

Why is the Catholic Special Character Contribution important?

The Proprietor has a legal responsibility under the Integration Act to protect and preserve the Catholic Special Character (Section 3.3, Private Schools Conditional Integration Act).

The Catholic Special Character Contribution is vitally important to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor, for the preservation and enhancement of the Catholic Special Character of our schools. The Board provides a range of services to ensure that the Catholic Special Character is maintained at the highest level.



What is the contribution being requested?

The contribution is \$12.50 per term per student or \$50 per year per student.

The Auckland Catholic Education Services Board appreciates and thanks you for your financial support.

Information about school donations is contained in the Ministry of Education Circular 1998/25

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Education in a Catholic school is based on Jesus Christ, His Gospel and His values. It is our Catholic Faith and belief in Jesus and His teaching that give the school a Catholic Special Character. This is why you as a parent chose a Catholic education for your children.

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What is the Catholic Special Character Contribution?

This contribution provides the main source of funding for all services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board. No contributions are made by the Government.

The Catholic Special Character Contribution is a voluntary donation paid by parents of all students in Catholic Schools. This is tax deductible and a 33% refund of your donation can be claimed from the Inland Revenue Department.



What is the contribution used for?

To enhance the Catholic Special Character of our schools through undertaking External Catholic Special Character Reviews and Training and on-going support for:

- Up-to-date approaches for the teaching of Religious Education
- Beginning teachers
- School Personnel
- Boards of Trustees
- Newly appointed Principals
- Newly appointed Directors of Religious Studies
- Catholic leadership
- Schools in difficulties
- Self review of the school's Catholic Special Character
- Legal and staffing requirements pertaining to the Integration Agreement.

How does the contribution help my child?

The Catholic Education Services Office assists schools to provide a Catholic Education for your child through:

- Teaching based on Gospel values
- Appreciation of spiritual values
- Catholic identity and heritage
- Quality Religious Education teaching
- Experience of liturgy and prayer
 - Understanding of social justice and opportunities for service and outreach
 - Responsible citizenship based on Christian convictions
 - A Catholic faith community
 - Holistic education

