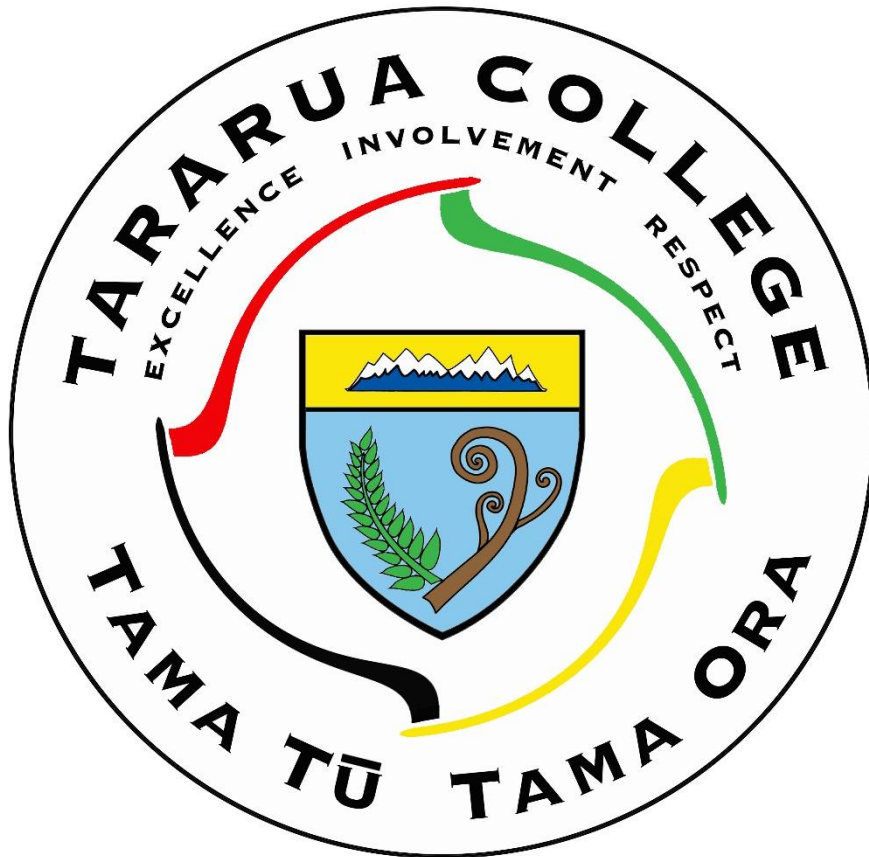


# Tararua College



## Policy Framework

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## Introduction

The following policy framework supports a governance model that is strategic rather than operational and meets the expectations of effective governance.

To ensure effective school performance, the Tararua College board is committed to maintaining a strong and effective governance framework that incorporates legislative requirements and good practice.

## Model of Governance

The following are the board's agreed governance and management definitions which form the basis upon which both the working relationships and the board's policies are developed.

<b>Governance</b>	<b>Management</b>
<p>The ongoing improvement of student progress and achievement is the board's main focus.</p> <p>The board acts in a stewardship role and is entrusted to work on behalf of all stakeholders. It is accountable for the school's performance, emphasises strategic leadership, sets the vision for the school and ensures compliance with legal and policy requirements.</p> <p>Board policies are at a governance level and outline clear delegations to the principal. The board and principal form the leadership, with the role of each documented and understood. The principal reports to the board as a whole with committees used when a need is identified in order to contribute to board work.</p> <p>The board is proactive rather than reactive in its operations and decision making and does not involve itself in the administrative details of the day to day running of the school.</p>	<p>The board delegates all authority and accountability for the day-to-day operational organisation of the school to the principal who must ensure compliance with both the board's policy framework and the law of New Zealand. [For detail see Operational Policies]</p>

In developing the above definitions for Tararua College the board refers to the following excerpts from the Education Act 1989 (revised 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

### Education Act 1989

The Education Act 1989 was amended on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017, clarifying the governance role of the board of trustees and a focus on student achievement. The powers and functions of boards are now set out in Schedule 6 of the Act, with the principal's role as chief executive specified as before in Section 76.

### Schedule 6

#### 4 Board is governing body of school

- a) A board is the governing body of its school.
- b) A board is responsible for the governance of the school, including setting the policies by which the school is to be controlled and managed.
- c) Under section 76, the school's principal is the board's chief executive in relation to the school's control and management.

## **5 Board's objectives in governing school**

- (1) A board's primary objective in governing the school is to ensure that every student at the school is able to attain his or her highest possible standard in educational achievement.
- (2) To meet the primary objective, the board must—
  - a) Ensure that the school
    - (i) is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff; and
    - (ii) is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs; and
  - b) Have particular regard to any statement of National Education and Learning Priorities issued under section 1A; and
  - c) Comply with its obligations under sections 60A (in relation to curriculum statements and national performance measures), 61 (in relation to teaching and learning programmes), and 62 (in relation to monitoring of student performance); and
  - d) if the school is a member of a community of learning that has a community of learning agreement under section 72, comply with its obligations under that agreement as a member of that community; and
  - e) Comply with all of its other obligations under this or any other Act.

## **6 Staff**

Subject to Parts 8A and 31, a board may, in accordance with the State Sector Act 1988, appoint, suspend, or dismiss school staff.

## **13 Board has complete discretion**

A board has complete discretion to perform its functions and exercise its powers as it thinks fit, subject to this and any other enactment and the general law of New Zealand.

## **16 Cultural diversity, Treaty of Waitangi, tikanga Māori, and te reo Māori**

- (1) A board must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the policies and practices for its school reflect New Zealand's cultural diversity and the unique position of the Māori culture.
- (2) In performing its functions and exercising its powers, a board must take all reasonable steps to act in a manner that is consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.
- (3) Without limiting subclauses (1) and (2), a board must take all reasonable steps to provide instruction in tikanga Māori (Māori culture) and te reo Māori (the Māori language) for full-time students whose parents ask for it.

## **17 Delegations**

- (1) A board may delegate any of the functions or powers of the board or the trustees, either generally or specifically, to any of the following persons by resolution and written notice to the person or persons:
  - a) A trustee or trustees
  - b) The principal or any other employee or employees, or office holder or holders of the board
  - c) A committee consisting of at least 2 persons at least 1 of whom is a trustee
  - d) Any other person or persons approved by the Minister
  - e) Any class of persons that comprises any of the persons listed in paragraphs (a) to (d).
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to any functions or powers specified in this Act as not being capable of delegation.
- (3) The board must not delegate the general power of delegation.
- (4) A delegate to whom any function or power is delegated may
  - a) unless the delegation provides otherwise, perform the function or exercise the power in the same manner, subject to the same restrictions, and with the same effect as if the delegate were the board or the trustees; and

- b) delegate the function or power only
    - (i) with the prior written consent of the board; and
    - (ii) subject to the same restrictions, and with the same effect, as if the sub delegate were the delegate.
- (5) A delegate who purports to perform a function or exercise a power under a delegation
  - a) is, in the absence of proof to the contrary, presumed to do so in accordance with the terms of that delegation; and
  - b) must produce evidence of his or her authority to do so if reasonably requested to do so.
- (6) No delegation in accordance with this Act
  - a) affects or prevents the performance of any function or the exercise of any power by the board or the trustees; or
  - b) affects the responsibility of the board for the actions of any delegate acting under the delegation; or
  - c) is affected by any change in the membership of the board or of any committee or class of persons.
- (7) A delegation may be revoked at will by
  - a) resolution of the board and written notice to the delegate; or
  - b) any other method provided for in the delegation.
- (8) A delegation under sub clause (4)(b) may be revoked at will by written notice of the delegate to the sub delegate.
- (9) The board may, by resolution, appoint committees
  - a) to advise it on any matters relating to the board's functions and powers that are referred to the committee by the board; or
  - b) to perform or exercise any of the board's functions and powers that are delegated to the committee.
- (10) A person must not be appointed as a member of a committee unless, before appointment, he or she discloses to the board the details of any financial interest that would disqualify the person from being a trustee under section 103A.
- (11) This clause applies to each member of a committee who is not a trustee with any necessary modifications.

## **18 Bylaws**

A board may make bylaws that the board thinks necessary or desirable for the control and management of the school.

### **Section 76 Principals**

- (1) A school's principal is the board's chief executive in relation to the school's control and management.
- (2) Except to the extent that any enactment or the general law of New Zealand provides otherwise, the principal –
  - (a) Shall comply with the board's general policy directions; and
  - (b) Subject to paragraph (a), has complete discretion to manage as the principal thinks fit the school's day to day administration.

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# TARARUA COLLEGE

## COMMUNITY CHARTER

### 2020



## DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

Tararua College is a co-educational rural high school of 390 students catering from years 9 to 13. Situated in Pahiatua, Tararua College students enjoy the benefits of close relationships within a smaller school, along with access to a broad range of learning opportunities. There is an Alternative Education programme and a growing bicultural and whānau approach to education.

Students are encouraged to follow courses of study designed to promote and foster individual needs, strengths and possible career paths, whilst also keeping their future options open. They are viewed as talented individuals who have the ability to become positive, responsible and constructive citizens. There is an increasing focus on collaborative learning throughout the College.

In 2019 the Junior School combined year 9 and 10 cohorts to form collaborative classes and subject groupings. Project based learning is being used to develop students' understanding of subject interactions and skills such as managing self, relating to others and group participation.

Gateway is provided for Year 12 and 13 students with 22 places available in 2019. Other students enjoy work experience and a variety of courses to help them decide on a future career. Dual Pathways courses are also offered allowing students to work in industry or tertiary settings for part of the week.

There is continued focus to significantly develop the role of primary industries within the College. This will be fully integrated with our 25 acre school farm. Students are also involved in the Primary Industries Training Organisation (PITO) programmes through dual pathways.

