






SACRED HEART SCHOOL TIMARU Strategic Plan 2026

Our Vision – ‘Growing a Heart for Living and a Heart for Learning in a Catholic Context’

Goals	 <p>Catholic (Wairua)</p> <p>“Be an authentically Catholic school with hearts open to God and growing in our Catholic Faith”</p>	 <p>Whanaungatanga (People)</p> <p>“Build right relationships with God, self, our environment, and people”</p>	 <p>Ako (Learning)</p> <p>“Grow a culture of learning that is student centred and authentic”</p>
Success looks	<p>A school community that is faithful to the Gospels in words and actions</p> <p>A sense of ‘family’ in the school</p> <p>Teachers and students who understand the history and practices of the Catholic Church</p>	<p>Māori Tikanga and Te Reo Māori visible, encouraged, and celebrated</p> <p>An inclusive culture that values diversity reflecting our charism goal – “everyone matters”</p> <p>A mindset of kaitiakitanga (guardianship) where people care for each other and the world</p>	<p>Happy students and teachers who are excited about learning</p> <p>Learning opportunities that are connected to students’ own cultures and understandings of the world</p>
Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach our founders’ core values to strengthen connection with our school’s whakapapa (history and foundations) • All students will learn through the Religious Education Curriculum for Catholic Primary and Secondary schools in Aotearoa curriculum. • Staff will engage with a locally offered Religious Education Diploma paper through the Diocesan education team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will engage with Te Kura Raunui, a new te reo Māori training programme launching in Term 2. This is designed to help teachers build their confidence and everyday use of te reo Māori in English-medium classrooms. • Raise the visibility of Te Ao Māori in the physical kura environment. • Strengthen positive learning behaviours through clear, schoolwide expectations and systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaiako upskilled in effectively using assessment and reporting to accurately determine the achievement and progress and ākongā. • Strengthen our Mathematics capacity through kaiako PLD to give effect to the revised mathematics curriculum. • Improve overall attendance.