

## Statement about Learning

St Bernard's school is committed to developing students who are self-regulated learners. That is, children who have an understanding of their own learning and what they need to do to achieve their best. To support children in achieving this goal, teachers share results of testing and help them identify next steps in their learning. All students are taught to self assess their performance and to set realistic goals. The school bases its programmes on the government mandated New Zealand Curriculum and the New Zealand Catholic Bishop's Conference Religious Education Curriculum.



ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL  
*he ara ki to ao*

**SMALL SCHOOL  
HUGE OPPORTUNITIES**

### Vision

*our school - a pathway to the world*

### Mission

*Empowering children in their learning in a Catholic community.*

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# St Bernard's School – a pathway to the world

St Bernard's school offers a high quality education for children from Year 1 to Year 8 in a Catholic, co-educational, multi-cultural setting. Our smaller roll fosters a nurturing, family atmosphere. The school's special character is seen in our friendly, supportive children.

**We offer your child access to large school opportunities with the care and attention of a close community.**

Our staff genuinely care for the children they teach. Small class sizes mean lots of one on one time. By meeting their needs and offering individual programmes, we aim to help children develop and achieve their best. Our children succeed at college, with St Bernard's alumni going on to win academic prizes and dux, head boy and head girl positions.

The school has a strong reputation for excellent education, happy co-operative children and a sense of tuakana-teina, where older students care for and are great role models for the younger children.



## Learning Programmes:

\*Quality and varied learning programmes taught by experienced staff.

\*Science sessions every Tuesday.

\*Art lessons from an art specialist each week.

\*Te Reo Maori language and Tikanga programme.

\*Parent/ student learning conferences.

\*Reading Recovery programme, special needs and English as a second language support.

## Activities:

\* Involvement in inter-school sports events.

\*Swimming lessons at the Aquatic Centre and sports sessions with professional coaches – football, floorball, handball, etc.

\*Lunchtime clubs (sports, gardening, sustainability, games, exercise, robotics).

\*Sustainable school – recycling, composting, worm farm.

## Experiences:

\*Wide-ranging leadership opportunities – librarian positions, leading assemblies, lead clubs, organising charity fundraisers, baking for the soup kitchen.

\*Educational trips and visiting speakers to support learning programmes.

\*A warm welcome for parents and the parish at assemblies and masses.

\*A supportive, welcoming parent community who are involved in their child's education.

## Facilities:

\*One IT device per child and coding robots.

\*Well-stocked library.

\*Large school hall.

\*Before and After-school care on site.

\*Adventure playground.

