



## CHILD PROTECTION Policy

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Approved by the School Board 20 February 2020

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<b>Rationale:</b>	Cambridge Middle School is committed to the prevention of abuse and to the wellbeing of members, children, young people, vulnerable adults and their families.
<b>Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) The school acknowledges its responsibilities to comply with all relevant legislation to ensure a safe environment for children and staff in line with Children Young Persons and their Families Act (1989) and Vulnerable Children Act (2014 and 2017).</li><li>(b) The school makes the safety and wellbeing of children their primary concern, with the child at the centre of all decision making.</li><li>(c) All services provided by the school for the safety and wellbeing of children adhere to the principles of partnership, protection and participation; and the rights and responsibilities accorded by Te Tiriti o Waitangi.</li><li>(d) The school is committed to work together to produce the best possible outcomes for the child and to work towards continuous improvement in child protection practices.</li></ul>
<b>Policy Statement:</b>	All children who are clients of Cambridge Middle School and those with whom personnel come into contact during the course of their work associated with the school are bound by this policy.
<b>Key Responsibilities:</b>	The Principal and the School Leadership Team have responsibility for the implementation of this policy and will oversee a process for the development of guidelines to comply with all relevant legislation.
<b>Review:</b>	2023
<b>Related Information:</b>	1. Child Protection Guidelines