



**Combined Board of Trustees
Westbridge Residential School and
Halswell Residential College**



**RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS OF
HISTORIC ABUSE POLICY**

Allegations of historical abuse may be lodged directly by ngā ākonga, or via non-legal support workers or via legal representation by telephone, email, letter, or face to face.

1. Staff receiving information relating to allegations of historical abuse should refer the claimant to the Executive Officers of either school, Board Chair or Board Secretary.
2. The Board will refer the allegations to the schools' legal counsel. (Refer to procedure that sits behind this policy.)
3. On reviewing the case, the lawyer will advise the Board how to proceed.

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