

# GUIDELINES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSTRUCTION

## POLICY 1: CURRICULUM GUIDELINE 8



### RATIONALE

St. Benedict's School is an Integrated Roman Catholic School charged with teaching the Religious Education Programme as instructed by the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand.

### PURPOSE

To provide students with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

To provide an education based on the values of Jesus Christ.

To provide a faith filled education and environment that will foster a child's spiritual, mental, physical and social development in keeping with the Special Character of The Roman Catholic Church.

### GUIDELINES

1. The Religious Education programme prescribed by the Bishops of New Zealand will be taught at all levels within the school.
2. The teachers will be provided with the support, assistance and training to teach the programme.
3. Students enrolled under the non-preference clause will attend all Religious Education classes.
4. Students will be able to participate in a meaningful way in class daily prayer.
5. There will be an opportunity for students to take an active role in the worship and practices of the Catholic Church within our Parish Community.
6. Parents and caregivers will support the teachings of the programme.
7. The programme will support the parents and the parish in the preparation of the children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.
8. The Board of Trustees, Principal and Staff will provide the resources necessary to teach the programme.
9. The teaching and non-teaching staff of St. Benedict's School demonstrate by their attitude and conduct that they support the Christian principles on which the programme is based.

### CONCLUSION

St. Benedict's School provides students with the knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and dogmas of the Roman Catholic Church and the opportunities to practise these in a faith-filled environment.