



CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Empowerment Policy (Child Safe Standard 7)

Rationale

Children have the right to give their views and opinions about decisions that affect them and to be listened to. Empowerment is about helping children to have their say. Children are more likely to speak up about their concerns about feeling unsafe, or make a complaint, if they feel their views are valued and welcomed.

Implementation

Churchill Primary School will develop strategies to deliver appropriate education about:

- Trauma informed practice;
- Standards of behaviour for students attending the school;
- Healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality);
- Resilience and
- Child abuse awareness and prevention.

Churchill Primary School will promote Child Safe Standards in ways that are readily accessible, easy to understand and user-friendly to children.

Churchill Primary School delivers appropriate education about **Trauma Informed Practice** by:

- Applying a whole school approach based upon the Berry Street Education model
- Developing student skill in building body, relationships, stamina, engagement and character

Churchill Primary School delivers appropriate education about **Standards of Behaviour** by:

- Ensuring clear expectations for appropriate and inappropriate behaviour are monitored using the school's whole school approach to *School Wide Positive Behaviour Support*, *Respectful Positive Behaviours (RPL)* and *Student Behaviour Support* processes and procedures;
- Recording all incidences of major and minor behaviour on Chronicle;
- Having an up to date Student Engagement and Inclusion policy;
- Involving students in decision making.

Churchill Primary School delivers appropriate education about **Healthy and Respectful Relationships** by;

- Delivering a program such as *Catching on Early* health and sexuality and *Protective Behaviours* education programs;
- Implementing a comprehensive Health and Physical Education program;
- Promoting mental health and wellbeing

Churchill Primary School delivers appropriate education about **Resilience** by:

- Promoting, modelling, teaching, acknowledging and celebrating resilience through whole school Berry Street language and practices.

Churchill Primary school delivers appropriate education about **Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention** by:

- Delivering *Catching on Early* and *Protective Behaviours* education;
- Educating students about the Child Safety Team;
- Relevant information for parents and community published in the school newsletter and Facebook page;
- Holding parent information sessions on a needs basis when appropriate.

Review Date:	
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