

Private School Review Report

Tyndale Park Christian School, Flatbush, Auckland

Introduction

ERO reviews of private schools are significantly different in process and more limited in scope and reporting than those for state and state-integrated schools, focusing as they do on the *Criteria for Registration* set out in clauses 2 to 6, Schedule 7 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Clause 9, Schedule 7 of the Education and Training Act requires the Education Review Office (ERO) to review private schools and to report to the Secretary for Education on whether each school meets the criteria for registration.

More information about ERO reviews of private schools can be found on ERO's website <https://www.ero.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/ero-reviews-of-schools-and-kura/private-and-independent-schools/>.

The criteria for registration are that the school -

- a) *has premises that are suitable, as described in clause 3, Schedule 7; and*
- b) *usually provides tuition for 9 or more students who are of or over the age of 5 years but are under the age of 16 years [clause 2(b), Schedule 7]; and*
- c) *has staffing that is suitable to the age range and level of its students, the curriculum taught at the school, and the size of the school (clause 2(c), Schedule 7; and*
- d) *has equipment that is suitable for the curriculum being delivered or to be delivered at the school (clause 2(d) Schedule 7); and*
- e) *has a curriculum for teaching, learning, and assessment and makes details of the curriculum and its programme for delivery available for parents; and*
- f) *has suitable tuition standards, as described in clauses 2(e),(f) and 5, Schedule 7; and*
- g) *has managers who are fit and proper persons (as described in clause 6, Schedule 7) to be managers of a private school; and*
- h) *is a physically and emotionally safe place for students (clause 2(h), Schedule 7).*

When an ERO report identifies an area within the criteria for registration that is not meeting the criteria at the time of the ERO review, that will be reported, the Ministry will be informed and the Ministry will follow up the issue with the school.

ERO's Judgement

a) The school has premises that are suitable as described in clause 3, Schedule 7;

Refer to conclusion below

b) The school usually provides tuition for 9 or more students who are of or over the age of 5 years but are under the age of 16 years

Meeting

c) The school has staffing that is suitable to the age range and level of its students, the curriculum taught at the school, and the size of the school

Refer to conclusion below

d) The school has equipment that is suitable for the curriculum being delivered or to be delivered at the school

Meeting

e) The school has a curriculum for teaching, learning, and assessment and makes details of the curriculum and its programme for delivery available for parents

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f) The school has suitable tuition standards as described in clauses 2(e),(f) and 5, Schedule 7

Meeting

g) The school has managers who are fit and proper persons (as described in clause 6, Schedule 7)

The school's managers have attested that they comply with the provisions as described in clause 6, Schedule 7 of the Education and Training Act 2020, in respect of there being a fit and proper person to manage the school.

h) The school is a physically and emotionally safe place for students

A safe place is one in which risks to student safety are regularly assessed and evaluated with a view to eliminating, or at least reducing, harm. A safe place is one where clear policies exist and are acted upon to eliminate or minimise harm.

ERO's judgement is based on the quality, intent and regular review of the school's policies and procedures.

Please refer to conclusion below.

Conclusion

At the time of the on-site review, ERO identified the school was not meeting aspects of three of the criteria for registration as a private school. These relate to the review of policies and procedures focusing on suitable premises, suitable staffing and the school being a physically and emotionally safe place for students.

The school did not have in place an established cycle of regular review of policies and procedures.

Since then, the board has taken steps to establish a schoolwide cycle of regular review of policies and procedures. Processes are now in place to:

- review policies/procedures under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 to make sure that the premises meet the suitability criteria
- review privacy policies/procedures to manage collected personal information to make sure the suitable staffing criteria are met
- review child protection policies/procedures under the Children's Act 2014 to make sure that the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for students.

The school now meets the criteria for registration as a private school.



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About the School

[The Education Counts website provides further information about the school's student population, student engagement and student achievement.](#)