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“Real education leadership involves an inescapable dilemma – to plan for a future that can only be dimly discerned”





As leaders in Catholic education we must teach students to dream big and to find hope in our world, doing so with the driver of our Faith





This amongst other things  
recognised that “excellence is at  
the heart of the Gospel”, to quote  
Cardinal Thomas Williams



Dialogue with others initiates a  
process of self-awareness and self-  
understanding





“Faith without hope is in danger of becoming an ideology and love without hope can become self-indulgent and sentimental”

Dermot A. Lane



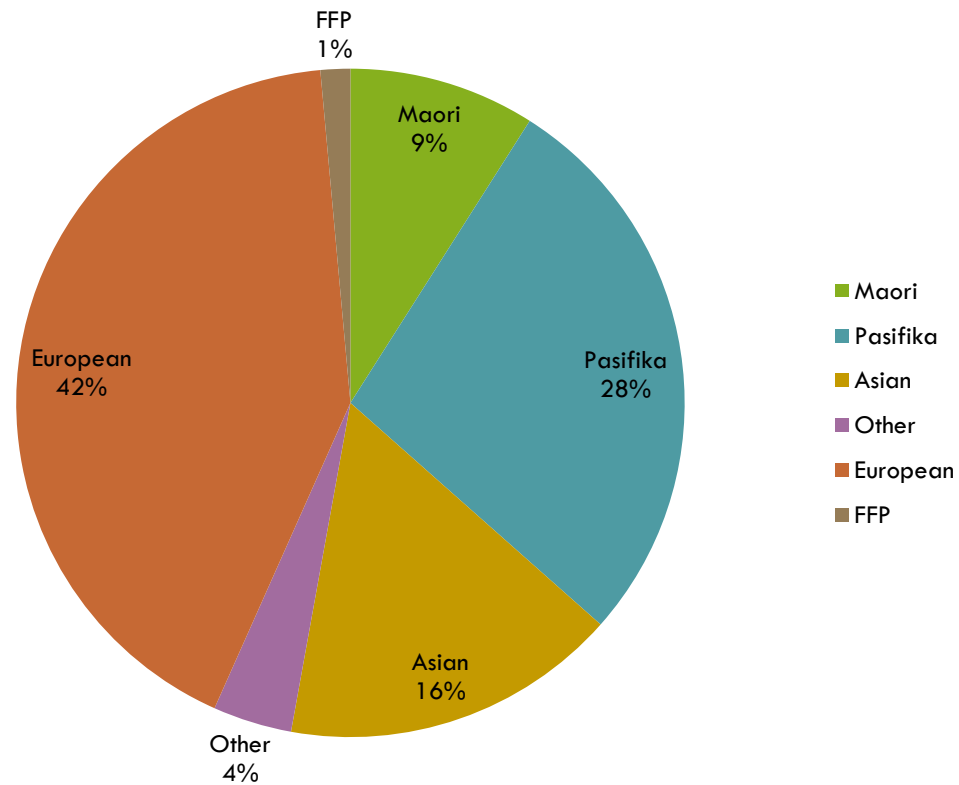


We have become one of the  
most diverse societies on the  
globe





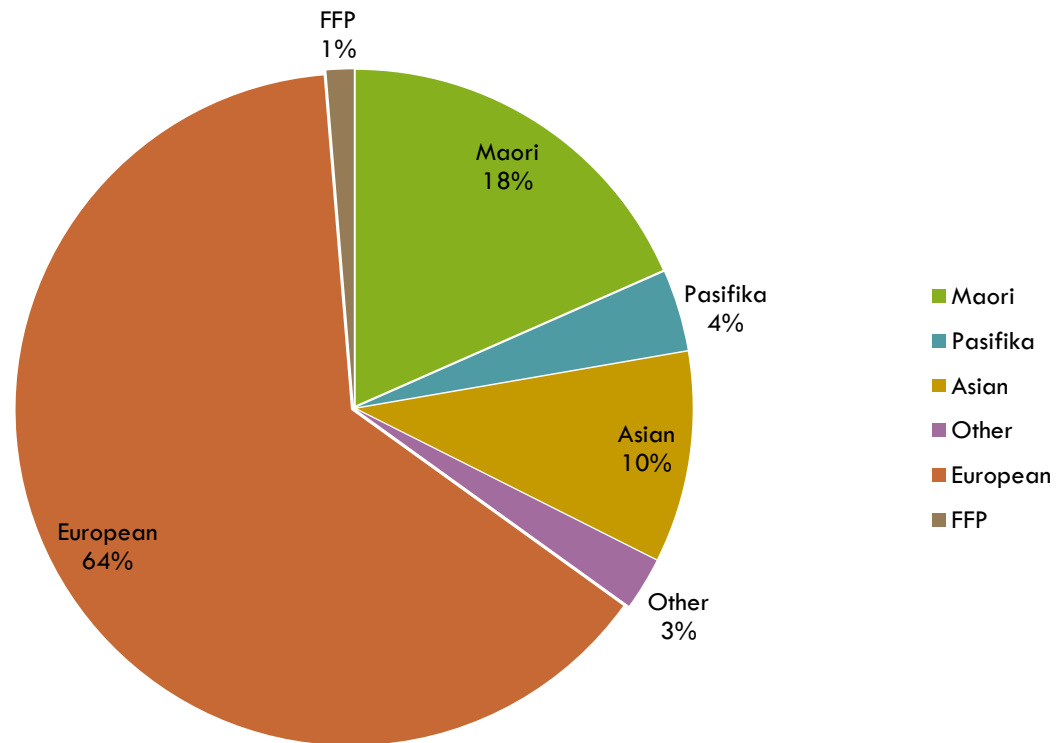
## Auckland Ethnic Breakdown July 2013





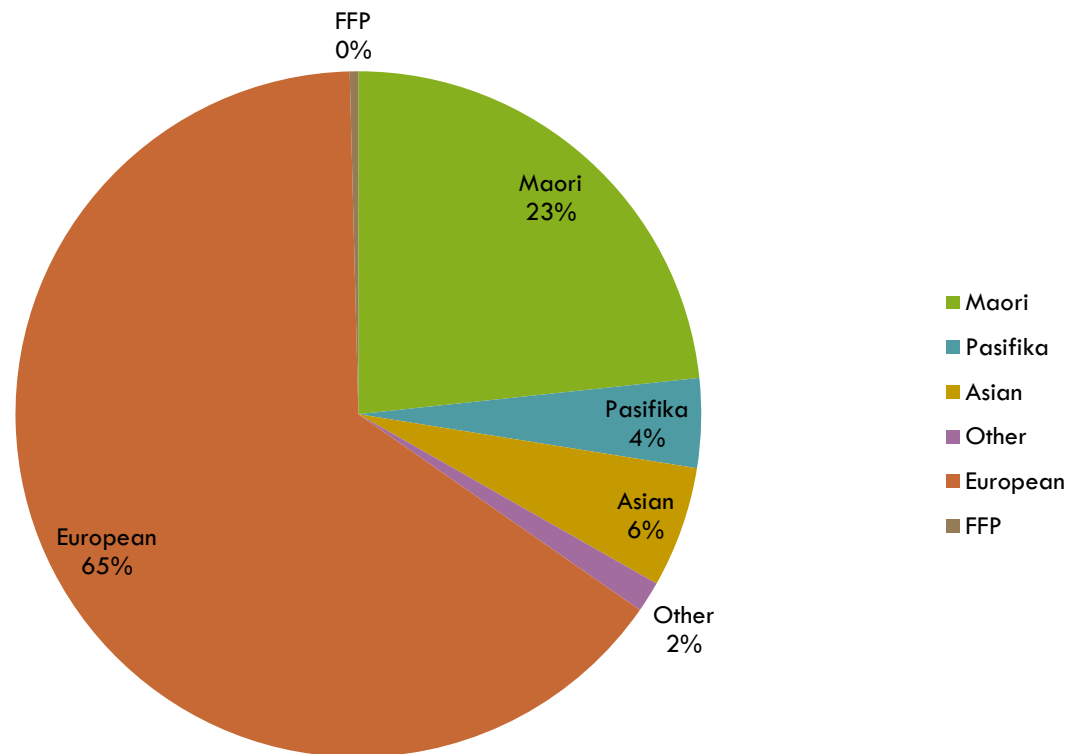


