



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL – TAKAPUNA SCHOOL PROFILE

St. Joseph's Catholic School is situated at 2 Taharoto Road, Takapuna, immediately adjacent to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Presbytery and Hall and accessed via 10 Dominion Street. It is an integrated Catholic Primary School for girls and boys from New Entrants to Year 6, offering education with a Special Catholic Character.

The first school, on this site, was St Mary's Industrial School, started in 1846 and run by Catholic lay people. Our current school commenced in 1893 as one classroom to provide education for the children housed at St. Joseph's Orphanage. It was run by the Sisters of Mercy who have a continuing association with our school. In 1930, the school was extended to cater for all children of the Takapuna Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. St. Joseph's School was integrated as a state school with Special Catholic Character on 16 February 1983. The proprietor of the school is the Catholic Bishop of Auckland.

It is one of five Catholic primary schools on Auckland's North Shore providing for the education of children from Catholic families of the Takapuna and Glenfield parishes, in particular. The Principals of all these schools, plus Rosmini and Carmel Colleges, meet regularly for professional learning and collaboration.

The school is made up of The McAuley Administration Centre which includes the school library; the Pompallier Learning Centre which is a recently completed innovative learning environment catering for approximately 380 children; a block of 4 single cell classrooms; the Father David Nolan Hall - a multi-purpose building, and the Mary Thomas Learning Centre. There is plenty of open space for play and physical activity.

At present, the school has a maximum roll of 445. The ethnic composition is just under 50% New Zealand European, a small number of NZ Maori and NZ Pacifica with a large percentage of Filipino, a growing percentage of Middle Eastern, Indian, Sri Lankan and Chinese students and students from other Asian countries such as Korea, Indonesia and Malaysia as well as families from Europe and South America.

The school community includes the parents and caregivers of the pupils, the staff, the parish priests, and the wider Catholic communities of Takapuna and Glenfield. It also includes the Sisters of Mercy of Auckland, and the Catholic Bishop of Auckland. The characteristics of the school community mirror those of the areas of Milford, Castor Bay, Forrest Hill, Takapuna, Hauraki, Belmont, Glenfield, Sunnynook, Unsworth Heights, Hillcrest, Bayview and Totara Vale, from which the majority of our pupils are drawn. The students usually continue on to Carmel College or Rosmini College for their further education.

