

The Place of Sports and Cultural Activities at St Patrick's College

Mission Statement: Education at St Patrick's is based on Marist traditions and philosophy in which each student is treated as a unique individual who is enabled to grow and excel spiritually, academically, culturally, emotionally, physically and socially in a nurturing Catholic environment.

Our Core Values are:

Gospel - Live and teach the values of Jesus Christ.

Community - Build and value partnerships between College, family, church and local community.

Excellence - Strive for excellence in all aspects of College and personal life.

Safety - Provide a safe caring environment in which students develop self-esteem, self-discipline, integrity and concern for others.

Pastoral care - Foster pastoral care through personal, spiritual and social opportunities.

Knowledge - Value knowledge through teaching and learning processes.

Tikanga Maori - Honour the Principles in the Treaty of Waitangi and promote Tikanga Maori and Te Reo Maori within the College.

Motto: Sectare Fidem: Hold firm to the faith.

We were founded to provide the Catholic Leaders of the future.

We are first and foremost a Catholic school and our faith should shine through in everything we do. We pride ourselves on providing a holistic education to our young men, to getting to know them individually and to help them develop the talents God has given them so they can use them in the service of others.

We expect high standards from our students in everything they do.

As a College our focus is on good teaching and learning in the classroom so our students have the opportunity to gain excellent academic results. We also teach the faith and aim to ensure all our students develop spiritually through their relationships with other, through Mass and other Liturgies, through retreats and prayer. We know that we meet Jesus Christ in each other, in scripture and in receiving Eucharist.

Sports and cultural opportunities provide opportunities for healthy competition, for physical and intellectual exercise, and help to grow well rounded people. In some cases these opportunities can lead to employment opportunities. Sport helps us to develop a sense of team, a sense of school spirit but it is never to be glorified above academic achievement. Cultural activities extend the mind and create a love of the Arts.

We want to provide opportunities to participate and to excel in sports and cultural activities and we want to use these activities to build our community bond and our sense of belonging. These activities can also help develop resilience, character and leadership as young people learn to accept defeat graciously and victory humbly. We will always expect a culture of fair play, of honesty and respect for officials and for opponents.

So how do we decide what is important. How do we deal with all the competing demands on our times and on the time of our students?

1. Everything we do must enhance our Special Catholic Character.
2. We place a priority of academic work - on being in class and doing our best to develop our academic abilities.
3. We provide a range of sporting opportunities and for top teams in established codes we provide a range of traditional games.
4. Teams from established Codes may participate in NZSS sanctioned events including Winter and Summer Tournaments.