Purpose:
Helensville Primary School (HPS) and the board of trustees are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.

Objectives:

1. Minimise the use of physical restraint
2. Follow current good practise when dealing with students whose behaviour is challenging.
3. Minimise the risks of a student or staff member being hurt
4. Minimise the risk of harming a student’s physical and emotional wellbeing
5. Reduce the risk of acting illegally
6. Physical restraint is only to be used in an emergency situation when a student’s behaviour poses an imminent danger of physical injury to other students, staff or themselves. Preventative and de-escalation techniques have been tried but have not reduced the potential for injury
7. HPS will undertake professional development of staff in the awareness of physical restraint, imminent danger, seclusion, preventative and de-escalation techniques
8. IBPs will be developed in partnership with parents, caregivers and professionals for those students that present a serious risk of injury to themselves or others
9. If appropriate the team that directly supports the student will undertake further training with the MOE