

## **Welcome to Dorie School**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, we welcome you to Dorie School – a school of special character that is totally focused on developing students, knowledge, values and skills.

Our spectacular setting in the heart of rural Mid-Canterbury further complements the strong, family type relationship we have between the school and the wider Dorie district. This all combines with focused teaching to play a significant part in providing the quality education your child deserves.

The pupils at Dorie School receive an excellent education that is based on the National Education Guidelines and New Zealand Curriculum with its Key Competencies and Learning Areas. The school curriculum is well balanced in terms of its scope and reflects negotiated priorities agreed to between the staff and wider school community. We pride ourselves in the professionalism of the staff who are highly skilled in delivering exciting programs rich in learning outcomes for students.

Another feature of Dorie is the high value placed on students developing and abiding by our "Dorie PRIDE" values:

D – Determination (Whakatao)

O – Open Mindedness (Tuwhera-Whakaaro)

R – Respect (Whatauke)

I – Integrity (Tika)

E – Empathy (Te Araha)

These help focus our students on developing their true potential and all combine to create a safe, vibrant and successful learning environment for all. High expectations have strong proven links to high achievement.

Dorie School is committed to its motto – Pathways to Excellence. We do this in partnership with parents and students. We aim to have all students leaving our school for higher education with the necessary values, high level thinking processes, and the skills necessary for them to eventually take a full part in society.

Children thrive in a family environment where there is strong interest, care and time invested in their emotional, social and general wellbeing. Schooling is no different. We welcome you to our school family and require your support so that together we can secure the best for your child.

Kind regards Anthony Dorreen Principal