

# REFERENCE

Richmond View School is a Designated Special Character School serving the wider inter-denominational Christian community of Marlborough. This 'Special Character' is defined by the Elim Church Statement of Faith (Appendix 1). Preference for enrolment is given to those families who establish "a particular or general connection with the Special Character of the school." (Integration Agreement: 24.1). However, 5% of the roll is reserved for those who wish to apply under the Non-Preferential (or non-churched) category.

In accordance with the Integration Agreement between the Blenheim Elim Church Trust and the Ministry of Education, Richmond View has two rolls, each with their own waiting list:



Family Name: .....

Student's Name: .....

Desired Date of Entry: .....

Desired Year Level of Entry: .....

## DEAR REFEREE

This family has applied for enrolment at Richmond View School. Kindly complete the information requested below and return to the school. You may be assured your comments will be treated as confidential. Thank you for your assistance.

What is the nature and length of the family's association with you?

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Does the family have any involvement in church?

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Other information that may help the school to assess the educational needs of the family or student:

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Name: .....

Title: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

# STATEMENT OF SPECIAL CHARACTER

The Special Character of the School is determined by the faith systems made of the Christian beliefs and values of the Blenheim Elim Church as determined by the Trustees of the Blenheim Elim Church Trust. This is:

## THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that no one may add there to or take away there from, except at their peril.

## THE TRINITY

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and these three are one God.

## THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church consists of all persons who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and made new creatures in Christ Jesus.

## THE SAVIOUR

We believe that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that through the death and risen power of Christ all who believe and confess Jesus as Lord can be saved from the penalty and power of sin.

## THE HEALER

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is the Healer and that healing is provided for in the atonement.

## THE BAPTISER

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is the Baptiser in the Holy Spirit and that this Baptism with signs following is promised to every believer.

## THE COMING KING

We believe in the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive unto Himself all born again believers.

## THE FRUIT

We believe that every believer on the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour should produce the nine-fold fruit of Holy Spirit – as in Galatians 5:22 & 23.

## THE GIFTS

We believe that the Church should claim and manifest the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit as in 1 Corinthians 12:8 – 10.

# MISSION STATEMENT

The mission statement of the school is:

Within the framework of a Christian Worldview,  
Richmond View School will provide an excellent education  
that equips each student for their future.

Richmond View School is a school that integrates all teaching and learning with the principles of the Bible as the inspired Word of God, having absolute authority in all aspects of life.

It is a ministry designed to assist parents in their God-given task to bring up their children in the "training and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4) so that they may, "love the Lord their God with all their heart, and with all their soul, and with all their mind and with all their strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)

As such the school is a ministry to all parents in the Christian community who desire Christian education for their children.