

Respectful Relationships evaluation 2021-24 – Discussion Guides – Parents/Carers

Background

The Royal Commission into Family Violence identified the role that schools have in creating a culture of respect to change the story of family violence for future generations.

In 2016, respectful relationships education became a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from Prep to Year 12, and is being taught in all government and Catholic schools and many independent schools.

In 2017, the Department began implementing the Respectful Relationships initiative, which provides schools with strategies and tools to implement a whole-of-school approach to Respectful Relationships education.

ACIL Allen Consulting has been engaged by the Department of Education and Training to evaluate the Respectful Relationships initiative.

Consultation

As part of the evaluation, ACIL Allen are undertaking consultations with principals, teachers, students, families, community organisations, and the Respectful Relationships workforce.

You have been invited to participate in the consultation process to gather your perspectives on the implementation and impact of the Respectful Relationships initiative.

The questions overleaf provide an indication of the areas that will be covered in the consultation. They are not exhaustive but are intended to help participants in their thinking and preparation.

Further information

If you have any queries or would like further information about the project, please contact the project manager Amy Mehrton at a.mehrton@acilallen.com.au or 03 8650 6056.

Parents/Carers

1. What have you heard about the RR initiative in your school?
2. What do you see as the purpose of the RR whole-of-school approach?
3. How important do you think it is for schools to run programs like RR?
4. Have you observed any changes in your children's:
 - a) social or emotional skills?
 - b) understanding of gender equality?
 - c) Understanding of consent?
 - d) understanding of family violence?
 - e) any other areas?
5. Have you noticed any shift in school culture?
6. Is there anything else you would like to add about your experience with RR?