



## Early Stage 1 Child Protection & Respectful Relationships Education

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Child protection education and respectful relationships education are required to be taught in every stage of learning from Kindergarten to Year 10 as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). Some of the content of the program deals with sensitive issues. The school recognises this by teaching about these issues in a developmentally appropriate way and by providing information to you about the program.

Child Protection education aims to assist students in:

- developing skills in recognising and responding to unsafe situations
- seeking assistance effectively
- establishing and maintaining respectful and equal relationships
- strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.

Child protection education involves teaching and learning about three themes:

1. **Recognising abuse**, which focuses on identifying safe and unsafe situations, warning signals, YES and NO feelings and names of body parts.
2. **Power in relationships**, which focuses on rights, responsibilities, relationships, trust and wanted and unwanted touching.
3. **Protective strategies**, which focuses on building student capacity to identify trusted networks of support and using the NO, GO, and TELL strategy to access help when required.

The school program will be implemented in a manner that supports the role of parents and caregivers and reflects the ethos of the school community.

If you would like to discuss this curriculum area please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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