During 2020 there will be further development of the High Performance Academy which supports talented students in academic, cultural and sporting areas to reach excellence. Gifted and talented students are also able to join students from Wairarapa schools as part of the Secondary Curriculum Enrichment, Extension and Development Programme.

Tararua College is part of the Tararua Kahui Ako. This Community of Learning aims to accelerate the educational achievements of all students in the wider Tararua (Bush) region.



## Our Mission

(The purpose of our organisation)

Tararua College aims to provide a safe, caring and respectful environment in which learners achieve individual excellence so they can be fully involved in all areas of the school and community.

## Our Vision

(Our desired future)

To be at the centre of our community and the college of choice in our district.

## Our Values

(Guide the conduct of our organisation)

The school community of Tararua College believe the following values are an important contribution to the wellbeing of our community (whānau/iwi/hapu)

<b>RESPECT</b> <b>Whakaute</b>	<b>INVOLVEMENT</b> <b>Whakawhāiti</b>	<b>EXCELLENCE</b> <b>Kairangi</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• value for self, others &amp; environment</li><li>• positive relationships using manners</li><li>• celebrating differences</li><li>• showing understanding</li><li>• value cultural differences</li><li>• having pride in the school</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• being inclusive and supportive</li><li>• taking responsibility</li><li>• participating and contributing</li><li>• make positive contributions</li><li>• demonstrating dedication and commitment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• perseverance</li><li>• being prepared</li><li>• being accountable</li><li>• making the right decisions</li><li>• attendance</li><li>• being positive</li><li>• having a can-do attitude</li><li>• being and doing the best in everything you do</li></ul>

## **Our Guiding Principles**

(A basis for our reasoning and actions)

### **Curriculum:**

- The way we teach will reflect collaborative approaches that drive innovative learning practices within our classrooms and beyond.
- Development of digital use and creativity will be central to the ongoing improvement of teaching and learning.
- We will ensure that the needs of all our learners are met by providing a diverse range of teaching and learning opportunities.

### **Community:**

- Our college is outwardly focused, engaging and welcoming our community at every opportunity.
- Students learn by example and staff will engage in activities beyond the classrooms.
- We are consistently proud of our college and our environment and actively promote environmental sustainability through learning and actions.

### **Wellbeing:**

- Our college celebrates success by engaging in positive behavioural modelling.
- Restorative practice underpins our disciplinary systems with an emphasis on proactive rather than punitive approaches.
- We promote engagement and excellence in academic, sporting and cultural activities within the school and the community.
- We actively support all our learners to embrace the multicultural nature of our community

## **Strategic Aims**

(Our priorities for the next 3 years)

- To provide an education that allows our students choice, flexibility and sustainability in their future pathways
- For Tararua College to become a hub for student learning and community involvement
- To provide a safe and inclusive environment that supports the diversity of our school community in all aspects of College hauora/holistic wellbeing

These strategic aims will deliver the core objectives of Attendance, Retention, Engagement & Achievement (AREA performance measures)

## Tararua College Strategic 3 year plan

Strategic Aim	Annual Objectives 2020	Annual Objectives 2021	Annual Objectives 2022
<p>To provide an education that allows our students choice flexibility and sustainability in their future pathways</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve teacher practice, student achievement and engagement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve Junior School writing &amp; reading</li> <li>○ Robust Inquiry process undertaken by all staff following the identified whole school foci</li> <li>○ Explore ways to improve student self-efficacy and ambition</li> <li>○ Improve professional trust and relationships within teaching staff</li> <li>○ Improve attendance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embed good practice across the school to maintain student achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review teaching and learning in the college</li> </ul>
<p>For Tararua College to become a hub for student learning and community involvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve community engagement in Tararua College               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Engage with local businesses to further develop the Junior Diploma</li> <li>○ Explore creative ways of encouraging whanau involvement in parent/teacher discussions</li> <li>○ Increase Community involvement in College activities</li> <li>○ Develop Primary roadshow</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embed community involvement in the life of the college</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect, review and identify ways to strengthen community involvement</li> </ul>
<p>To provide a safe and inclusive environment that supports the diversity of our school community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop mechanisms and processes to support the wellbeing of our entire school community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of wellbeing initiatives to strengthen the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect and review the wellbeing of the school community</li> </ul>

<p>in all aspects of College hauora/holistic wellbeing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explore how different layers of school life contribute to creating a safe and caring climate that deters bullying</li> <li>○ Gather information about aspects of our school's culture and working conditions that teachers are positive about, and any aspects that could be strengthened.</li> <li>○ Explore how connected and committed our students are to their learning</li> <li>○ Develop a baseline of wellbeing activities for staff and students</li> <li>○ Further develop cultural competence and relationships of the whole school community</li> </ul>	<p>wellbeing of our school community</p>	
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## Part 2

## Governance Policy

These governance policies outline how the board will operate and set standards and performance expectations that create the basis for the board to monitor and evaluate performance as part of its ongoing monitoring and review cycle.

### 1. Board Roles and Responsibilities Policy

The board of trustees' key areas of contribution are focused on four outcome areas:

**Representation**  
**Leadership**  
**Accountability**  
**Employer Role**

The board	The Standards
1. Sets the strategic direction and long-term plans and monitors the board's progress against them	1.1 The board leads the annual strategic plan review process 1.2 The board sets/reviews the strategic aims by November each year. 1.3 The board approves the annual plan and targets and ensures the strategic plan is submitted to the Ministry of Education (MoE) by 1 March each year 1.4 Regular board meetings include a report on progress towards achieving strategic aims 1.5 The strategic plan is the basis for all board decision making
2. Monitors and evaluates student progress and achievement	2.1 The board receives an annual review report covering curriculum and student progress and achievement reports 2.2 Reports at each regular board meeting, from principal, on progress against annual plan, highlight risk/success 2.3 Targets in the annual plan are met, the curriculum policy is implemented and there is satisfactory performance of curriculum priorities
3. Appoints, assesses the performance of and supports the principal	3.1 Principal's performance management system in place and implemented
4. Approves the budget and monitors financial management of the school	4.1 Budget approved by the first meeting each year 4.2 Satisfactory performance of school against budget
5. Effectively manages risk	5.1 The board has an effective governance model in place 5.2 The board remains briefed on internal/external risk environments and takes action where necessary 5.3 The board identifies 'trouble spots' in statements of audit and takes action if necessary 5.4 The board ensures the principal reports on all potential and real risks when appropriate and takes appropriate action

The board	The Standards
6. Ensures compliance with legal requirements	6.1 New members have read and understood the governance framework including policies, the school charter, board induction pack and requirements and expectations of board members 6.2 New and continuing members have kept aware of any changes in legal and reporting requirements for the school. Board has sought appropriate advice when necessary 6.3 Accurate minutes of all board meetings, approved by board and signed by chair 6.4 Individual staff/student matters are always discussed in public excluded session 6.5 Board meetings have a quorum
7. Ensures trustees attend board meetings and take an active role	7.1 Board meetings are effectively run 7.2 Trustees attend board meetings having read board papers and reports and are ready to discuss them 7.3 Attendance at 80% of meetings (min.) 7.4 No unexplained absences at board meetings (3 consecutive absences without prior leave result in immediate step down) Refer Education Act 1989, s104 (1) (c)
8. Approves major policies and programme initiatives	8.1 Approve programme initiatives as per policies 8.2 The board monitors implementation of programme initiatives
9. Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage	9.1 The Treaty of Waitangi is obviously considered in board decisions 9.2 The board, principal and staff are culturally responsive and inclusive
10. Approves and monitors human resource policy/procedures which ensures effective practice and contribute to its responsibilities as a good employer	10.1 Becomes and remains familiar with the broad employment conditions which cover employees (i.e. Staff employment agreements and arrangements) 10.2 Ensures there are personnel policies in place and that they are adhered to e.g. Code of Conduct 10.3 Ensures there is ongoing monitoring and review of all personnel policies
11. Deals with disputes and conflicts referred to the board as per the school's concerns and complaints process	11.1 Successful resolution of any disputes and conflicts referred
12. Represents the school in a positive, professional manner	12.1 Code of behaviour adhered to
13. Oversees, conserves and enhances the resource base	13.1 Property/resources meet the needs of the student achievement aims
14. Effectively hands over governance to new board/trustees at election time	14.1 New trustees provided with governance manual and induction 14.2 New trustees fully briefed and able to participate following attendance at an orientation programme 14.3 Appropriate delegations are in place as per Schedule 6 (17) of the Education Act

The board	The Standards
	15.3 Board and trustees participate in appropriate professional development

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## 2. Responsibilities of the Principal Policy

The principal is the professional leader of the school and the board’s chief executive working in partnership with the board of trustees. The principal shall not cause or allow any practice, activity or decision that is unethical, unlawful, and imprudent or which violates the board’s Charter or expressed values or commonly held professional ethic.

Alongside their professional role, the principal’s key contribution to **day-to-day management** of the school is as per the management definition in the introduction to this governance manual.

The principal is responsible for overseeing the implementation of board policy including the Charter. Reference in documentation to the school, management and staff is to be read as “principal” for responsibility for implementation. From time to time the chair of the board acting within delegated authority may issue discretions in policies of the school, in minutes of the board, or by written delegation.

