

Child abuse of a student is either suspected by or disclosed to someone working within schools

Process for reporting concerns regarding suspected child abuse in an educational setting

ENSURE THE CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON IS SAFE FROM IMMEDIATE HARM

Consult immediately with the principal or nominated person in charge (or other staff member if the allegation concerns that person)

Document physical / behavioural observations and anything said by the child

Contact CYF or local Police

Follow the recommendations of CYF / Police

Complete a referral form to CYF / Police if necessary

Advise board chair

Police process

School process

Receive Report of Concern

Analyse information and contributing factors

Police determine whether the case involves

Follow Ministry of Education reporting procedure in respect of the child / young person

Unsafe home?
Abandonment?
Cyber crime exploiting child?
Bullying?
Robbery?
Smacking? [s59 Crimes Act]

Other environmental or criminal offending?

Yes

Referral to CYF (when appropriate)

Normal investigation process

Other family violence?

Yes

Referral to CYF

Family Violence Investigation Process

Serious physical abuse?
Sexual abuse?
Wilful neglect? (incl. clan labs)
Witness to serious family violence?
From an approved Caregiver?
From an employee of CYF or Police?

Serious abuse?

Yes

Child Protection Protocol (Dedicated Child Protection Team)

Jointly investigated by Police and CYF