

PHYSICAL RESTRAINT POLICY

RATIONALE

The school will ensure that for any student that has been physically restrained, that the safety of the child, students and staff meets the requirement of the Education (Physical Restraint) Rules 2017

PURPOSE

1. The school will ensure staff are clear around the physical restraint and the subsequent requirements.

GUIDELINES

1. Physical restraint will only be used when there is serious and imminent risk to the safety of the student or any other person.
2. All staff are considered authorised in accordance to the rules.
3. All staff will be suitably supported and trained.
4. Every staff member who uses physical restraint must complete a staff physical restraint incident report which will be kept on file.
5. Parents and caregivers will be notified as soon as possible about any incident of physical restraint
6. Incidents of physical restraint will be reported to the Ministry of Education.
7. Students, staff and Parents will be advised of the schools policy for managing challenging behaviour and using physical restraint.

Approved:
(BOT Chairperson)

Board Meeting Date:

Latest Review Date: 14 Sept. 2017

Review Committee: Carolyn Massey, Kathryn Powick, Abba Fidow, Stan Duarte, Leliana Hoyt, Andy Thompson, Joe Fuiava, Michael Lima

Consultation: Staff, Board of Trustees, Parents

