

## At Myponga Primary School students, staff and visitors have

- The right to be safe
- The right to be treated with respect
- The responsibility to act safely and respectfully towards others
- The right to learn in a safe environment

## Our School Values

Friendliness

Respect

Excellence

Wellbeing

Thinking & Learning



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## What the school will do:

- Fully investigate and document incidents
- Report illegal acts to the police
- Ensure consequences imposed reflect the severity of the incident (consequences range from warnings through to suspension or exclusion)
- Contact parents of all involved in the incident and inform them of actions taken
- Monitor the welfare of those involved and provide support to families so that students can re-engage with their schooling as soon as possible
- Record and report critical incidents to the Education Director
- Review the policy annually and gain endorsement by the Governing Council

The Myponga Primary School Anti-Bullying Policy works in conjunction with the DfE School Discipline Policy.

## We can make a difference

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# MYPONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL



## ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

We **do not** accept bullying or harassment.

We take these behaviours very seriously and have a duty to respond to all reported incidents.

This policy has been developed by the Myponga School Community including staff, students and parents.

Its purpose is to make our school

***A SAFE AND HAPPY  
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
FOR EVERYONE***

**We aim to:**

- Actively teach students strategies to deal with harassment or bullying
- Support students who are harassed or bullied
- Use consequences that are restorative
- Provide a safe, supportive environment where students confidently learn and play
- Encourage students to build positive relationships and resolve conflicts peacefully, co-operatively and confidently

## **Definition of Bullying**

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyber-bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies such as the internet and mobile phones.

## **Definition of Harassment**

Harassment is behaviour that targets an individual or group due to their identity, race, culture or ethnic origin; religion; physical characteristics; gender; sexual orientation; marital, parenting or economic status; age, ability or disability and that offends, humiliates, intimidates or creates a hostile environment.

## **Harassment / Bullying**

Harassment and bullying behaviours make you feel threatened, scared, upset or funny in the stomach like:

- Teasing and name calling
- Threatening language or actions
- Deliberately interfering with your things or games
- Pushing and shoving
- Rude hand (or body) movements
- Inappropriate language (sexist, racist, abusive)
- People touching you when you don't want to be touched

## **What can parents do?**

- If you suspect bullying encourage your child to talk about it.
- Explore with your child how they can be assertive, make new friends, speak with their teacher, counsellor or principal. Make an appointment to discuss the bullying with the school.
- If you discover your child has been bullying others, work out a plan with the school to bring about a change to the bullying behaviour.

## **What can students do?**

First try to :

- Ignore or walk away
- Tell the person to stop it
- Use "I" statement -  
Stand tall and look at the person  
Say in a clear, calm voice  
I feel .....when you .....and I want you to.....

Then see a teacher to help sort it out

- Make sure your class teacher knows
- See someone at the office
- Complete a bullying report form
- Tell your parent

Tell an adult immediately about more serious levels of harassment.

You must keep telling someone until you feel that the problem has been resolved.