



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROSPECTUS

# Welcome from the Principal and Staff

## INTRODUCTION

Marlborough Primary School welcomes international students and values the rich social mix overseas students provide in our school community. We provide a comprehensive programme for international students, designed to enable them to gain a full appreciation of New Zealand life while developing their skills in English.

Marlborough Primary School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the NZQA website International Students section.

## PROGRAMME

Marlborough Primary School is a state contributing school teaching the New Zealand Curriculum. In accordance with the 1989 Education Act, section 75, the Board of Trustees controls the management of the school, except to the extent that any enactment or the general law of New Zealand provides otherwise.

The Curricula taught are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- The Arts ( music, dance, drama)
- Technology
- Health
- Physical Education
- Science
- Digital Technology
- Reggio Inspired Inquiry

Copies of the requirements for these Curricula are available on the Ministry of Education website: [www.minedu.govt.nz](http://www.minedu.govt.nz)

The school reports to parents on the student's progress and achievement throughout the year.

Term 1:

Y1 – 6 Meeting with the teacher, student and parents to plan a programme of education for the students. International students will have the opportunity to meet with both the classroom teacher and the ESOL teacher.

Term 2: A written report on the student's achievement will be issued in Term 2.

Term 3: Community Conferences are held to review Term 1 and 2 and set new goals.

Term 4: A full report on the student's progress and achievement, or on final date of attendance.

All international students are placed in a class of their year level and are expected to participate as fully as possible in all areas of the curriculum, with consideration given to their level of English. Where required, students are withdrawn on a regular basis during the week, for intensive small group English lessons with the ESOL teacher, until they are able to work independently within the classroom.

The ESOL lead teacher is responsible for this programme and will liaise directly with the classroom teacher to ensure the student is settling in well, progressing with English, and the school curriculum, and to provide support as required.

The classroom teacher is responsible for ensuring the new student has a buddy group consisting of two or more other students whose role is to help the new student with daily routines, timetables, and activities during the breaks. The teacher also ensures that your child knows where to find the sick bay, toilets etc.

The ESOL teacher continues to monitor international students during the first few weeks while they settle into the class and the school. The teacher is also available to support the students, the classroom teacher, and the parents/caregiver.

Once the initial period is over, the ESOL teacher continues to monitor the student's progress through informal meetings, ESOL teaching times, and (where necessary) formal meetings with the student, the classroom teacher, and the parents/caregiver. Weekly diaries are kept by the classroom teacher. Translators are available if necessary. These may be another child or an adult, depending upon the situation and the requirements.

International students have access to all school facilities, resources and opportunities including computers, school library, music, drama and sports teams.

Please read the main school prospectus for further information on Marlborough Primary School environment, staffing and programmes.

## **ENROLMENT INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES**

The following terms and conditions should be read carefully before any enrolment is proceeded with.

### **ENROLMENT PROCEDURES**

To make an appointment for enrolment please call the office on 09 4810365 or email on [office@Marlboroughprimary.school.nz](mailto:office@Marlboroughprimary.school.nz)

Once an appointment for enrolment has been made the following procedure will occur:

- a. An interview will be scheduled and parents will be advised of the time. This interview will be attended by the prospective student, parents, a translator (if required), and the Principal and international student co-coordinator.
- b. If the applicant is still overseas the process will take place via email, and once they have arrived in New Zealand then sighting of the original documentation can take place.
- c. The interview will comprise of:
  1. Inspection of documentation: - passports/visas, birth certificates, health, medical and travel insurance.

2. Verification of eligibility to attend.
3. Completion of an enrolment application.
4. Tour of the school.
5. Tour of classrooms and outline of daily programmes.
6. Discussion of parental understanding of the code.
7. Any questions the family may have.

On completion of the interview, the school will inform the parents by letter of their decision. The parents have a maximum of 14 days to accept the placement. Acceptance will be advised by the payment of the tuition fees. Once the fees have been received and receipted by the school, the student may attend school. An assessment period of one month may be included as a condition of acceptance if advised by the school.

If there are no current places available, the parents will be notified and will be offered the option to be placed on a waiting list. When a place subsequently becomes available, they will be notified and will then have 14 days to accept or decline the offer.

No student will be refused a place due to the level of their English. A place will be offered when the conditions of enrolment are fully met.

Once a place has been agreed for the student, a start date will be given. On that date the student and parent/s should come to the school office between 8.30 and 8.45am. Once there the Principal will greet the students and accompany them with their parents to meet the teacher in charge of International students and their class teacher. An assessment of the student's level of English will take place once the child has settled into school. Appropriate learning programmes for the student will then be developed.

It is expected that once enrolled in the school the students will attend each day the school is open, unless they are ill.

International Students are required to wear uniform. If they are studying for a long period and wish to purchase uniform it is available from The Warehouse at Glenfield Westfield Mall.

All enrolments are subject to the following conditions, which become legally binding on confirmation of acceptance by the School.

- Parents / student must inform the school of any sickness, behavioural problems, disability or special education needs before enrolment.
- Parents must inform the school if any contact details change, i.e. parents address, telephone number etc.
- All enrolments are subject to a one month probation period from the first day of attendance at Marlborough Primary School. The school reserves the right to terminate the contract at the end of this period after assessing the academic progress, the general wellbeing and happiness of the student.
- All enrolments are subject to the student obtaining a current student permit which is endorsed with Marlborough Primary School as a place of study.

As signatories of the Code of Practice, Marlborough Primary School will comply with section 40(1) of the Immigration Act 1987 which provides that every person conducting any course of study or training commits an offence if they allow or continue to allow any other person to undertake the course knowing that other person does not have the required permit.

Marlborough Primary School will follow the procedures set out in the New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS) guidelines and advise NZIS immediately if an international student's enrolment has been terminated.

