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Religious Instruction and Observances Policy

Rationale

The school is committed to the Catholic Faith development of its pupils.

Purposes

1. To promote the Catholic Faith through education programmes.
2. To provide opportunities for participation in Church celebration and observances.
3. To ensure appropriate time is provided for planning, implementing and evaluating the Religious Education Programme.
4. To provide resources which will support Religious Education Programme.
5. To encourage the Sacramental life of each individual in the school.

Guidelines

1. The R.E. Programmes will be taught at the relevant levels in the school as laid down by National R.E. Curriculum
2. The school will support all Sacramental programmes run in the Parish.
3. Up to two and a half hours per week will be timetabled for teaching of the Religious Education Programme according to class level.
4. All teachers are expected to participate in Religious Education Professional Development.
5. Teachers in tagged positions are expected to work towards a recognised Religious Education accreditation.
6. Teachers and pupils will observe times of prayer during each school day.
7. Religious Education should value and reflect bicultural relationships within Aotearoa society and its multi-cultural nature.