GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY

Good Shepherd School recognises the uniqueness of each individual as part of God's creation and supports this through the development of the individual's spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and physical ability. Good Shepherd School acknowledges that education is provided within the Catholic context.

The Good Shepherd School Board of Trustees recognises the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua, and its role and responsibilities in meeting its obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi. Good Shepherd School is, therefore, committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its practical expression in our school.

All state-integrated schools are public entities that are funded by the New Zealand Government. Public entities are required to comply with all relevant New Zealand legislation.

The School monitors and ensures its compliance with New Zealand legislation through:

- advice from:
    - the Ministry of Education in the form of circulars to schools, which detail expectations and an interpretation of any new legislation and its impact on school operations
    - the New Zealand School Trustees Association through emails which are sent to the board chair and copied to the school principal
    - the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand through emails and communications for all teachers
    - the New Zealand Principals' Federation's publications, which contain interpretation of legislative issues, and advice to principals
- assurance to the Education Review Office, in the Board Assurance Statement (BAS) and the Self-Audit Checklist, that it is meeting its legal requirements, as part of the review process
- an annual audit conducted by the school appointed auditor, and contracted by the Auditor General's Office every three years
- the self-review process, ensuring that schools regularly review their policies and procedures in accordance with the review schedule.

Chairperson

May 2022
Approved

2025
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