### **ACCOMODATION**

Under Outcome 6 of Clause 24 of the Education ( Pastoral care of International Students ) Code of Practice 2021 (the code), international students under 10 years old must live with a parent or legal guardian while studying in New Zealand.

All students must live with at least one biological parent while studying at Marlborough Primary School. The parent who is living with the student in New Zealand must have a Guardian Visa and Permit for the duration of the student's study at Marlborough Primary School. Students are not to live with designated caregivers or guardians. Should a student be found not to be living with a parent, the school is required to notify the Immigration Department and the student permit may be revoked.

Please note that Marlborough Primary School does not offer a homestay service or arrange accommodation.

### **IMMIGRATION**

Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their web site at <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>

### **SHORT TERM VISITORS**

Under the New Revised Code of Practice 2021 schools are able to host short term international visitors. These fee paying student visitors are able to attend the school for up to three months as holders of a visitor visa, however Marlborough Primary School will only accept enrolments for a minimum of one term or 10 weeks study. The biological or adoptive parent who is to live with the student whilst they are visiting Marlborough Primary School must also hold a visitor's Visa for the duration of the student's time at Marlborough Primary School

### **ENROLMENT CONDITIONS**

Marlborough Primary School has an International Student Policy and procedures and is a signatory to the Code of Practice for Pastoral Care of International Students (hereinafter referred to as the Code). Please read these documents before the interview so that any queries may be discussed.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

Refer to the International Student Tuition Agreement "Miscellaneous" and Policy for Disciplinary Action for International Students.

### **ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz)

## **HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Most students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand unless they are:

- a resident or citizen of Australia, or
- a national of the United Kingdom in New Zealand, or
- the holder of a temporary permit that is valid for 2 years or more

Under the revised Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students, all International students are required to have appropriate travel and medical insurance that is valid in New Zealand. The policy should commence as soon as the student leaves home on their way to New Zealand, apply in transit and for the whole time the student is in New Zealand.

This Insurer must have a Standard and Poors credit rating of no lower than A or AM Best B+ and the policy must have the following coverage as a minimum:

1. High sums insured and medical benefits (Minimum \$1,000,000 to “unlimited cover”)
2. Emergency evacuation/repatriation (unlimited cover)
3. Accompanying relative cover
4. Personal effects cover
5. Personal liability cover.
- 6.

Plus the following components are desirable:

1. Loss of fees due to unforeseen events.
2. Mental illness

To enable the student to enrol at Marlborough Primary School, the school must sight the certificate of insurance that confirms coverage to at least the minimum levels stated.

International student health and travel insurance is available to purchase from the following companies:

Southern Cross: [www.scti.co.nz/our-products/international-student/insurance/](http://www.scti.co.nz/our-products/international-student/insurance/)

Orbit Protect: <https://orbitprotect.com/insurance-products/international-student-insurance/summary/>

Uni Care: [www.uni-care.org/our-policies/nz-student-plan.aspx](http://www.uni-care.org/our-policies/nz-student-plan.aspx)

Full details of entitlement to publicly funded health services can be viewed at [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz)

Alliance health Plus has launched a new primary healthcare service, Caring Clinic Doctors, on Queen Street in the Auckland CBD to increase international student access to health services. The clinic has a focus on Asian migrant and student health and has bilingual staff.

## **STUDY AND LIVING COSTS**

For information on living in New Zealand and associated costs, you can visit:

[www.nzready.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.nzready.immigration.govt.nz) or [www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz](http://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz)

You can also contact the citizens advice bureau for help with any issues that you may have with day to day life in New Zealand. They provide free, confidential, independent information and advice.

[www.cab.org.nz](http://www.cab.org.nz) or call 0800FOR CAB

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES PER YEAR ( 40 week school year)**

Administration fee (non-refundable) per year	NZ\$1000 (NB: Administration fees are due on a pro-rata basis.)
Tuition Fees per year	NZ\$13000
Payable per term, in advance	NZ\$3500 including admin fee
For periods less than one term (short term)	NZ\$350 per week including admin fee

### **Tuition Fees Include:**

- Tuition as specified in the school timetable.
- All text books and supplementary teaching materials.
- ESOL programme.
- Orientation programme.

**Additional Costs** These compulsory costs vary according to the individual programme and depend on year level and interest of the pupil.

Uniform costs

Stationery

Varies depending on year level

Camp (Year 6)

Approximate cost for 2024 \$180.00

Travel and medical insurance

## **FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

International students have access to all school based facilities, resources and opportunities including information and communication technology such as computers, a well-stocked library, music, sports (access to equipment at morning tea and lunch times), choir, chess club, sports teams such as touch rugby, netball and interschool competitions across a variety of sporting codes.

### **Extra-curricular Activities (voluntary)**

Music, Sports (hockey, netball, miniball, athletics, rugby, winter sports) – have extra costs which vary depending on the activity selected.

It is understood that all children will participate in all aspects of Marlborough School life including camp for Years 5 and 6.

## **UNIFORM**

School uniform is compulsory for all students studying at Marlborough Primary School. Prices can be obtained from the school office with items purchased from The Warehouse, Marlborough Mall, Marlborough. [www.thewarehouse.co.nz](http://www.thewarehouse.co.nz)

Short term students are not expected to wear uniform.

## **SkoolLoop App**

We use an app called SkoolLoop for all our school communications. Details on how to download the app can be found by talking to the Office Manager

## **OPEN DOOR POLICY**

Marlborough Primary School has an “Open Door Policy,” the parents and students can make an appointment to see the classroom teacher, teacher in charge of International Students or the Principal at any time.

Parents are welcome at any time to be involved in their child’s learning. We encourage your participation in assisting in classroom programmes and see this as a valuable experience for both parents and children. Please see your child’s teacher and/or the Deputy Principal Mrs Wotton, to express your interest. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping.

