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Dear Luke

Thank you for your email dated 15 July 2016 enquiring whether schools will close in the event that the New Zealand monarch dies, to allow mourning and respect for the monarch.

Schools are self-governing through their Board of Trustees and have a number of powers and responsibilities including setting policies and strategies for their school. Section 75 of the Education Act 1989, provides a Board complete discretion to control the management of the school as it thinks fit, provided it is in accordance with the general law of New Zealand. As each school is different in terms of its character, culture, philosophy, community and student body, Boards will decide whether they wish to close their school for instruction to allow for a period of mourning.

Thank you for taking the time to email the Ministry of Education. We trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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