



Wednesday, February 8 2023

Mandatory Child Protection Lessons

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year, Stage 2 students will be taught mandatory child protection lessons from the Department of Education's Personal Development and Health Units.

Through the unit, *My Right to be Safe*, students identify and support the rights of themselves and others and use this knowledge to question any behaviours or actions that impact on their right to be safe. They will recognise the importance of trust in relationships and identify sources of support to manage the changes associated with puberty. Students will build health literacy through identifying people and sources of information to learn about change and to seek help and advice. Students will build their understanding of emotional and behavioural warning signs associated with unsafe situations.

The unit, *How Can I Keep Myself and Others Safe?*, will investigate whether the rights of others are being respected in given scenarios and students will use this information to identify behaviours that constitute various types of abuse. They will recognise that everyone has the right to be safe and that they can use their personal power and strengths to stand up for their own and others' rights in a safe and positive way. Students will discuss and identify protective strategies that can be used to support and keep themselves and others safe with a focus on upstander behaviour.

If you would like to talk to your child before the lessons, or would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact them via Class Dojo. Alternatively, you can contact our school by phoning (02) 6495 1266, and our Administration Team will get your child's teacher to call you.

Regards

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