



## **International Student Handbook**

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# St Pius X Catholic School



To Learn Love, To Learn Wisdom, The Way We Are

## Welcome to St Pius X Catholic School

#### INTRODUCTION

St Pius X Catholic Primary/Intermediate School is situated in the city of Hamilton, which is one and a half hours drive south of Auckland. The School roll is between 160 - 190 students and caters for students from New Entrant to Year 8, with ages ranging from 5 years to 13 years.

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St Pius X School is a Catholic Integrated Primary and Intermediate School. A School prospectus will be provided within the application package. St Pius X is a member of Education Waikato, which is a regional organization focused on international education.

#### CO-ORDINATOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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## CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

St. Pius X School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Minister of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at http://www.minedu.govt.nz

## Academic Programme

#### MAINSTREAM CLASS

St Pius X School offers full immersion into an age related class with the opportunity to experience and interact within New Zealand culture and English language. Subjects offered in these classes as a part of National Curriculum are: Maths, English (oral, reading, listening and a variation of writing styles), Social Studies, Science, Physical Education, Health, Religious Education and the Arts.

The school is a Catholic school and Religious Education is a compulsory part of the curriculum. Students are also encouraged to participate in activities offered by the school that are of interest to them. They are given the opportunity to be a part of representative school sports teams and or cultural groups.

Students will be placed in a mainstream class on the first day of attendance. Any change to the original placement into a mainstream classroom will be made, after an English language assessment has been completed. Assessment will take place after the student has been studying at the School for three weeks.

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Students will receive ESOL support as considered relevant, by staff of St Pius X School, for the level of English language the student is recognized as having, after our assessment is completed. We have trained ESOL staff and teacher aides to support the students learning needs.

Individual student programmes are developed to assist with student learning needs. The ESOL programme concentrates on developing skills to assist the student with becoming proficient within the mainstream classroom curriculum topics and activities, with a focus on writing, reading, listening and speaking.

There are three areas of support available to students:

- Students are withdrawn from the mainstream class to receive structured language tuition relevant to their English level. This is usually done in small groups with students of like age and ability.
- Assistance with reading and writing at the level determined by the mainstream class teacher. This will be done in small groups or one-on-one tuition.
- Teacher support with other curriculum subjects and topics. This will be done either in the mainstream classroom or in a small group withdrawn from the class.

## TUITION FEES AND RELATED EXPENSES PER STUDENT.

Tuition fees are GST inclusive.

#### Tuition fee for one full year- NZ\$10,000.00

The school expects that **all fees** will be paid in full upon enrolment. Fees are payable by cash, cheque, eftpos or direct credit.

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All medical/health/travel and personal insurances are **your responsibility**. The school needs to sight your insurances on enrolment.

The Tuition fee does not include stationery or uniform costs. All school related expenses are to be paid over and above the tuition fee. Any variations on payment of tuition fees are at the discretion of the Principal.

#### The approximate costs of stationery and uniforms will be about an extra NZ\$300.00

The letter of placement is the invoice for tuition fees only. After payment of tuition fees the Letter of Placement will be issued. All other initial expenses being arranged through the school will be invoiced separately.

Students wishing to study for less than one full year are required to make a special request to the School management.

Full payment can be made directly to our School office or can be made directly to our bank account details of which are provided within the letter of placement. Eftpos is available.

Receipt of funds will confirm placement. A receipt will be issued as required by New Zealand Immigration. You take the receipt and offer of placement to New Zealand Immigration.

#### ADDITIONAL COSTS

All medical, health, travel and personal insurances are your responsibility.

The school needs to sight your insurances from the student's start date.

There are additional costs for curriculum that all St Pius X students are expected to pay.

Manual fees (technology classes)	NZ\$66.00
Class field trips, day excursions or sports events, costs range from	NZ\$5 to \$20
School camp is held annually, and the price is in the vicinity of	NZ \$150.00

If a student withdraws from his/her course of study before the completion date, he/she may be eligible for a refund of tuition fees. The following procedures and guidelines would apply:

1. To be eligible for any refund, the parents/guardians must apply in writing to the Board of Trustees setting out the special circumstances of the claim within one month of the last day of attendance.

