

Greymouth High School Board of Trustees
West Coast Trades Academy Policy



1. Background:

A 2009 proposal by Greymouth High School (GHS), on behalf of all West Coast secondary and area schools and Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP), to establish a West Coast Trades Academy (WCTA), was provisionally approved by the Minister of Education in 2009 and establishment funding provided in 2010. The WCTA commenced operations in Term One 2012.

2. Greymouth High School's role:

2.1 GHS has been recognised by the minister and Ministry of Education (MOE) as the 'lead provider' for the WCTA and as such is responsible for:

- Leading the WCTA, including chairing the WCTA Advisory Group¹
- Managing the financial and reporting arrangements of the WCTA
- Contracting outside expertise where necessary.

2.2 The Board of Trustees of GHS (the Board) acknowledges that, as lead provider, GHS will also ensure that all reasonable and practicable steps are taken to make appropriate provision for:

- health, safety and pastoral care requirements of students
- enrolment and attendance arrangements (tracking and monitoring)
- discipline and behaviour management
- transport
- careers guidance

through the negotiation of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with each participating organisation."²

2.3 The Board delegates to the Principal of GHS responsibility for ensuring that all of the responsibilities of GHS, as lead provider, are met and that the requirements of clause 2.2 above are met through the negotiation and agreement of MoUs with the appropriate schools and other organisations, including but not limited to Tai Poutini Polytechnic.

6 April 2016

Signed:

Date:

6/04/2016

Review Date:

2019.

¹ The Advisory Group is made up of the principal of GHS plus principals (or their nominees) as nominated by the West Coast Secondary and Area Schools Principals Association (WCSASPA); the nominees of the CEOs of TPP and Development West Coast; 2-4 other industry representatives or as otherwise co-opted by the Advisory Group.

² MOE, "Trades Academies: Information for Applicants 2011".