations of this Policy or amendments to it can be made except with the unanimous approval of the Board.
2. As part of its approval the Board requires the Principal to circulate this policy to all staff, and for a copy to be included in the School Policy Manual, copies of which shall be available to all staff. The School Policy manual shall also be made available to students and parents at their request. The Board requires that the Principal arrange for all new staff to be made familiar with this Policy and other policies approved by the Board.

### **SPECIAL CHARACTER**

The Board of Trustees accepts that the Special Character Values and Philosophy of Hato Heemi (Whakaruru Hau) underpin all Governance and Management Policies and Procedures.