The Board of Trustees delegates full authority to the Principal to manage Tararua College within the constraints of legislation and regulation. The delegated areas shall include, but not be limited to:

- Full day to day and annual management and administration of the College.
- Financial management of the College including the ability to expend College resources without reference to the Board where they are within budget or existing authorities or policies. This does not include any authority to borrow money on behalf of the school (excludes operational leases).
- Discretionary spending up to \$5000 for both operational and capital expenditure. To seek Board approval on expenditure over and above \$5000. In addition, spending of up to \$12,000 per year on furniture which must be approved in conjunction with the Finance Committee.
- Full authority to manage the physical resources of the school within the constraints of policy.
- Full authority to manage staff including directing work and duties, allocating tasks and hours of work (where relevant), performance management, implementing and approving salary changes, approving discretionary leave as per policy. Invoking disciplinary, competency and other matters according to the procedures in the relevant Employment Agreement, including suspending any employee during any inquiry or following receipt of a complaint if satisfied that the welfare and interests of any student attending the school or of any employee at the school so requires.
- Authority to investigate and (hopefully) resolve any management concerns that may be lodged. Unresolved concerns become complaints that are directed, in writing, to the Board Chairperson.
- Full authority to employ staff within the constraints of the Board’s Personnel policy (All support staff and Board minute secretary, all basic scale teaching position, all fixed term units). For other appointments (except Principal appointments) the Principal shall be a member of any appointment committee.



- Authority to sign routine documents on behalf of the Board (except where the requirement is for the Board Chairperson to sign).
- Authority to sign property returns and documents for the MoE as required under the MoE Property Management Guidelines.
- Full authority to enrol students, including fee paying and exchange students and, where allowed by law, to decline to enrol students.
- Full authority to manage and discipline students (Note: The authority to Stand Down and Suspend students is specifically vested in the Principal by the Education Act 1989).
- Full authority to approve EOTC and other teaching and learning activities. As per school policy.
- Full authority to deal with outside agencies (and enter into agreements with them where appropriate) on behalf of the Board where relevant to the purposes of management of Tararua College.
- Develop, seek board approval of, and implement an annual plan that is aligned with the board's strategic plan, meets legislative requirements and gives priority to improved student progress and achievement.
- To affix the common seal to documents where applicable.

The following delegations require the Principal to gain the consent of the Board Chairperson (or, if he/she is not available, his/her deputy):

- Authority to seek legal, financial and other professional advice on behalf of the Board (Note: this would normally be done with the concurrence of the BoT Chair).
- Authority to make media statements on behalf of the Board, with exception in the case of emergency (Note: this would normally be done with the concurrence of the BoT Chair).

The Principal may further delegate these responsibilities where appropriate and shall report to the Board monthly on these matters as appropriate via the Principal's Report to the Board. These delegations shall be on-going until and unless they are specifically rescinded by the Board of Trustees, and shall be reviewed annually at the first meeting of each year or appointment of new Principal.

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### **3. Disciplinary Process in Relation to the Principal Policy**

In the event the board receives a complaint regarding the principal or determines that policy violation(s) may have occurred, in the first instance, the principal will be informed to seek clarification on the matter. The board will consider whether this may be dealt with in an informal manner (as per the employment agreement provisions that apply to the principal). Where the board considers the degree and seriousness of the concern or violation(s) sufficient to warrant initiating a disciplinary or competency process, the board shall seek the support and advice from an NZSTA adviser to ensure due process is followed.

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#### **4. Principal Professional Expenses Policy**

A budget for professional expenses will be established annually in accordance with the principal's professional development plan contained in their performance agreement and be included in the budget. Spending outside of budget is with the approval of the board. Any overseas trips for professional development must be approved by the board of trustees at least one term in advance of the event.

Professional development expenses may include but are not confined to: continuing education, books and periodicals, mentoring, and attendance at professional conferences.

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#### **5. Reporting to the Board Policy**

The principal reports to the board as a whole and keeps it informed of the true and accurate position of curriculum, teaching and learning, property and financial position including all matters having real or potential legal considerations and risk for Tararua College.

The principal must ensure that they:

1. inform the board of significant trends, implications of board decisions, issues arising from policy matters or changes in the basic assumptions upon which the board's strategic aims are based.
2. submit a written report covering the following management areas for each board meeting:
  - Strategic aims
  - Personnel
  - Property
  - Health and Safety
  - Pastoral Statistics
  - Community of Learning

And the coordination and approval of the following reports:

- Student Progress and Achievement Report
  - Academic Status Report
3. inform the board in a timely manner of any significant changes in staffing, programmes, plans or processes that are under consideration
  4. submit any monitoring data required in a timely, accurate and coherent manner
  5. report and explain roll variance against year levels and reasons on a per meeting basis
  6. inform the board when, for any reason, there is non-compliance of a board policy
  7. recommend changes in board policies when the need for them becomes known
  8. highlight areas of possible bad publicity or community dissatisfaction
  9. coordinate management/staff reports to the board and present to the board under the principal's authority
  10. regularly report on the implementation of the annual plan and progress towards meeting student achievement targets
  11. report on any matter requested by the board and within the specified timeframe

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## 6. Trustees' Code of Behaviour Policy

The board is committed to ethical conduct in all areas of its responsibilities and authority. Trustees shall:

1. Maintain and understand the values and goals of the school
2. Protect the special character of the school
3. Ensure the needs of all students and their achievement is paramount
4. Be loyal to the school and its mission
5. Publicly represent the school in a positive manner, recognising your position as a board member cannot be separated from any other role you may be fulfilling.
6. Respect the integrity of the principal and staff
7. Observe the confidentiality of non-public information acquired in their role as a trustee and not disclose to any other persons such information that might be harmful to the school
8. Be diligent and attend board meetings prepared for full and appropriate participation in decision making
9. Ensure that individual trustees do not act independently of the board's decisions
10. Speak with one voice through its adopted policies and ensure that any disagreements with the board's stance are resolved within the board
11. Avoid any conflicts of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility
12. Recognise the lack of authority in any individual trustee or committee/working party of the board in any interaction with the principal or staff
13. Recognise that only the chair (working within the board's agreed chair role description or delegation) or a delegate working under written delegation, can speak for the board
14. Continually self-monitor their individual performance as trustees against policies and any other current board evaluation tools
15. Be available to undertake appropriate professional development

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understood this Code of Behaviour Policy and agree to follow and abide by it to the best of my ability.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **7. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy**

The board has the right to set the amount that the chair and other board members are reimbursed for attendance at board meetings in recognition that these fees cover the expense of attending board meetings. The principal and minute secretary are entitled to the same payment as all other trustees except the chair.

- 1 The chair receives \$75.00 per board meeting
- 2 Elected board members and minute secretary receive \$55.00 per board meetings
- 3 There is no payment for working group/committee meetings
- 4 Attendance fees are non-taxable within the agreed non-taxable amounts of \$605 annually for trustees and \$825 for the chair
- 5 Attendance costs for professional development sessions will be met by the board of trustees. Prior approval must first be sought.
- 6 All other reimbursements are at the discretion of the board and must be approved prior to any spending occurring

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## **8. Conflict of Interest Policy**

The standard of behaviour expected at Tararua College is that all staff and board members effectively manage conflicts of interest between the interests of the school and personal, professional or business interests. This includes managing potential and actual conflicts of interest, as well as perceptions of conflicts of interest.

The purposes of this policy are to protect the integrity of the school decision-making process, to ensure confidence in the school's ability to protect the integrity and reputations of board members and meet legislative requirements. Upon or before election or appointment, each person will make a full, written disclosure of potential conflicts of interest, including all activities and groups at Tararua College who the board member is associated with as a volunteer. This written disclosure will be kept on file and updated as appropriate.

In the course of board meetings, board members will disclose any interests in a decision where their family, and/or partner, employer, or close associates will receive a benefit or gain. After disclosure, the person making the disclosure will be asked to leave the meeting for the discussion and will not be permitted to vote on the question.

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## **9. Chairpersons Role Description Policy**

The chairperson of Tararua College safeguards the integrity of the board's processes and represents the board of trustees to the broader community. The chairperson ensures that each trustee has a full and fair opportunity to be heard and understood by the other members of the board in order that collective opinion can be developed and a board decision reached. The board's ability to meet its obligations and the plans and targets it has set are enhanced by the leadership and guidance provided by the chair.

### **The Chair:**

1. Is elected at the first board meeting of the year except in a triennial trustee election year where it shall be at the first meeting of the board\*

2. Welcomes new members, ensures that the conflict of interest disclosure is made and the code of behaviour is understood and signed, and leads new trustee induction
3. Assists board members' understanding of their role, responsibilities and accountability including the need to comply with the Trustees' Code of Behaviour policy
4. Leads the board members and develops them as a cohesive and effective team
5. Ensures the work of the board is completed
6. Ensures they act within board policy and delegations at all times and do not act independently of the board
7. Sets the board's agenda and ensures that all board members have the required information for informed discussion of the agenda items
8. Ensures the meeting agenda content is only about issues which according to board policy clearly belong to the board to decide
9. Effectively organises and presides over board meetings ensuring that such meetings are conducted in accordance with the Education Act 1989, the relevant sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and any relevant board policies\*
10. Ensures interactive participation by all board members
11. Represents the board to external parties as an official spokesperson for the school except for those matters where this has been delegated to another person/s and is the official signatory for the annual accounts\*
12. Is responsible for promoting effective communication between the board and wider community including communicating appropriate board decisions
13. Establishes and maintains a productive working relationship with the principal
14. Ensures the principal's performance agreement and review are completed on an annual basis
15. Ensures concerns and complaints are dealt with according to the school's concerns and complaints process
16. Ensures any potential or real risk to the school or its name is communicated to the board. This includes any concern or complaint

\* *Legislative Requirement*

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## **10. Staff/Student Trustee Role Description Policy**

The staff/student trustee fulfils legislative requirements relating to board composition. The role of the staff/student trustee is to bring a staff/student perspective to board decision making and discussion.

As a trustee the staff/student trustee has an obligation to serve the broader interests of the school and its students and has equal voice, vote, standing and accountabilities as all other trustees.

