

16.SURRENDER AND RETENTION OF PROPERTY AND SEARCHES

Purpose

To ensure that the Board complies in full with any legislative requirements (as directed by NAG 5, Common Law) relating to surrender and retention and that a safe physical and emotional environment is provided for students and staff.

Guidelines:

1. Staff are expected to act in a reasonable least intrusive manner based on what is reasonable in the circumstances.
2. The Board, through the Principal and Deputy Principals (or persons acting in these roles), will ensure that potential harmful situations are identified and addressed.

This policy deal with any item that is:

- Likely to endanger the safety of others
 - Likely to detrimentally affect the learning environment
 - Harmful (poses an immediate threat to the physical or emotional safety of others)
3. The Board, through the Principal and Deputy Principals (or persons acting in these roles), will ensure that the school acts reasonably, in good faith and in the least intrusive manner to achieve a safe environment.
 4. The Board expects the staff to exercise good judgement based on what is reasonable in the circumstances.
 5. The Board will adhere to the Ministry of Education guidelines and procedures relating to the surrender and retention of property and searches of students.
 6. The Board will ensure that staff are provided with opportunities for training in the understanding and operation of this Policy as required.

Ratified by Board of Trustees

23rd April 2020