We endeavour to contact parents or caregivers personally to share the progress and achievement of your children on a regular basis.

The school hours are 8:55am to 3pm, Monday to Friday and the Term dates for 2025 are:

- Term 1: 4 February to 10 April 2025
- Term 2: 28 April to 27 June 2025
- Term 3: 14 July to 19 September 2024
- Term 4: 6 October to 19 December 2024



## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:**

While we hope that students will be happy at school there may be times when you have questions or concerns.

If a student has any of the following problems this is what to do:

1. **If there is a problem with the curriculum or teacher:**

The parent should make an appointment to see the teacher in charge of International Students or the Deputy Principal. An appointment can be made through the school office.

2. **If there is a problem with school friends:**

Talk to the classroom teacher, or the parent can make an appointment to see the teacher before or after school. The child can also ask to see Mrs McCourt- the teacher in charge of International Students.

If the child is still not happy, they or their parents should make an appointment to see the Principal, or the parents can write to the Principal. If you require the support of an interpreter you can arrange your own or contact the school who will organise someone suitable.

Please see the complaints procedure flowchart on the following pages.

If they still feel the problems have not been solved, they can contact the NZQA as per the “How to make a complaint information”. The family must be able to show them that they have tried to get the school to act before contacting them. They will then consult with the school to see if anything can be done to help.

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - HOW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT**

### **What to do if you have a complaint.**

When you come to New Zealand as an international student, you can expect to receive a high standard of education, and to feel safe and well cared for while you live and study here. If you have a complaint, it is important that you go through the right steps.

Here is what you need to do.

- Ask your education provider to resolve your complaint

Your education provider is your first point of contact for any complaint you have, including any complaint about the agents your provider uses. They must have a complaints process in place for you to go through, and they must tell you what that process is.

Follow that process to see if your complaint can be resolved by your provider.

- If your complaint is not resolved – contact NZQA

If your education provider has not resolved your complaint, and you still wish to have it resolved, then you can contact NZQA. NZQA is a government organisation. They can provide an independent assessment of your complaint and will either investigate your concerns or advise you what you can do next.

You can submit your complaint query on the NZQA website, or send an email to [gadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:gadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz)

If you need more information on the complaints process, contact NZQA on 0800 697 296.

Or – if it is a financial dispute – you can contact iStudent Complaints.

iStudent Complaints is available to help you resolve financial or contractual disputes with your education provider. There is no cost to you for this service.

iStudent Complaints is an independent service with experience in helping people to resolve disputes. You can contact iStudent Complaints on 0800 00 66 75 or through Fairway Resolution by phone on 0800 774422 or on the website: <http://www.fairwayresolution.com/got-a-dispute/istudent-complaints>

## **NEW ZEALAND'S QUALITY STANDARDS**

All international students enrolled with a New Zealand education provider are covered by the New Zealand Government's Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice.

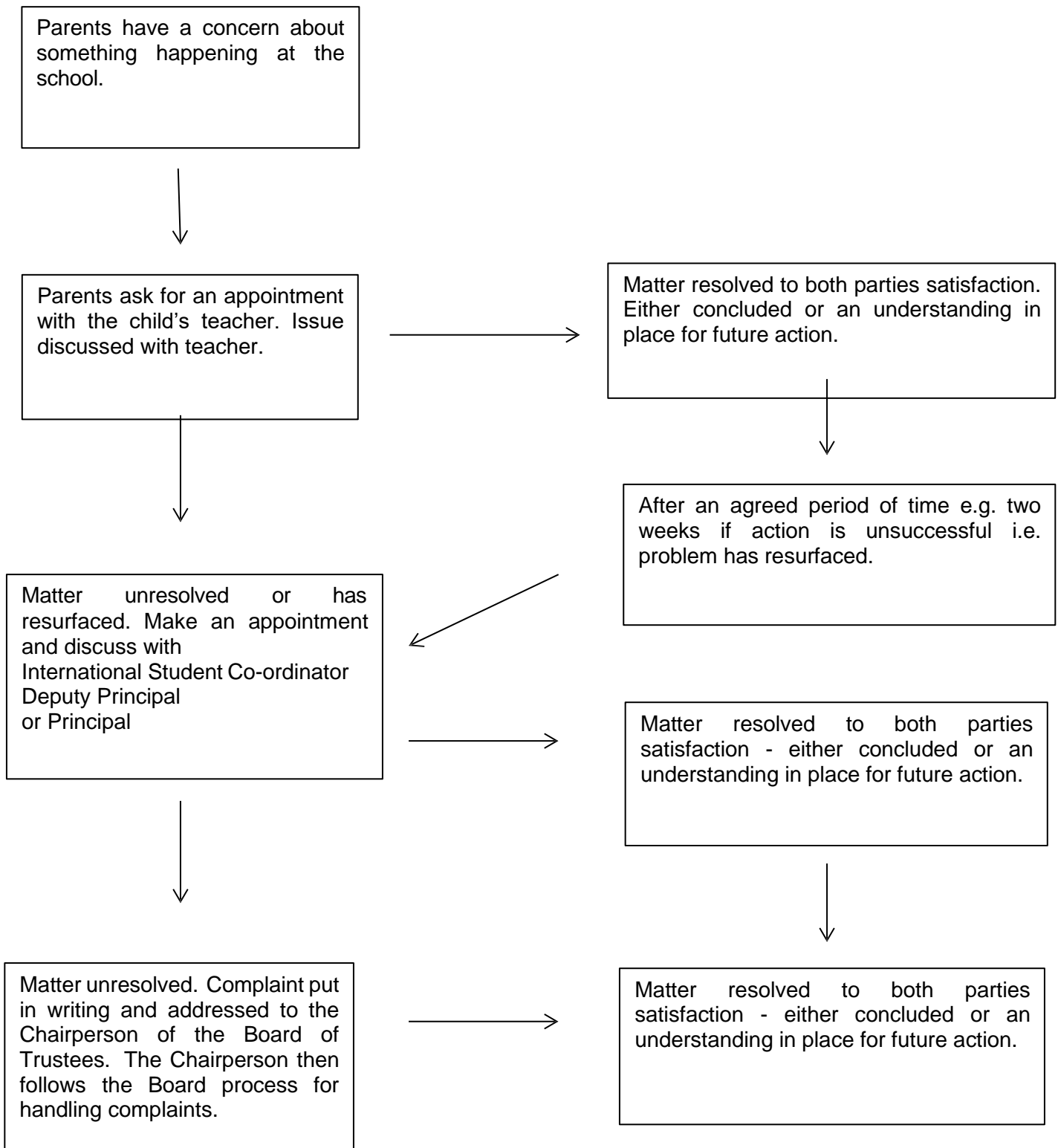
This is legislation that outlines the level of care that education providers, and their agents, must provide to international students while they live and study in New Zealand.

