



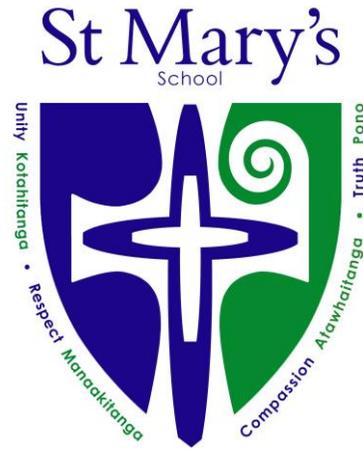
School Charter 2018

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Submission to the Ministry of Education

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Our School



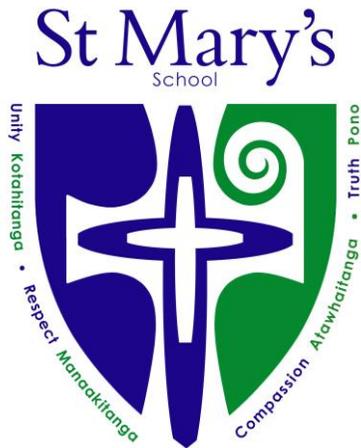
St. Mary's School, Northcote is a state integrated Catholic School situated on Auckland's North Shore.

We serve three local parishes of St Mary's, Northcote, Maria Assumpta, Beach Haven and St. Thomas More, Glenfield.

Our school was founded in 1933 by the Dominican Sisters and then in the 1970's, the Mercy Sisters took over the role of serving the St. Mary's School community. Our school charism was developed to reflect our Dominican and Mercy traditions and in 2016, a community-wide consultation was undertaken to re-envision the school.

At this time it was decided to add a fourth Gospel Value (**Truth/Pono**) to our charism of **Unity/Kotahitanga**, **Respect/Manaakitanga** and **Compassion/Atawhaitanga**, to strengthen our links to our Dominican founders to whom truth is a guiding value. The four Gospel values that make up our charism are supported by verses from the Bible, reflecting the importance of God's Word as a means of guiding our lives.

At the same time as strengthening our charism, we have also developed a school mission that reflects community aspirations for our students and the wider St. Mary's community, as well as the mission of the Catholic Church of caring for others.



Our Charism

Unity/Kotahitanga

(1 John 4:12)

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Respect/Manaakitanga

(Matthew 9: 36-38)

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.

Compassion/Atawhaitanga

(Matthew 9: 36-38)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field".

Truth/Pono

(John 8: 31-32)

So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free".

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Our Mission

Empowering each other:

we strive to learn

Every member of our school community strives to learn and to be the best they can be, so reaching their God-given potential. We understand that learning knows no limits and that we are all capable of becoming better learners.

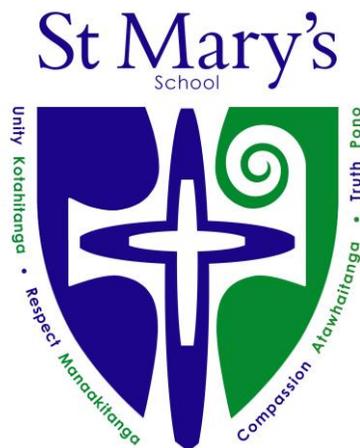
we strengthen our faith

As a Catholic faith community, our job is to bring Christ's Good News to all. As adults, we must nurture our own faith development and that of the students in our care. Every student at St. Mary's has the opportunity to encounter Christ on a daily basis enabling them to grow as disciples of Jesus who have a deep understanding of their faith and to live a 'new life characterized by all that is beautiful, good and true; a life of Christian witness nurtured and strengthened within the community of our Lords disciples, the Church".

we seek to serve

As a faith community we seek to serve each other and to carry out the mission of the Church in serving the needy. Through the development of our localized curriculum, which encompasses a strong element of service, our students learn about the practical application of the Gospel values inherent in our charism.

St Mary's School, Northcote will reflect...



The unique position of Māori Culture

- by developing an awareness of Tikanga Māori and Te Reo Māori
- by providing the means of fostering better cultural understanding consistent with the Treaty of Waitangi
- by providing regular consultation with the Māori families to discover the views and concerns of the Māori community

New Zealand's Cultural Diversity

- all cultures within the school will be valued and treated with dignity
- quality teaching will respect and affirm cultural identity and optimise educational opportunities for each child
- staff members will ensure that an inclusive school culture is fostered
- every child will be given equitable opportunities to learn, progress and achieve in the breadth and depth of the New Zealand Curriculum

What reasonable steps will the school take to incorporate tikanga Māori (Māori culture and protocol) into the school's curriculum?

- Classrooms and school celebrations will reflect Māori culture through signage, waiata and greetings, appropriate to the class programme or school event and the level of the students.
- Curriculum planning will include a Māori perspective, incorporating Tikanga Māori and Te Reo Māori, as appropriate to the topic.

What will the school do to provide instruction in te reo Māori for full time students whose parents ask for it?

- All such requests will be given full and careful consideration by the Board of Trustees with regard to personnel with the requisite skills and qualifications, the overall school financial position, and the availability of accommodation within the school.
- The school will provide te reo Māori instruction through the Te Aho Arataki Marau mo te Ako i Te Reo Māori Curriculum and support material on <http://tereomāori.tki.org.nz>

What steps will be taken to discover the views and concerns of the school's Māori community?

- The Board of Trustees will consult with the school's Māori families in the development of the Strategic Plan
- The Board of Trustees will provide funding to support classroom initiatives.
- The Ka Hikitia - Managing Success for Māori document will be used to inform decisions and practice.
- The updated Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013 - 2017 will support and guide action so that Māori students can enjoy and achieve education success as Māori.