



# Yendarra Primary School

## POLICY

## PASTORAL CARE

### **RATIONALE**

It is our duty as teachers to consider at all times the emotional, social, intellectual and physical well being of each individual child placed in our daily care.

### **PURPOSE**

1. To ensure that mutual respect permeates the school and each child knows that he/she is accepted for their worth and dignity as a person
2. To ensure that opportunities are provided for effective participation in all aspects of school life
3. Our school values educational opportunities
4. To ensure that children are receiving the type of education which is best suited to their individual needs

### **GUIDELINES**

1. The Principal holds ultimate responsibility for the care of all tamariki
2. Classroom programmes will be organised in such a manner that the tamariki will be engaged in relevant learning programmes
3. Taurua safety and hauora of all pupils must take precedence at all times
4. The principal must be informed immediately of any suspected abuse
5. Encouragement will be given so that all tamariki will experience learning success

### **PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH SUSPECTED ABUSE**

1. If abuse is suspected or brought to anyone's attention the Tumuaki will be guided by the relevant information
2. It is acknowledged that this information should remain confidential to those concerned
3. The principal will decide on an appropriate course of action
4. The principal has a responsibility to inform the parents
5. If necessary, relevant agencies will be used to assist with the problem. This referral will be made by the principal
6. Reporting of suspected abuse is the responsibility of every staff member

### **CONCLUSION**

The school has an important role in sharing with the parents in the care and well-being of all children enrolled at Yendarra School.