

The Special Character of Ponatahi Christian School is defined as...

“Ponatahi Christian School, the School with the Bible, has been established to uphold the values and doctrines of the Christian Religion as determined from time to time by the Consistory of the Reformed Congregations of New Zealand at Carterton.

The school reflects this by:

- Upholding the honour of the LORD in all curricula and expected conduct and work habits of both students and staff.
- Teaching young people that they are born as lost sinners and can only be reconciled to God the Father by a supernatural work of regenerating grace whereby the Holy Spirit grants faith to receive of the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Assisting young people, where possible, in developing the skills and attitudes needed to diligently use the Word of God as the means of God’s grace.”

This Special Character is written into the Integration Agreement between the School’s Proprietors and the New Zealand Government. The school is mandated to teach the New Zealand Curriculum in return for full government funding on the condition that the Special Character is prevalent in all aspects of school life. Any curriculum contrary to the Special Character does not have to be taught, or will be replaced by something more suitable that has been developed by ourselves, eg: creation instead of evolution, Biblical values in health education, etc.

Any student or teacher coming into the school would be expected to function, on a day by day basis, in a manner which is supportive of the Special Character.

For a fuller statement of the beliefs practiced and taught at the school please click on the following link:

<http://www.rcnz.org/belief.html>