RIDGEVIEW SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

Ridgeview School provides swimming opportunities for students to learn aquatic skills, gain water safety knowledge, and enjoy leisure and sports activities. Swimming is part of the Health and Safety Education curriculum and if a student is unable to participate in swimming activities, parents/caregivers must explain why and advise when their child can swim again.

Ridgeview School is committed to providing a safe swimming pool environment, so far as is reasonably practicable. The board:

- complies with all legislative requirements and New Zealand Standards related to the management and maintenance of the pool compound
- follows swimming pool guidance from the Ministry of Education
- ensures that pool rules and an emergency contact number are clearly displayed in the pool area.

Pool users must take reasonable care for their own health and safety and observe rules and guidelines for pool use to minimise the risk of accident or injury, or pool closure. We follow our school sun protection practices when using the school pool.

- 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   **Principal**