

John Paul College Policy

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

RATIONALE

John Paul College is committed to each student's intellectual, spiritual, emotional, physical and social well being within the context of the Catholic character of the school. The College will provide access for students to primary health care services and health professionals on site at the John Paul College Health and Wellness Centre. Such services will be consistent with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education guidelines for the provision of health care in schools.

PURPOSE

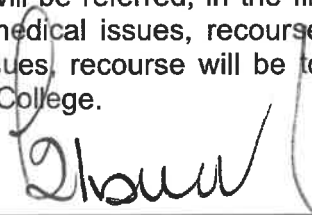
1. To provide a health and wellness service to John Paul College students on site with appropriate assessment and treatment facilities and with access to health professionals including the school nurse and other contracted health professionals.
2. To provide assessment, treatment and referral services to students in the event of illness, injury or trauma.
3. To support parents in caring for their children.
4. To assist and educate students to understand and take responsibility for their personal health in accordance with the Catholic teaching and in relation to the Ministry of Health Guidelines.
5. To provide a safer environment for staff and students through education with respect to communicable diseases, sun safety and other health risks.
6. To reduce Health inequities for Maori, Pacific Island and high need students by providing free access to appropriate primary health care.

GUIDELINES

1. The Board of Trustees must approve the selection and appointment of independently contracted providers and reserves the right to terminate the appointment of any provider if this policy is not observed to the College's satisfaction. Appointments and the conditions stipulated in the contract between the College and the providing agent must be ratified by the Board.
2. Health staff (school nurse) and contracted providers for health services shall offer services that are consistent with the special Catholic character of the College and Catholic moral teaching and will abide by the ethical policies of John Paul College. These include but are not restricted to:
 - Recognising the role of parents/caregivers, staff and those contracted to provide health services will seek and encourage the involvement of parents/caregivers and the family General Practitioner in the services they provide, except where privacy and/or safety requirements prevent this.

- In accordance with the Catholic Church in matters related to sexuality, the provision of, organisation of, or referral for termination of pregnancy and the provision of contraceptives will not be offered by the College's staff and health providers.
 - It may be necessary to refer students to other agencies if their health needs cannot be fully met within the college Health and Wellness Centre.
3. The Student Health and Wellness Service will be promoted by the Board of Trustees to families and whanau as part of the school's role to ensure optimum student wellbeing, independence and achievement.
 4. The College will respect the right of parents/caregivers to exclude their children from this service.
 5. Patient confidentiality will be respected in accordance with the Privacy Act and the Health and Disability Services Consumers' Code of Rights.
 6. The provision of clinical and health services negotiated with Rotorua General Practice Group as the provider agent will be financed by the health funding authorities and not by John Paul College Board of Trustees.
 7. The Board will monitor the provision of contracted health services annually, to ensure that the said health providers are operating within the rationale, purpose and guidelines of this policy.
 8. John Paul College reserves the right to send students home to the appropriate parent or caregiver if they are unwell and in certain circumstances may refer students to their GP or appropriate medical facility in accordance with clinical 'best practice' guidelines.
 9. Sun safe practices, policies and protection will be promoted by the staff and health professionals to ensure students and staff comply with sun safe behaviours.
 10. The College will co-operate with the Health Funding Providers to ensure that staff and health professionals work with the Ministry of Health guidelines for the school Health and Wellness Centre.
 11. Health staff and health providers will work in close liaison with the College Guidance Counsellors and the Principal, acknowledging the Principal's role in the managing the school.
 12. Any medical equipment or medication brought onto the school premises will be stored and looked after according to clinical 'best practice' guidelines. It will be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to ensure the provision of safe clinical facilities.
 13. Complaints will be referred, in the first instance, to the medical practitioner. For specifically medical issues, recourse will then be to the Public Health Service. For other issues, recourse will be to the Principal and the standard complaints policy of the College.

Ratified by Board



Signed for BOT Chair

25.09.2017

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