

3.3.1.4 Special Education Needs Policy

Statement of Intent

Paraparaumu College upholds legislative requirements for students with special education needs, those being:

- i. that people who have special educational needs (whether because of disability or otherwise) have the same rights to enrol and receive education at State schools as people who do not – Education Act 1989 s.8; and
- ii. that everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds of disability - Human Rights Act 1993 s. 21(h)

This policy requires that students at Paraparaumu College with special education needs are enabled to realise their full potential by ensuring learning, achievement, and success within the College are equitably accessible.

Board Expectations

The Paraparaumu Board of Trustees expects, with regards to special education needs, that:

- students are recognised as active, capable learners, enabled to access and engage with learning programmes and courses;
- student strengths and needs are promptly identified;
- the College is an inclusive and culturally responsive environment;
- the College staff engages with students with special education in an inclusive and responsive manner;
- the College is appropriately resourced, including with support services and professional development;
- opportunities for engagement with whanau and family are sought; and
- achievement is monitored and reported regularly.

Supporting Documents

The following documents support this policy and shall be made readily available at Paraparaumu College:

- Curriculum, Learning and Teaching Policy
- Community Consultation Policy

The Principal or delegated staff will uphold this policy through new or existing procedures and practices which will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Delegations

Responsibility for the implementation of the Special Education Needs policy is delegated to the Principal.

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Review Date (Annual): 28 June 2016

Signed by the Chairperson of the
Board of Trustees on behalf
of the Board of Trustees