The education system is regulated with strong quality assurance systems across the board.

In general, as an international student you can expect that:

- the quality of teaching and learning you receive will meet high educational standards.
- the marketing and promotion information you receive before you enrol is clear, complete and accurate so you can make a well-informed decision about whether an education provider is the right choice for you.
- education providers' agents give you reliable information and act with integrity and professionalism.
- you will receive enough information and support to help you with your enrolment, including understanding the legal obligations you have, and that you will receive all the proper documentation.
- you are welcomed and have enough information, guidance and support to help you settle into your new life in New Zealand.
- your study environment is safe, and that you have a safe place to live.

# Complaints Procedure for Marlborough Primary School



## **SUMMARY OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

### **About the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice:**

The New Zealand Government's Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice is a document that clearly outlines the full legal requirements that education providers enrolling international students must abide by – to read this- see the summary below or for the full document go to the NZQA website.

### **About NZQA**

NZQA is a government organisation which manages the quality of New Zealand qualifications, and also acts as the Administrator of the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice.

### **Introduction**

When students from other countries come to study in New Zealand, it is important that those students are well informed, safe, and properly cared for. New Zealand educational providers have an important responsibility for international students' welfare. This summary provides an overview of the "Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students" (the Code), and provides a procedure that students can follow if they have concerns about their treatment by a New Zealand educational provider or agent of a provider.

### **What is the Code.**

New Zealand education providers have an important role in ensuring the wellbeing of their international students. The Code sets out the minimum standards of advice and care that are expected of education providers for international students. This ensures students coming from other countries to study in New Zealand are well informed, safe, and properly cared for.

New Zealand defines international students as those that are not domestic students. There is further information about this on the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at [www.education.govt.nz](http://www.education.govt.nz)

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) is the administrator of the Code on behalf of the New Zealand government.

### **Who does the Code apply to.**

All education providers in New Zealand who enrol international students must be a signatory to the Code and adhere to its requirements. A list of education providers that have signed up to the Code is available on the NZQA website at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

### **How can I get a copy of the Code.**

You are encouraged to read the Code, which is available on the NZQA website in several languages. If you have further questions about the Code you can email [code.enquiries@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:code.enquiries@nzqa.govt.nz)

### **How do I know if an education provider has signed the Code?**

The New Zealand Ministry of Education maintains a register of all signatories to the Code. If the education provider that you are seeking to enrol with is not a signatory to the Code, you will not be granted a permit from Immigration New Zealand and you will not be able to study at that institution.

### **What can you expect of an education provider**

Students and their families can expect education providers to:

- provide clear, sufficient and accurate information so you can make informed choices about your education
- give you clear, understandable information on your legal obligations and rights, including refund policies, and termination of your enrolment under any contracts you enter into with the provider

- check that you have the prescribed insurance cover
- provide a safe and supportive environment for study
- as far as practicable, ensure you live in accommodation that is safe and appropriate
- provide you with a comprehensive orientation programme to support you in your study and outline your obligations
- monitor their agents to ensure they provide you with reliable information and advice about studying, working and living in New Zealand
  - ensure that the educational instruction on offer is appropriate for your expectations, English language proficiency, and academic capability
  - have proper policy and processes in place to safeguard students' fees paid and be able to provide an appropriate refund if you withdraw or your course closes
  - ensure you have access to proper and fair procedures for dealing with grievances (concerns or complaints).

### **What if something goes wrong.**

If you have concerns about how your education provider or an agent is treating you, you should first contact your provider and follow their grievance procedure. Education providers must have an internal grievance procedure to listen to and deal with any concerns or complaints to ensure a fair result. They will have designated a person who you can talk to and who will advise you on how to address your concerns or complaints. This may be the principal or the international student director. If the provider's grievance process does not address your concerns or complaints, you can contact: • NZQA (for concerns and complaints about a provider breaching the Code) or • iStudent Complaints (for concerns and complaints about money or contracts).

### **Is your complaint about a provider breaching the Code.**

As the Code administrator NZQA has the legal authority to investigate potential breaches of the Code. It has a process for finding out if the concern or complaint is valid and if a provider has breached the Code. This includes getting information from both the student who has raised the concern or complaint and the education provider. For information about how to make a complaint see the NZQA website [www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/make-a-complaint/make-a-complaint-about-a-provider/](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/make-a-complaint/make-a-complaint-about-a-provider/)

### **Is your complaint about money or contracts.**

iStudent Complaints is an independent service provided by the New Zealand government that can help you resolve concerns and complaints that are about money or contracts with an education provider. The service is free. You can contact iStudent Complaints in a few ways:

Website [www.istudent.org.nz](http://www.istudent.org.nz)

Email [complaints@istudent.org.nz](mailto:complaints@istudent.org.nz)

International phone number 64 4 918 4975

Freephone (within New Zealand) 0800 00 66 75 Fax 64 4 918 4901

On social media:

Facebook [www.facebook.com/istudent.complaints](http://www.facebook.com/istudent.complaints)

WeChat (search for 'NZ iStudent Complaints' Chinese language only)

Post: iStudent Complaints P.O. Box 2272 Wellington 6014 New Zealand.

