Purpose:

The Helensville Primary School (HPS) Board of Trustees is committed to providing for the safety, security and personal needs of children in a secure environment.

Objectives:

1. The emotional and physical wellbeing of all students at HPS is paramount.
2. Any disclosure of or suspicions of child abuse should be reported promptly to the appropriate personnel.
3. HPS will instigate robust procedures around the reporting of and investigation of alleged or suspected child abuse.
4. Where appropriate or in accordance with school procedures, the Principal will advise the appropriate agencies of suspected abuse.
5. HPS will undertake professional development of staff in the awareness of child abuse.
6. All disclosures should be confidential to the parties involved unless non-disclosure places a student at risk.
7. Parents or caregivers are to be informed of any disclosure or instance of child abuse unless this places the child at risk.
8. HPS will instigate appropriate programmes to raise awareness of and provide strategies for children in relation to child abuse.