

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT AND HEALTH CENTRE POLICY

RATIONALE

The promotion of physical, mental and emotional well-being is fundamental in removing barriers to learning. Any student at Westlake Girls High School may access the Learning Enhancement Centre which incorporates the Health Centre, Learning Support and Counselling.

GUIDELINES

1. To provide health and support services to students and staff at Westlake Girls High School in order that they may reach and/or maintain their own goals of health and well-being.
2. To complement and co-ordinate with existing community and health services as appropriate.
3. To work together with parents/caregivers in providing the best outcomes for their daughter's education.
4. To maintain procedures and guidelines at a professional standard as governed by NZAC ethical standards.
5. To co-ordinate and communicate effectively with appropriate House Staff.

OUTCOMES

1. Students may access the Counselling Service, Learning Support or Health Centre by any of the following means:
 - (a) Self-referral
 - (b) Parental/teacher referral
 - (c) Health professionals
2. Privacy and confidentiality will be maintained at all times by the Counsellors and Health Nurse unless safety of self or others is compromised. The legislative requirements are set out in the Section 105C of the Education Act 1964 and the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977. (Copies of the relevant Acts are available from the Health Centre)

3. Recognising the role of parents/caregivers as first educators, and the partnership between Westlake Girls High School and parents/caregivers, medical providers will seek and encourage the involvement of parents/caregivers except when privacy and safety concerns prevent it.
4. The Counsellors, Health Nurse and Learning Support Staff may refer to appropriate services as required.
5. The Senior Leadership member with responsibility for the Learning Enhancement Centre, will ensure statistical information is maintained and reported annually to the Principal.
6. Any complaints/issues of concern will follow the school's complaints procedure.
7. The school will provide a suitable and appropriately located room(s) for Learning Enhancement staff, the counselling of students and for the Health Centre.

Date (Policy effective from)

Signature



Review Date

June 2020