



## 1. POLICY

The Garin College Board of Trustees will ensure an environment in which the whole College community, through the general College programmes and in its religious instructions and observation, exercises the right to live and teach the values of Jesus Christ. These values are as expressed in the Scriptures and in the practices, worship and doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, as determined from time to time by the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of Aotearoa New Zealand.

## 2. EXPLANATION

a. Garin College, is an integrated, co-ed day and boarding secondary school for Year 9 -13 students, located in Richmond, Nelson, New Zealand. The college was founded in 2002 to serve the Catholic community, especially in Nelson, Tasman, Golden Bay and Marlborough.

Being an integrated school, its Proprietor, (the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington Diocese) and the Minister of Education have signed an Integration Agreement for the school in terms of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975.

b. This policy incorporates both the curriculum (the teaching of Religious Education to all students in the College) and faith and spiritual development practices (opportunities for Mass, prayers, liturgy, service).

## 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

Garin College, Nelson, recognizes its responsibilities to:

- The Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Wellington,
- the College Community which includes parents and families, students, College staff, past students and the parishes of the wider Nelson/Tasman region
- New Zealand society represented by the New Zealand Government
- Our Maori community and to the 'Te Tiriti O Waitangi'
- The wider educational and regional Catholic communities of the Top of the South region
- Our Boarding Families and International Students.

#### 4. EVALUATION AND MONITORING

This policy is to be reviewed every three years in accordance with the Triennial Policy Review Plan. The policy outcomes are to be reported on throughout the year at Board of Trustee meetings or if required on request.

Policy Adopted:

Date:

Signed  
Board Chair:

#### **Review schedule Triennial**

The following procedures should be implemented:

SC 1 - NATIONAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

SC 2 - JOURNEY RETREAT PROGRAMMES

SC 3 - COMMUNITY SERVICE

SC 4 - FORMATION

SC 5 - STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

SC 6 - FAITH

SC 7 - CHRISTIAN SERVICE LEADERSHIP



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**SCHOOL PROCEDURE** - SC 1 National Religious Education Curriculum

## NATIONAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

The students must be taught a comprehensive course of Religious Education throughout their five years at Garin College, through the implementation of the nationally approved Catholic Religious Education Curriculum.

The whole College curriculum, which includes the religious education programme, must seek to develop in each student a critical moral faculty which enables them to live out their life grounded in the absolute standards of Christian morality.

The religious education programme will endeavor to develop in each student a code of lived Christian values and virtues from which behavior will be determined.

Students with little knowledge of the Catholic Faith will be given, and taught the basics to ensure their understanding in the spiritual character of the College and the role of the subject.

The DRS prepares a topic roster and assessment dates for each topic at each level from Year 9 to Year 13.

At all levels, student learning is to be evaluated and a record of achievement maintained. Student learning will be reported to parents/families.

Time allocation for Religious Education, in both senior and junior classes, will be as per the direction from the New Zealand Bishops' Conference.



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**SCHOOL PROCEDURE** - SC 2 Journey Programme

### Journey Programme

The student's prayer and devotional life and their sense of being Christian will be deepened through providing the opportunity for an annual retreat suitable to their stage of faith development. A retreat programme (called the Journey Programme) is established, that ensures a gradually more reflective and formative retreat experience as a student moves through the College.



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**SCHOOL PROCEDURE** - SC 3 Community Service

### Community Service

All students should be encouraged to participate in Christian service in the wider community through opportunities such as:

- a. Caritas Challenge
- b. Slum City
- c. Can drives
- d. Christian Service Days - Visiting/concerts at Rest Home
- e. Justice and Ministry Group (JAM)
- f. Student Workday
- g. Any special appeal or activity approved by the Principal



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**SCHOOL PROCEDURE** - SC 4 Formation

### Formation

On the recommendation of the Principal, the Board will budget for ongoing teacher formation and training towards formal accreditation established by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference and formation courses provided by the Catholic Education Office. All new staff to Catholic Schools will participate in the induction to Catholic Schools Programme run by the Wellington Diocese Catholic Education Office.



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**SCHOOL PROCEDURE** - SC 5 Student Involvement

### Student Involvement

We seek to develop and empower students to be confident in the various expressions of their faith through prayer, liturgical involvement, singing, music, Christian service. We therefore promote at all appropriate times opportunities for students to lead the school community in our faith practices.



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**SCHOOL PROCEDURE** - SC 6 Faith

### Faith

Regular opportunities are to be provided for Mass, Reconciliation, daily prayer in class or assemblies, celebration of special liturgies on appropriate occasions (e.g. start of College year, important feast days etc) at which the participation of the wider College community is encouraged.

Mass will be provided on all Sundays that the boarders are in residence (unless parents/families are advised well in advance).

The DRS will provide a cycle of themes for each week of the school year which reflects the Liturgical, Civic and Garin College special events calendars



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**SCHOOL PROCEDURE** - SC 7 Christian Service Leadership

### Christian Service Leadership

It is desirable to have an active enthusiastic group, involving the Principal, Chaplain, interested staff and students, to assist/plan in the faith/spiritual experiences of the College community.

Our two elected Christian Service Student Leaders plan for and implement programmes within the school for wider school and community participation.