Staff/Student Trustee accountability measure	Standard
1. To work within the board's Charter	1.1 The Charter is obviously considered in board decisions
2. To abide by the board's governance and operational policies	2.1 The staff/student trustee has a copy of the Governance Manual and is familiar with all board policies

3. The staff/student trustee is first and foremost a trustee and must act in the best interests of the students at the school at all times.	3.1 The staff/student trustee is not a staff/student advocate 3.2 The staff/student trustee does not bring staff/student concerns to the board
4. The staff/student trustee is bound by the Trustee Code of Behaviour	4.1 The staff/student trustee acts within the code of behaviour
5. It is not necessary for the staff/student trustee to prepare a verbal or written report for the board unless specifically requested to from the board	5.1 No regular reports received unless a request has been made by the board on a specific topic.

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## 11. The Relationship between the Board and the Principal Policy

The performance of the school depends significantly on the effectiveness of this relationship therefore a positive, productive working relationship must be developed and maintained. The board and the principal form the leadership team and as such clear role definitions have been developed. The Responsibilities of the Principal and Responsibilities of the Board policies along with the Code of Behaviour should be read alongside this policy.

1. This relationship is based on mutual respect, trust, integrity and ability.
2. The relationship must be professional.
3. The principal reports to the board as a whole rather than to individual trustees.
4. Day to day relationships between the board and the principal are delegated to the chair.
5. All reports presented to the board by the staff (unless specifically requested by the board) are tabled with the principal's approval and the principal is accountable for the contents.
6. There are clear delegations and accountabilities by the board to the principal through policy.
7. The two must work as a team and there should be no surprises.
8. Neither party will deliberately hold back important information.
9. Neither party will knowingly misinform the other.
10. The board must maintain a healthy independence from the principal in order to fulfil its role. The board is there to critique and challenge the information that comes to it, acting in the best interests of students at the school.
11. The principal should be able to share their biggest concerns with the board.

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## 12. Principal's Performance Management Policy

It is the policy of the Tararua School Board of Trustees to establish a performance agreement with the principal and review the principal's performance every year. The objective is to ensure that every student at the school is able to attain his or her highest possible standard in educational achievement.

1. The review process will provide a written record of how the principal has performed in terms of the performance agreement and identifying professional development needs.
2. The principal's performance will be formally reviewed on an annual basis by duly delegated member(s) of the board. At the board's discretion, an independent consultant who specialises in education may be appointed.

3. Those delegated or contracted to perform the review process shall have written formalised instructions specifying the responsibilities of the role.
4. There will be three interim reviews, one each term preceding the annual formal review, between the principal and chair or delegate(s).
5. The principal will be reviewed on the criteria set forth in the performance agreement, performance objectives, professional standards, learning and development objectives and fulfilment of additional duties which require concurrence payment.
6. If the principal and the board disagree on the performance objectives, the board, after considering the principal's input, will amend the disputed objectives or confirm the unchanged objectives. The board's decision will be final.
7. The board chair, delegate(s) and consultant may gather information from staff, parents, or any other relevant members of the larger school community who can provide feedback on how the principal has performed. Evidence may include surveys, self-review, teaching observation (if relevant), interviews, focus groups or documentary evidence and can be accessed by the principal on request.
8. The principal and delegate(s) will meet for a formal interview to discuss whether the performance agreement has been satisfied with the principal given the opportunity to discuss and comment on each criterion before a rating is given. The results will then be drafted into a report by the delegate(s) and sent to the principal. The principal can accept the report or dispute the report. If the report is disputed, the delegate(s) will consider the principal's views before deciding to either amend the report, in accordance with the principal's views, or let the report stand, with the principal's comments attached.
9. The chair/delegate(s)/consultant will present the final report/summary back to the board. The principal may/may not attend the presentation and will have the opportunity to address the board. The principal will then exit and further discussion may continue among the board.
10. The principal will be informed personally and in writing of the final outcome following the report discussion.
11. The performance agreement and results of the review are confidential to the principal, the board and their agents unless both parties agree to wider distribution.

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## **13. The Relationship between the Chair and the Principal Policy**

The chair is the leader of the board and works on behalf of the board on a day to day basis with the principal.

The relationship principles are to be read in line with the following:

1. The board's agreed governance and management definitions
2. The board's Roles and Responsibilities Policy
3. The Responsibilities of the Principal Policy
4. The Chair's Role Description Policy
5. The Trustees' Code of Behaviour Policy

### **Relationship principles:**

1. A positive, productive working relationship between the principal and the chair is both central and vital to the school.

2. This relationship is based on mutual trust and respect.
3. The two must work as a team and there should be no surprises.
4. The relationship must be professional.
5. Both must be able to counsel the other on performance concerns.
6. Support is demonstrated for both when required and appropriate.
7. There is understanding and acceptance of each other's strengths and weaknesses.
8. Both agree not to undermine the other's authority.
9. There is agreement to be honest with each other and not hold back relevant information.
10. Both agree and accept the need to follow policy and procedures.
11. Both agree and understand the chair has no authority except that granted by the board.
12. That the chair and principal should act as sounding boards, both supporting and challenging in order to hold the school to account for achieving the goals and targets that have been set.

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#### **14. Meeting Process Policy**

The board is committed to effective and efficient meetings that are focused at governance level. The meeting will provide the information the board needs to be assured that all policies, plans and processes are being implemented and progressing as planned.

Meetings:

1. Are based on a prepared agenda. The agenda preparation is the responsibility of the chair. The agenda of the open session will be advertised via school communication links and made available for the public at the meeting.
2. Are held with the expectation that trustees have prepared for them and will participate in all discussions at all times within the principles of acceptable behaviour.
3. Have the right, by resolution, to exclude the public and news media from the whole or part of the proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. Decisions by the board are fully recorded but remain confidential.

The board needs to:

- make the reasons for excluding the public clear
  - reserve the right to include any non-board member it chooses
4. Can be held via audio, audio and visual, or electronic communication providing:
    - all trustees who wish to participate in the meeting have access to the technology needed to participate, and
    - a quorum of members can simultaneously communicate with each other throughout the meeting.

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## **15. Meeting Procedure Policy**

Members of the school community are encouraged to take an active interest in the school and its performance and are welcome to attend all board meetings within the *Public Attending Board Meetings Procedure page 26*.

### **General:**

- Meetings are held as per the board work plan with dates confirmed each December for the following year.
- Board minutes will be taken by the principal's secretary who shall be paid a general trustees meeting fee.
- The quorum shall be more than half the members of the board currently holding office.
- Only apologies received from those who cannot be present must be recorded. Trustees who miss three consecutive meetings without the prior leave of the board cease to be members. An apology does not meet the requirement of prior leave. To obtain prior leave a trustee must request leave from the board at a board meeting and the board must make a decision.
- The chair shall be elected at the first meeting of the year except in the triennial election year where it will be at the first meeting of the newly elected board.
- The chair may exercise a casting vote in the case of equality of votes, in addition to his/her deliberative vote.
- Any trustees with a conflict or pecuniary interest in any issue shall not take part in any debate on such issues and may be asked to leave the meeting for the duration of the debate. A pecuniary interest arises when a trustee may be financially advantaged or disadvantaged as a result of decisions made by the board. A conflict of interest is when an individual trustee could have, or could be thought to have, a personal stake in matters to be considered by the board.
- Only trustees have automatic speaking rights.
- The board delegates [and minutes] powers under Schedule 6, clause 17 of Education Act to the Disciplinary Committee.
- The board delegates [and minutes] authority to the deputy principal in the times of absence of the principal.

### **Time of meetings:**

- Regular meetings commence at 5.30pm and conclude at a reasonable time.
- A resolution for an extension of time may be moved but will not normally exceed 30 minutes.
- Any business remaining on the agenda at the conclusion of the meeting is transferred to the following meeting.

### **Special meetings:**

- A special meeting may be called via an email to the chairperson supported by at least one third of trustees currently holding office.

### **Exclusion of the public:**

- The meeting may, by resolution, exclude the public (going into committee) and news media from the whole or part of the proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act unless specifically asked to stay. The wording to be used in the motion to exclude the public is found in Schedule 2A of that Act. Excluding the public is most often used to ensure privacy of individuals or financially sensitive issues.

### **Public participation:**

- The board meeting is a meeting held in public rather than a public meeting.
- Public participation is at the discretion of the board.
- Public attending the meeting are given a notice about their rights regarding attendance at the meeting. *Public Attending Board Meetings Procedure*

**Motions/amendments:**

- All motions and amendments moved must be seconded unless moved by the chair.
- Motions and amendments once proposed and accepted may not be withdrawn without the consent of the meeting
- No further amendments may be accepted until the first one is disposed
- A matter already discussed may not be reintroduced at the same meeting in any guise or by way of an amendment

**Tabling documents**

- When written information is used in support of a discussion, it should be tabled so that it can be examined by those present. It then forms part of the official record.

**Correspondence**

- The board should have access to all correspondence. Correspondence that requires the board to take some action should be photocopied/scanned and distributed prior to the meeting. Other correspondence can be listed and tabled so that trustees can read it if required.

**Termination of debate:**

- All decisions are to be taken by open voting by all trustees present.

**Lying on the table**

- When a matter cannot be resolved, or when further information is necessary before a decision can be made, the matter can be left unresolved for future discussion.

**Points of order**

- Points of order are questions directed to the chair which require an answer or a ruling. They are not open to debate and usually relate to the rules for the running of a meeting.

**Suspension of meeting procedures:**

- The board's normal meeting procedures may be suspended by resolution of the meeting.

