

# **Kawaha Point School**



## **Attendance Management Procedure- Stepped Attendance Response**

We recognise the importance of regular attendance to help our students achieve their educational potential.

Our attendance procedures ensure students are accounted for during schools' hours. This allows school staff to identify and respond to student attendance concerns.

We have a stepped attendance response to ensure we are able to identify students and offer appropriate interventions at the thresholds to support students to return to regular attendance.

We have annual targets for student attendance and work with students, parents and caregivers, staff an external agency, where necessary to improve our levels of student attendance.

### **Parent/Whanau responsibilities**

- ensure students attend every day they are able
- reinforce good attendance habits
- open communication with the school
- follow the school's attendance management plan and associated attendance policies and procedures.

### **School responsibilities**

- clear communication to parents and students on attendance expectations on enrolment, at the start of the year and each term
- communicate to parents what steps the school will take if the student is absent from school
- monitor student attendance
- provide students with regular updates on their own attendance
- report regularly to parents on attendance of their child.

### **School Procedures**

The principal will appoint staff and delegate duties, so as to manage the recording of electronic student attendance register and the follow-up procedures for non- attending students.

Classroom teachers are responsible for recording class/student attendance on HERO each half day.

Class teachers are responsible for maintaining accurate and up-to -date records and supporting the attendance systems. They will also monitor and follow-up on lateness and other attendance issues ensuring that whanau/parents are informed of attendance concerns.

SLT and relevant personnel will be kept informed of serious student absence situations.

Office Administration will be responsible for communicating daily with whanau about unexplained absence- via text and phone call.

DP is responsible for communicating with whanau/parents about attendance concerns via phone call,, attendance letters, meetings.

Outside agencies will be used as appropriate to support attendance.

Students will be identified at the thresholds. Follow-up response actions will be tailored to the reasons for absence.

Patterns of attendance and specific interventions being used will be evaluated by the pastoral team/SLT to review outcomes and effectiveness of these interventions

Attached is the Stepped Attendance Response Activities for our school. Any action taken can be considered at any threshold. All actions taken to respond to absences will be actioned and recorded in ATTENDANCE DATA Base.