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Child Protection

RATIONALE:

Every child at Macleans College experiences educational practices on a “day-to-day” basis that protects their physical and emotional well-being and their rights.

PURPOSE:

To ensure that the school complies with the provisions of the Vulnerable Children’s Act, 2014.

PROCEDURES:

1. Staff are required to report to either their House Leader or senior management any observation or occurrence that they believe may indicate that a particular child is at risk at school, home or in the community.
2. All incidents identified in point 1. must be referred to the Guidance Department.
3. The Guidance Department will involve outside agencies on a case-by-case basis as required.
4. The Principal will then make a procedural decision in relation to the disclosure, based on a ‘belief on reasonable grounds’, after considering the source of the information, and any relevant physical, behavioural or circumstantial evidence available at the time. Where the Principal forms the belief that abuse, harassment or serious neglect of a student has taken place then written notice of this must be given to at least one of the following within 24 hours, the parents concerned, Oranga Tamariki or the New Zealand Police.

Other Documentation:

- Safe Schools Policies – Section 1100
- Staff Handbook – Discipline and Pastoral Care section
- Guidance Department Operations Policies and Procedures
- Enrolment Information
- Policy 1134 - Court Orders