

## **Port Ahuriri School Operation and Use of the Swimming Pool**

### **Rationale:**

Port Ahuriri School is committed to providing a safe environment as far as practicable for our school community. The swimming pool enclosure must meet all legislative requirements, and the pool rules and common sense observed to minimise risk of accident or injury.

### **Scope:**

The primary purpose of the pool is to provide for physical education curriculum delivery.

The board complies with the Ministry of Education Health and Safety Code of Practice requiring Boards to have a pool policy and procedures detailing the use of the swimming pool.

Except where the pool and surroundings are made available to the public, the Board of Trustees are not directly responsible nor liable for any harm to pool users providing the pool and surrounds are safe as practicably possible outside of school hours.

Supervision and control of pool users outside of school hours is not the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. Users must comply with the Port Ahuriri School Swimming Pool Code of Practice.

### **Guidelines:**

The swimming pool shall be operated, managed and used in accordance with the:

- Health and Safety Code of Practice for State and State Integrated Schools (Section 32 Swimming Pools)
- accepted best practice methods in the operation and management of school swimming pools as set out from time to time by Water Safety New Zealand.

The provisions above include the relevant sections of the:

- Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987
- Building Act 1991 and Building Code
- Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- Water Quality Standard NZS 5826:2010
- Water Safety Signs Standard NZS 8690:2010

The school will maintain and operate the pool to ensure that the required water quality and other operating standards are met for the period of the year and hours of the day required.

During any school session when the pool is in use, there will be at least one person designated as the swimming pool supervisor, who will supervise the pool at all times. The number of additional supervisors required will be determined by the number of swimmers

This policy and User Code shall be easily accessible to all users by being permanently displayed in the pool enclosure, and provided to all authorised users.

### ***After-hours use by other organisations and individuals***

The school may allow the pool to be used by other organisations and individuals, outside of normal school hours, subject to prior approval, and conditional on appropriate operational management regimes or arrangements being in place to ensure water quality and safety standards are maintained. This may consist of arrangements whereby the authorised user assists with monitoring and maintaining those standards.

After-hours users are required to take full responsibility for the safety and welfare of themselves and all persons accompanying them.