



Sancta Maria College is an integrated co-educational Catholic College and its practices, beliefs and values are Catholic and guide the work and mission of the college.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” – Matthew 6:33

Rationale

The Sancta Maria College Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring the delivery of the Religious Education curriculum meets the New Zealand National Standards with Excellence and fosters Catholic Values by developing Leaders who are living witnesses to the Gospel.

Purposes

- To provide a curriculum that is current, of quality and Catholic in nature.
- Develop the leaders of tomorrow to appreciate the uniqueness of each person through living out their faith in the context of our historical and cultural experiences.
- Encouragement to grow in understanding of the traditions of the Church to live life applying these in our daily lives.

Guidelines

- 1 Religious Education is one of the essential learning areas of Sancta Maria College.
- 2 The Religious Education programme will be based on the principles and aims of the NZ Catholic Bishops’ Conference and the National Centre for Religious Studies Curriculum documents reflecting New Zealand’s unique cultural diversity and valuing the histories and tradition of all its people.
- 3 Every student at the College is required to participate in the Religious Education programme aimed at developing the students’ critical thinking skills, leadership, attitudes and values to enable them to integrate faith, life and culture.
- 4 Religious Education curriculum will be inclusive, respect and reflect the Treaty of Waitangi principles.
- 5 The curriculum will support and empower all students to learn, excel and reach their full potential.
- 6 The Head of Department for Religious Education is responsible for the implementation of the curricular programme throughout the College.
- 7 The Principal, Senior Management and HOD RE will be responsible for allocating teaching time for the Religious Education programme as mandated by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops’ Conference guidelines.
- 8 The Religious Education teachers will teach materials that are theologically sound, using resources of various cultures, while ensuring the principles of equity and equal opportunity are maintained for all students.
- 9 The Religious Education Department will be adequately provided with material resources and appropriate teaching and learning environment.



- 10 The Religious Education teachers will be provided with the opportunity to attend professional development related to the National Syllabus and Catholic Character supported to gain certification in Religious Education.
- 11 Religious Education Year 11 – 13 will offer a full NCEA course with a minimum of 18 credits offered at each year level. These standards will align with identified standards that meet the needs of Sancta Maria College and our students and the community.

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