**Agenda:**

- Agenda items are to be notified to the chair 7 days prior to the meeting
- Late items will only be accepted with the approval of the board and in rare circumstances where a decision is urgent
- The order of the agenda may be varied by resolution at the meeting.
- All matters requiring a decision of the board are to be noted on the agenda.
- All items in the agenda are to carry a recommended course of action and where appropriate be supplemented by supporting material.
- The agenda is to be collated with the agenda items placed in the agenda order and marked with the agenda number.
- Papers requiring reading and consideration will not normally be accepted if tabled at the meeting.
- Papers and reports are to be sent to the board at least 6 working days before the meeting.

**Minutes**

- The principal is to ensure that secretarial services are provided to the board.
- The minutes are to clearly show resolutions and action points and who is to complete the action.
- A draft set of minutes is to be completed and sent to the chair for approval within 5 working days of the board meeting before being distributed to trustees within 10 working days of the meeting.

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## 15.1 Public Attending Board Meetings Procedure

The board of trustees welcomes public presence at board meetings.

In order that members of the public understand the rules that apply to them attending board meetings these procedures will be provided and followed unless otherwise authorised by the board.

- 1 Board meetings are not public meetings but meetings held in public.
- 2 If the meeting moves to exclude the public (usually this is to protect the privacy of individuals) then you will be asked to leave the meeting until this aspect of business has been concluded.
- 3 Members of the public may request speaking rights on a particular subject that is on the agenda. Preferably this request has been made in advance. Public participation is at the discretion of the board.
- 4 Speakers and interest groups shall be restricted to a maximum time limit of ten minutes.
- 5 Speakers shall not be disrespectful, offensive, or make malicious statements or claims.
- 6 If the chair believes that any of the above have occurred or the speaker has gone over time they will be asked to finish.

**Please note:** Members of the public include staff, students and parents of the school who are not trustees on the board.

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## 15.3 Evaluation of meeting on [date] chaired by [name]

- 1 How well did we accomplish the results we expected from this meeting based on the set agenda?

**Not at all**                      **Very well**  
1      2      3      4      5

**Comment:**

- 2 How satisfied are you with how the team worked as a group?

**Not at all**                      **Very well**  
1      2      3      4      5

**Comment:**

- 3 How satisfied are you with your participation and contribution as an individual?

**Not at all**                      **Very well**  
1      2      3      4      5

**Comment:**

- 4 Is there anything that you believe would improve our meeting process?

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## 16. Board Induction Policy

The board is committed to ensuring continuity of business and a smooth transition when trustees join the board.

1. New trustees will receive a welcome letter on their joining the board which includes:
  - Where and when they can pick up their governance folder
  - The suggested date of the induction
  - The date of the next board meeting
  - Chair and principal contact details
2. New trustees will be issued with a governance manual containing copies of the school's:
  - Charter – including the strategic and annual/operational plans
  - Policies
  - The current budget
  - The last ERO report
  - The last annual report
  - The triennial review programme
  - Any other relevant material
3. The chair or delegate will meet with new board members to explain board policy and other material in the governance manual.
4. The principal and chair or delegate, will brief all new members on the organisational structure of the school.
5. The principal will conduct a site visit of the school if appropriate.
6. New board members are to be advised of the professional development that is available from NZSTA and other relevant providers.
7. After two meetings on the board, the effectiveness of the induction process is to be reviewed by the chair with the new members.

The review will include the following aspects:

▪ **Did you feel welcomed onto the board?**  
Very welcome                      Welcome                      Not very welcome  
Comment:

▪ **Did you receive all necessary information in a timely manner?**  
Very timely                      Timely                      Not very timely  
Comment:

▪ **Did you find the induction with principal and board chair to be effective?**  
Very effective                      Effective                      Not very effective  
Comment:

Please comment on how we could improve this induction process:

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## **17. Board Review Policy**

The performance of the board is measured by the outcomes from;

- the annual report
- the board annual work plan
- the Education Review Office (ERO) report
- any other means deemed appropriate by the board

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## **18. Committee Policy**

The board may set up committees/working parties to assist the board carry out its responsibilities and due process.

### **Education Act 1989, section 66**

Section 66 gives the board the authority to delegate any of its powers to a special committee, except the power to borrow money. Refer to Section 66 for further information.

Board committees:

1. Are to be used sparingly to preserve the board functioning as a whole when other methods have been deemed inadequate.
2. Can consist of non-trustees. Committees must have a minimum number of 3 persons, at least one of whom must be a trustee.
3. May not speak or act for the board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Such authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the principal or the chair.
4. Other than the board disciplinary committee, must act through the board and therefore can only recommend courses of action to the board and have no authority to act without the delegated authority of the board.
5. Assist the board chiefly by preparing policy alternatives and implications for board deliberation. Board committees are not to be created by the board to advise staff.
6. Are to have terms of reference that contain information about the following:
  - Purpose
  - Committee members
  - Delegated authority

The following committees are currently established:

- Disciplinary
- Property
- Finance
- Health and Safety
- Personnel
- Farm

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## **18.1 Finance Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Responsibility of the Board**

The board of trustees has overall responsibility for the financial management of the school but delegates the day-to-day management of the school's finance and budget to the principal.

### **Purpose of the Finance Committee**

The finance committee, as a committee of the board, is formed to provide guidance to the principal in the financial management of the school.

### **Committee Members**

Iain Anderson (P) Katie Harris (T) Phil Marsh (BM)

### **Delegated Authority**

The finance committee is responsible to the board for:

1. Recommending, in association with the principal, an annual operating and capital budget, including professional development budget allocation for the principal and the staff.
2. Monitoring and reporting on the annual budget via the principal.
3. Reviewing on behalf of the board accounts passed for payment by the school. Advising on additional funding sources.
4. Reviewing the financial reports prepared by the Business Manager to present to the Board at every meeting.
5. Recommending changes to financial policy.
6. Overseeing the preparation of the annual accounts for board approval.
7. Assisting the principal in reporting financial performance to parents and the community.
8. Providing input into the school's strategic plan.
9. Preparing special reports for consideration by the board.
10. Annually reviewing the school's risk management needs and insurance cover
11. Assessing and making recommendations to the board on requests for spending on individual items outside of budget or over \$5000.
12. Expenditure of up to \$12,000 per year on furniture.

### **Compliance Reporting**

The principal is responsible for financial reporting and demonstrating budget compliance. Where there is non-compliance, variances are to be reported to the board, with recommendations on the actions required to meet compliance.

## Finance Committee Annual Calendar

Date (Board meeting)	Action Required
February	Finance committee self-review and plan for the year
March	Annual accounts prepared and forwarded to the auditors.
May	Annual review of 10-year property plan completed by the property committee and available as an input document for budgeting purposes. Note: this should also encompass normal cyclical maintenance and capital works
May	Community reporting on financial performance
June	Ensure any issues raised by the auditor have been addressed
August	Annual review of risk management needs and insurances
September	Annual plan available as an input document for preparation of the budget
October	Initial annual budget recommendations submitted to the board
November/December	Revised annual budget (if required) submitted to the board for approval

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## 18.2 Property Committee Terms of Reference

### Responsibility of the Board

The board of trustees has overall responsibility for the property management of the College but delegates the day-to-day property management to the principal.

### Purpose of the Property Committee

The property committee, as a board committee, is formed to provide guidance to the principal in the property management of the school.

### Committee Members

Iain Anderson (P) Phil Marsh (BM) Louise Powick (T) Jason Rankin (T)

### Delegated Authority

The property committee is responsible to the board for:

1. Identifying priority property projects for both 5YA and 10YPP property plans for board consideration.
2. Appointing contracted property managers to develop 5YA and 10YPP property plans, monitor project management and performance
3. Meeting with MOE property personnel as required
4. Recommending an annual operating and capital budget for property expenditure in conjunction with the finance committee.
5. Monitoring and reporting on the property budget via the principal.
6. Providing input into the school's strategic plan.

7. Preparing special reports for consideration by the board.
8. Assessing and making recommendations to the board on requests for property spending on individual items outside of budget or over \$5000.

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### **18.3 Student Disciplinary Committee Terms of Reference**

**Purpose:**

To ensure that all processes relating to the suspensions of students adhere to the requirements of Education Act 1989, Education Rules 1999 and Ministry of Education Guidelines.

**Committee members:**

All members of the board excluding the principal and student trustee. The chairperson will be determined by the committee. The quorum for the committee shall be three trustees.

**Delegated Authority:**

That the powers conferred on the board under Sections 15 and 17 of The Education Act 1989 be delegated to the disciplinary committee of the board of trustees.

The committee will:

- act in fairness, without bias or prejudice and with confidentiality
- act within legislation and the MOE guidelines
- act only on written and agreed information, not verbal hearsay
- use processes of natural justice in discipline hearing procedures
- make recommendations on discipline matters to the board as necessary.
- receive feedback from the Principal regarding implementation and effectiveness of conditions of return

The board will be kept informed of the number of stand-downs, suspensions, exclusions and expulsions at each board meeting by the principal.

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### **18.4 Health and Safety Committee Terms of Reference**

**Responsibility of the Board**

The board of trustees has overall responsibility for the Health and Safety of Tararua College but delegates the day-to-day management of health and safety to the principal.

**Purpose of the Health and Safety Committee**

The health and safety committee, as a committee of the board, is formed to provide guidance to the principal in health and safety matters of the school.

**Committee Members**

Iain Anderson (P) Shelley Arends (T) Reihana Tipene (T) (HSR) (Warrick Greaves (HSR) Phil Marsh (BM)



### **Delegated Authority**

The health and safety committee is responsible to the board for:

1. Development of a health and safety plan, engagement and consultation of students, staff and the school community to ensure implementation.
2. Providing information, training or supervision necessary to ensure protection from risks to health and safety from activities arising at Tararua College.
3. To maintain a current list of hazards and notify the board of hazards unable to be eliminated, isolate or minimized that are considered a serious health and safety risk.
4. Monitor the health of students and staff and the conditions of the workplace for the purpose of preventing injury or illness
5. Assist the principal in reporting to the board on all matters relating to health and safety

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## **18.5 Personnel Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose of the Personnel Committee**

The personnel committee, as a committee of the board, is formed to ensure that the board meets good employer practice and employment matters are dealt with “in committee” to ensure confidentiality of employees.

