



St Hilda's
Collegiate School

Incorporated

BOARD OF PROPRIETORS

SPECIAL CHARACTER POLICY

Rationale:

The Deed of Integration between St Hilda's Collegiate School Inc (the Proprietor) and the Minister of Education, dated 3 August 1979, states that St Hilda's Collegiate School provides education based on the beliefs and philosophies of the Christian faith as expressed by the Anglican Church. The special character of the school derives from a determination to provide an education for pupils, which is based on the philosophy that only in the context of sound religion can knowledge be completely understood and personality fully developed. (clause 6 of the Deed of Integration)

Guidelines:

1. The Board of Proprietors works with the Board of Trustees and the Head of Boarding to ensure the maintenance and continued growth of the Special Character within the school community.
2. The Board of Proprietors shows a commitment to maintain the strong association with the Anglican Church through the employment of a chaplain, the teaching of Christian Studies within the programme of Religious Education and through regular worship in the St Hilda's Chapel and at Tolcarne Boarding Residence.
3. The Board of Proprietors shares the knowledge and understanding of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith, using as a foundation the Anglican principles of Scripture, tradition and reason.
4. The Board of Proprietors provides a supportive educational community based on the philosophy of the Christian faith.
5. The Board of Proprietors ensures that students are able to develop a relevant spiritual and moral foundation for their lives and to be aware of their responsibilities not only to themselves but to others.
6. The Board of Proprietors works to ensure that the principles of compassion, justice and service are part of the school's daily life and also practised in the wider community.
7. The Board of Proprietors celebrates Aotearoa/New Zealand's diverse society, in accordance with the principle of partnership established by the Anglican church with Tikanga Pakeha, Tikanga Maori and Tikanga Pasifica.

Effectiveness Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Proprietors in accordance with its self-review guidelines and timetable.

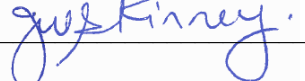
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Signed:  (Chair, Board of Proprietors)