## Hamilton Ethnic Breakdown July 2013



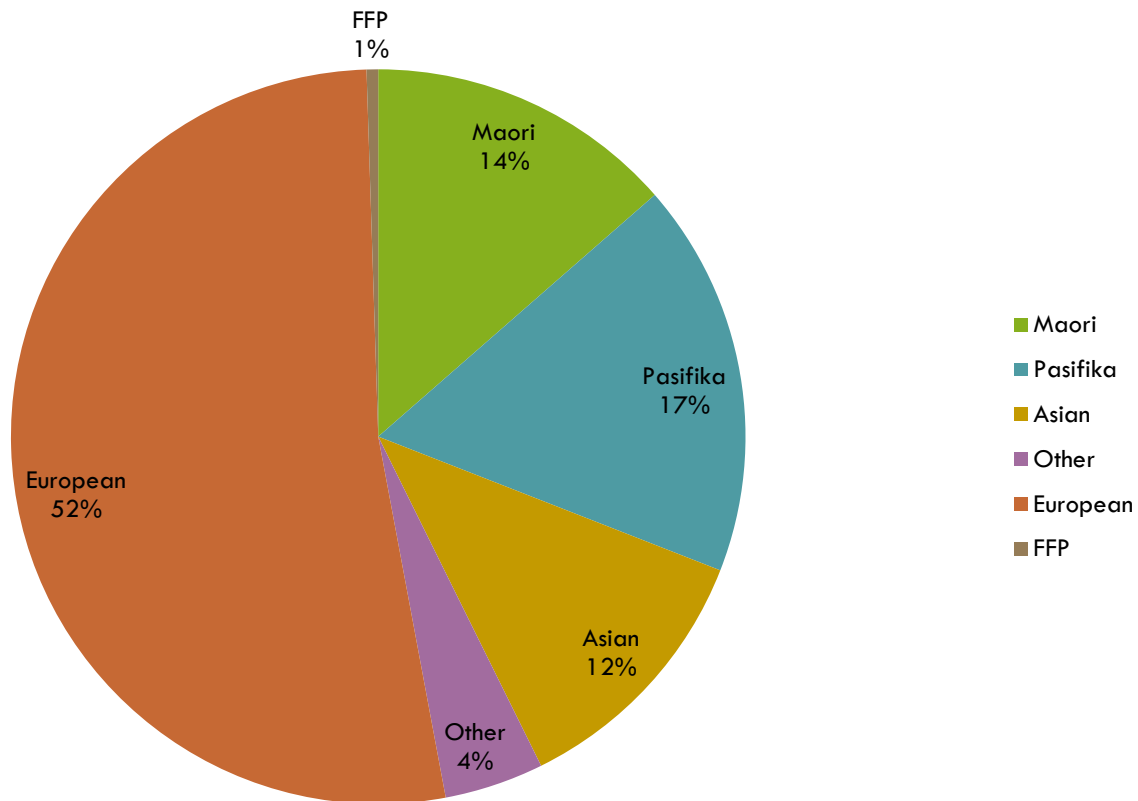


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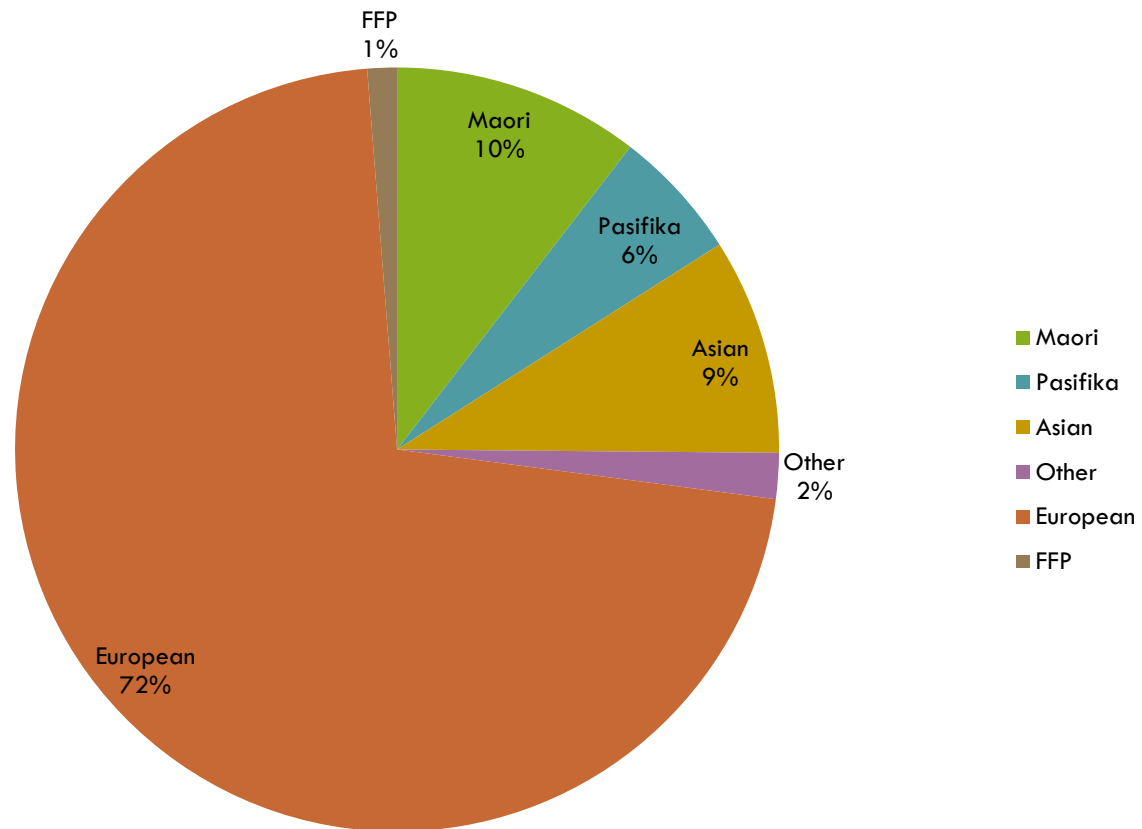


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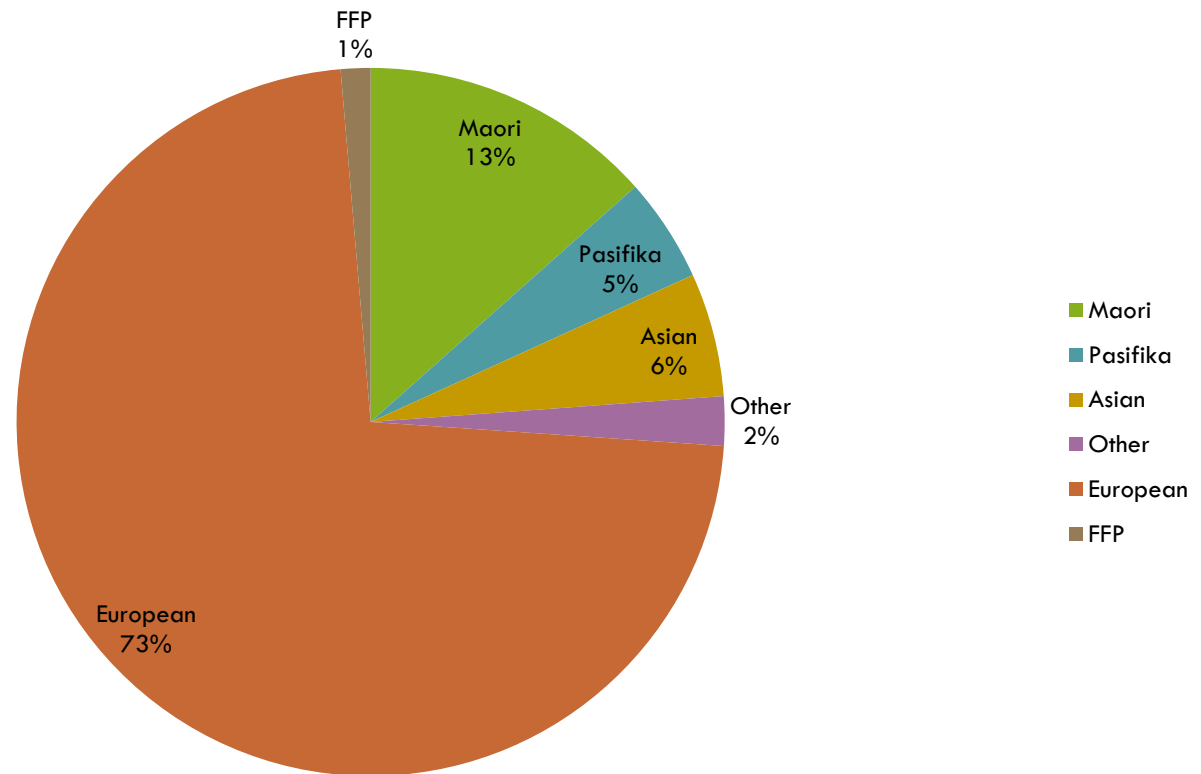


