



Kerikeri High School

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H Nixon

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Dear H Nixon

I refer to your official information request dated 13 September 2023 for information regarding:

1. Please confirm KKHS CCTV was compliant with ALL guidelines set by the Privacy Commissioner from 1/1/22 to 12/9/23
2. Are all KKHS Policies independently checked by a Legal team and regularly audited to ensure they follow NZ Law, Human Rights and the NZ Bill of rights, Mana Mokopuna and the Childrens Convention.
3. Are students informed of their rights before KKHS Staff seize student property and search through their correspondence? Are they informed and understand these rights before being "ASKED" to hand over their personal property for search and seizure
4. What steps if any do KKHS Take to ensure that all students ages 11-17 (Minors and Young Adults) are aware of School policies and procedures and their rights in regard to these policies. Please list your Authorized teaching Staff and Non-Teaching staff (List is not Publicly available in your Policy Docs)

I provide the following responses:

1. Kerikeri High School was compliant with the majority of the guidelines set by the Privacy Commissioner during the dates specified. For those areas that required improvement to ensure compliance (namely increased signage, access logs) we have made and implemented the appropriate changes.
2. Kerikeri High School subscribes to SchoolDocs, as do a significant and growing number of both Primary and Secondary Schools around New Zealand. SchoolDocs is a professional policies and procedures provider, and as such, their staff are highly qualified and experienced in the development and writing of educational policy. SchoolDocs engage additional subject matter expertise for specific content, particularly when it addresses matters relating to key legislation, child protection, and other areas in which legal or other advice is prudent.

Where they have engaged key independent or specialist advice, that detail is usually included as a note on the policy. See, for example, our Privacy policy which acknowledges the peer review of leading privacy barrister, Kathryn Dalziel, who also provides advice to the Ombudsman from time to time. Kathryn has extensive knowledge of matters relating to human rights and has given SchoolDocs specific legal opinions.

For other policies which SchoolDocs feel need particular review from an educational law standpoint, they use Anderson Lloyd's educational law team in the Dunedin office.

Other advisors used by SchoolDocs include:

- Ministry of Education for AI, Physical Restraint related, and Bus Safety policies.
- Safeguarding Children for Child Protection and related policies.
- Cancer Society for Sun Safe policies.
- EONZ for EOTC policies.
- BDO for financial and property policies.
- Other specialist advisory such as the Catholic Education Office, Ngā Kura o Iwi etc.

3. Students are informed of their rights in circumstances of search and seizure. You ask about search of correspondence. Staff may not conduct such searches.
4. All Kerikeri High School policies are available on our school website. I am uncertain around what staff authorization your request refers to; however, I can clarify all teaching staff can require surrender of an item from a student, and a full list of those teaching staff members is available at Reception if you wish to view it. The Principal, Deputy Principals and Assistant Principals are authorised to conduct searches.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Mike Clent
Principal