

DRUGS

RATIONALE

Aorangi School is committed to providing its students and teachers with the knowledge and strategies to make healthy, safe and sensible choices in relation to drugs.

PURPOSE

- To provide a safe school environment.
- To ensure sensible use of medication at school by raising individual awareness e.g. asthma inhalers, and to provide guidelines for the use of prescribed medicines.
- To ensure that students and adults are aware of the need to make sensible choices for good health.

GUIDELINES

1. Students, staff and parents and caregivers will have opportunities to become more aware of relevant health factors through class lessons, letters home, use of resources and professional development.
2. There will be an on-going commitment to education which assists children to make sensible choices e.g. Life Education.
3. Staff will utilize the expertise of outside agencies to help students use their individual medication correctly e.g. Asthma Awareness, Epilepsy.
4. Prescribed medicine will be stored and administered according to the Administration of Prescribed Medicines Policy.

CONCLUSION

Aorangi School will be a safe environment where students will be provided with the knowledge and strategies to make sensible, healthy, informed choices on the use and misuse of any chemical substances, now and in the future.

Approved **Board of Trustees Meeting** ___ / ___ / ___

Signature of Chairperson _____ ___ / ___ / ___

Signature of Principal _____ ___ / ___ / ___