

VULNERABLE CHILDRENS POLICY

RATIONALE

All children are treated with dignity and respect and have the moral and legal right to have their needs met in a safe environment.

PURPOSE

1. To ensure the safety of the child is paramount and to support the child in any subsequent action.
2. To provide staff with guidelines so as that they can act in accordance with the Vulnerable Children's Act 2014

GUIDELINES

1. Staff will meet the provisions in identifying child abuse and neglect to ensure the protection of our children, by following school procedures (see Sexual and Physical Abuse policy).
2. Ensure all child safety procedures are implemented and available to all staff, volunteers and parents.
3. Volunteers on school camps and on other activities where there is limited or no supervision by an employee of the school must confirm their acceptability by signing a declaration that they meet the acceptable terms of the Vulnerable Childrens Act 2014.
4. Onsite contractors where there is limited or no supervision by an employee of the school must confirm their acceptability by signing a declaration that they meet the acceptable terms of the Vulnerable Childrens Act 2014.
5. The principal and senior leadership personnel will have the authority to decline the services of any person at their non negotiable discretion.

Approved:
(BOT Chairperson)

Board Meeting Date:

Latest Review Date: 16 November 2017

Review Committee: Carolyn Massey, Kathryn Powick, Abba Fidow, Stan Duarte, Leliana Hoyt, Andy Thompson, Joe Fuiava, John Alai, Herb Manase

Consultation: Staff, Board of Trustees, Parents

