



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL POLICY

POST-DISASTER SURVIVAL

Policy No: 5.3
(NAG 5)

INTRODUCTION	1	The School must ensure the safety of students following a major disaster while waiting for parents and caregivers to resume responsibility for their children; and before the re-opening of School following a disaster.
OBJECTIVES	1 2 3	To record the transition of students from School to parents and caregiver responsibility. To provide sufficient water, food, warmth and shelter for students left dependent on School personnel. To establish information-sharing between Civil Defence and School.
GUIDELINES	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1 A Post Disaster Register will be kept detailing student's home address and emergency contact information – updated twice a year and kept in the Student Centre. A hard copy of staff member's home address and emergency contact information is updated twice a year and kept in the Main Office. 2 Full details of time, name and address of persons collecting students will be kept on the Post Disaster Register. 3 Students are only to be released from School, post-disaster, under the following guidelines: a) To parent or caregivers, or emergency contact person, or b) Once a Civil Defence Emergency is declared safe by Police or other rescue organisations. 4 Based on a disaster scenario, Civil Defence estimate: a) A major disaster in Whanganui would result in the deaths or injury of 3.5% of the population. b) All but 3.5% of the students (those left alone due to parent or caregiver deaths and injuries) would be collected within three hours of the disaster. c) Assuming up to 60-70 students could be left at School with no parents or caregivers to collect them, then the person named as the emergency caregiver will be contacted. 5 For students with no parents or caregivers, or named family, the School will provide the necessities of life by: a) Shelter – using appropriate school buildings. b) Water – obtained from one of the many locations around the School or from stored water in the canteen. c) Food – will provide food needs for up to 48 hours with the School canteen. 6 After six hours or when it is known that a student's family have been killed or injured and no contacts can be reached, welfare agencies or the Police will be contacted. 7 The Principal is responsible for the release of staff to attend to their own families, always acknowledging that safety and supervision of students at the School must be provided for. 8 The Principal is to contact Civil Defence Headquarters to advise of the School's status (Associate/Deputy Principal back up). 9 The Principal will consult with Civil Defence regarding possible re-opening of the School following an emergency closure.
EXPECTED OUTCOME		On-site resources and supplies will effectively provide the shelter, food and water needed for the number of students left in the School personnel's care following a major disaster.
EVALUATION		The Board, in association with the Principal, will review this policy annually in accordance with the School's quality management cycle.

Approved by the Board

Signed Chairperson:

J. Mague

Date: 26.10.21

Signed Principal:

W. Martin McAllister

Date: 26/10/2021