### **Committee Members**

All members of the board excluding the student trustee. The chairperson will be determined by the committee. The quorum for the committee shall be three trustees.

### **Delegated Authority**

The personnel committee is responsible to the board for:

1. Approval for any requests for discretionary staff leave with or without pay longer than 10 school days.
2. Approval for any requests for staff travelling overseas on school business.
3. Approval for applications for employment roles within Tararua Kahui Ako (COL).
4. Ensuring any personal grievance claims are dealt with in a professional and confidential manner.
5. Ensuring appropriate legal advice is sought as employment issues arise which may include but is not limited to NZSTA advisers.

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## **18.6 Farm Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose of the farm Committee**

The farm committee, as a committee of the board, is formed to ensure good practice and management is implemented so the College farm is a viable financial entity along with fulfilling the role of student learning.

**Committee Members**

Iain Anderson (P) Andrew Wylie (T) Nicki Harding (HOD) Zoe Doidge (PI) Phil Marsh (BM)

**Delegated Authority**

The farm committee is responsible to the board for:

1. Developing a farm business plan to be reviewed annually.
2. Recommending an annual operating and capital budget for board approval.
3. Monitoring and reporting on the budget and farm management via the principal to each board meeting.
4. Buying and selling stock.
5. Filing a stock reconciliation at the end of each financial year.
6. Seasonal management of pasture, supplements and weed control.
7. Employment of contractors for farm maintenance and supplement making.
8. Maintenance of farm tools and equipment.
9. Ensuring the bequeathed asset is well maintained and aesthetically pleasing as a “model farm”.
10. Ensuring a high level of animal health and welfare is maintained.
11. Undertaking an annual health and safety farm audit to ensure the safety of all students, staff and visitors.

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## 19. Tararua College Delegations List

Name Date of Delegation	Members	Delegated Authority	Term of Delegation
<b>Disciplinary Committee</b> 13/06/19	All current trustees except the principal and student representative	That the Disciplinary Committee members are delegated authority to be members of the board's Disciplinary Committee acting under the Terms of Reference for this committee.	Ongoing
<b>Finance Committee</b> 13/06/19	Iain Anderson (P) Phil Marsh Katie Harris (T)	That the Finance Committee members are delegated authority to be members of the board's Finance Committee acting under the Terms of Reference for this committee.	Election 2022
<b>Property Committee</b> 13/06/19	Iain Anderson (P) Phil Marsh (BM) Louise Powick (T) Jason Rankin (T)	That the Property Committee members are delegated authority to be members of the board's Property Committee acting under the Terms of Reference for this committee.	Election 2022
<b>Health and Safety Committee</b> 13/06/19	Phil Marsh (BM) Iain Anderson (P) Shelley Arends (T) Reihana Tipene (T) Tira Mathews Warrick Greaves	That the Health and Safety Committee members are delegated authority to be members of the board's Health and Safety Committee acting under the Terms of Reference for this committee.	Election 2022
<b>Personnel Committee</b> 13/06/19	All current trustees except the student representative	That the Personnel Committee members are delegated authority to be members of the board's Personnel Committee acting under the Terms of Reference for this committee.	Ongoing
<b>Principal</b> 14/10/19	Iain Anderson	That the board delegates all authority and accountability for the day to day operational organisation of Tararua College to the principal, who must ensure compliance with both the board's policy framework and the law of New Zealand and be in line with specific delegations reviewed annually. <i>Refer to Responsibilities of the Principal Policy</i>	Ongoing

<b>Chairperson</b> Feb 2020	Louise Powick	That the board delegates authority to the chairperson to represent the board to external parties as an official spokesperson for Tararua College <i>Refer to Chairpersons Role Description Policy</i>	Feb 2021
<b>Deputy Principal</b> Feb 2020	Jo Sheridan Mary Zambazos	That the board directs that, except where the board, at its discretion, otherwise determines, the deputy principal in the absence of the principal from duty for periods not exceeding 2 weeks and for the full period or periods of such absence, perform all the duties and powers of the principal.	Dec 2020

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## **20. Concerns and Complaints Process**

All members of the school community should be aware that the board has a complaint and concerns process.

A **concern** is a minor issue that can be resolved informally between the parties involved. An unresolved or repeated concern may be escalated to a complaint.

A **complaint** is an issue of serious nature and may involve the consideration of disciplinary, legal or employment consequences

Complaints are to be acknowledged within 7 days and complainant advised of board process.

Complaints are dealt with “in committee” and may require a special meeting of the board. Delegations need to be formally recorded and timeframes determined.

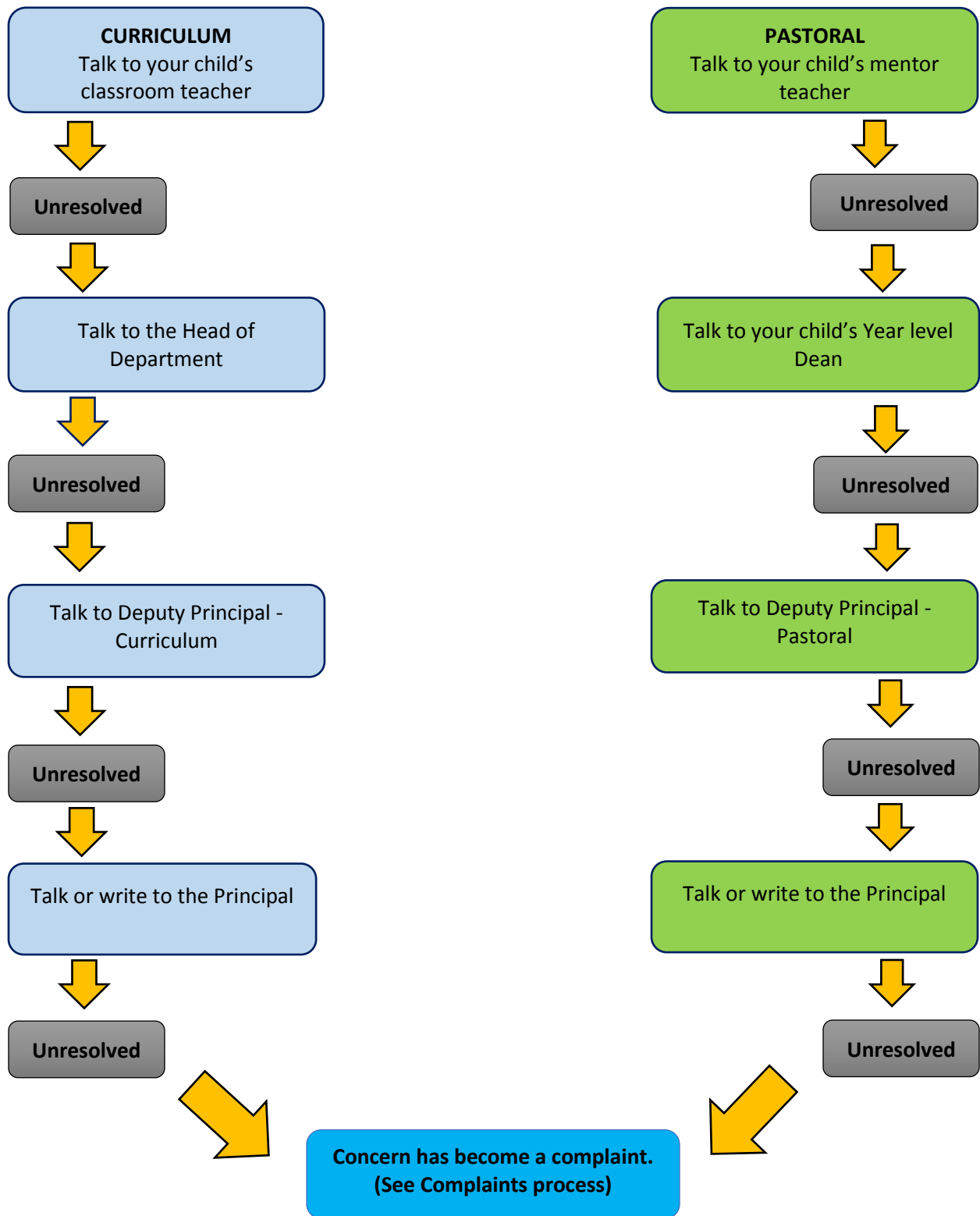
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Decisions are to be formally minuted.

