BUDDLE FINDLAY

AEDs to Wellington schools

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The Buddle Findlay Child Health Foundation has recently purchased five automated external defibrillators (AEDs) from Wellington Free Ambulance for schools in Wellington.

Wellington Free Ambulance and HeartKids Wellington have teamed up with new charity, Embracing Hearts, with the ultimate aim of making AEDs available in every school across New Zealand attended by children with known heart vulnerabilities. Buddle Findlay is delighted to support the project. The Wellington schools selected so far to receive the new AEDs all have heart kids enrolled. These include Karori Normal School, Newlands Intermediate, Churton Park Primary, and St Mary's College.

Buddle Findlay partner, and Child Health Foundation trustee, Charlotte von Dadelszen was at Newlands Intermediate for the presentation of their AED. "We received a fantastic welcome and powhiri from the children and staff at Newlands Intermediate. The simple act of purchasing defibrillators can have a big impact on people's lives and it is our pleasure to support a project like this that will hopefully never be needed but is now available. The Buddle Findlay Child Health Foundation will continue to work with Embracing Hearts in its efforts to make sure AEDs are available in locations that could save lives and provide reassurance to the children, their parents, and the wider communities" Charlotte said.

Find out more about the **Buddle Findlay Child Health Foundation**.

Photo: Back from left, Dee Harris, Rachael Hopkirk (Heart Kids Wellington), Amy Williams (Wellington Free Ambulance), Angela Lowe (Newlands Intermediate), Annie Cunningham (Heart Kids Wellington), Emma Lawler (Embracing Hearts), <u>Charlotte von Dadelszen</u> (Buddle Findlay Child Health Foundation). Front from left, Harrison, Ryan, Varun. Photo: Wellington Free Ambulance.

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