

Board of Trustees

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Te Kura Ahurewa o te Ngākau Tapu

6 August 2018

Sacred Heart Cathedral School will close on August 15th due to the strike

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The NZEI has advised the Board that our Principal and teachers will be taking strike action from 7am to 7pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018. I attach some materials provided to the Board by the Staff which sets out the concerns that have informed the Staff's strike decision.

The Board has considered whether an education service can be provided on August 15 - but given the absence of the Principal and teaching staff we have concluded that we cannot provide a teaching service during that period. As a result the School will be closed that day and no School related services (including after school care) will be provided and no staff will be at School on that day.

I know this will be inconvenient for many parents as, like our family, you will need to make alternative arrangements for care of your child or children on that day. I do note that this is the first day of industrial action taken by the staff of our School in 22 years, and hopefully a resolution to the underlying issues will be found that both the Government and NZEI can accommodate.

If you have any questions relating to this decision, please contact me.

Kind Regards

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IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school.