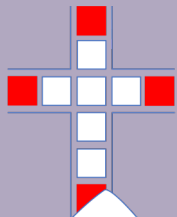


St Joseph's School

Rangiora



VISION

Full Potential in Faith,
Learning and Virtue



Principal's Vision

"To maintain a nurturing learning environment where every student is valued and respected as a child of God."

Principal's Welcome

Kia ora

St Joseph's Rangiora is a state integrated Catholic primary school for girls and boys up to Year 8. We have seven classrooms and a maximum roll of 175 students. Founded in 1887 by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Brown Jo's) the school was then taken over by the sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in 1898.

St Joseph's is forming the leaders of tomorrow. Every student is encouraged to reach their full potential socially and academically in order to develop as a whole person, reflect Christ to others and become a valuable member of society.

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children. We endeavour to provide robust lines of communication to ensure parents are fully engaged in their child's academic programme. The school and family work together to maintain the high expectations required for children to meet their potential. However, education must not be limited to reading, writing and arithmetic. At St Joseph's a balanced lifestyle is promoted through the delivery of a strong co-curricular programme including cultural, musical and sporting opportunities.

Student growth is fostered through a secure environment where each individual's talents are recognised and appreciated. Sound restorative practices, consistent discipline and routine are all provided to lead to self-mastery and growth in virtue.

If you would like to know more about St Joseph's Rangiora please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ben Gorman

Principal

Curriculum

At St. Joseph's School we put in place a comprehensive programme that ensures all students have access to high quality teaching and learning. In order to have this happen we have set in place procedures to ensure we meet our strategic goals and Ministry of Education compliances.

There are 8 learning areas in the New Zealand Curriculum. Through Years 0 – 8 students learn English, Mathematics and Statistics, Science, Social Studies, Languages, Technology, Health and Physical Education and The Arts. We are a Catholic School and therefore have an ninth learning area, Religious Education. The delivery of the Religious Education programme is as outlined in the 1996 Religious Education Curriculum Statement for Catholic Primary Schools in Aotearoa, NZ. The philosophy underpinning the Curriculum statement forms the basis of all teaching of Religious Education.

Our Virtues Programme

Providing the opportunity for our children to grow in virtue is an important part of St Joseph's School. Students are specifically taught how to grow in Aroha, Respect and Fortitude. This is acknowledged regularly through virtue tokens that count towards family group rewards



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A Catholic School

“Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school, he is the unseen but ever-present teacher in all its classes, the model of its staff, and the inspiration for its students.”

As a Catholic school, we aim to reflect the teachings of Jesus through all that we do. The teachings of the Church are promoted and the liturgical calendar is followed. Catholicism, Prayer, Social Justice and Religious Education are paramount to everything.

St Joseph’s is one of two schools linked with the Waimakariri Catholic Parish of St Peter Chanel. The other being St Patrick’s School in Kaiapoi. Students regularly attend Parish celebrations and the Parish Priests visit a classroom every week. New families are required to attend the “Forming Faith Together” workshop run each year in the second term.

Excerpts from the New Zealand Catholic Bishop’s Conference document “The Catholic Education of School Age Children” 2014

- *Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others.*
- *the Catholic school is more significantly an instrument of the faith of the Catholic community than an instrument of any government’s education policy or of consumer society’s economic and social objectives.*
- *It requires courage to maintain a truly Catholic environment when there are pressures to compromise with the culture of society.*
- *All students, whatever their level of faith development, need some understanding of the theological content of their faith, not just an understanding of the cultural elements of Catholicism.*
- *The student who has encountered Christ and is growing in knowledge and understanding naturally grows into a virtuous life, because Christ is being formed in him or her.*

The Religious Education Curriculum is taught daily and is made of eight core strands:

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| - God the Father | - Jesus |
| - Holy Spirit | - Sacrament |
| - Church | - Communion of Saints |
| - Liturgical Year | - Prayer |

The whanau book is provided for all families and provides important resources to engage families in the Religious Education Curriculum.



Family Groups and Houses

At St Joseph's Catholic School there are four houses, and each house is divided into small groups of about 10 students each. Each family group has a cross-section of students from throughout the school. The family groups enhance the sense of community at the school and provide a great opportunity for student leadership. Family groups meet together for lunch each month, they complete various challenges and attend Mass together.

The family groups are named after significant saints from which we can draw inspiration. The four houses are named after local landmarks.

Maukatere (Mt Grey)

Karetu (Mt Karetu)

Rakahuri (Ashley River)

Waimakariri (the River)

Students work for points each term in ways such as; earning tokens, participation in outreach and in sporting events.



