



WESLEY COLLEGE TRUST BOARD SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Wesley College provides educational and residential boarding services for approximately 250 rangatahi (youth) age between 13 and 19. Wesley College is committed to creating a “*Safe Environment*” and to ensure the well-being of everyone under Wesley College’s care. Therefore, Wesley College has a **zero-tolerance** stance on child abuse and neglect as part of our commitment to a holistic approach to Safeguarding. Wesley College takes all reasonable steps to ensure the welfare and well-being of rangatahi remains our priority.

Aotearoa/New Zealand has significantly high levels of child vulnerability, abuse, and neglect, and these child safety risks do not discriminate. They can be relevant to personal, professional and community environments. Our history has evidenced Wesley College as not being immune to these risks. Hence we are committed to applying our learnings and strengthening our child safeguarding and protection processes and creating a culture that safeguards everyone, rangatahi, whanau, staff and the College.

We seek to advocate and uphold rangatahi’s rights to safety and protection and empower their voice and participation in our safeguarding journey. This includes us creating safe channels and environments to support rangatahi, whanau and staff in speaking up and speaking out on any child safety complaints or concerns. Wesley College commits to providing designated safeguarding staff and to operating above legislative requirements by leading safeguarding and child protection best practices in all our undertakings.

Therefore, we can achieve this commitment through our:

Vision:

When our service is our well-being, our well-being is served.

School Moto:

By Faith, By Learning, By Hard Work

Kairangi Values:

Family, Respect, Excellence, Responsibilities