

USE OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:	SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM
DATE LAST REVIEWED:	New – October 2020
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	October 2020

The College is required to provide a safe, physical and emotional environment for students and staff. In the event of possible damage / harm being done to another person or themselves, then physical restraint / physical force may be used to prevent, restrict or subdue the movement of a student's body.

1. Where possible, preventative de-escalation techniques should be used to avoid the need to physically restrain a student.
2. Teachers or authorised staff members are the only school personnel who can use physical restraint as determined by the legislation.
3. Physical restraint can only be used when a teacher or authorised staff member assesses the situation and concludes that the safety of another person is at serious and imminent risk.
4. Teachers and authorised staff members will be trained in the agreed good practices of physical restraint.
5. Where teachers or authorised staff members, cannot safely physically restrain the person, police will be called.
6. The restraint used at all times must be reasonable and proportionate to the immediate circumstances.
7. All actions taken by teachers or authorised staff members must comply with the statutory legislation and follow the guidelines appendix to this policy and held in the MOE August 2017 document "Guidelines for Registered Schools in NZ in the Use of Physical Restraint".
8. All such incidences of physical restraint must be reported to the Principal who will complete all the required procedures and report to the Board.

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Signature (BOT Chairperson)

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Date Ratified