"Today more than ever we need authentic witnesses, and not simply people who parcel out rules and facts; we need witnesses capable of seeing farther than others because their life is so much broader. A witness is someone who first lives the life that he or she proposes to others."

Pope Benedict XVI, 2011 World Day of Peace Message, 2



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Uniform

An overarching principle behind St Joseph's uniform is that students who look smart, think smart. For this reason the uniform code is to be strictly adhered to.

The uniform is provided by Mainland Uniforms. Click on "St Joseph's Rangiora" at www.mainlanduniforms.co.nz and to see the full array of uniform items. Strict adherence to the colour and style of each item is essential.

General Summary: *(greater detail is available from the office or website)*

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.30	Students start arriving
8.50	School begins
10.30	Morning break
11.00	Class
12.35	Lunch
1.25	Class
3.00	End of day

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Including, but not limited to:

- Sports (including various tournaments and competitions)
- Choir
- Annual dance exhibition
- Ukelele
- Biennial full school musical
- Cantamath
- Liturgy Group
- ICAS Examinations
- Enviro-committee
- Peer Support Mediators
- Kapa Haka
- Art Exhibitions
- Swimming Lessons
- Young Vinnies
- Rest home visits

	Winter	Summer
Girls	Tartan pinafore, white polo, navy jersey or cardigan. Navy knee high navy socks or tights. Black leather shoes.	Blue check culottes, monogrammed white polo, navy jersey or cardigan. White ankle socks and black leather shoes or sandals.
Boys	Dark grey shorts, grey long sleeved shirt, navy jersey. Grey socks and black leather shoes.	Light grey shorts, monogrammed grey short sleeved polo, navy jersey. Grey dress socks and black leather shoes or sandals.

In Year 5, students are required to purchase a monogrammed sports uniform consisting of a styled navy polo and matching shorts.



Attendance Dues and other Costs

Activities Contribution

An annual activities contribution of \$180 covers your child's class trips and other education outside of the classroom. This amount is payable directly to school at the beginning of each year. (Examples of some of the opportunities paid for by this contribution are provided on the previous page.)

Attendance Dues

Attendance dues are collected by the Parish on behalf of the Proprietor (the Bishop). All parents are legislatively responsible to pay attendance dues. These dues are the only means the diocese has to repay loans, insure buildings and develop school properties.

Attendance Dues per Term (2024 amounts)

Attendance Dues per child	\$123.63
Special Character Contribution	<u>\$15.00</u>
	<u>\$138.63</u>
PER YEAR	\$554.50 per child

Other costs

New-entrant stationery, online mathsbuddy subscriptions and school diaries are provided directly through the school office and billed via your school account. Every attempt is made to keep other costs to a minimum. To help manage accounts, families are encouraged to sign up to make regular automatic payments for both attendance dues and school expenses.

Enrolment

St Joseph's is currently experiencing significant roll pressure. Early enrolment is necessary to avoid disappointment (anyone over the age of three can be pre-enrolled). Prospective new families are encouraged to make an appointment to meet with the Principal and have a tour of the school.

An application for enrolment form must be completed. Those eligible for a 'preference' should provide evidence of this with their application. St Joseph's integration agreement allows a maximum of 5% non-preference enrolment.

Preference cards must be obtained from the Parish Priest 3-6 months prior to when your child/ens are due to start at St Joseph's. To be eligible your child must fulfil one or more of the criteria listed on the right. To make an appointment to see the Rangiora parish priest phone 313 6285

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT CRITERIA

One of:

- 5.1 Your child has been baptised Catholic
- 5.2 One or more of the child's siblings have been baptised Catholic
- 5.3 At least one parent is a baptised Catholic
- 5.4 A grand-parent or other significant adult who is a practising Catholic is prepared to support this child's formation in the faith and practices of the Church
(They will be required to attend the preference meeting with the Priest)
- 5.5 At least one parent is preparing for baptism

NOTE: The Priest will likely need to sight appropriate evidence that you fulfil the criteria. If you can not locate appropriate baptismal certificate, contact the parish where you were baptised and they can usually be provided quickly.



The Catholic school is embedded in the Church; it is the Church in action, an authentic expression of the Church's mission. The Catholic school is not just another school, the equivalent of a state school with the addition of a religious education programme. The Catholic school is an ecclesial entity, reflecting the "deepest nature" of the Church in its life, and participating fully in the Church's mission by forming Christ in the lives of others

Many factors combine to create the Catholic character of a school. It is this character that the Catholic community hopes will create that "encounter with the living God" which will lead the young person to become a committed disciple of Jesus Christ.

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