

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE: Protective Behaviours

At home and school we work hard to teach children about aspects of physical safety like bike and road safety, but it is also important that they develop protective behaviours as ways to safeguard them from other harm.

All classes will explicitly teach lessons in Protective Behaviours as a mandatory part of our Health Curriculum.

Protective Behaviours education focuses on developing the skills of empowerment, communication, self-esteem, resilience, social skills and other life skills to prevent abuse, reduce violence and promote life-enriching rather than life-depleting experiences. It encourages students to:

- assert their right to feel safe
- listen to what their body tells them
- follow up by taking action to either solve problems on their own or to seek assistance from other people.

All school staff are responsible for the care, safety and protection of children. This responsibility extends to the identification and timely response to concerns regarding the possible sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect of a child. Staff employed are required to complete modules designed to educate them regarding their responsibilities in this area and appropriate response to issues in the school environment.

Resources

Child Protection

<http://det.wa.edu.au/childprotection/detcms/inclusiveeducation/child-protection/public/resources/Resources.en>

<http://www.secasa.com.au/pages/grooming-and-predatory-behaviour/protective-behaviours-to-teach-your-children/>

For Families

<http://www.maggiedent.com/content/resources-teach-children-body-safety-and-protective-behaviours>

Curriculum Materials

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/pdhpe/safe/cpe.htm>