



WAIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NAG 5 – HEALTH AND SAFETY

Child Protection Policy

This is a new generic topic that brings together the policies and procedures relating to child protection.

Rationale:

Waipara School aims to ensure the safety and security of all children by practising open and accountable child-centred decision-making. We recognise the importance of involving family/whanau in decision-making about their children, and will involve children in decision-making about themselves in age-appropriate ways. We acknowledge that child protection is everyone's responsibility and we promote our child protection policies to our school community.

'Child', in the context of our school's child protection policies, means a child or young person aged under 18 years (who is not married or in a civil union) – Vulnerable Children Act 2014.

We take concerns about the safety of students seriously, and respond to them quickly. Prevention and early intervention is important, and we support the principle of applying the least intrusive intervention possible to protect vulnerable children.

We share information with appropriate agencies if sharing that information will protect or improve the safety, health, or well-being of a child. By law, we can share information with Child, Youth and Family, and the police.

Schools are subject to the Vulnerable Children Act 2014, and must have child protection policies which are readily available. As required by the Act, child protection practices are incorporated into our policies and procedures. Waipara School has a designated person responsible for child protection policies. Our designated person is the principal, and is the primary point of contact for concerns about a child, including concerns about abuse or neglect. Our child protection policies apply to school staff, contractors and volunteers.

Key child protection related policies and procedures include:

Relevant Section	Key child protection policies and procedures
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and Safety• Harassment• Crisis Management• Road and Rail Safety• Behaviour Management• Child Abuse• Emergency Procedures and Response• Treatment of Injuries of children at School• Shady School• Concerns and Complaints



Employer Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns and Complaints• Protected Disclosures• Appointments
Legislation and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Information / Privacy• Attendance
Curriculum and Student Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICT• EOTC

Reviewing our child protection related policies and procedures

Our child protection policies are reviewed every three years. Waipara School's designated person for child protection is involved in reviewing any child protection related policies and procedures.

1. The following policies are reviewed yearly as part of the school's **implementation Audits and Reports:**
 - Vetting requirements for non-teachers
 - Teacher registration and police vetting
2. The following policies are reviewed every three years as part of the policy review cycle:
 - Appointment Procedure
 - Behaviour Management
 - Concerns and Complaints
 - Education Outside the Classroom
 - Harassment
 - Health and Safety
 - Family Information / Privacy
 - Protected Disclosures

Legislation

- *Vulnerable Children Act 2014*
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Signed : Victoria McGuckin
Chairperson

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