2. If the application is made before the start of the course (one year of schooling), fees will be refunded in full less the administration charge of \$300.

3. If the application is made after the start of the course, but before the second half of a course, fees will be refunded less:

a. An administration charge of NZ\$300.00

b. Costs to the school already incurred for tuition

Components of the fee already committed for the duration of the course:

Specialist fees

Appropriate proportion of salaries for teachers and support staff (if applicable)

Costs already incurred for the use of facilities and resources

The proportion of the Government Levy the school is required to pay

Any other cost already incurred

4. If the application is made after the second half of the course there will be no refund except under exceptional circumstances – to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

5. If an international fee paying student gains residency during the course, no further fees are to be paid and a refund may be made on the unused portion of the prepaid fees. The new resident will then abide by the school enrolment scheme. Documentation of residency must be provided within fourteen days of it being granted.

- 6. The Board of Trustees will make no refund:
- a. Where a student has been stood down, suspended, or excluded.
- b. Where a student wishes to transfer to another school.
- C. Where a student returns home for any other reason other than serious illness or death of a close family member.
- d. If the enrolment application is found to be inaccurate in any way and the contract is terminated.

In any dispute regarding the above decision of the Board of Trustees of St. Pius X School is final. The Board of Trustees will ensure that there is a reserve of funds to cover International Students prepaid tuition fees in the advent that a refund should be necessary.

## Conditions of Study

## HEALTH, MEDICAL, TRAVEL AND PERSONAL INSURANCE

Health and travel Insurance: Most students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand.

- A resident or citizen of Australia; or
- A national of the United Kingdom in New Zealand: or

The holder of a temporary permit that is valid for two years or more.

If you do not belong to one of these special categories and you receive medical treatment during your visit, **you will be liable for the full costs of that treatment**. It is a condition of enrolment that you have insurance that will cover the cost of medical treatment in New Zealand for the duration of your stay in New Zealand. We also require that you obtain insurance to cover your travel to and from New Zealand.

All International Students that are accepted by St Pius X School are to have their own health insurance policy approved by St Pius X Primary School. Your policy will cover all medical and accident conditions. The policy may also cover fees protection, personal liability, emergency assistance and evacuation and repatriation for the student.

St Pius X School is to be indemnified in regard to any costs for any medical/accident treatment and cannot be held liable for any cost or expenses, Evidence of this, by way of a copy of the Insurance Policy, is required and will be held by the St Pius X School office.

If parents do not hold required insurance as stipulated, St Pius X School will be able to recommend a number of recognized providers. These will be provided with your school application package.

The final decision to accept any insurance company policy remains with the applicant.

Any health concerns or known medical conditions are to be **<u>advised to the school</u>** as well as the insurer. This information needs to be held by the school and by the designated caregiver. A medical authority authorising discussion of any medical condition between medical practitioners and the School Principal is covered in the application to study.

#### **IMMIGRATION INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Immigration: "Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Services, and can be viewed on their website at http://www.immigration.govt.nz

On arrival at the school the student is to present his/her passport to the school Principal for verification of their identity and student visa/permit to study in New Zealand. Copies will be held by the school office along with all parent contact details.

## Accompanying parents staying in New Zealand while students are attending St Pius X School are to provide details of their immigration status. A copy of their passport and visa will be held by the school office.

Should the student's and/or the parents immigration status change the school is to be notified as soon as possible. If the student becomes a domestic student during the contracted time of being an International Student a refund may be applied for in writing to the School Board of Trustees. If a refund is obtained the contracted placement will be revoked and application for enrolment as a domestic student will be required to be made to the School Principal. There is no guarantee that the application for enrolment to study, as a domestic student will be granted.

If a student leaves or ceases to attend at St Pius X School for any reason, New Zealand Immigration will be advised.

#### **CAREGIVERS AND GUARDIANS**

It is not compulsory for applications to use the services of an agent to arrange for application to study at St. Pius X School.

St. Pius X School has NO contractual agreements with any agents. The use of any agent is the applicant's decision.

For all recruitment agents dealing with St. Pius X School they will be advised in writing of their obligations to operate within the terms and conditions of the "Code" and in the terms of St. Pius X School Policy for International Students.

