

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN 2023

Glossodia 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.

Glossodia 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
Ongoing	Positive Behaviour Learning- fortnightly discussion of expected student behaviour during assembly
Term 1/2022	Disposition Learning- Fortnightly lesson topics.
21st March	Harmony Day Celebration (promoting multiculturalism and anti-racism)
21st March	National Day of Action Against Bullying- SRC to run Say No to Bullying Day with assembly presentation

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	Positive Behaviour Learning process update for new staff and refresher for existing staff. Staff awareness PL on new Behaviour Policy
Term 2	Introduction and implementation of Whole School Community Wellbeing program
Term 3	Peer Support K-6

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.

At Glossodia PS new and casual staff,

- are provided with a class folder which contains Wellbeing, PBL and Anti-bullying Plan when they enter on duty at the school.
- an executive staff member speaks to new and casual staff when they enter on duty at the school.
- the Principal speaks to new executive staff when they enter on duty at the school, as part of the induction process

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 4 2023	Kindergarten information pack contains PBL and DET Anti-bullying fact sheet, Attendance strategy
Term 1	Newsletter- National Day of Action Against Bullying, Harmony Day, Education Week, Attendance strategy
Term 3	Newsletter- NAIDOC week, Attendance strategy
Term 2	Attendance strategy

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.

Friendship Zone- SRC set up games and activities for students to participate in during lunchtime.

Whole School Wellbeing Initiatives: Harmony Day, National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence lessons and activities

Sways Pedagogy- Wellbeing for aboriginal students

Mind Matters- Mindfulness lessons- Learner Dispositions units of work/lessons.

Dance Groups K-2, 3-4 and 5,6.

Choir and Recorder Groups- provide students with time away from the playground.

Merit System (PBL) Aussie of the Month, Principal's Afternoon tea and Encouragement Awards (PBL), Playground reward system for Safe, responsible and respectful behaviour in the playground.

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