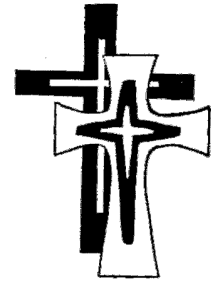




Characteristics of Mercy Education



A Mercy College Education:

- ◆ Cultivates in young women a respect for self, others and the earth.
- ◆ Develops a sense of social justice in the spirit of the Gospel and of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- ◆ Promotes concern for and willingness to reach out to those in need.
- ◆ Fosters a commitment to service.
- ◆ Encourages the development of strong, confident Christian women, who have a life-giving affiliation with the Mercy tradition and values and particular love for Our Lady of Mercy.

Mercy Colleges:

- ◆ Touch the lives of students, their families, staff, local communities and the wider Catholic Church.
- ◆ Aim to offer spiritual formation and pastoral care according to Gospel values, Catholic tradition, and Mercy charism.
- ◆ Achieve standards of excellence and provide a pathway to a wide range of educational and vocational opportunities.
- ◆ Empower, enable and affirm the development of the whole person, encouraging each young woman to realize her full potential.
- ◆ Offer clear guidelines for acceptable behaviour and sound discipline.
- ◆ Provide an environment that affirms Gospel and family values, where girls are exposed to good role models.
- ◆ Celebrate uniqueness and diversity while recognizing the special place of tangata whenua o Aotearoa.
- ◆ Encourage participation and leadership at all levels.