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I am making this submission on behalf of the leadership team at Oakey SHS. I am Danny Keenan, principal and our school is at 1 Campbell Street Oakey 4401. Day time telephone 46914100.

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In the shadow cast by the teacher shortage allowing parents and carers to appeal suspensions over 11 days will create a potentially inordinate amount of work for senior leaders in schools. We have no issue taking the time to get things right but we already do. Every suspension whether it be for 3 days or 20 is carefully considered and we always look at the support given to the respective students and families. We are determined to ensure the 500 students at this school have the best chance to become successful plumbers, teachers, electricians, nurses, admin assistants- the whole range of job possibilities.

Every moment we spend justifying smaller suspensions will take us away from our core business of shaping good people with good opportunities. People are leaving teaching in droves and in part it is because of the disrespectful actions of a minority of students and the abuse levelled at schools by a small but vocal group of parents and carers. Please don't make out jobs harder and at the same time the chances of the vast majority of student succeeding because they can learn in a calm environment.

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