

## BEE KEEPING POLICY

See also: *Sustainability Policy*

### **Rationale:**

The purpose of this policy is to provide information and guidance to staff and students for the keeping of bees at Lincoln High School (LHS).

Lincoln High School is committed to education for sustainability through the establishment of beehives on the school site. This would include:

- a. A first hand experience of the ecology of bee hives and honey making.
- b. Promoting an awareness of the adverse consequences of the world wide decline in bees.
- c. Providing students with the skill and knowledge in bee keeping and maintaining beehives.
- d. Giving students an experience in making honey products including candles, lip balms etc.
- e. Strong links to education for sustainability: physical (environmental sustainability).
- f. Strong links to Strategic Goal 2: by allowing students to investigate the world around them.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of bee keeping at Lincoln High School is to support the curriculum, particularly Biology and Agriculture/Horticulture.

### **Guidelines:**

1. Student access must be managed and supervised by a staff member who has experience in establishing and maintaining beehives, preferably completing a bee keeping course.
2. The beehive(s) must be located within a secure enclosure not accessible to the general student population and public.
3. All students with access to the bees must receive appropriate instruction on safety procedures in the handling of beehives, bees and the use of safety equipment.
4. All students who wish to gain access to the bees must declare in writing if they have a known allergic reaction to bee stings, bees and bee products.
5. The teacher in charge of the beehive(s) must obtain consent form from parents/caregivers before a student gains access to the hive(s).
6. The beehive(s) must be maintained in accordance with standard New Zealand bee keeping practice.
7. Serious or potentially serious accidents involving the bees or hive(s) must be reported to the Senior Leadership as soon as possible including an incident report.
8. The school community will be advised of the presence of the hive(s) via email and by appropriate signage around the site.
9. A bee club may be established which must adhere to guidelines 1-8.

\* Epipen is stored in the sickbay.

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