

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN 2023

Macquarie Fields 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: <https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/>) 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.

Macquarie Fields 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 expectations discussed at Meet the Teacher Current playground expectations re introduced to all students and staff
Term 2	Review of School Behaviour Management Plan - Introduction of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Term 3	Parent Meeting to introduce PBL Review of School Behaviour Management Plan - Introduction of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Term 4	Continued Implementation of PBL

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	Review of current policies and procedures PBL team formed
Term 2	PBL professional learning and action plan developed
Term 3	Ongoing PBL professional learning and support in implementation
Term 4	Ongoing PBL professional learning and support in implementation

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 - Induction to be led by Deputy Principal or Stage Leader which includes wellbeing and PBL policy and procedures.

Casual Staff -The Deputy Principal responsible for booking casual teachers will provide casual teachers with relevant information and a handout outlining PBL procedures.

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.

2.1 Website

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 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	Discussion with families at Meet the Teacher Expectations discussed in the fortnightly newsletter
Term 2	Survey parent/carers about current procedures and discuss the introduction of PBL
Term 3	Parent meeting to formally introduce PBL Ongoing communication via Sessaw and the newsletter
Term 4	Ongoing communication via Sessaw and the newsletter

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.

- * Focus Group to develop social and emotional skills
- * Awards for appropriate behaviour
- * Discussion groups with student leaders and student focus groups
- * Extra-curricular activities
- * Assistant Principal Learning and Support

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