



# TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

# POLICY STATEMENT ON NON-VIOLENT SCHOOL

Te Awamutu College is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) school – appropriate behaviour is taught, modelled and encouraged to further improve relationships and academic outcomes.

#### Rationale

- 1. That when students are at school they have a right to feel safe (physically and emotionally) in all respects.
- 2. The definition of violence is as follows:
  - a. Physical violence
  - b. Verbal violence (in person, through others, or by electronic means)
  - c. Violence against property

## **Purposes**

- 1. To ensure that students and staff are able to learn/work in a safe environment.
- 2. To ensure that acts of violence as defined above are dealt with seriously by School Leadership and the Board.
- 3. To provide suitable counselling where this is appropriate and available.

### **Guidelines**

- 1. Each year, at appropriate time(s), the idea that violent behaviour, as defined above will not be tolerated at the school is articulated to students and staff by School Leadership.
- 2. Staff and students will be expected to report anything that transgresses the non-violent policy so that incidents can be dealt with at an early stage

- 3. School Leadership and the Board will act on reported incidents and deal with them in an appropriate manner.
- 4. Appropriate counselling will be sought for students as required.
- 5. Staff will be kept well-informed regarding actions taken and their support for those actions will be expected.

CHAIRPERSON\_

DATE 16/9/22
DATE 29/8/23

PRINCIPAL