#### MONITORING AND WELFARE

The Co-ordinator of International students will keep regular contact with the students to monitor their welfare and to ensure their needs are being met at school and within their homestay situation. Records of the student's welfare will be kept in their individual file. The school will make every endeavour to maintain the safety of the student.

Given our students are under the age of 13 years, special consideration is given to their care and additional support is offered by the school to ensure their needs are being met. This assistance is available at all times to the students through the Co-ordinator of International Students or the School Principal and Deputy Principal.

#### **GRIEVANCE POLICY**

Students can approach any member of the St Pius X staff for assistance with any issue they have at any time during school hours.

The Co-ordinator of International Students or a representative is available at all times during and outside of school hours, for the student to approach or contact with any issues they have.

An interpreter can be arranged to assist with addressing any arising issues. Students may request an interpreter and one will be provided at an agreed time.

Students may be invited to attend an informal meeting with a member of their own community as arranged by the School. Students may be invited to discuss any issues they may have at this time and information from this meeting will be used to monitor the students welfare and progress.

If there is a formal complaint against the operation of the School, the IEAA adjudicates on complaints from International Students. The IEAA will investigate complaints and determine if there has been a breach of the "Code". Contact details for IEAA are:

International Education Appeal Authority

C/o Ministry of Education

P.O. Box 1666

Wellington

New Zealand.

## STUDENT WELFARE AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

International students who require disciplinary action during school will be done so under the jurisdiction of school policy. If further action is required it will be implemented as stipulated in "The Code of Practice" part 5: Students under 18, section 15.4.

At any time deemed necessary by the school the student's' parents will be contacted directly to discuss issues related to student conduct and/or welfare.

Student's welfare during school times are subject to the terms and conditions relevant to all students attending St Pius X school, and are determined by policy pertaining to the operation of the school.

St Pius X School retains the right to terminate any contracts entered into pertaining to the student studying at their school. This could result if the student is considered not to be making progress or is deemed in need of special educational services, to assist with mainstream learning over that currently offered by the programme. If required an independent assessment will be undertaken at the cost of the applicant which will be deducted prior to any reimbursement of school fees.

#### **STUDENT SUPPORT**

The Co-ordinator of International Students or a school representative is available for international students to contact for any reason and/or any time during or outside of school operating hours. An interpreter will be made available if required.

#### ACCOMMODATION

St. Pius X School requires that all international students live in accommodation with the parent(s) / designated guardian (s) (proof of legal guardianship and immigration status must be supplied).

### **ORIENTATION PROCEDURES**

On arrival at St Pius X School the new student will being given a "buddy" to assist with orientation into the school environment and operating procedures.

Students will be introduced to school staff and shown the school facilities. An outline of the mainstream class procedures and relevant timetables will be provided at this time.

At this stage we will go over all conditions of study. All required documentation will be checked and verified copies will be held by our School Office.

For students NOT accompanied by their parents at time of application or orientation such parents will be contacted to verify all contact details. This will be a time to clarify any relevant details pertaining to the terms and conditions of study for International Students.

## **APPLICATION AND ENROLMENT PROCEDURES**

Application for a student to study at St Pius X School can be obtained and made, directly through the School office.

The application must be signed by the parents / legal guardian of the student applying and accompanied with copies of students and parents passport details.

Approval of the application will be provided in writing and sent directly to the parents or designated caregiver. A copy will be provided for New Zealand Immigration.

Prior to acceptance of placement and payment of fees, parents are required to be familiar with the terms and conditions in this handbook, for studying at St Pius X and as an International student studying in New Zealand. If there is further clarification at this point it is requested you contact the school or refer to the "Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students" through their website details provided. A summary of the "Code" is included within this handbook. Please complete checklist of procedures, sign and return to the school office with presentation of passport.

**IMPORTANT:** Payment of fees will be viewed as acceptance of all terms and conditions pertaining to the student studying in New Zealand and at St Pius X School, Hamilton. A receipt will be issued for amount of tuition. Presentation of this is required by New Zealand Immigration

#### Payment of all fees must be made in full at the time of enrolment.

#### Payment options are at the Principal's discretion.

All other initial costs will be invoiced separately. The amount of this invoice can be added to the cost of the tuition fees and paid in full in terms of the placement letter.

