

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN 2023

Nuwarra Public School

Bullying behaviour has three key features. It involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship. It is ongoing and repeated, and it involves behaviours that can cause harm. The NSW Department of Education requires all NSW public schools to have an Anti-bullying Plan which details the strategies implemented to reduce student bullying behaviours.

Resources

The NSW anti-bullying website (see: <u>https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/</u>) provides evidence-based resources and information for schools, parents and carers, and students. Schools are encouraged to visit the website to support whole-school prevention, early intervention and response approaches and strategies for student bullying behaviour.

Nuwarra Public School's commitment

Our school rejects all forms of bullying behaviours, including online (or cyber) bullying by maintaining a commitment to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful learning community that promotes student wellbeing. Executive staff are committed to establishing evidence-based approaches and strategies that promote a positive climate where bullying is less likely to occur.

1 School culture and inclusion

All members of the school community are active participants in building a welcoming school culture that values diversity and fosters positive relationships. A key component of a supportive school culture is building respectful relationships and an ethos that bullying is not accepted, in both online and offline environments. School staff will actively respond to student bullying behaviour.

Our school engages in the following practices to promote a positive school culture.

1.1 Student assemblies

Student bullying and expectations about student behaviour will be discussed and information presented to promote a positive school culture where bullying is not accepted.

Dates	Communication topics
Term 1	Behaviour code for students and whole school expectations
Term 2	PBL and Values Wellbeing
Term 3	URStrong and Bullying, No Way!
Term 4	PBL and Values Wellbeing

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1.2 Staff communication and professional learning

Staff will be supported with professional learning that provides evidence-based ways to encourage and teach positive social and emotional wellbeing and discourage, prevent, identify, and respond effectively to student bullying behaviour.

Dates	Communication topics and Professional learning
Term 1	PBL review and new systems implemented
Term 2	CESE Publications: Anti-bullying Interventions in Schools - What Works?
Term 3	URStrong Program Implementation
Term 4	Restorative Practices and PBL

1.3 New and casual staff

New and casual staff will be informed about our school's approaches and strategies to prevent and respond to student bullying behaviour in the following ways.

New Staff

An executive staff (Stage AP or New Staff Induction AP) will brief the new staff member when they begin the school with the Nuwarra induction folder, that details whole school expectations in relation to PBL.

Casual Staff

An executive staff (Stage AP or AP responsible with casual booking) will provide casual teachers with the PBL overview and resources needed for break time duties

2 Partnerships with families and community

Effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour. Our school proactively builds collaborative relationships with families and communities to create a shared understanding of how to support student learning, safety and wellbeing.

2.1Website

Our school website has information to support families help their children to regulate their emotions and behaviour and develop socially. Information is provided to assist if children have been involved in bullying behaviour (as the person engaging in bullying behaviour, as the person being bullied or as the person witnessing the bullying behaviour).

The following are published on our school's website. Check the boxes that apply.



School Anti-bullying Plan

NSW Anti-bullying website V Behaviour Code for Students

2.2 Communication with parents

Our school will provide information to parents to help promote a positive school culture where bullying is not acceptable and to increase parent's understanding of how our school addresses all forms of bullying behaviour.

Dates	Communication methods and topic
Term 1	Behaviour codes for students and whole school expectations via ClassDojo message
Term 2	Nuwarra PS Cyber-Bullying and Response Flowchart via ClassDojo message
Term 3	DoE Anti-Bullying Parent and Carers Website and Bullying No Way! resource information via ClassDojo
Term 4	PBL and Values Wellbeing overview via ClassDojo message

3 Support for wellbeing and positive behaviours

Our school's practices support student wellbeing and positive behaviour approaches that align with our school community's needs.

Social and emotional skills related to personal safety, resilience, help-seeking and protective behaviours are explicitly taught across the curriculum in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE).

Examples of other ways our school will embed student wellbeing and positive behaviour approaches and strategies in practices include the following.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Values Wellbeing Program Bullying, No Way! URStrong Program

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