

HIV/AIDS AND OTHER BLOOD-BORNE VIRUSES

RATIONALE

The Board of Trustees will balance the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS etc with its responsibility to provide a safe school environment.

PURPOSE

- To protect an individual's right to privacy.
- To protect a student's right to free education in any state school.
- To ensure that a safe environment is maintained for staff and students.

GUIDELINES

1. Individuals with a blood-borne virus will be supported so that they can live as normal lives as possible.
2. Individuals with a blood-borne virus should be able to participate in all activities at school as their health permits.
3. Staff will treat all children with an injury as if they have a blood-borne virus, wear gloves, and dispose of the gloves after ensuring all areas are clean.
4. Upon enrolment parents will be asked if their child has a blood-borne virus of any description particularly HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis B.
5. This information will remain confidential to the child's parents, Board of Trustees, School Secretary, Senior Leadership Team and child's teacher. Under no circumstances will this information be made public knowledge.
6. The school's health programme will be used to educate students and staff about blood-borne viruses.

CONCLUSION

By providing a safe school environment all students, including those living with HIV/AIDS will have access to an education at Aorangi School.

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

Signature of Chairperson _____ ___ / ___ / ___

Signature of Principal _____ ___ / ___ / ___