Evidence of Medical Insurance Policy and passport is required to be sighted by the school office and verified copies will be taken and held.

Any changes to current situation or contact details are to be advised to the school office immediately.

#### **LEGAL LIABILITIES**

Please read all provided information carefully. St Pius X takes no responsibility for misinformation on the part of agents and or representatives retained by or on behalf of the student.

Not all information provided within the School Prospectus is applicable to International Students studying at St Pius X School.

#### St Pius X will not be liable for any situation, accident or injury involving or affecting the student. Medical insurance must be adequate to cover any arising situation.

All students are required to abide by New Zealand laws, regulations and rules during their stay in New Zealand.

Should any dispute arise as to any matter involving the International Student Programme at St Pius X Primary School, such disputes will be subject to New Zealand Law and New Zealand Courts are to have jurisdiction.

In an event of any dispute arising the only documents to be considered in such a dispute are to be the English translation.

#### **REVIEW POLICY**

The terms and conditions in this document and related policy and guidelines pertaining to the International Student Programme and the Code of Practice for International Student will be reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the year and formally amended annually. This will be undertaken by the school Principal.

Recommendations will be presented to the St Pius X School Board of Trustees for approval.

All St. Pius X School policies are available for viewing on request through the school office.

# Summary Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

### **INTRODUCTION**

When students from other countries come to study in New Zealand, it is important that those students are well informed, safe, and properly cared for.

New Zealand educational providers have an important responsibility for international students' welfare.

This pamphlet provides an overview of the "Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students" (the Code), and provides a procedure that students can follow if they have concerns about their treatment by a New Zealand educational provider or agent of a provider.

#### What is the Code?

The Code is a document which provides a framework for service delivery by educational providers and their agents to international students. The Code sets out the minimum standards of advice and care that are expected of educational providers with respect to international students. The Code applies to pastoral care and provision of information only, and not to academic standards.

#### Who does the Code apply to?

The code applies to St Pius X School and all International Students enrolled here.

The Code also applies to all education providers in New Zealand with students enrolled on international study permits. The Code is mandatory to these providers and must be signed by them.

#### What is an "international student"

An "international student" is a foreign student studying in New Zealand on a student permit from the New Zealand Immigration Service.

#### How can I get a copy of the Code?

You can request a copy of the Code from your New Zealand educational provider. The code is also available online from http://www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international.

#### How do I know if an educational provider has signed the Code?

The New Zealand Ministry of Education will maintain a register of all signatories to the Code. This list will be available from http://www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international. If the educational provider that you are seeking to enrol with is not a signatory to the Code, you will not be granted a permit from the New Zealand Immigration Service and you will not be able to study at that institution.

#### What do I do if something goes wrong?

If you have concerns about your treatment by your educational provider or by an agent of the provider, the first thing you must do is contact the principal, the international student co-ordinator, or another person who has been identified to you as someone that you can approach about complaints at your institution. The Code requires all institutions to have fair grievance procedures for students and you need to go through these procedures before you can take the complaint any further.

If your concerns are not resolved by the school grievance procedures, you can contact the international Education Appeal Authority (IEAA).

#### SUMMARY

The Code sets standards for educational providers to ensure that:

- High professional standards are maintained
- The recruitment of international students is undertaken in an ethical and responsible manner
- Information supplied to international students is comprehensive, accurate and up to date.
- Students are provided with information prior to entering into any commitments.
- Contractual dealings with international students are conducted in an ethical and responsible manner.
- The particular needs of international students are recognised.
- International students under the age of 18 are in safe accommodation.
- All providers have fair internal grievance procedures.
- Full details of what is covered can be found in the Code itself.

## The Code also establishes the IEAA and the Review Panel to receive and adjudicate on student complaints.

### WHAT WILL THE IEAA DO?

The purpose of the IEAA is to adjudicate on complaints from international students. The IEAA will investigate complaints and determine if there has been a breach of the Code. The IEAA has the power to impose sanctions on educational providers who have committed a breach of the Code that is not a serious breach. These sanctions include an order for restitution, publication of the breach, and / or requiring that remedial action be undertaken.

The IEAA will refer complaints that are not about pastoral care to another regulatory body if appropriate.

The educational provider will be given a reasonable time to remedy the breach. If the breach is not remedied within that time, the IEAA may refer the complaint to the Review Panel.