**Health and Support Services available to  
International Students**

**Asian Health Support Service**

Waitemata District Health Board  
North Shore Hospital  
Shakespeare Road  
Milford  
North Shore City

Ph: 486 8953

**Auckland Regional Migrant Services Charitable Trust**

532 Mt Albert Road  
Three King  
Auckland

Ph: 625 3090

Email: [john.wong@extra.co.nz](mailto:john.wong@extra.co.nz)

Website: [www.arms.mrc.org.nz](http://www.arms.mrc.org.nz)

**Bikewise**

Website: [www.bikewise.co.nz](http://www.bikewise.co.nz)

**Chinese Lifeline**

Ph: 522 2088

**Chinese New Settlers Services Trust**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Friendship House  
20 Putney Way  
Manukau City

Ph: 262 3868

Email: [CNSST2extra.co.nz](mailto:CNSST2extra.co.nz)

Website: [www.chineseservice.org.nz](http://www.chineseservice.org.nz)

**Citizens Advice Bureau**

90 Bentley Avenue  
Marlborough 629  
(09) 444 9451  
[www.cab.org.nz](http://www.cab.org.nz)

**Education New Zealand Trust**

P O Box 10-500  
Wellington Ph: 04 472 0788

Email: [enquiry@educationnz.or.nz](mailto:enquiry@educationnz.or.nz)

Website: [www.educationnz.org.nz](http://www.educationnz.org.nz)

**Ethnic Affairs Language Line**

Website: [www.ethnicaffairs.govt.nz](http://www.ethnicaffairs.govt.nz)

**Human Rights Commission**

Information line: 0800 496 877  
Website: [www.hrc.co.nz](http://www.hrc.co.nz)

**International Education Appeal Authority**

C/- Ministry of Education  
Private Bag 47 911  
Ponsonby, Auckland

Ph: 374 5481

Email: [info.ieaa@mineduc.govt.nz](mailto:info.ieaa@mineduc.govt.nz)

**Land Transport Safety Authority**

Website: [www.ltsa.govt.nz](http://www.ltsa.govt.nz)  
Helpdesk: 0800 699 000

**Mental Health Commission**

Website: [www.mhc.govt.nz](http://www.mhc.govt.nz)

**Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand**

Website: [www.mentalhealth.org.nz](http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz)

**Ministry of Education Code Operations Unit**

Code Advisory Officer  
Ministry of Education  
Private Bag 47-911  
AUCKLAND

Ph: 374 5481

Website: [www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international)

**New Zealand Immigration Service**

Website: [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

**New Zealand Police Youth Education Service**

Email: [yes@xtra.co.nz](mailto:yes@xtra.co.nz)  
Website: [www.police.govt.nz/yes](http://www.police.govt.nz/yes)

**Study Auckland**

Pedestrian Safety  
Website: [www.aucklandnz.com/studyauckland/](http://www.aucklandnz.com/studyauckland/)

# **MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POLICY**

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

All policies can be viewed on the school website : <https://Marlborough.school.nz/our-school/our-policies>

### **Rationale**

It is important for education to keep pace with increasing internationalisation. Many of our students will operate in a multicultural environment both within and beyond New Zealand. Contact with international students is beneficial for these reasons.

As required by the Education Act 1989, Marlborough Primary School has signed and is bound by the NZ Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care on International Students.

### **Goals and Objectives:**

- To recognise that international students are in a new cultural environment and to provide support that enables students to make the necessary adjustments.
  - To assist international students to participate in NZ culture by helping them to develop relationships and networks.
  - To support international students to achieve their goals.
1. International students will obtain the same quality of education as fulltime New Zealand students.
  2. Related administration is efficient and complies with the updated version of the Code of Practice.
  3. The Principal is responsible for the enrolment of all International Students following the procedures set out in the Code of Practice.
  4. International students may enrol in this school as international fee-paying students provided that they live with and continue to live with parents or legal guardians. Should a student be found not living with a parent, the school is required to notify the immigration service and the student's permit may be revoked.
  5. The Board of Trustees sets the fees for International students and groups, but must set the tuition fee higher than the subsidy that the taxpayer gives to domestic school students via the Operations Grant.
  6. The Board of Trustees will ensure that in accordance with the Education Act 1989 no fee paying International Student shall occupy a place in preference to an eligible domestic student.
  7. International Students have full access to school programmes, sporting and cultural opportunities and to all guidance facilities and programmes.
  8. An instalment and deposit structure will be followed as set out in the Code of Practice.
  9. If an International student gains permanent residence then any refund of fees will follow as set out in the Code of Practice.
  10. Refunds will only be given as per the refund conditions for International Students.
  11. Students may be in breach of their contract if:
    - a. There are serious concerns about their behaviour.
    - b. Their attendance is causing concern.
    - c. They violate school rules.
    - d. They fail to advise a change of address and /or contact details.
    - e. Their visa (or that of their parent/legal guardian) runs out or is revoked by Immigration NZ.
    - f. They perform a criminal act.