## Christchurch Ethnic Breakdown July 2013



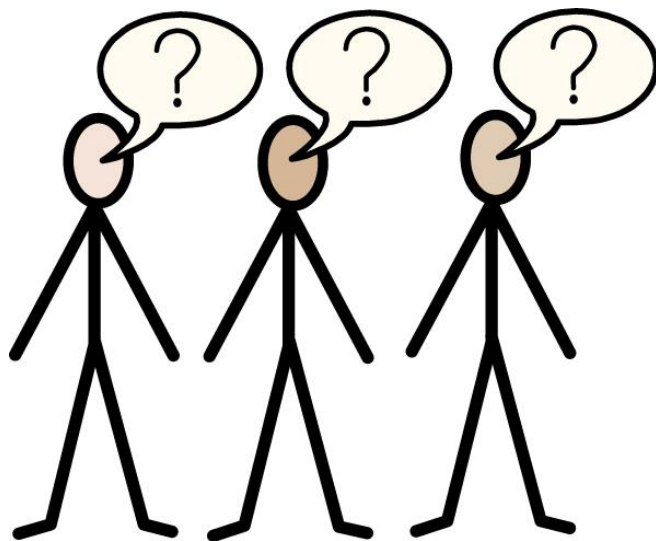


## Dunedin Ethnic Breakdown July 2013





Maybe we ought to ask them!!





The next major trend is  
innovation and creativity...  
You might say – “I know, but I  
get a little apprehensive when  
I think about how I can do  
this?”



Every student will continue to need to know as much as possible about a wide range of subjects. However, they will fundamentally require resilience, enthusiasm and most importantly, motivation





Collaboration with other Catholic schools in our neighbourhood, our City and within the New Zealand Catholic education community will become a necessity for delivering quality education



Although a surprising number of teachers believe that creativity is innate, the reality is that creativity is a skill that can be taught, and increased through practice.



Learning machines and software  
enabling learning are already  
exploding onto the scene



By 2025 this revolution will  
almost be complete



Technology in all of its  
manifestations is criss-crossing  
the blurred boundaries  
between the internet, the arts  
and social change



It is no time to be timid as we  
all become Digital Citizens





Computers are taking over huge amounts of brain work as they help workers do their jobs or simply replace workers in many ways



Algorithms will continue to solve  
many problems:

for example dating software







Mathematics and computer science competencies are the basis of this second Machine Age. Thinking skills will need to be aggressively taught and no excuses made about not achieving mathematical competencies



What skills and knowledge  
do I need to have in order to  
become self-employed, since  
this is a major trend in the  
market place as you well  
know



One of the possibilities that globalisation offers Christchurch and New Zealand Catholic schools is greater networking and sharing expertise



Entry standards into teaching will be raised with registration and annual practice certification being considerably enhanced



The tough mental attitudes  
of our national sports  
people, our military and  
other achievers have to be  
imbedded in the psyche of  
our kids as they grow up



Effective leaders are bold and are not afraid to put their values and principles into practice





Of necessity, we all have to  
become a champion of hope





We must enable our students to  
gain depth, the ability to  
counterbalance the current frenzy  
of communication with the time to  
pause and find the ground of their  
being in God





May we always be standard  
bearers of hope as we seek to  
light a path of hope for those we  
interact with and seek to inspire





“There are those who look at things the  
way they are and ask why?  
I dream of things that never were and  
ask why not?”

Senator Robert Kennedy

# NELSON MANDELA'S WISDOM



“A good head and a good heart make a formidable combination”

“Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated and passionate about what they do”

“Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again”

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”