

WE ARE GREATER TOGETHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are committed to ensuring the safety of all members of our school community. As we know, living in our region we see all manner of native wildlife. This time of the year, we are aware that snakes can be active.

Our school has specific response procedures to sightings of snakes on school grounds and excursions. These procedures prioritise the safety and wellbeing of students, workers and visitors.

Please discuss with your child or children, the importance of taking the following action. We will also reinforce this information in the classroom.

- Treat the snake as venomous.
- Remain calm and alert students and staff.
- Stay calm, move away slowly and keep away.
- If the snake is very close to you (around 1.5 metres or less) remain motionless until the snake moves away.
- The school may initiate an evacuation or lockdown if required.
- The school will arrange for a professional to safely relocate the snake, if required.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep your child safe at school.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Val Thomas
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