



RATIONALE:

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

PURPOSES:

- St. Michael's Church School provides:
 - an environment in which true Christian values are sought and fostered and taken into account in decisions, actions and methods.
 - education in a school of special character, which welcomes and is open to a wide range of pupils from all social, economic, religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds within the community
 - educational experiences of high quality which will develop the spiritual, cultural and physical needs of each child in a well-balanced programme.

GUIDELINES:

- Enrolment is subject to the principal being satisfied that St. Michael's Church School is the appropriate school for a particular child.
- The teacher - pupil ratio is normally
 - Years One to Three: 1 : 26 maximum
 - Years Four to Eight: 1 : 30 maximum
- Where pupil numbers do not justify a single class at a year level, composite classes may occur.
- Class placement for all pupils is always dependent upon suitability i.e. a pupil is placed according to his/her needs and promoted to another class level when such a move is in his/her best interests.
- Where it is seen appropriate a child may move from one level to another at any time other than at the beginning of a year.
- There is normally no preferential entry, but in the event of over-subscription the criteria for entry will be:
 - children of parish families, including those of staff members
 - children with siblings already enrolled at St. Michael's
 - children of past pupils
 - children of any Christian denomination
 - all other children of families who seek the Christian education provided under the Special Character Statute of the School

CONCLUSION:

St. Michael's Church School operates under the Statute established by the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch for the Trustees of the Christchurch St. Michael and All Angels Church, to be a community of worship, learning and ministry in which the Christian faith may be nurtured.