



POLICY 1.6
Special Character of the
College

Ratified at Board Meeting	30.05.19
Next Review Due	2022

RATIONALE:

Aquinas College is a place to encounter and seek a relationship with the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth. Students are encouraged to question and develop a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Students are called to act as Christ to others.

GUIDELINES:

- Aquinas College policies, structures and physical environment reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ and the College Touchstones.
- Aquinas College will provide religious education in accordance with the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975 and the Handbook for Boards of Trustees of New Zealand Catholic Integrated Schools.
- Aquinas College will monitor the provision of religious instruction and Special Character through regular reporting to the Board of Trustees and school community.
- Aquinas College will assist and encourage staff in their on-going understanding of the Special Character of the College.
- In recognition of the evangelising role of the College, there will be on-going liaison with the Parishes, particularly in relation to the sacramental programme, youth groups and other service/ministry opportunities within the Parish.