



# TAIERI COLLEGE

## PROTECTION OF STUDENTS POLICY

<b>Rationale:</b>	All students attending Taieri College have a right to feel safe and comfortable at school.
<b>Legislation:</b>	Ministry of Education – National Administration Guidelines (NAGs) Children’s Act 2014 Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 Privacy Act 2020

The purpose of this policy is to provide Taieri College staff guidelines by which to identify and respond appropriately to concerns of abuse and neglect, and to understand their role in keeping children safe.

Taieri College will:

- ensure that the safety and wellbeing and interests of the students is paramount. This includes considerations of confidentiality which may not be appropriate where students are unsafe.
- set protocol for staff when dealing with students who are at high-risk of harm to themselves or others.
- define child abuse and provide guidance for staff on the reporting of abuse of students.
- ensure staff are well informed of the action to be taken when the abuse or ill-treatment is known or suspected.
- establish what action is required when allegations are made against staff.
- ensure staff receive appropriate training in procedures involving child protection issues.

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