

Private School Review Report

Nelson College Preparatory School, Nelson

Introduction

ERO reviews of private schools are significantly different in process and more limited in scope and reporting than those for state and state-integrated schools, focusing as they do on the *Criteria for Registration* set out in clauses 2 to 6, Schedule 7 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Clause 9, Schedule 7 of the Education and Training Act requires the Education Review Office (ERO) to review private schools and to report to the Secretary for Education on whether each school meets the criteria for registration.

More information about ERO reviews of private schools can be found on ERO's website <https://www.ero.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/ero-reviews-of-schools-and-kura/private-and-independent-schools/>.

The criteria for registration are that the school —

- a) *has premises that are suitable, as described in clause 3, Schedule 7; and*
- b) *usually provides tuition for 9 or more students who are of or over the age of 5 years but are under the age of 16 years [clause 2(b), Schedule 7]; and*
- c) *has staffing that is suitable to the age range and level of its students, the curriculum taught at the school, and the size of the school (clause 2(c), Schedule 7; and*
- d) *has equipment that is suitable for the curriculum being delivered or to be delivered at the school (clause 2(d) Schedule 7); and*
- e) *has a curriculum for teaching, learning, and assessment and makes details of the curriculum and its programme for delivery available for parents; and*
- f) *has suitable tuition standards, as described in clauses 2(e), (f) and 5, Schedule 7; and*
- g) *has managers who are fit and proper persons (as described in clause 6, Schedule 7) to be managers of a private school; and*
- h) *is a physically and emotionally safe place for students (clause 2(h), Schedule 7).*

When an ERO report identifies an area within the criteria for registration that is not meeting the criteria at the time of the ERO review, that will be reported, the Ministry will be informed and the Ministry will follow up the issue with the school.

ERO's Judgement

a) The school has premises that are suitable as described in clause 3, Schedule 7;

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b) The school usually provides tuition for 9 or more students who are of or over the age of 5 years but are under the age of 16 years

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c) The school has staffing that is suitable to the age range and level of its students, the curriculum taught at the school, and the size of the school

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d) The school has equipment that is suitable for the curriculum being delivered or to be delivered at the school

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e) The school has a curriculum for teaching, learning, and assessment and makes details of the curriculum and its programme for delivery available for parents

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f) The school has suitable tuition standards as described in clauses 2(e), (f) and 5, Schedule 7

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g) The school has managers who are fit and proper persons (as described in clause 6, Schedule 7) to be managers of a private school.

The school's managers have attested that they comply with the provisions of section 35G in respect to their being fit and proper persons to manage the school.

h) The school is a physically and emotionally safe place for students

A safe place is one in which risks to student safety are regularly assessed and evaluated with a view to eliminating, or at least reducing, harm. A safe place is one where clear policies exist and are acted upon to eliminate or minimise harm.

ERO's judgement is based on the quality, intent and regular review of the school's policies and procedures.

The school has regularly reviewed policies and procedures to provide for a physically and emotionally safe place for students.

Conclusion

On the basis of the information obtained during the review, ERO considers that Nelson College Preparatory School meets the criteria for registration as a private school set out in the Education Act 1989.

Other Matters

Provision for international students

The school is a signatory to the *Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016* established under section 534 of the Education and Training Act 2020. The school has attested that it complies with all aspects of the Code and has completed an annual self review of its implementation of the Code.

At the time of this review there were 5 international students attending the school. There were no exchange students.

The annual review of provision for care of international students is conducted in conjunction with Nelson College. The review process is satisfactorily completed utilising the NZQA tool for self-review and as such, meets NZQA requirements.

The school actively encourages school families to include these students in their family excursions and special events so that they have a wider experience of life in New Zealand.

Provision for students in the school hostel

The school hostel, Nelson College Boarding Hostel, is owned by the Nelson College board of trustees and provides accommodation for students from the college and prep school. At the time of the review 4 students resided in the hostel, 4% of the school roll.

These students are supported and well cared for by hostel staff. Appropriate rules and monitoring systems are in place to ensure their safety.

Students wellbeing is considered holistically. Opportunities and support for academic, physical and social engagement are clearly evident.



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About the School

[The Education Counts website provides further information about the school's student population, student engagement and student achievement.](#)