



Apiti Te Uki Ou

Religious & Spiritual Instruction Policy

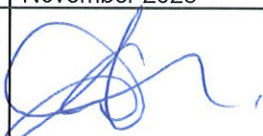
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Akakoro'anga (Purpose)

Te Uki Ou School does not have specific religious or spiritual classes as a part of the school curriculum. Instead the school aims, in everyday life, to develop a positive, holistic approach that acknowledges the spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual makeup of every individual.

Te au Kaveinga (Guidelines)

- 1) The guiding principle of our policy is to nurture a spirit of thankfulness and awareness of the community in which we live, and to encourage a joyful atmosphere in which learning can flourish.
- 2) As is normal practice in Cook Island's culture, all meetings and special occasions are opened and concluded in prayer.
- 3) Prayers are broadly non-denominational Christian, however we encourage acceptance of all religions, opinions and family values.
- 4) Praying is an accepted part of daily life and the school encourages prayers of thanks and guidance where appropriate Eg. making decisions, before eating, acknowledgement of gifts etc.
- 5) Hymns and other songs acknowledging God are included in song times.
- 6) Specific attention is given to spiritual instruction at weekly assemblies when classes take turns to focus on a particular school value and discuss its relevance to our well-being.

Date of Last Review:	November 2025	November 2025
Signed:		
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