



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL POLICY

POST-DISASTER SURVIVAL

Policy No: 5.3
(NAG 5)

INTRODUCTION	1	The School must ensure the safety of children in the interim between evacuation following a major disaster, and parents and caregivers resuming responsibility for their children, and before the re-opening of School following a disaster.
OBJECTIVES	1 2 3	To record the transition of children from School to parents and caregiver responsibility. To provide sufficient water, food, warmth and shelter for children left dependent on School personnel. To establish information-sharing between Civil Defence and School.
GUIDELINES	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	A Post Disaster Register will be kept detailing home address and emergency contact information – updated twice a year and kept in the Student Centre. Full details of time, name and address of persons collecting children will be kept on the Post Disaster Register. Children are only to be released from School, post-disaster, under the following guidelines: a) To parent or caregivers, or emergency contact person, or b) Once a Civil Defence Emergency is declared safe by Police or other rescue organisations. Based on a disaster scenario, Civil Defence estimate: a) A major disaster in Whanganui would result in the deaths or injury of 3.5% of the population. b) All but 3.5% of the children (those left alone due to parent or caregiver deaths and injuries) would be collected within three hours of the disaster. c) Assuming up to 60-70 children could be left at School with no parents or caregivers to collect them, then the person named as the emergency caregiver will be contacted. For children with no parents or caregivers, or named family, the School will provide the necessities of life by: a) Shelter – using classrooms, etc. b) Water – obtained from one of the many locations around the School or from stored water in the canteen. c) Food – will provide food needs for up to 48 hours with the School canteen. After six hours or when it is known that a child's family have been killed or injured and no contacts can be reached, welfare agencies will be contacted. The Principal is responsible for the release of staff to attend to their own families, always acknowledging that safety and supervision of children at the School must be provided for. The Principal is to contact Civil Defence Headquarters to advise of the School's status (Deputy Principal back up). The Principal will consult with Civil Defence regarding possible reopening of the School following an emergency closure.
EXPECTED OUTCOME		On site resources and supplies will effectively provide the shelter, food and water needed for the number of children left in the School personnel's care following a major disaster.
EVALUATION		The Board, in association with the Principal, will review this policy annually in accordance with the School's quality management cycle.

Approved by the Board

Signed Chairperson:

Date:

Signed Principal:

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