12. The contract may be terminated at any time if the enrolment application is found to be inaccurate in any way.
13. The International Student programme will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees and a report prepared by the principal with recommendations of any changes required.
14. An internal grievance procedure is in place to deal with any problems, however contact details of the International Educational Appeal Authority (IEAA) will be made available to all international students.
15. A school Board of Trustees may reduce the advertised international fee on compassionate or other grounds. To do this the Board would need to make some sort of scholarship or donation from the Board to the school to make up the rest of the amount owing. Section 4B requires that any Board scholarship or donation must come from income generated by the Board from locally raised funds or any profit earned from tuition fees from other international students.

### **School Office Manager:**

The office manager is responsible for:

- Initial enrolment processes, daily attendance monitoring and notification to the International student coordinator.
- Formal letters of acceptance, attendance and withdrawal.
- Liaison with principal in relation to administrative international student matters.
- Completion of Ministry of Education roll return documents in March and July.

### **Pastoral Care Supervisor:**

The pastoral care supervisor has responsibility for:

- Admissions and withdrawals from ESOL programmes.
- Organising meetings of ESOL staff, teachers and teacher aides. At these meetings consider progress and achievement; identify pastoral care needs, receive reports and organise appropriate support measures for each student as an outcome of discussion.
- Liaison with the Principal on all matters to do with teacher assistants and international students.
- In conjunction with the Principal report twice yearly on the progress and achievement of fee paying international students to the BOT or other relevant groups
- Presenting the ESOL teachers report to the BOT each term.
- The adaptation to different cultural circumstances and may involve the inclusion of native speaking individuals with appropriate counselling or pastoral care skills.
- Being the resource person for all advocacy requirements and will be responsible for providing support to those making enquiries.
- Ensuring that care diaries are maintained and up to date.
- Overseeing progress and final reports for each individual fee paying international student.

### **Class roomTeacher**

The classroom teacher is responsible for:

- Reporting to the Pastoral Care supervisor on the progress and welfare of International students.
- Provision of an individualised classroom programme using the New Zealand curriculum that is supportive of both the academic and pastoral care needs of students.
- Reporting of progress and achievement of the International students in their classroom.

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE**

All students must have acceptable, appropriate, and current medical and travel insurance for the **full** duration, i.e., from home to home, of their planned study **before enrolment**, as specified in the Code. "Acceptable" insurance complies with the Code and is acceptable to the school.

"Appropriate" insurance refers to private insurance policy, and should meet the following guidelines:

Length of cover: The policy should cover the full duration of the planned study including any holiday breaks taken. ACC provides cover for all people in New Zealand for injuries and accidents, but not if they occur overseas, so students taking holidays out of New Zealand during their study must be covered by their private insurance policy.

The policy must cover:

- Travel: delays, missed flights, and any medical expenses incurred during travel into or out of New Zealand.
- Health cover: (an unlimited sum insured ).
- all medical expenses for hospital treatment due to illness or injury (in excess of ACC cover).
- medical evacuation related to serious injury or illness.
- the cost of family members' travel if the student suffers serious illness or injury.
- emergency dental treatment.
- Personal liability: negligence causing injury (including death) to another person, or damage or loss of property; and false arrest and wrongful detention.
- Repatriation: if the student's study plans are interrupted due to injury or illness that requires them to return home.
- Death: in the event of the student's death.
- the repatriation of their body, or their funeral expenses.
- the travel costs for family members.
- Search and rescue: any search and rescue operation performed to find the student.

Marlborough Primary School advises all prospective students of the standard wording as set out in the Code of Practice. See Information about Your Rights in New Zealand (on page 2).

Students purchasing insurance should purchase insurance cover at the time of fee payment and before they leave their home country.

If the insurance is provided from a New Zealand company, policy details should be provided in the student's first language where possible.

**In the case of overseas policy providers, students must provide the school with the policy details in English, before the student attends classes.**

### **Verification of policies**

In accordance with section 7.4 of the Code and Code Guidelines, Marlborough Primary School verifies all policies before enrolment, and checks that:

- The insurer/re-insurer is a reputable and established company with substantial experience in the Travel Insurance business, and has a credit rating no lower than A from Standard and Poors, or B+ from A M Best.

- The insurer is able to provide emergency 24-hour, 7 day per week cover.
- Students have a “certificate of currency” and policy wording from the insurance company stating that the student has purchased the cover for the duration of the planned period of study. The certificate and policy wording must also detail medical sums insured, repatriation benefits, etc. It should confirm that the policy is consistent with the guidelines above.

If a student does not have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance cover, the school must:

- Advise the student of the medical and travel insurance requirement.
- Provide the student with a default policy or policy choices which meet the requirements of the Code of Practice Guidelines.

The cost of default insurance will be met by the student.

### **Recording of policy details**

For each student, the school takes a copy of their medical and travel insurance policies (thus retaining a record of the insurer's name, the policy number, and the policy start and end dates).

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FEE PROTECTION**

The income derived from foreign fee paying students must be protected against the possibility of an interruption to the course.

Internal procedures assist the school in monitoring income and expenditure to ensure that money is controlled appropriately.

- These fees are separately coded and audited.
- These fees are not spent in advance on the premise that future students will attend the school.
- Fees are accrued forward each month and the income is spread across the year's financial reporting.
- Monthly reporting to the board details both income and expenditure and is monitored closely.
- The board holds sufficient reserves to be able to refund the student's fees if necessary (see "Fee Refund Policy" on page 13) or because the school is unable to provide or continue a course or programme.

### **FEE REFUND POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

If your child withdraws from their course of study before the completion date, you may be eligible for a refund of tuition fees. The school will always investigate your claim for a refund and act fairly towards you.

The school is not obliged to refund fees: if your child:

- If your child has been asked to leave the school because of misbehaviour or poor attendance.
- If your child wishes to transfer to another educational institution for any reason, or voluntarily withdraws from the school.
- If your child has special needs that you did not explain to the school on the enrolment form.
- If you or your child fails to obtain the necessary visas.
- If you or your child gains permanent residency during the course. You will need to provide documentation of the residency within 14 days of it being granted.
- If the school is closed for a period of one week or more due to force majeure. (Force majeure means an event beyond the reasonable control of the school, such as snow, earthquake, etc.)
- If the school ceases to be a signatory to the Code Of Practice and therefore ceases to be a provider.