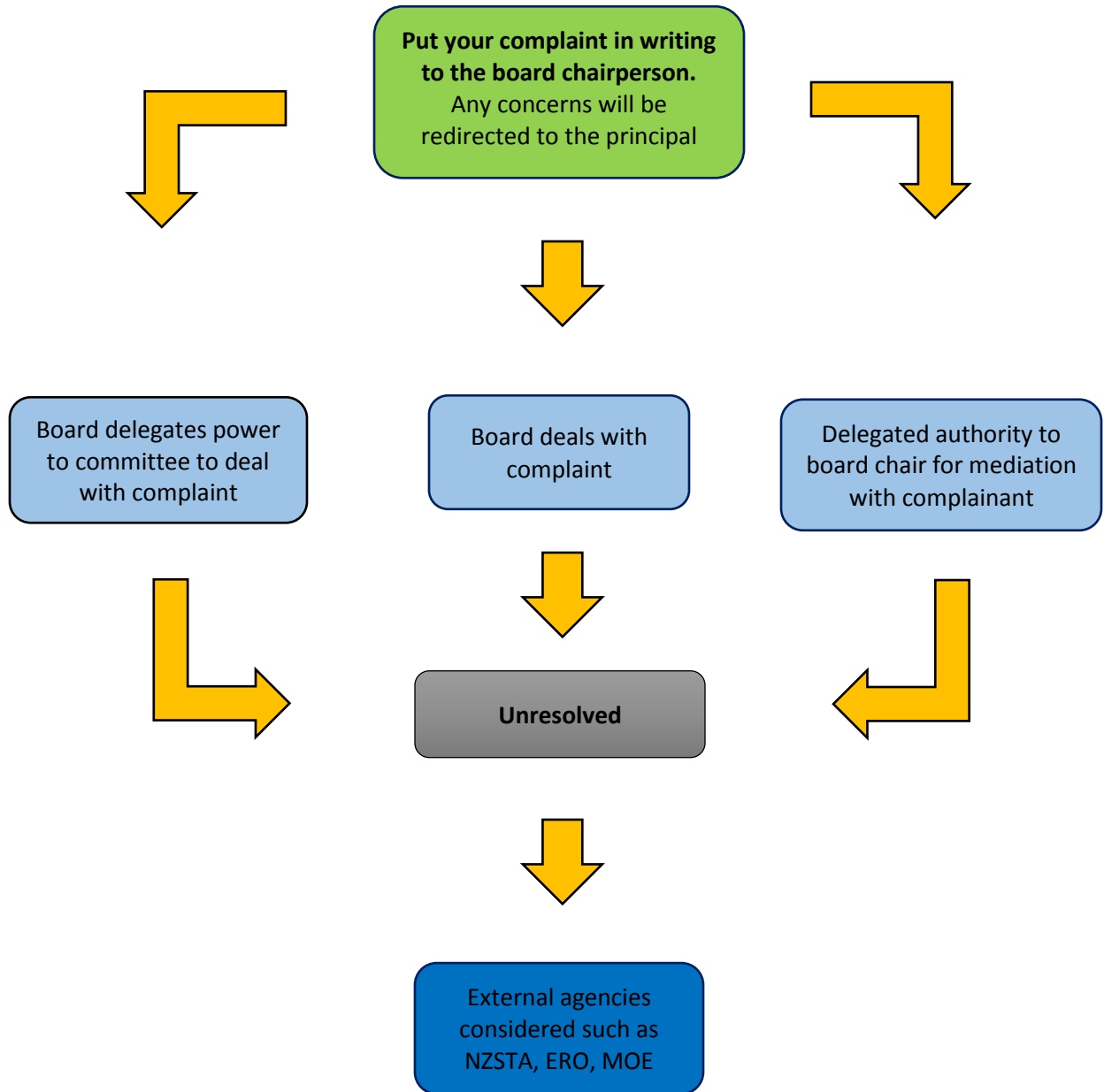
Board advises complainant in writing of outcome within 21 days, unless otherwise agreed by both parties.

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## Concerns Process – Curriculum or Pastoral



## Complaints Process



**21. Trustee Register – this register will be updated when any trustee joins or leaves the board or the board opts into or out of mid-term election cycle.**

Approved Number of Elected Parent Representatives = 5

Mid-term election cycle

No

Name	Phone/email	Position on board	Type of member (Note 1)	Start date	Left board date	Current Term expires
Jason Rankin	<a href="mailto:rankinbuilding@slingshot.co.nz">rankinbuilding@slingshot.co.nz</a> Home 376 6352 Mobile 027 269 0047	Trustee	EL	13/06/19		Election 2022
Katie Harris	<a href="mailto:wump@xtra.co.nz">wump@xtra.co.nz</a> Home 376 8445 Mobile 027 245 2837	Deputy Chairperson	EL	23/06/16		Election 2022
Shelley Arends	<a href="mailto:sarends@tararuacollege.school.nz">sarends@tararuacollege.school.nz</a> Mobile 021 157 6300	Trustee	Staff trustee	13/06/19		Election 2022
Louise Powick	<a href="mailto:powicks@farmside.co.nz">powicks@farmside.co.nz</a> Home 376 6969 Mobile 027 622 8091	Chairperson	EL	23/06/16		Election 2022
Andrew Wylie	<a href="mailto:Kelly.andrew@inspire.net.nz">Kelly.andrew@inspire.net.nz</a> Home 376 6368 Mobile 021 820 878	Secretary	EL	23/06/16		Election 2022
Iain Anderson	<a href="mailto:ianderson@tararuacollege.school.nz">ianderson@tararuacollege.school.nz</a> Mobile 027 192 597	Trustee	Principal	14/10/19		
Reihana Tipene	<a href="mailto:brack.tip@gmail.com">brack.tip@gmail.com</a> Home 376 8174 Mobile 027 332 2562	Trustee	EL	March 2013		Election 2022
Leeroy Harris	<a href="mailto:17harris1@tararuacollege.school.nz">17harris1@tararuacollege.school.nz</a>	Trustee	Student trustee	Sept 2019		Sept 2020

**Note 1:** Elected, selected, co-opted, staff trustee, student trustee, proprietor's appointee, principal

**Note 2:** If the board opts into or out of mid-term election cycle please ensure it is noted here and the MoE are advised

**Note 3:** Complete form (Appendix F) for informing MoE and NZSTA

## 22. Board Work Plan.

Year: 2020		Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		Term 4	
Review	Board meeting	13 February	19 March	14 May	11 June	6 August	10 September	29 October	3 December
Strategic Review	Charter	Approve Charter/AoV (MoE)			Community consultation	Review of introduction section	Review of strategic plan	Review of strategic plan	Analysis of Variance Annual plan draft
	Strategic aims		Strategic aim 1	Strategic aim 2	Strategic aim 3	Strategic aim 1	Strategic aim 2	Strategic aim 3	
Regular Review	Policy	9. Chair role 19. Delegations 21. Trustee reg			1.Board roles 20. Complaints		7.Remuneration 8. Conflict of int 18.Board comm	Operational Policy	
	Student achievement		NCEA confirmed results	High Performance Academy	NCEA tracking At risk students	Maori/Pasifika	SSC/Alt Ed overview	NCEA Progress report	Year 10 numeracy and literacy
	Personnel	Develop PPA for 2020	2019 PPA report HR Self-Audit		PPA review mtg		PPA review mtg		PPA interviews Staff/BOT survey
	Curriculum	Junior Learning Year 9 and 10	HOD Reporting	Curriculum review committee	College Farm	International Students support	Curriculum review committee	HOD Reports 19 <sup>th</sup> November	
	Finance	Budgeted Balance Sheet	Capital Expenditure				Capital Expenditure		Budget approved
Communication Plan	Community	School BBQ 26 February TC Chat	Term 1 Bulletin		Term 2 Bulletin		Term 3 Bulletin		Term 4 Bulletin
	Staff		Staff term 1		Staff term 2		Staff term 3		Staff term 4
Compliance	Board process requirements	Appoint chair Delegations List	Accounts to Auditor	5 YA/Charter annual report (MoE)		Appoint RO student elections	Student Rep elections		2021 work plan Asset register
PLD									



## **Part 3**

## **Operational Policy**

### **1. Curriculum Delivery Policy**

Delivery of the curriculum shall foster student progress and achievement and meet all board expectations and legislative requirements. Therefore the principal must ensure:

1. achievement of the Charter aims and targets
2. compliance with the National Administration Guidelines
3. there is a focus on the national priority groups of Maori, Pasifika and students with special learning needs in school planning and reporting
4. that board approval is sought before changes to the school curriculum requiring increased expenditure or significant changes to programmes are made.

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### **2. Personnel Policy**

The board delegates responsibility to the principal on all matters relating to the management of staff in the expectation that they will be managed in a sound, fair, and respectful manner in accordance with the current terms of employment documents and identified good practice. Therefore, the principal must ensure:

1. that all employment related legislative requirements are applied
2. all employees their rights to personal dignity and safety and ensure that matters are resolved in an appropriate and fair manner
3. a smoke free environment is provided
4. that employment records are maintained and that all employees have written employment agreements
5. that employee leave is effectively managed and reported so:
  - the risk of financial liability is minimised, operational needs are met, and the needs of individual staff are considered.
  - board approval is sought for any requests for discretionary staff leave with or without pay longer than 10 school days.
  - board approval is sought for any requests for staff travelling overseas on school business
  - the board is advised of any staff absences longer than 10 school days
6. that performance agreements are established for all staff and that reviews are undertaken annually
7. a suitable professional development programme, which takes into consideration the requirements of the strategic and annual plans, is provided as part of each employee's performance agreement
8. the requirements of the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 are met

9. appropriate legal advice is sought as employment issues arise which may include but is not limited to NZSTA advisers

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### **3. Appointments Policy**

To assist in the appointment of quality staff to any vacancy which may arise, appointment committees with expertise relevant to the vacancy, will be selected to carry out the appropriate appointment procedures and ensure good employment practice.

In accordance with the regulatory requirements for safety checking under the Vulnerable Children Act 2014, we demonstrate our commitment to the safety of children by adopting appropriate safety checking practices when employing school staff, whether core workers, volunteers or other. This policy is used in conjunction with Tararua College school procedures on safety checking, police vetting and screening.

Therefore, the principal must ensure that they:

1. determine the composition of the various appointment committees according to the schedule outlined below:
  - a. Appointment of Senior Leadership positions will involve an appointment committee consisting of the principal, the board chair (or delegated trustee) and a further trustee (should the board feel the need to include one).
  - b. Unless determined otherwise by the board, appointment of all other teachers, part time teachers, long term relieving teachers, and non-teaching staff will be the responsibility of the principal in consultation with the board chair or delegate where deemed necessary.
2. Have school procedures in place and fully implemented that meet all legislative requirements regarding safety checking, police vetting and screening of all staff.

