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**Ratified by B.O.T.**    **Date: September 2018**    **Review Date: September 2021**

**Signed by Chairman:**

**POLICY TITLE:                    Student Welfare Policy**

**POLICY NUMBER:            42        NAG'S REF: 5**

**Rationale:**

The Lake Taupo Christian School Board of Trustees seeks to take all reasonable steps to maintain high standards of behaviour in order to fulfil and the requirements of NAG 5 and the character expectation of being part of a Christian community. The physical and emotional health of students is of paramount importance

Lake Taupo Christian School seeks to foster a culture of care and mutual respect in our students, staff and our wider community. We encourage everyone to take responsibility for themselves and others.

**Policy**

Lake Taupo Christian School will develop and maintain procedures to ensure the physical and emotional health and safety of our students. These procedures will aim to not only maintain a safe school environment, but also aim to address the needs of students and other members of the school community.

Teaching programs will emphasise that each person is a unique and precious part of God's creation and as such is worthy of respect, care and protection.

The prime responsibility for the welfare and pastoral care of pupils rests with the pupils' Learning Centre Supervisor. The supervisor is expected to take an active interest in the child's' welfare and be vigilant and proactive in ensuring the pupils emotional, social and physical well-being.

The supervisor has a responsibility to keep parents informed of any issues or concerns regarding, and any significant incidents involving, the pupil.

If a member of staff has concerns for the welfare of a pupil he/she must immediately inform the principal or a senior member of staff.

Staff members shall make referrals to child protection agencies or appropriate agencies where they have serious concerns for a pupils' welfare (refer to Policy 38 Child Protection Policy)