

Falls Prevention

POLICY

Rationale:

- A falls safe school is one in which the physical environment is made as safe as possible. Where the movement of all people and the work environment, follow falls safe prevention principles and where the processes provide the necessary support for the policy to be implemented.

Aims:

- To develop and implement strategies to ensure the Plenty Parklands becomes a falls safe school.

Implementation:

- All people working in, attending and visiting the school are entitled to do so without fear of falling because of some preventable environmental hazard.
- All people have the same entitlements, regardless of age or ability.
- The school recognises that people with physical disabilities have particular problems in regards to hazards in the public environment. It recognises that disabled people have particular needs, which the school will address.
- New facilities operated by the school will be designed to be as falls safe as possible.
- Existing facilities in the school will be checked to make them as falls safe as possible.
- Programs and services provided at the school will have operating guidelines which optimise their falls safety and these guidelines will be made public.
- School staff including school management will have the opportunity to undertake professional development in relation to falls prevention.
- The school will undertake falls safe education for all students.
- Outside contractors will be given a copy of our falls safe policy, as part of the OH&S checklist.
- Falls safe messages will be publicised to our school community via our school newsletter.
- The school will comply with all relevant building regulations and requirements to ensure that new and existing buildings are as falls safe as possible.
- The school implements an appropriate footwear policy.
- Safety ladders will be kept in each unit coordinators room.
- All staff to use safety ladders when doing displays or need to climb.
- A safety ladder will be stored in each block.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed in line with best practice and DEECD guidelines.