



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL POLICY

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Policy No: 5.9
(NAG 5)

INTRODUCTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 The impact of and Potentially Infectious Diseases is a concern in our community. Whanganui High School is committed to a humane approach in dealing with individuals with infectious diseases and to creating a safe environment for all students and staff.2 The School has a role in emphasising attitudes and practices that will safeguard the well-being of people infected and providing guidelines for dealing with potentially hazardous situations.
OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 To ensure that staff, students and parents receive honest and accurate information about the effects of HIV and other infectious diseases.2 To provide a compassionate environment for and to prevent unfair treatment of persons affected by an infectious disease.3 To develop confidence in staff and students to handle potentially hazardous situations involving these diseases.4 To ensure that employment and enrolment policies do not discriminate against people on the grounds that they have a potentially infectious disease.
GUIDELINES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Information about HIV and other infectious diseases will be given to students as part of an ongoing integrated Health Education programme.2 Staff and parents will be informed about, and have the opportunity to be involved in educational programmes concerning these diseases when appropriate.3 The School will follow the specific guidelines suggested by the Health Department to deal with blood spills. A copy of these guidelines will be enclosed in an infectious diseases kit located in each School block. (<i>Refer to Appendix I</i>)4 Any person with an infectious disease will be encouraged to seek treatment and must respect the rights of others to be infection free. Confidentiality in respect to the knowledge of an infected person may be waived, if the person is a danger to others because he/she does not respect the rights of others to be infection free.5 Employment and enrolment will not be affected by the knowledge that a person has an infectious disease.
EXPECTED OUTCOME	Staff, students and parents are given accurate information, and their well-being is safeguarded as relevant, in potentially hazardous situations.
EVALUATION	The Board, in association with the Principal, will review this policy on a three-yearly cycle in accordance with the School's quality management cycle.

Approved by the Board
Signed Chairperson:

Date:

26/2/18

Signed Principal:

Date:

26/2/18

**GUIDELINES FOR INFECTION CONTROL OR HIV/AIDS AND
OTHER BLOOD-BORNE VIRUSES IN SCHOOLS**

- 1 **Before treating a child who is bleeding, make sure you cover any cuts or abrasions you may have on your hands and arms with a water-proof dressing.**
- 2 Wear gloves for all procedures.
- 3 Don't delay treatment of a child who is bleeding, *under any circumstances*, because gloves are not immediately available. Use an absorbent barrier such as a towel, paper towel, handkerchief, etc. for an actively bleeding child.
- 4 Dispose of used gloves, soiled dressings, sanitary towels, tissues, etc., in a place where they will not be handled, eg. in bags which are burnt or buried.
- 5 Wipe clean and then sterilise all surfaces and instruments contaminated with blood. Make sure you use an effective disinfectant, eg. (one volume of household bleach to nine volumes of cold water.).
- 6 Soak surfaces for 20 minutes and then wipe dry. Prepare a fresh solution immediately before you want to use it.
- 7 Wash hands thoroughly when you have finished. Hand washing is usually adequate for non-blood secretions, but the above precautions (ie, gloves, etc.) can also be used.
- 8 Make sure that first-aid kits include disposable gloves, disposable wipes and towels, plastic bags for contaminated waste, a skin disinfectant and a bleach solution (or hypochlorite solution or granules) with instructions for use.