Katikati College
Child Protection Policy

RATIONALE:
This policy has been developed in accordance with the Children's Act (2014) to recognise the responsibilities of Katikati College to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our children. It outlines the School Board's expectations in the care and protection of our children and guides staff on how to identify and respond appropriately to concerns regarding children's wellbeing, including when child abuse is reported or suspected.

GUIDELINES:

1. All staff members are expected to have read and be familiar with this policy and the associate procedures. This includes any person who comes on-site to support or work with our children in any context, contractors and volunteers.

2. The School Board has an obligation to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our children. We are committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect and to the protection of our children to ensure they belong, achieve and thrive. Advice will be sought through appropriate agencies as appropriate in cases of suspected or alleged abuse.

3. In line with section 15 of the Children, Young Person and their Families Act (1989), all staff who hold concerns for the wellbeing of a child must follow the School's Child Protection procedures.

4. Staff will be provided with the necessary professional development as required to inform their knowledge and maintain their ability to respond appropriately in accordance with this policy and the Children's Act.

5. Safety checking of core staff will be carried out in accordance with the Children's Act (2014).

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