The IEAA can determine if it considers that a breach of the Code is a serious breach. If the breach is a serious breach, the IEAA will refer the complaint to the Review Panel.

## WHAT CAN THE REVIEW DO?

The Review Panel can remove or suspend an educational provider as a signatory to the Code, meaning that the provider would be prevented from taking any more international students. Only the IEAA can refer complaints to Review Panel.

## WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION APPEAL AUTHORITY (IEAA)?

The IEAA is an independent body established to deal with complaints from international students about pastoral care aspects of advice and services received from their educational provider or the provider's agent. The IEAA enforces the standards in the Code of Practice.

### HOW CAN I CONTACT THE IEAA?

You can write to the IEAA at:

#### The International Education Appeal Authority

C/- Ministry of Education,

PO Box 1666

Wellington,

New Zealand.

## ENROLMENT FORM TO STUDY AT ST PIUS X SCHOOL

#### 57 PINE AVENUE, MELVILLE, HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND (All documents will be photocopied and the originals returned to applicants) STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's full name (as shown on passport):	
Preferred English name (if so desired):	
Male/female:	Date of birth:
Home address in New Zealand:	
Country of citizenship:	Ethnic group:
Religion:	First language:
Passport from Country of Origin:	Passport Number:
	Expiry Date:
NZ Immigration Student Visa:	Visa Number:
	Expiry Date:
Student Health Insurance:	Company:
	Expiry Date:
Intended length of time to study at St Pius X School:	

#### PARENT INFORMATION

Full name of Father:	Occupation:	
Full name of Mother:	Occupation:	
Full postal address:		
Home phone:	Mobile:	
Facsimile:	Email:	

## CAREGIVER INFORMATION (either a designated caregiver or a parent living in New Zealand is compulsory. Students 10 years old & under MUST live with a parent in NZ.)

Full Name:		
Address in New Zealand:		
Home Phone:	Mobile:	
Facsimile:	Email:	
Will the student be living with the caregiver/parent?		
Current New Zealand Immigration Status: (Documentation must be provided)	Visa Number: Expiry Date:	
Country of Origin:	Passport No.:	

#### AGENT INFORMATION (if applicable)

Name of Company:		
Agent's Full Name and Address:		
Current New Zealand Immigration Status: (Documentation	Visa Number:	
must be provided)	Expiry Date:	
Phone:	Mobile:	
Facsimile:	Email:	

#### HEALTH INFORMATION

#### Medical Authority

I/We, the parents/caregivers/guardians of

authorise and direct you to discuss any medical condition relating to the above student and also to release any file, notes or documentation relating to any medical consultation in regard to the above student to the Principal at St Pius X Catholic School, 57 Pine Avenue,

#### Medical Notes/Medication/Disability Information of student:

The application form is to be supported with evidence of the following:

Copy of student's passport and visa

Copy of parent(s)/designated guardian(s) passport details including signature and passport photo and visa

I understand that if I make any false statements, or provide any false or misleading information, or have changed or altered the application form in any way, the application may be declined or my acceptance to the International Student Programme may later be revoked, and that I may also be committing an offence and liable to prosecution.

Further details of terms and conditions for studying at St Pius X School are available through our School prospectus and attached brochure, our website at (www.stpius.school.nz) or by contacting the school directly.

I understand the notes and questions in the application form, and have read and understood the conditions as outlined in the International Student Handbook provided by St Pius X School and I declare the information given about myself, my spouse/partner and any other guardian and any child or children is true and complete.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

Date:

St Pius X School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at http://www.minedu@govt.nz".

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME AT ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

• Prior to the student accepting the placement the school must have provided the student/parents with all information pertaining to our programme as outlined in the "Code of Practice" part 1: 1-8. Marketing, recruitment and enrolment of international students.

• St. Pius X School offers full immersion into an age relative class with respect to being able to experience and interact within New Zealand culture and the English language.

• St. Pius X will offer orientation into the school environment and community on a personal level and/or with a buddy or in a small group situation. This will be undertaken during the first week of the student's arrival and/or attendance at the school. Students will be introduced to school staff and familiarised with school facilities. An outline of mainstream class procedures, timetables and term dates will be provided during this time.

