

HEWETT HOUSE – NAPIER GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

POLICY ON A SOCIALLY SAFE ENVIRONMENT

POLICY STATEMENT

Each person in Hewett House has a right to live within a socially safe environment.

PURPOSE

- The Hostel aims to provide an environment which will ensure that all members of the Hostel can develop and mature without feeling threatened and inhibited by anti-social, aggressive or violent behaviour of others.
- The Hostel aims to regularly remind all members about this policy.

GUIDELINES

1. Acts of anti-social behaviour including any form of bullying or exclusion are dealt with by the Manager of Hewett House and/or Principal, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees.
2. The network of Pastoral care is very strong. Students are encouraged to refer to the Supervisors, buddy, senior students, junior leaders or prefects for personal assistance in cases of anti-social inappropriate behaviour. Parents are advised to communicate all concerns.
3. Complaints about anti-social/inappropriate behaviour will always be taken seriously and are dealt with according to Hostel guidelines.
4. Monitoring and follow-up will take place to ensure that anti-social/inappropriate behaviour stops.
5. A culture of respect and caring for others will be reinforced by positive role models, building a positive Hostel climate and using routines that develop self-esteem.
6. Year 13 buddy system will be run for Year 9 boarders to discourage bullying and exclusion.
7. Hostel grounds are kept clean and safe. Staff are on duty during the day. All entries to and exits from the Hostel are to be with the knowledge of Hostel authorities.
8. All visitors to the Hostel are at the discretion of, and must have the permission of, Hewett House Management. The Hewett House Management has the legal right to refuse permission for such access to the Hostel.

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