

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

**NAG 5
NO. 508**

Purpose

The protection and safety of the students of St Heliers School is paramount and therefore any form of suspected child abuse or the disclosure of abuse must be treated in a serious manner, ensuring students' rights and needs are met and that they are treated with respect and dignity.

Guidelines

1. The guidelines for the protection and safety of students and the recognition of abuse are housed in the booklet 'Working together to support tamariki, rangatahi and their family/whānau: Interagency Guide' from Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children.
2. All staff must be fully aware of the content of the above document.
3. Procedures for reporting child abuse must be channelled through the Principal who will ensure that the proper authorities are informed.