Appointment of the principal is the responsibility of the board which will determine the process.

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### **4. Financial Planning Policy**

The board of trustees has overall responsibility for the financial management of the school but delegates the day-to-day management of the school's finance's and budget to the principal. The principal, in association with the Finance Committee, is responsible for recommending an annual operating and capital budget to the board within the timelines specified in the Finance Committee terms of reference.

Budgeting shall not fail to reflect the annual plan, risk financial jeopardy nor fail to show a generally acceptable level of foresight.

Thus the budget should:

1. reflect the results sought by the board
2. reflect the priorities as established by the board
3. comply where the board's requirement is for a balanced budget

4. demonstrate an appropriate degree of conservatism in all estimates

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## **5. Financial Condition Policy**

The financial viability of the school must be protected at all times. The board understands that the possibility of theft or fraud cannot be entirely eliminated however the principal is required to show there are in place safeguards and robust, clear procedures to minimise the risk of either event.

**Resource:** Reference should be made to 5.4 of the Financial Information for Schools Handbook (FISH). Therefore, the principal must ensure that:

1. unauthorised debt or liability is not incurred
2. generally accepted accounting practices or principles are not violated
3. tagged/committed funds are not used for purposes other than those approved
4. more funds than have been allocated in the fiscal year are not spent without prior board approval
5. will endeavour to ensure all money owed to the school is collected in a timely manner
6. timely payment to staff and other creditors is made
7. unauthorised property is not sold or purchased
8. all relevant government returns are completed on time
9. no one person has complete authority over the school's financial transactions
10. when making any purchase:
  - of over \$3,000, comparative prices are sought
  - of over \$10,000 a feasibility study of ongoing costs, value and reliability is undertaken
  - of over \$5,000 on a single item board approval is first sought
11. effective systems are in place to meet the requirements of the payroll system

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## **6. Asset Protection Policy**

Assets may not be unprotected, inadequately maintained or unnecessarily risked. The principal is delegated day to day responsibility for ensuring that the programming and funding of general maintenance of the school grounds, buildings, facilities and other assets occurs in order to provide a clean, safe and tidy work and learning environment for students and staff.

Accordingly, the principal must:

1. ensure all board assets are insured
2. not allow unauthorised personnel or groups to handle funds or school property

3. not subject plant and equipment to improper wear and tear or insufficient maintenance or inappropriate use
4. maintain an up to date asset register for all items of furnishing, plant machinery, equipment, text and library books costing more than \$500.00
5. ensure the implementation of the 10 year property maintenance plan
6. engage sufficient property maintenance staff for the school within budget limitations
7. receive board approval for maintenance contracts over \$5000 for any one contract unless subject to any previous delegated authority for property maintenance
8. conduct competitive tenders for all contracting
9. protect intellectual property, information and files from loss or significant damage or unauthorised access or duplication
10. not receive, process or disburse funds under controls that are insufficient to meet the board-appointed auditor's standards
11. not invest or hold operating capital in insecure accounts, or in non-interest bearing accounts except where necessary to facilitate ease in operational transactions

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### **7. Protection and sharing of intellectual property (creative commons)**

Learning resources and other materials created by school staff in the course of their employment are an important asset and form a large part of the school's intellectual capital. The open and free exchange of information, knowledge and resources, and the collaborative production of copyright works that are made freely available allows our students' access to a wider range of high quality learning resources and materials than would otherwise be possible.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the board's access to materials produced by the board's employees in the course of their employment is protected, while encouraging staff to share these works with others.

The board of trustees of Tararua College therefore:

1. Recognises that the board of trustees holds first ownership of copyright of works produced by the board's employees in the course of their employment under section 21(2) of the Copyright Act 1994 (NZ).
2. Delegates to the principal the responsibility to
  - a. Apply by default a Creative Commons Attribution Licence to all teaching materials and policies in which the board of trustees of the school owns copyright.
  - b. Apply a Creative Commons Attribution licence to other copyright works, aside from those described in (2)
  - c. Transfer to the original creator the copyright in created works licensed by the school under a Creative Commons Attribution or Creative Commons Share-Alike licence
  - d. Ensure that all staff are aware of the terms of this policy and how it relates to teaching resources they develop in the course of their employment at the school

3. Does not make any claim over the ownership of copyright works produced by students. The copyright to these works remains with the creator.
4. Recognises that this policy only applies to copyright works, and not to any other forms of intellectual property
5. Recognises that the copyright in works produced by an employee other than in the course of their employment by the board of trustees of the school remains the property of that employee. Where this is unclear, the process for dispute resolution, outlined below, shall apply.

#### **Resolution of disputed copyright ownership**

Where the first ownership of copyright in a given work is disputed or unclear, the following process will apply:

1. In the first instance the dispute should be documented and presented to the school principal.
2. If the dispute is still not resolved then the documentation should be presented to the chairperson of the board of trustees.
3. If the dispute is still not resolved following 1) and 2), mediation with an appropriate authority will be undertaken.

#### **Definitions**

**Creative Commons:** An international non-profit that provides free open licences that copyright holders can use to share their work.

**Teaching Materials:** Copyright works produced by employees of the school for the purposes of teaching.

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## **8. Health and Safety Policy**

The board is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace and to providing the information, training and supervision needed to achieve this to ensure the health and safety of all students, staff and other people in the workplace.

The board is responsible for ensuring health and safety procedures are developed and implemented, however, employees need to be aware of their responsibilities and comply with the board's health and safety policy and school procedures.

The board will, as far as is reasonably practicable; comply with the provisions of legislation dealing with health and safety in the workplace, by:

- providing a safe physical and emotional learning environment that promotes staff and student wellbeing.
- ensuring a health and safety strategy/plan is in place and engagement and consultation with workers and the school community on the strategy occurs
- ensure there are procedures in place regarding the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol and that these are aligned with the protection of students, staff and visitors to the school procedures, and comply with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
- providing adequate facilities, including ensuring access and ensuring property and equipment is safe to use and students and workers are not exposed to hazards
- ensuring there is an effective method in place for identifying, assessing and controlling hazards. This includes recording and investigating injuries, and reporting serious harm incidents
- having a commitment to a culture of continuous improvement

The principal, as Officer has responsibility for implementing this policy and therefore must:

- exercise due diligence in accordance with the provisions of the health and safety legislation, and in particular the six due diligence obligations
- take all reasonable steps to protect students, staff and visitors to the school from unsafe or unhealthy conditions or practices
- ensure that the staff code of conduct is implemented effectively
- ensure that unacceptable behaviour, such as bullying, is addressed and that there are effective processes in place to ensure staff and student wellbeing
- provide a smoke free environment
- ensure a risk analysis management system (RAMS) is in place and carried out
- follow Ministry guidelines for overnight stays/camps/visits attesting first to their compliance with above
- review every two years the health programme being delivered to students
- provide information and training opportunities to employees
- advise the board chair of any emergency situations as soon as possible
- ensure all employees and other workers at the school will take reasonable care to:
  - a. cooperate with school health and safety procedures
  - b. comply with the health and safety legislation, duties of workers
  - c. ensure their own safety at work
  - d. promote and contribute to a safety conscious culture at the school

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## **9. Child Protection Policy**

This policy outlines the board's commitment to child protection and recognises the important role and responsibility of all our staff in the protection of children. It includes the board's expectations when child abuse is reported or suspected by us.

All staff members (including contractors and volunteers) are expected to be familiar with this policy, its associated procedures and protocols and abide by them.

The board of trustees has an obligation to ensure the wellbeing of children in our care so they thrive, belong and achieve. We are committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect and to the protection of all children. Advice will be sought through appropriate agencies in all cases of suspected or alleged abuse.

In line with section 15 of the Children, Young Person and Their Families Act, any person in our school/kura who believes that any child or young person has been, or is likely to be, harmed (whether physically, emotionally, or sexually) ill-treated, abused, neglected, or deprived must follow school procedures and may also report the matter to a social worker or the local police.

Although ultimate accountability sits with the board, the board delegates responsibility to the principal to ensure that all child safety procedures are implemented and available to all staff, contractors, volunteers and parents.

Therefore, the principal must:

1. Develop appropriate procedures to meet child safety requirements as required and appropriate to the school
2. Comply with relevant legislative requirements and responsibilities

3. Make this policy available on the school's internet site or available on request
4. Ensure that every contract, or funding arrangement, that the school enters into requires the adoption of child protection policies where required
5. Ensure the interests and protection of the child are paramount in all circumstances
6. Recognise the rights of family/whanau to participate in the decision-making about their children
7. Ensure that all staff are able to identify the signs and symptoms of potential abuse and neglect, deal with disclosures by children and allegations against staff members and are able to take appropriate action in response
8. Support all staff to work in accordance with this policy, to work with partner agencies and organisations to ensure child protection policies are understood and implemented
9. Promote a culture where staff feel confident they can constructively challenge poor practice or raise issues of concern without fear of reprisal
10. Consult, discuss and share relevant information, in line with our commitment to confidentiality and information sharing protocols, in a timely way regarding any concerns about an individual child with the board or designated person
11. Seek advice as necessary from NZSTA advisors on employment matters and other relevant agencies where child safety issues arise
12. Make available professional development, resources and/or advice to ensure all staff can carry out their roles in terms of this policy
13. Ensure that this policy forms part of the initial staff induction programme for each staff member

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## **10. Legal Responsibilities Policy**

School procedures will meet the legislative statutes and regulations as set down in the appropriate Acts, Ministry of Education circulars and the Education Gazette.

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