



Welcome to St Michael's Catholic School

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Our Catholic Community

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St Michael's Catholic School Rotorua was established in the 1950s by the Mercy Sisters. For nearly 70 years, the core pillars of the Mercy Charism have been taught and lived here; *Compassion in Action, Radical Hospitality and Social Justice*. These principles have been the foundation of our school community, guided by the Gospel of Christ Jesus. We are closely connected to our parish, and regularly join them for Mass at St Michael's Church.

We welcome children from Year 0 to Year 6, then most of our students continue on to our "Big Sister and Brothers" at John Paul College.

We have a close relationship with John Paul College, including weekly Mass at the McKillop Chapel, transition visits for Year 6 students, and combined liturgical events. Our students move seamlessly into their Intermediate and High School Years, because of the collaborative approach to education between our Catholic Schools.





Our Faith, Catholic Character and Values

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Living the Example of Christ

At St Michael's, our faith is not just taught; it is lived. We pride ourselves on following the examples of Jesus Christ, a dedication clearly reflected in the caring dispositions and mutual respect our students show every day.



Values

We explicitly teach and model our core values: Service, Tika (Justice), Aroha (Love), and Respect. This ensures your child develops a strong moral compass and grows within a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.



Academic Excellence and Learning Opportunities

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Academic Excellence & Tailored Learning

Our teaching team set high expectations for all learners and craft programmes to not only meet their basic learning needs, but to also light the fire of learning within them. At St Michael's School we want all students to know their passions, gifts and talents, and also the areas they need support in. We empower our students to be curious and independent thinkers.

Programmes

We have a beautiful balance between structured literacy and maths and “learning through doing.” We run the BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) across all levels of the school, as well as Oxford Maths and Maths Whizz. The children are then encouraged to explore their learning through games and activities both inside and outside of the classroom.





Holistic Opportunities

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Extra Curricular

Beyond the Classroom we offer a beautifully balanced curriculum rich in academic, sporting, cultural, and service opportunities. From performing in our Kapa Haka group to tackling complex problem-solving in E-Pro8 and STEM activities, gardening club and Young Vinnies, we foster a lifelong love for learning.

An Environment Built for Exploration

Our beautiful, well-resourced school site features innovative classroom designs that promote strong relationships, alongside expansive spaces like our large hall, community gardens, rugby grounds, and netball courts and most recently, our amazing bike track and set of over 50 bikes.





Partnership with Whānau

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A Connected Community

St Michael's is a vibrant, community-minded primary school catering to boys and girls from Years 1–6. We view education as a team effort and endeavour to ensure that you are always a valued, included partner in your child's educational journey. You are always welcome to get in touch with your child's teacher and discuss your child's learning. We understand that you know your child best, and we will work with you to support them in achieving well across the curriculum

Come and see for yourself!

Experience the St Michael's difference first hand. We invite you to visit our wonderful school and see how we can support your child's unique learning pathway. Please contact us to book a personal tour or to ask any questions:

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