



## **SPECIAL CHARACTER STATEMENT**

### **ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL**

St Matthew's Collegiate School for Girls is an Anglican girls' school, established in 1914.

St Matthew's Collegiate became an integrated school in 1992, and on 4 May 1992 entered into an Integration Agreement with the Crown through the Minister of Education. The Integration Agreement places an obligation on our school to maintain and preserve the school's Special Character.

St Matthew's Collegiate has a close and active relationship with the Anglican Church and with the Bishop of Wellington. The Bishop has the ultimate responsibility for deciding who shall have preference status for enrolment at St Matthew's Collegiate School.

We are proud to be part of a Family of Anglican Schools (comprising our school, Rathkeale College and Hadlow Preparatory School). We provide a unity of the Day and Boarding components by offering a programme of upholding worship, religious studies and a strong moral code based on Christian standards and values. We further provide a well-rounded education promoting excellence through academic, cultural and sporting pursuits in which all students and staff are expected to participate fully.

St Matthew's Collegiate operates as a girl's only school from Years 7-11, changing to the co-educational Rathkeale/St Matthew's Senior College sited at Rathkeale for Years 12-13.

By enrolling your daughter[s] at our school, you are accepting the conditions that she will fully participate in the school's programmes which preserve and support the Special Character.

The Board of Trustees and the Trinity Schools Trust Board are jointly charged with upholding, protecting and ensuring adherence to the Special Character. The Principal, Chaplain and staff of St Matthew's Collegiate share a leadership role in the delivery and representation of Special Character.