



KINDERGARTEN CHILD PROTECTION EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parent/Carer,

This term, students in Kindergarten will be involved in child protection education lessons as part of the mandatory subject Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). This subject prepares and supports students to lead, and contribute to healthy, safe and meaningful lives which promote respect, responsibility, enjoyment, inclusion and social justice for self and others.

Some of the content of the program covers sensitive issues. The school recognises this by teaching about these issues within the context of a developmentally appropriate program and by providing information to you about the program. 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.

For more information on PDHPE go to <https://syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au/pdhpe/>. The school program aims to encourage students to make informed decisions about their lifestyle taking into account the values of the family, culture and religion to which they belong.

Some of the specific content which will be covered in Child Protection includes:

Early Stage 1

- Describe how their body grows and changes,
- Identify external body parts and name their functions,
- Identify parts of the body which are private
- Recognise the terms 'private' and 'public' are associated to parts of the body
- Recognise emotional responses and experiences that can indicate unsafe situations, eg scared, worried
- Identify people that can help in different situations,
- Identifies people and demonstrates protective strategies that help keep themselves healthy, resilient and safe
- Recognise appropriate touch and explore how to respond to inappropriate touch
- Recognise that everyone has a right to say yes or no to affection,
- Practise ways of seeking help in a range of different scenarios, eg call 000 during an emergency, use No-Go-Tell when feeling unsafe

Child protection education will be delivered one lesson per week throughout Term 3. The school is required to inform parents and caregivers of the content of the curriculum as it deals with sensitive issues. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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