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This section is for you to read carefully and keep.

SECTION C

Statement of Faith

Jireh Christian School is non-denominational. Whilst teachers and school families represent many different Christian congregations, we hold to the following truths:

- We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is love, God is holy, and God is the source of all wisdom.
- In his sovereignty, God created the heavens and earth, and declared them good. God upholds and sustains all things.
- We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father. Through him and for him all things were created. He is God incarnate, the true image of God, fully God and fully human.
- God created human beings in his own image. As image bearers we are designed for relationship with God and with one another, are blessed to be fruitful and productive in all areas of life, to the glory of God, and are entrusted with the stewardship and care of God's world.
- Our relationship with God, with others, and with creation was fractured when sin, evil, and death entered the world. All have sinned and are unable to restore their relationship with God by their own efforts.
- Therefore, God sent his only Son into the world. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a holy, loving, and sinless life. He was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and now reigns at the right hand of the Father.
- Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God revealed himself to the world, defeated the powers of sin, evil, and death, provided for our salvation and reconciliation to Him, inaugurated the kingdom of God, and is working to renew all things. Jesus' resurrection marks the beginning of the new creation.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is at work in the world bringing people to faith, drawing them to God, guiding them into truth, and working in them regeneration and transformation so that those in Christ will be conformed to his image. All the redeemed in Christ are united by the Holy Spirit and belong to one, holy, universal Church.
- We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by God. As the supreme account of God's activity in the world, they attest to Christ and are trustworthy and authoritative. The Holy Scriptures are God's word to us through human authors.
- Creation is moving toward its God ordained goal, when Christ will return as king, the dead will be resurrected, God will bring about his final justice and reconciliation, and the heavens and earth will be made new.
- To be disciples of Christ is to respond to Christ's call and to participate in God's story as revealed in Scripture: to seek to know God's word and bear witness to his gospel; to seek to know and share in God's work and world; to form communities of faithfulness; and to be co-labourers with Christ in the renewal of all things.¹

¹We also hold to the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed, the first two historic creeds of the Christian faith.

Attendance

- The school requires punctual and regular attendance from all students.
- The school must be contacted to explain any lateness or absence.
- Leave from school during term time for three days or more must be applied for in writing, well in advance, and is granted at the Principal's discretion. Disruption to learning, unless unavoidable has an impact on a student's learning particularly at higher levels.

School Costs

Attendance dues are \$1964.00 per year and we request a special character donation of \$636.00 per year. Total costs = \$2600 per year per student.

Upon enrolment a new family to the school is requested to make a one-off donation of \$350.00 to assist with the school development that is taking place.

The Board reserves the right to review any costs and will notify parents in writing, of any change.

Attendance Dues

Jireh Christian School is a state integrated school. The NZ Christian Proprietors' Trust (NZCPT) is the Proprietor of Jireh Christian School and of a growing family of like-minded schools throughout the country. There are currently eight schools for which NZCPT is Proprietor and our vision is to expand the provision of quality, state-integrated Christian schooling in New Zealand. The term 'Proprietor' means that Jireh Christian School's official dealings with the Government are managed by NZCPT in terms of our legal obligations as an integrated state school. The official integration agreement which secures the school's right to operate as a state school with its own special character is held between NZCPT and the government ("The Crown"). As local communities of Christians who recognise the value of Christian education, NZCPT schools share a vision to work together to ensure Christian schooling survives and thrives.

The Board of NZCPT includes representatives from the Christian schooling sector throughout the country and schools that are integrated with NZCPT participate in electing representatives to the NZCPT board. In its role as Proprietor, NZCPT is responsible for collecting the money families pay to attend Jireh Christian School. For more information about NZCPT, please visit nzcpt.com.

The Proprietors own the land and buildings and safeguard our special distinctiveness as a Christian School. Operational funding is received from the Government by the same formula as applied to state schools and recognizes that the school is responsible for its own capital development and ensuing debt. To meet the debt the Ministry of Education allows the school to charge attendance dues and gives approval for the amount of the Attendance Dues.

As we are an integrated school, the Government does not fund any property development at the school. The Attendance Dues enable the Proprietors to carry out on-going and much needed property development and maintenance. Without it we wouldn't have a school. Therefore, the payment of the Attendance Dues is a condition of entry and a condition of continued enrolment. The money goes directly to the Proprietors. Attendance Dues for 2021 are \$1964 including GST per annum.

Special Character Donation

We also request a Special Character Donation of \$636.00 per annum which allows us to provide personnel and resources in line with our special character. This is not funded by the Ministry. Although it is not compulsory it is absolutely vital to our survival. Not only does it provide resources to implement the 'Christian worldview' (Special Character) in all we do, but it also 'adds value' to such things as Information Technology developments, subsidize programmes, provide additional staffing and resources and develop initiatives in sport, art and cultural activities. This tax-deductible Special Character Donation is the only contribution that the school receives from Parents/Caregivers.

School Development Donation

To ensure that there are facilities that will provide for enhanced teaching and learning in line with our desire to provide top quality Christian education, we request a once only donation of \$350 from each new enrolling family.

Additional Activity Costs

Further costs are incurred for sports, trips, workshops, visits, other activities to enrich learning, and for items students make and take home.

Summary

<u>Attendance Dues:</u>	<u>Special Character:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
\$1 964.00 per annum	\$636.00 per annum	\$2 600.00 per annum-52 weeks
\$491 per quarter	\$159.00 per quarter	\$ 650.00 per quarter
\$163.67 per month	\$53.00 per month	\$ 216.67 per month
\$37.77 per week (52 weeks)	\$12.23 per week (52 weeks)	\$ 50.00 per week (52 weeks)

Payable upon acceptance:

\$491 Attendance Dues (**one term in advance**)

Requested:

\$159 Special Character Donation (one term in advance)

\$350 School Development Donation once off per family

Privacy Act

- We acknowledge that these records will be held and used by Jireh Christian School and any other organisation or group that functions under the auspices of the school for any lawful activity that these bodies undertake.
- We acknowledge that the information we have provided will be used to determine whether or not the applicant is offered a place at Jireh Christian School.
- We are aware of our rights to request access to and correction of the information, subject to the provision of the Privacy Act 1993. We note that we will be informed of any action taken in response to such a request and to have attached to the information a statement that we have requested a correction. We agree to pay any reasonable charges in connection with these requests.
- We acknowledge that the information may be provided to Government agencies in statistical form as required by the Education Act 1993 and other statutory requirements.
- We authorise the school to obtain any information about the applicant that may be necessary to achieve the purpose of educating the school's pupils and to disclose any information obtained during the course of the applicant's education to the applicant's parents.
- We acknowledge that if any information required by this application form is not provided, the application may be rejected.