



Mission Heights  
**JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
GROWING GREATNESS  
KIA MANA AKE

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GROUP POLICY

### **RATIONALE AND PURPOSE**

#### **PURPOSE**

This policy outlines factors that will be considered when managing supervised groups enrolling at Mission Heights Junior College. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 and the Education Act 1989.

#### **RATIONALE:**

Mission Heights Junior College has developed a Supervised Groups Policy

- To ensure that students enrolling at MHJC as part of a group are properly supervised
- To ensure the safety and well-being of the students and the quality of academic and social education of all International Students studying at MHJC.
- To ensure compliance with the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. (The Code)

#### **DEFINITION**

A supervised group is considered to be:

Two or more international students travelling together in New Zealand under the supervision of a person or organization other than MHJC, and enrolling at MHJC as international students for periods up to three months.

#### **POLICY OBJECTIVES**

To promote international understanding and enhance internationalisation at MHJC  
To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all supervised-group students that enrol at MHJC  
To consider the particular needs of students enrolling as part of supervised groups and ensure the administration and pastoral care provided for supervised-group students meet the requirements of the Code.

### **ENROLMENT OF SUPERVISED GROUP STUDENTS**

MHJC will enrol supervised-group students on the ENROL system as per Ministry of Education Guidelines for groups to ensure that these students are recorded as international students.

### **USE OF EDUCATION AGENTS**

The International Coordinator will ensure that we do not accept any supervised-group students through an education agent without first following our policy and procedures for the management of education agents, including having a signed and current Agency Agreement with the education agent.

In order to ensure that MHJC and an education agent understand and meet their duty-of-care for the students, the International Coordinator will draft, and ensure that both parties sign, a memorandum of understanding for each supervised-group. The memorandum of understanding will provide details of the group including, expected number, ages and genders of students, arrangements for group supervision and accommodation, agreed pricing schedules, important timelines, program requirements and the roles and responsibilities of both parties.

### **ACCOMMODATION FOR SUPERVISED-GROUP STUDENTS**

MHJC will ensure that supervised-group students stay in appropriate accommodation as defined in the Code.

Appropriate accommodation may be:

- Residential caregiver. This includes school homestays
- Hotel, motel, unlicensed hostels or other supervised-group accommodation options
- Staying with students' parents or legal guardians

MHJC will ensure that every international student under 10 attending the school as part of a supervised group for up to three months lives with their parent or legal guardian for the full duration of their enrolment, unless they are accommodated in the school hostel.

If an accommodation agent is involved in the placement of supervised-group students in accommodation on behalf of MHJC, we will have an Agency Agreement with that accommodation agent.

## **INSURANCE FOR SUPERVISED GROUP STUDENTS**

### ***IMPORTANT NOTE:***

*The Code requires that all students enrolled with a signatory for 2 weeks duration or longer must have appropriate insurance cover. In order to better fulfil our duty-of-care for all international students enrolled at MHJC, this policy requires all international students to have appropriate insurance cover including those who enrol at the school for less than two weeks.*

MHJC will therefore ensure that all supervised-group students have appropriate insurance for the duration of their enrolment, and if practicable, for the duration of their time in New Zealand including travel between their home country and New Zealand. Insurance policies, whether arranged by MHJC or the student or their family, will be deemed to be appropriate if they provide cover for:

medical expenses to the value of NZ\$1,000 000 to unlimited

repatriation or expatriation of the student as a result of serious illness or injury, including cover of travel costs incurred by family members assisting repatriation or expatriation; and death of the student, including cover of—

- (i) travel costs of family members to and from New Zealand; and
- (ii) costs of repatriation or expatriation of the body; and
- (iii) funeral expenses

## **GROUP SUPERVISION**

MHJC will ensure that groups enrolling at the school have proper supervision. The number of supervisors and the type of supervision for a group will be negotiated and detailed in the memorandum of understanding. Factors in deciding proper supervision will include:

- The number of students
- The ages and genders of the students
- The duration of the visit
- The levels of students' English language proficiency
- The activities that the students will be involved in
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If Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities are undertaken, the school's EOTC guidelines will determine appropriate supervision ratios and other safety measures put in place for these activities.

## **ORIENTATION**

Supervised-group students will be provided with an orientation on arrival as per the school orientation procedures.

## VISAS

The school will ensure that all students enrolling as part of a supervised group will have the appropriate visa to study at MHJC.

*This policy has been approved by the Board of Trustees: Approval Date: -----*

*This policy has been reviewed on:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Review Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

### References:

<http://www.sieba.nz>