

31 May 2018

Victoria and Callum Turnbull

Dear Victoria and Callum

I am writing in relation to your emails of 13 and 16 February 2017 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- *The names of all 36 schools that self-identified as having seclusion facilities available.*

The Ministry of Education has reconsidered your request following discussion with the Office of the Ombudsman, and I enclose a table detailing all 36 schools.

This includes the 19 schools that initially self-identified as having seclusion facilities available, but upon investigation were found not to have used seclusion in 2016, or had instead used appropriate timeout behaviour management practices.

### **2016 nationwide survey of schools**

In late 2016, the Ministry conducted an urgent nationwide survey of schools in order to rapidly identify which schools were using or had used seclusion in 2016, and to work with those schools to eliminate the practice.

Stage 1 of the survey involved schools self-identifying that they may have seclusion facilities. Following this, stage 2 was to work alongside the schools who self-identified as potentially using seclusion to visit and identify the use of the facilities, and to discuss current practice.

The first stage of the survey saw 36 schools self-identifying that they had seclusion facilities available. Upon further investigation, only 17 were found to have used or were using seclusion in 2016. The remaining 19 schools were found to have not used seclusion in 2016, or to have instead used appropriate timeout behaviour management practices that did not constitute seclusion.

The 17 schools that were found to have used or were using seclusion in 2016 all subsequently ceased using the practice. Their names were made public as part of the Education Report *Minimising Physical Restraint and Stopping Seclusion in New Zealand Schools*, which was published on our website.

As you are aware, schools, early childhood services and ngā kōhanga reo have been prohibited by law from using seclusion to manage challenging student behaviour since May 2017.

**School found to have used seclusion in 2016. Seclusion is no longer used**

- Awatapu College
- Bamford School
- Banks Avenue School
- Elmgrove School
- Fairhaven School (Napier)
- Halswell Residential College
- Highfield School
- Karoro School
- Levin East School
- Linwood North School
- Miramar Central
- Timaru South School
- Waimate Main School
- Wainoni School
- West End School (Palmerston North)
- Westbridge School
- Westport South School

**Schools that initially self-identified as having seclusion facilities available, but on investigation were found not to have used seclusion in 2016, or had instead used appropriate timeout behaviour management practices.**

- Allenvale Special School
- Brandon Intermediate School
- Destiny School
- Greymouth Main School
- Hillmorton High School
- Kaniere School
- Keith Street School
- Koraunui School
- Laingholm School
- Marfell School
- New River Primary School
- Palmerston North Adventist Christian School
- Parklands School (Motueka)
- Ponotahi Christian School
- Redwood School (Christchurch)
- Tairangi School
- Tawa School
- Upper Hutt College
- Wainuiomata Primary School

I trust this information is satisfactory. If you have any further queries, please contact David Wales, National Director Learning Support, at

Yours sincerely



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