

LAKE TAUPO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Administration Policy

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Signed by Chairman:

POLICY TITLE: Sexuality Education

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PURPOSE: Curriculum design and delivery at Lake Taupo Christian School is subject in all things to the Special Character of the school.

Lake Taupo Christian School's understanding of the Bible is that sexuality has been a part of God's plan from the beginning and thus it is very good. Sexuality is inextricably related to love and life and lifelong self-giving, whether in marriage or in celibate chastity; but owing to sin, sexuality can be wilfully and grossly misused, and for this reason every human person is called to purity and chastity no matter what their state of life.

GUIDELINES / OBJECTIVES:

1. Human sexuality is a sacred mystery and must be taught within the context of the Special Character of the school, always bearing in mind the effects of original sin.
2. Sexuality education is the primary right and responsibility of parents. Given the delicacy and sensitivity of this particular kind of subject matter the school holds that this kind of education is best done privately, in the heart of the family.
3. Such education cannot be confined to, or chiefly characterised by, the imparting of mere information, however true – this is probably the least important aspect of effective sexuality education. Such facts will be taught within the context of Biblical truth and Christian values.
4. Only information appropriate to each phase of their individual development should be presented to pupils.
5. No material of an erotic nature should be presented to pupils of any age, individually or in a group.
6. No pupil should ever be invited, let alone obliged, to act in any way that could objectively offend against modesty or that could subjectively offend against his or her own delicacy or sense of privacy.

7. Lake Taupo Christian School will use best endeavours to meet the requirements of the New Zealand Curriculum and other Ministry of Education advice provided from time to time, subject in all things to the Special Character of the school.
8. Every year the Board of Trustees will host a Special Hui to engage with the School Community. This Hui will be to review our current Sexuality Education Programme and suggest any appropriate changes.
9. The school will freely allow any pupil to withdraw from any form of sexuality education imparted outside the home without penalties or discrimination

LINKS: