



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – POLICIES

CM8 - TREATY OF WAITANGI

RATIONALE

The St Bede's College Board of Trustees recognises the Treaty of Waitangi and acknowledges the importance of the wairua, histories, customs, values, beliefs and language within the bi-cultural traditions of New Zealand/Aotearoa and respects their differences. The College draws on the Society of Mary's long involvement with the tangata whenua from the earliest years of the Catholic Church in this country. Recognition of the Treaty flows naturally from the Special Character of the College. It emerges from the Gospel values of charity, peace, tolerance, reconciliation and truth, and the importance of honouring covenants made in good faith as a core element of social justice.

PRINCIPLES

1. To ensure that the requirements of the New Zealand Curriculum in respect of the Treaty of Waitangi are met; that the College curriculum reflects Maori perspectives where appropriate; and offers te reo Maori as part of the curriculum.
2. To make equitable provision in the curriculum for the instruction needs of Maori students and to develop targets to raise their achievement.
3. To ensure that the College provides a welcoming atmosphere for all members of the Bedean Community, including Maori parents, caregivers and boys.
4. To appoint teaching and non-teaching staff who have a general cultural sensitivity and a particular respect for Te Tiriti o Waitangi, te reo Maori, and Tikanga Māori within the operation of the College.
5. To provide opportunities for Maori staff and students to learn about and to live out aspects of their culture and to develop a sense of whānau within the normal life of the College.
6. To maintain and encourage positive working relationships with Catholic Maori, Mana Whenua (Te Runanga o Te Ngai Tuahuriri) and Tangata Whenua (Ngai Tahu) within the Dioceses of Christchurch/Canterbury.
7. To consult with the College's Maori community in matters involving taha Maori/Tikanga Māori as they may affect the College and the achievement of Maori students.

REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION

Education Act 1989 [s63 (a)] & [s62 (1)].

Ministry of Education, 1995. Promoting Positive Race Relations in New Zealand Schools: Me Maori Language Act 1987 / Mahi Tahi Tātou, page 6

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