



Part A: Child Protection (Student Placements)

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Te Pūkenga

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Te Pūkenga is currently creating their national policy framework. As per the <u>grandparenting policy</u> any gaps in policy while the framework is being formalised will be addressed by the existing policy at this business division (Te Pūkenga ki Waikato). Unless a policy or procedure is identified as a risk to ākonga, kaimahi and Te Pūkenga, all existing Te Pūkenga ki Waikato policy will remain current until they are replaced or reformed under Te Pūkenga's policy framework. Where risk is identified the policy and or procedure will be reviewed by the appropriate business division policy manager.

1. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of children and young people under the age of 18 years; and to uphold Wintec's reputation as a safe and reputable education provider. It provides a framework to safety check students who will be placed in specified organisations during the course of their study, specifically students who will be providing a regulated service to children, young people or vulnerable adults. It also recognises the responsibilities students have in informing the appropriate people if they suspect the risk of abuse or neglect while on placement and outlines the steps that students are expected to undertake if they are concerned about a child or young person.

This policy applies to Wintec students, Wintec academic staff and placement supervisors, and to those with whom students or staff come into contact in the course of their study or work with Wintec.

2. Policy Statement

Winter is committed to acting at all times in the best interest of the children, young people and vulnerable adults to whom it provides a service and to complying with all relevant legislation.