

WAITAKERE COLLEGE

Section E (NAG 5) SAFE, PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Policy: Sexuality Education

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Goal

To support students developing healthy attitudes towards their own and others sexuality.

Objectives

- 1 To assist students to gain accurate and honest information about sexuality.
- 2 To encourage students to clarify their own values and understand the values of their family and community.
- 3 To assist students to develop the skills they need to make responsible decisions about sexuality.
- 4 To assist students to understand their rights of access to health care services within and beyond the school.

Guidelines

- 1 Sexuality education will be taught as part of a comprehensive health education programme consistent with the Health and Physical Education curriculum.
- 2 Before the sexuality programme begins, parents/caregivers will be sent information on the programme and will be reminded of their right to withdraw their child.
- 3 The programme will encourage students to develop the skills and attitudes of self worth, decision-making, relating to and respecting the rights of others. It will include the topic of contraception, including abstinence.
- 4 Teachers of sexuality education will be appropriately trained and the Principal will be informed of the topics to be covered by visiting speakers.
- 5 Self-referral to school Counsellors will be encouraged where appropriate.
- 6 Teachers can with due sensitivity display posters, hand out pamphlets, books and show videos containing sexuality information at the appropriate year levels.
- 7 Teaching staff will be available to discuss the content of the programme with parents/caregivers.

Chairperson

Principal

Date