

## Policy Statement

### Student Attendance

#### Purpose

The Board of Rangi Ruru Girls' School is committed to providing an environment that engages students in education, ensures all of their educational needs are being considered and manages student attendance.

#### Guidelines

The Board shall ensure through the Principal that it complies with all of its legal obligations under relevant sections of the Education and Training Act (2020) to take all reasonable steps to ensure students attend school when it is open and that attendance records are maintained.

The Board directs the Principal to have in place robust procedures and guidelines to meet the purpose of this policy including but not limited to the following:

1. Student attendance will be recorded electronically and daily at Whānau Time, and every teaching session, through the school's Student Management System, together with the reason for any absence.
2. Attendance is expected to be consistently above 80-85%. Parents/caregivers will be contacted as soon as is practicable in relation to any unexplained or unjustified absence, or concerning patterns of absence.
3. The Principal or Principal's delegate will develop protocols on the recording of student attendance/absences and on the steps which the school will take in order to maximise student attendance. The protocols will include an outline of which kinds of absence the Principal will accept as 'justified', together with the steps to be taken in the case of 'unjustified' absences.
4. Any student who is not fulfilling the attendance expectations may not be permitted to represent the school or attend special school events at the Principal's (or delegate's) discretion.
5. The Principal or Principal's delegate will devise and implement a strategy to inform parents/caregivers and the community-at-large about the school's policy on attendance/absences (and to keep the community aware of it on an ongoing basis).

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