

NORTHLAND SCHOOL



Legislation and Requirements Procedures Stand-downs, Suspensions and Exclusions

There are formal mandatory requirements for the process of stand-down, suspension or exclusion that must be followed if the student's behaviour is serious enough to warrant this action being taken. Refer Education Act 1989 and Education (Stand-down, Suspension, Exclusion and Expulsion) Rules 1999. For details on the process refer to the Ministry of Education publication "Guidelines for Principals and Boards of Trustees on Stand-downs, Suspensions and Exclusions".

When dealing with serious misbehaviour or serious risks to student safety Northland School will be fair, flexible and follow the principles of Natural Justice. The school will follow the processes outlined in the Ministry of Education guidelines.

Stand-down

Stand-down means the formal removal of a student from school for a specified period. Stand-downs of a particular student can total no more than five school days in a term or ten school days in a year.

Suspension

Suspension means the formal removal of a student from school until the board of trustees decides the outcome at a suspension meeting.

Exclusion

The board of trustees of a school is required to hold a meeting of the board, within seven school days of the suspension, to decide the outcome of a suspension (see Sections 15[4], 17[4] of the Act). Following a suspension, the board may decide to:

- a. lift the suspension without conditions
- b. lift the suspension with reasonable conditions
- c. extend the suspension with reasonable conditions for a reasonable period
- d. exclude the student.

Exclusion means the formal removal of a student aged under 16 from the school and the requirement that the student enrol elsewhere.