• Final placement into a mainstream classroom will be determined after an English language assessment has been completed. Assessment will take place after the student has been studying at the school (between 3-6 weeks) and again at the completion of the contracted study period or after two (2) school terms which ever is the sconer to determine progress.

• Students will receive ESOL support as considered relevant, by the staff of St. Pius X School, for the level of English language the student is recognized as having, after our assessment is completed.

• Full payment for term of study is to be paid to the school office or can be made directly into our school bank account with a reference of student's name included. This amount is to include tuition fee for full period of intended study, cost of medical insurance, full payment covering total number of weeks for the full school term and uniform costs if being arranged by the school. Any staggered payments are at the discretion of the Principal. A detailed invoice will be provided itemising costs and showing the full amount owing in New Zealand Dollars.

• All student fees and associated costs are to be paid in terms of the Policy and Guidelines. Such payment is to be made preferably ten working days prior to the start date of any student.

• St. Pius X School operates a no refund policy for withdrawal from the programme during the contracted period. However reserve the right to consider written application for a refund to the School Board of Trustees. Any withdrawal is to be notified in writing to the school. For students unable to take up an offered placement NZD\$500 will be deducted prior to reimbursement.

• Fee protection is offered to studying students under the terms and conditions stipulated in "The Code of Practice: Part 3: Contracts and Indemnity: 11.4." St. Pius X School Board of Trustees give a Personal Guarantee to provide "Fee Protection" for all International Students fees paid to the school for the contracted time of placement at the school.

• Receipt of funds will confirm placement. A receipt will be issued as required for the New Zealand Immigration in order to issue the appropriate student study visa. A copy of this visa is required.

• A copy of the passport showing New Zealand immigration status for either the parent(s)/legal guardian's or designated caregivers, one of whom the student is being cared for while studying in New Zealand, is required by St. Pius X School.

• For visa free countries like Korea (South) application for a study permit can be requested on arrival in New Zealand after 3 months as a visitor.

• Immigration: "Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at <a href="http://www.immigration.govt.nz">http://www.immigration.govt.nz</a>"

• St. Pius X School Co-ordinator of International students or a representative will be available for the student to contact for any reason and/or at any time during or outside of school operating hours.

• The student's academic progress, general behaviour and welfare will be regularly monitored. At any time, considered necessary by the school, contact will be made directly with the parents / legal guardians to discuss any arising issues.

Behavioural issues will be handled under the jurisdiction of school policy. If further action is required it will be implemented as stipulated in the "Code of Practice" Part 5, Students under 18, section 15.4.

• St. Pius X School can engage the services of an interpreter for our Korean Students to help with monitoring progress and to offer community support for these students and or their parents/legal guardians. If any concerned party requires the use of an interpreter arrangements can be made through the school.

All information for each student, including a current photo taken by the school, will be kept as a separate record in the office. This will be in addition and separate from the relative records required for enrolment and attendance at an Integrated Catholic School.

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• Any health concerns or known medical conditions are to be advised to the school. This information needs to be held by the school. Carrying of any medication at school is prohibited. Any medication that is required to be taken during school time is to be held and administered by the school office in terms of our school policy.

• Health and Travel Insurance: "Most students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand unless they are:

- o A resident or citizen of Australia; or
- o A national of the United Kingdom in New Zealand; or

The holder of a temporary permit that is valid for two years or more.

If you do not belong to one of these special categories and you receive medical treatment during your visit, you will be liable for the full costs of that treatment. We strongly recommend that you have insurance that will cover the cost of medical treatment in New Zealand for the duration of your stay in New Zealand. We also strongly recommend that you obtain insurance to cover your travel to and from New Zealand."

- Student's passport and medical insurance as in 6.1 must be sighted by the school office on arrival and verified copies including photo of student shown on passport along with any entries/visas and permits pertaining to study rights in New Zealand.
- St. Pius X School retains the right to terminate any contracts entered into pertaining to the student studying at their school. This could result if the student is considered not be making progress or is deemed in need of special educational services, to assist with mainstream learning over that currently offered by the programme. If required an independent assessment will be undertaken and the cost of this will be deducted from fees prior to any reimbursement on termination of study at St. Pius X School.

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