### **Full or partial refund of fees:**

The school will consider refunding all or part of your fees if: there are special circumstances, for example, the child has a serious illness or accident, or you need to return home because of the death of a family member. You will need to supply proof.

You must apply in writing to the Principal explaining the special circumstances of your claim within one month of your child's last day at school (or within one month of your child gaining permanent residency). If your child is leaving, you must also complete the official leaving process.

- If you apply for a refund **before** the course starts, the school will refund the fees in full, less an administration fee of NZD.
- If you apply for a refund **after** the course starts (i.e., in terms 1 or 2), but before the second half of the course (i.e., terms 3 & 4), the school will refund the fees in full, less:
  - An administration fee of NZD.
  - Costs to the school already incurred for tuition.
  - Components of the fee already committed for the duration of the course.
  - Specialist fees (if applicable).
  - Appropriate proportions of salaries for teachers and support staff (if applicable).
  - Costs already incurred for the use of facilities and resources.
  - Any other costs already incurred.
  - If you apply for a refund **after the second half** of a course, the school will usually not refund the fees unless there are special circumstances (e.g., death of a close family member, serious illness, or accident).

### **Payment of refunds**

The school will only refund fees directly to you or to an agent with written authority from you. The school will never refund fees directly to the student.

Immigration New Zealand will be notified if any student ceases to attend Marlborough Primary School for whatever reason.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

### **School may take appropriate disciplinary action:**

1. The principal may take appropriate disciplinary action in response to the conduct or behaviour of the student.
2. Appropriate disciplinary action includes standing down, suspending or excluding the student and terminating the contract of enrolment.
3. The principal of the school may take appropriate disciplinary action, whether or not the conduct or behaviour occurred while the student was under the supervision or control of the school, if satisfied on reasonable grounds that:
  - (a) the student's gross misconduct or continual disobedience is a harmful or dangerous example to other students at the school;
  - (b) because of the student's conduct or behaviour, it is likely that the student, or other students at the school, will be seriously harmed if the student is not stood-down or suspended or excluded as the case may require;
  - (c) the student's conduct or behaviour is in breach of the school rules (including the school's code of student conduct), the accommodation agreement or designated caregiver agreement, or this contract of enrolment, and one or more of the following applies:
    - (i) the breach or breaches would constitute an ongoing risk to the student's education, health, safety, well-being or personal welfare for which the school is responsible under the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016;
    - (ii) the breach or breaches would constitute an ongoing risk to another person's education, health, safety, well-being or personal welfare.
4. The provisions in Schedule 1 (relating to stand-down), or Schedule 2 (relating to suspension) will apply if the student has been stood down or suspended, as the case may be.

### **School's obligations when taking disciplinary action:**

5. A principal who wants a student to absent himself or herself from school for disciplinary reasons, or who wants a parent to remove a student from school for disciplinary reasons, may bring about the absence or the removal only by standing-down or suspending the student under this contract.
6. In making decisions on appropriate disciplinary action the principal and the board will as far as practicable ensure that any such disciplinary action:-
  - (a) is proportionate to the seriousness of the behaviour of the student; and
  - (b) minimises the disruption to a student's attendance at school and facilitates the return of the student to school when that is appropriate; and
  - (c) is dealt with in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

7. If the student is stood-down or suspended, the principal will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the student has the guidance and counselling that are reasonable and practicable in all the circumstances of the stand-down or suspension.
8. If a student's suspension is subject to conditions, the principal will take all reasonable steps to ensure that an appropriate educational programme is provided to the student.
9. The programme referred to in clause 6 will as far as practicable be designed to facilitate the student's return to school and to minimise the educational disadvantages that occur from absence from school.

## **Schedule 1 – Provisions for stand-down:**

### Notice requirements

1. Immediately after a student is stood-down, the principal will tell a parent or legal guardian and the residential caregiver of the student—
  - (a) that the student has been stood-down; and
  - (b) the reasons for the principal's decision; and
  - (c) the period for which the student has been stood-down.

### Stand-down period

2. A stand-down may be for 1 day or more specified periods, and the principal may lift the stand-down at any time before it is due to expire.

### Student attendance while student on stand-down

3. If a student has been stood-down, then the student does not have to, and is not permitted to, attend the school while stood-down, however—
  - (a) the principal may require the student to attend the school if the principal reasonably considers the student's attendance is appropriate;
  - (b) the principal may allow the student to attend the school if the student's parents request that the student be permitted to attend the school and the principal considers the request is reasonable:

### Board meeting concerning stand-down

4. A principal who has stood-down a student may arrange a stand-down meeting.
5. A principal who, having stood-down a student, is asked by the student or a parent or legal guardian of the student for a stand-down meeting—
  - (a) will arrange a meeting; and
  - (b) be available for the meeting as soon as is practicable for the student, the parent or legal guardian, and the principal.

6. As a consequence of a stand-down meeting, if the principal is satisfied that there are no reasonable grounds for the stand-down the principal will—
  - (a) ensure that the stand-down is withdrawn; and
  - (b) ensure that the student, and anyone told of the stand-down under paragraph 1, is told that the stand-down has been withdrawn.

## **Schedule 2 – Provisions for suspension:**

### Notice requirements for suspending a student

1. If the student has been suspended then the principal will, immediately after the student is suspended, tell the board, a parent or legal guardian and the residential caregiver (if any) of the student—
  - (a) that the student has been suspended; and
  - (b) the reasons for the principal's decision.

