

# RIDGEVIEW SCHOOL BOARD POLICY



## SWIMMING POOL MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE

The Ridgeview School board is responsible for managing and maintaining our school pool and complies with relevant legislation, regulations, and New Zealand standards. The principal ensures a risk management and safety assessment of the pool compound is completed as part of regular checks, and reported to the board.

### Safety and maintenance

- The fencing and gate operation is checked as part of regular site inspections and maintained to meet NZS 8500:2006 and the Building Act 2004.
- The design and maintenance of mechanical equipment meets NZS 4441:2008.
- Pool chemicals are always kept locked securely away, and are handled and stored correctly.
- Maintenance of the pool surrounds is carried out when the pool is not in use, where possible.
- An emergency contact number for the caretaker is displayed at the pool.

### Water Testing and Monitoring

Pool water quality is maintained to comply with NZS 5826:2010. This standard aims to maintain chemical and microbiological levels to safeguard health, prevent unnecessary discomfort, and minimise degradation of the pool and equipment.

- The principal has been trained in water treatment to meet NZQA Unit Standard 20046 in swimming pool water quality, and to supervise water treatment three times a day when the pool is in use.
- The principal is responsible for water quality and treatment during the school year. If no one is available to test and treat the water, the pool will be closed.
- Microbiological monitoring is completed monthly.
- Every year, the principal assures the board that a full risk management and safety assessment of the pool compound has been completed.
- Every year, the principal assures the board that an internal audit of health and safety compliance and practices has been conducted by the school health and safety committee/delegated health and safety person.
- Every term, the principal assures the board that identified hazards are being monitored/controlled (including risks to student safety and wellbeing) and that measures are being re-evaluated to check their adequacy.

This policy will be reviewed as per the Board's Effectiveness Review Programme

Confirmed by the Board on: 28/11/2023 (date)

The planned review date will be: November 2026 (date)

  
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Presiding Member

  
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Principal