

## Private School Review Report

### A1 Student Limited, St Heliers, 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 section 35C of the Education Act.

Section 35I of the Education Act 1989 requires the Education Review Office (ERO) to review private schools and to report to the Ministry of Education on whether each school meets the criteria for registration. The schools are privately owned and the legislative requirements are significantly different to those for state and state-integrated schools.

More information about ERO reviews of private schools can be found on ERO's website [www.ero.govt.nz/Reviews-Process](http://www.ero.govt.nz/Reviews-Process).

The criteria for registration are that the school —

- a) *has premises that are suitable, as described in section 35D; 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; 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; and*
- d) *has equipment that is suitable for the curriculum being delivered or to be delivered at the school; 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 section 35F; and*
- g) *has managers who are fit and proper persons (as described in section 35G) to be managers of a private school; and*
- h) *is a physically and emotionally safe place for students.*

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 section 35D

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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

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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

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

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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 section 35F

Meeting

g) The school has managers who are fit and proper persons (as described in section 35G) to be managers of a private school

The school's managers have attested that they comply with the provisions of section 35G in respect to their being fit and proper persons 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.

The school has regularly reviewed policies and procedures to provide for a physically and emotionally safe place for students.

## Conclusion

At the time of the on-site phase of ERO's review, A1 Student Limited was developing regularly reviewed policies and procedures to provide for a physically and emotionally safe place for students. In order to provide for a physically and emotionally safe place for students the board and school leader should ensure that documented policies and procedures for police vetting are in place and up-to-date at all times.

Following the on-site review, the board has taken steps to address this requirement.

ERO considers that A1 Student Limited does meet the criteria for registration as a private school set out in the Education Act 1989.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Tanner'.

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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.](#)