



NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Inc

Newsletter 2024

SPECIAL CHARACTER FRAMEWORK

As Proprietors, we are owners of the school and its property and are responsible for the development and upkeep of our school facilities, but it's our absolute privilege to hold the responsibility for ensuring Jesus Christ has His rightful place as Head of our school.

We have for many years valued our wonderful teachers who share the faith they have with their students, your children, but we have been aware for a while now that we needed to embed our Special Christian Character into the daily journey of education in our school. We wanted to focus on the rich tapestry that makes up our Christian journey, where our biblical basis and faith aligns with the journey of education.

To facilitate this we engaged Carl Becker, of Axis Strategies, to undertake a Special Character Review in November 2022. The key findings from the Review were encouraging but did show a clear need for guidance from the Proprietor, so once again we engaged Carl to lead us in the next steps to further develop the vision for Special Character and to create appropriate Guidelines so our Christian Character remains the core of the school's operations. The outcome of Carl's work resulted in the development of Aspirations for a Christian Education at NCA, the adoption of the NZ Christian Proprietor Trust's Theological Framework, Special Character Guidelines and Administration Guidelines for Staff. These documents along with our Statement of Faith have been collated into the New Life Ministries Theological Framework for the school.

The new Framework was recently presented at an evening for parents where Carl, assisted by Paora Konia, explained the new Framework. Paora, Deputy Principal responsible for the Special Character programmes, showed us what the students have been learning this year. A copy of the presentation is available online [SC Parent Evening Presentation](#)



The Special Character Framework can be downloaded here [SC Theological Framework](#)

BUILDING & PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

This year our we have focused our development on an additional parent/visitor parking area on the top field, and minor upgrades and improvements to learning spaces.

Upgrades to the learning spaces have included new joinery, the installation of autex composition, a new office for our Deputy Principal, new carpet for two rooms and an electrical upgrade of switchboards.

We are continuing to work with contractors, Fulton Hogan, and Nelson City Council to gain consent for stage two of our carpark upgrade, this includes the improvement of stormwater services and seal repairs around Room 13 and the Council's right of way access to the water reservoirs.



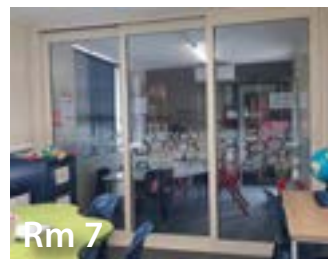
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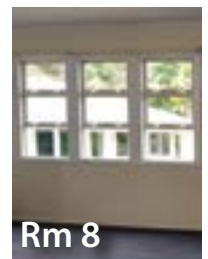
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2025 ATTENDANCE DUES

\$690 each per year
1 - 2 children attending at the same time

\$650 each per year
3+ children attending at the same time

We are aware of cost of living challenges facing many families and chose not to increase Dues for the current year as intended. However, as Proprietors we are also facing the challenges of increasing costs such as insurance and interest rates for debt. Therefore the decision was made to increase Dues for the 2025 year. We have endeavoured to keep the increase to a minimum.

- For families with one or two children attending NCA at the same time, the Dues for each child will be \$172.50 per term or \$57.50 per month. This equates to an annual amount of \$690 per child (including GST)
- For families with three or four children attending NCA at the same time, the Dues for each child will be \$162.50 per term or \$54.17 per month. This equates to an annual amount of \$650 per child (including GST).

Attendance Dues can be paid in instalments throughout the year. If you would like to set up a payment plan for your child's Dues please contact Helen in the school office.

Your compulsory payment of Attendance Dues is specifically regulated by government. Expenditure of Dues is available for capital development, administration costs, insurance costs and debt repayment. We also receive funding from the government, also regulated, with expenditure only permitted for maintenance and upgrades of the school's existing facilities and grounds.

From time to time we have families within our school community who, because of changing circumstances, find themselves struggling to pay the Attendance Dues for their child/ren. If you are in a position to bless another family and give toward their Dues, or know of a business that could be open to sponsoring a student, please get in touch with us proprietor@newlifeministries.nz

SPECIAL CHARACTER CONTRIBUTION

\$160 per family per year or \$40 per term

There is no change to the Special Character Contribution (SCC) of \$160 per family. This can be paid in instalments throughout the year. Payment of this voluntary contribution is a Charitable Donation eligible for a 33.33% rebate.

The SCC is our primary source of funds for implementing and providing resources for our students and staff that align with and support the school's Special Christian Character. Your payment of the SCC has contributed to the introduction of the new Special Character Framework for the school and for professional development for our staff relating to this Framework. The SCC also allows membership to organisations that support and advocate for NCA as a Christian school within the New Zealand education system. We are unable to use Dues or the School's operations grant for these expenses so we value your support in paying the Special Character Contribution.

Blessings,
Jan Higgins (Chair), Katie Johnston, Katie Tanner, Kelli-Anne Eastmond & Rhys Frethey,
Trustees for New Life Ministries Inc, Proprietor of Nelson Christian Academy