

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Whole School Relationships and Sexuality Education

In term 4 we will be delivering Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) to students across the whole school. RSE is part of the Victorian Curriculum, mandated through the Child Safe Standards and compulsory for Victorian Government Schools (primary, secondary and specialist). The Department of Education and Training's School Policy and Advisory Guide states that RSE is a shared responsibility between parents/carers, school based programs and the local health and welfare community.

We acknowledge that parents and carers are the primary educators of their children around RSE. Our program supports family communication by encouraging children to discuss classroom sessions and their family's values at home. Guided by government policy and curriculum guidelines our classes will focus on the following areas:

*Note: themes of consent and respect are relevant and included in all listed areas.

Foundation and Lower Primary

- Body Awareness
- Personal Identity
- Public and Private social rules and behaviour
- Decision making giving Consent

Upper Primary

- Body Awareness
- Personal Identity
- Public and Private social rules and behaviour
- Decision making giving Consent
- Puberty
- Reproduction – anatomy, conception, pregnancy and birth

Lower and Upper Secondary

- Protective Behaviour
- Decision making giving Consent
- Relationships – Friendships and Romantic relationships

If you think there any other topics that should be included in school-based Relationships and Sexuality Education or ask further questions about the program, please contact your child's classroom teacher. The program will be conducted throughout Term 4, with the focus being on interactive classroom activities and open discussion. Students are encouraged to contribute and will be given honest, age and developmentally appropriate answers to their questions. We look forward to working with you to further your child's health and wellbeing.

Kind Regards,

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Leading Teacher
Wellbeing and Support