

CHRISTCHURCH RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

PROCEDURES

Management

Policy NAG 5 **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Procedure 1.6B **Countering Text and Electronic Bullying**

Any electronic abuse by Students, Whanau or Teachers is unacceptable in our school

It is required of all students that they do not post on social network web-sites (eg. Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook etc) any material that may be derogatory or inflammatory, nor any personal information (eg phone numbers, addresses) be given out of any student.

Any abusive behaviour in the school will be dealt with as soon as possible; this includes any text or electronic bullying or any action of an abusive nature whatsoever.

Including but not limited to:

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Any other unwanted text communication affecting a students or teachers school life

If electronic bullying occurs;

1. The Dean and or Guidance Counsellor should be advised and help sought from them or any student or teacher, for any incidents.
2. Appropriate follow up action within the school could include confiscation of cell phone or electronic devices suspected to be involved up to student exclusion.
3. Any abusive text messages should be reported to the network supplier for immediate action and records of the event should be taken.
The suppliers will give advice on follow up, and will report action to the police or take steps to suspend the offender's service, or proceed to prosecution whenever the abuse is frequent and sustained.

No images / photograph to be taken or used of any students or staff without permission.

Text messaging is allowed during regular school breaks on the basis that safe communications are expected.

Class surveys will be conducted to monitor the incidence of text messaging abuse or bullying if requested by pupils, staff or parents when deemed necessary and useful.

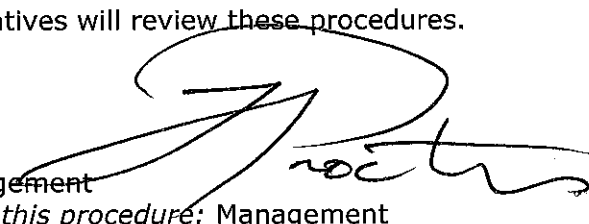
Staff and student representatives will review these procedures.

Date Reviewed 6 April 2016

Responsibility for review: Management

Responsibility for administering this procedure: Management

Signed

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Review: April 2019