St Michael's Church School



3:3.0 Job Description for Principal

Position:

Principal

Permanent

Responsible to: Board of Governors

St. Michael's Church School is a Christian School in the Anglican tradition reflecting the intentions of the St. Michael's Church School Statute.

Primary Objectives:

- To provide strong leadership and confidence that actively drives increased enrolment
- To fulfil the role of Chief Executive in management of the School, while liaising with the Board of Governors in governance matters.
- To agree to, participate in, uphold and support the special character of the School as outlined in the School Statute, Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and School Values.
- To work in partnership with the Vicar of the parish in worship, mission and ministry for the school community, especially in RE and spiritual care.
- To implement and work to achieve the goals and targets of the NZ Curriculum and the Christian Education programmes of St. Michael's.
- To abide by and implement the School's policies and procedures.

Key Tasks:

AREAS OF PRACTICE	PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS	ACHIEVEMENT INDICTORS		
MISSION				
Share partnership with the church in mission and ministry to the parents and families of the pupils, the pupils themselves and the staff.	1. Uphold and model the Values of the school	1. Pupils model the values		
	2. Liaise with the Vicar for the Religious education programme and develop it as appropriate.	2. Pupils show increased knowledge of and use of the Bible, Anglican Liturgy and prayer		
	3. Liaise with the Vicar to develop pathways for pupils and their families into church membership, via baptism, confirmation and service in church.	3. Pupils are increasingly involved in aspects of church worship and fellowship		
	4. Support the parent community in fostering mature Christian faith in pupils.	4. Families are supported in encouraging their children into increased personal faith.		
PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS				
Strengthen communications and relationships to enhance student learning.	1. Actively market the School	1 Resources, including staffing are sought to market the School. Roll numbers increase.		
	2. Work with the Board to facilitate strategic decision making.	2. A strategic plan is formulated and regularly updated.		
	3. Actively foster positive relationships with the school's community, especially the parish.	3. Is available for consultations with parents. Meets with Vicar and Wardens and Trustees when appropriate. Acts as point of liaison with all groups, including P.T.F.A		

	 Actively foster professional relationships with, and between, colleagues and with government agencies and others with expertise in the wider education community. Ensure regular interaction with parents and the school community on student progress and other school- related matters Actively foster positive relationships with other schools and participate in appropriate school networks. 	 4. Professional relationships are developed. 5. Pupil progress is reported to parents. School community is kept informed of events and matters related to the School. 6. Relationships, both formal and informal, are maintained with other schools, especially with other Principals. 			
Provide professional leadership that focuses the school culture on enhanced learning and teaching	CULTURE 1. With the Board, develop and then implement a school vision with shared goals and values focused on enhanced engagement and achievement (academically, socially and culturally) for all students.	 The school vision statements are regularly reconsidered and strategic plans revised. 			
	2. Promote a culture whereby staff members assume appropriate leadership roles and work collaboratively to improve teaching and learning.	2. Staff have responsibilities in line with their special gifts. New teaching programmes are developed with teams.			
	3. Model respect for others in interactions with adults and children.	3. Respect for others is acknowledged			
	4. Promote the bicultural heritage of New Zealand by ensuring that it is evident in the school culture	4. Bicultural areas of the NZ curriculum are not neglected. Activities such as Kapa Haka are encouraged and resourced.			
	5. Maintain a safe, learning-focused environment.	5. All members of the school community feel safe. Potential physical dangers are promptly rectified.			
	6. Promote an inclusive environment in which the diversity, multicultural nature and prior experiences are acknowledged and respected.	6. The multicultural nature of the school community is celebrated.			
	 7. Manage conflict and other challenging situations effectively and actively work to achieve solutions. 8. Demonstrate leadership in professional practice, through applying critical inquiry and problem solving. 	 Conflict is dealt with and if possible all parties consider the matter is dealt with appropriately. Leadership in this area is acknowledged and appreciated. 			

PEDAGOGY				
Create a learning environment in which there is an expectation that all students will experience success in learning	1. Promote, participate in and support ongoing professional learning linked to student progress	1. Professional development is encouraged and participation in professional development is modelled by the Principal.		
	2. Demonstrate leadership through engaging with staff and sharing knowledge about effective teaching and learning in the context of the New Zealand curriculum	2. Effective teaching and learning methods are researched and shared with staff.		
	3. Ensure staff members engage in professional learning to establish and sustain effective teacher/learner relationships with all students	3. All staff have access to appropriate professional development, either individually or in groups		
	4. Ensure that the review and design of school programmes is informed by school based and external evidence	4. All staff participate in a regular review of School performance and are aware, by reading or seminar attendance, of relevant research.		
	5. Foster a professional learning community within which staff members are encouraged to be reflective practitioners engaging with research, and feedback on their professional practice.	5. Procedures are in place for staff to reflect on their teaching practice and receive feedback on their performance.		
	6. Ensure the use of best practice for assessment, and analyse and act upon evidence on student learning to maximise learning for all students.	6. Assessment procedures are best practice and the results are used to optimise learning.		
	 Focus in particular on success in learning for Maori and Pacifica students, students with special education needs, and students at risk of not succeeding at school. 	 Resources are made available for all students with special needs. Students are monitored to ensure barriers to success do not exist. 		
SYSTEMS				
Develop and use management systems to support and enhance student learning	1. Exhibit leadership that results in the effective day-today operation of the school.	1. School runs smoothly.		
	2. Operate effective systems within Board policy and in accordance with legislative requirements.	2. Board policy, legislative requirements and Ministry of Education regulations are adhered to by Principal and staff.		
	3. Provide the Board with timely and accurate information and advice on student learning and school operations.	3. Board is satisfied that they have all the information required to perform their governance function		
	 Effectively manage finance, property, health and safety systems. 	4. Income and expenditure are monitored and excessive or inappropriate expenditure does not occur. Required maintenance is carried		

	 5. Effectively manage personnel with a focus on maximising the effectiveness of all staff members. 6. Use school/external evidence to inform planning for future action, monitor progress and manage 	 out. Health and Safety Committee and Hazard Registers are in place and staff are trained in strategies for managing health and safety 5. Staff report high levels of satisfaction and a supportive environment. The strengths and talents of staff are utilised to the greatest effect and responsibilities are delegated. Feedback and appraisal systems are in place and operational. 6. School performance is regularly reviewed. Professional development and appropriate reading are used as a
	change.	and appropriate reading are used as a basis for change. Appropriate change occurs.
	7. Align resource allocation with the school's annual and strategic objectives.	 Appropriate capital expenditure occurs. Appropriate staffing exists to ensure student learning is optimised. Resource allocation is aligned to objectives.
To be signed at initial employment and at Annual Attestation review	Signed:	All professional standards have been assessed. Evidence has been provided to ensure compliance against the relevant professional standards.
	(Principal)	Signed:
	Date:	(Attestor)
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