

# Child Empowerment & Participation

## POLICY



### 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:

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

- standards of behaviour for students attending the school;
- healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality);
- resilience; and
- child abuse awareness and prevention.

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

Airly Primary School delivers appropriate education about **Standards of Behaviour** by

- ensuring clear expectations for appropriate and inappropriate behavior are monitored using the school's Behaviour matrix & Rewards System
- having an up to date Student Engagement and Well-being Policy
- involving students in decision making through the KidsMatter Student Action Team

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

- implementing Sexuality & Relationships education (with Family Planning Victoria)
- implementing a comprehensive Health and Physical Education program
- promoting mental health and wellbeing through the KidsMatter initiative & SAFEMinds framework
- involving students in decision making through the KidsMatter Student Action Team

Airly Primary School delivers appropriate education about **Resilience** by

- promoting, modeling, teaching, acknowledging and celebrating resilience through the "Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships" program

Airly Primary School delivers appropriate education about **Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention** by

- implementing health and sexuality education
- relevant information for parents and community published in the school newsletter
- holding parent information sessions on a needs basis when appropriate

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was ratified at Airly Primary School Council's meeting held on:

August 14, 2017