

## **Equity Statement – Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School**

Steiner/Waldorf schools are responsive to the wider cultural, social and political contexts in which they are located in Aotearoa New Zealand in the 21st century. Our school embraces and honours Aotearoa New Zealand's bi-cultural heritage and considers all human beings to be free and equal in dignity and rights.

The Steiner school movement in Aotearoa New Zealand works out of an approach of equity and rejects strongly any historical statements from which inferences of racial prejudice may be made. The Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School is a culturally safe haven for all.

The Steiner Education Aotearoa New Zealand's Curriculum Guidelines state that, *"the principles that are fundamental to Steiner/Waldorf education are that it is accessible to, and able to be adapted to, the needs of different ethnicities, cultures and religions. Curriculum content allows for the exploration of a wide variety of cultural traditions and world views. Steiner/Waldorf schools in Aotearoa New Zealand strive to imbue their curricula with the unique spirit and history of this land and its peoples."*