### Student attendance while on suspension

2. If the student has been suspended, then the student does not have to, and is not permitted to, attend the school while suspended, however -
  - (a) the principal may allow the student to attend the school if the principal reasonably considers the student's attendance is appropriate;
  - (b) the principal may allow the student to attend the school if the student's parents request that the student be permitted to attend the school and the principal considers the request is reasonable.

### Board meeting concerning suspension

3. If the student has been suspended, the student, the student's parents or legal guardian, and their representatives are entitled to attend a meeting of the board and speak at that meeting, and to have their views considered by the board before it decides whether to lift or extend the suspension or exclude the student and terminate the contract of enrolment.
4. The board will ensure that a student who has been suspended, and the student's parents or legal guardians are given the following as soon as practicable after the suspension:
  - (a) written notice of the time and place of the suspension meeting; and
  - (b) written information about the options available to the board under paragraph 3 to deal with the suspension at the suspension meeting.
5. The board will ensure that the following material is given (in writing) to the student and the student's parents or legal guardian within the time specified in paragraph 6:
  - (a) information on the procedures the board follows at suspension meetings; and
  - (b) advice that the student and the student's parents, legal guardians or representative may attend the meeting and speak at it about the suspension; and

- (c) information contained in the following material that, in the board's opinion, it would have no ground to withhold if the student made a request under the Privacy Act 1993 for:
  - (i) the principal's report to the board on the suspension; and
  - (ii) any other material about the suspension to be presented by the principal or the board at the meeting.
- 6. The material referred to in paragraph 5 must be given to the student and the student's parents, legal guardian or representatives in time to reach them at least 48 hours before the meeting (or within a shorter time agreed by all the parties).

#### Adjournments to consider new information

- 7. The board will adjourn a suspension meeting if the student, a parent or legal guardian of the student, or any member of the board asks the board to do so if the person making the request needs time to consider new information, being any information—
  - (a) that is referred to at the suspension meeting; and
  - (b) that is either—
    - (i) information that was not given, under paragraph 5, to the person making the request; or
    - (ii) information that is new to the person making the request for some other reason.
- 8. In deciding on the period of the adjournment, the board must have regard to the amount of time that the person making the request needs, in that person's particular circumstances, to consider the information.

#### Board's decision at suspension meeting

- 9. Before deciding at a suspension meeting whether to lift or extend the suspension or exclude the student and terminate the contract of enrolment, the board must—
  - (a) have due regard for all of the circumstance relevant to the suspension; and
  - (b) consider each option available to it.
- 10. The board may—
  - (a) require the principal, the student, the student's parents or legal guardian, any representative of the student, and any representative of the parents or legal guardian to withdraw from the meeting while the board makes its decision; or
  - (b) ask the principal, the student, the student's parents or legal guardian, and any representatives of the student and the parents or legal guardian to stay at the meeting while the board makes its decision.
- 11. Before making its decision, the board may try to get all the parties at the meeting to agree on what the decision should be.
- 12. The board must record its decision, and the reasons for it, in writing.



### Board's powers when student suspended

13. If a student has been suspended, the board may—
  - (a) lift the suspension at any time before it expires, either unconditionally or subject to any reasonable conditions the board wants to make:
  - (b) extend the suspension conditionally for a reasonable period determined by the board when extending the suspension, in which case paragraph 14 applies:
  - (c) if the circumstances of the case justify the most serious response, exclude the student from the school and terminate the contract of enrolment.
14. If the board extends a suspension conditionally, the board may impose reasonable conditions aimed at facilitating the return of the student to school and will take appropriate steps to facilitate the return of the student to school.
15. If a student fails to comply with any condition imposed under this paragraph in respect of the lifting or extension of the suspension, the principal may request the board to reconsider the matter and the board may confirm or reverse its earlier decisions or may modify its earlier decisions by taking any action specified in paragraph 13 (a) to (c).
16. If the board has not sooner lifted or extended the suspension or excluded the student under paragraph 13(c) and terminated the contract of enrolment, the suspension ceases to have effect—
  - (a) at the close of the 7th school day after the day of the suspension; or
  - (b) if the suspension occurs within 7 school days before the end of a term, at the close of the 10th calendar day after the day of the suspension.

### Extended suspension

17. The board will monitor the progress of the suspended student by ensuring that it receives, at each regular board meeting after the suspension, a written report on whether the student is meeting the conditions imposed and progressing with any educational programme provided.
18. The principal must ensure that the student and a parent of the student are given a copy of any such report as soon as practicable.

### Student failing to comply with conditions

19. If the board agrees to a request made by the principal under paragraph 15, the board must hold a reconsideration meeting about the student's case.
20. The meeting must be held—
  - (a) within 7 school days of the request; or
  - (b) if the request is made within 7 school days of the end of term, within 10 calendar days of the request.

### Information about reconsideration meeting

21. If the principal makes a request under paragraph 15 that the board reconsider the suspension then the board will ensure that the student, and a parent or legal guardian of the student is given written notice of the time and place of the reconsideration meeting as soon as practicable after the board decides to hold the meeting.
22. The board will ensure that the following material is given, in writing, to the student and the parent within the time described in paragraph 23:
  - (a) information on the procedures the board follows at reconsideration meetings; and
  - (b) advice that the student, a parent or guardian or representative may attend the meeting and speak at it about the reconsideration of the suspension; and
  - (c) information that, in the board's opinion, it would have no ground to withhold if the student made a request under the Privacy Act 1993 for:
    - (i) the principal's report to the board on the reconsideration of the suspension; and
    - (ii) any other material about the reconsideration of the suspension to be presented by the principal or the board at the meeting.
23. The material must be given to the student and the parent at a time that enables it to reach them at least 48 hours before the meeting (or within a shorter time agreed by all the parties).