

# Balranald Central School

## Anti-bullying Plan 2018

**Bullying behaviour has three key features. It involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship. It is ongoing and repeated, and it involves behaviours that can cause harm. The NSW Department of Education requires all NSW public schools to have an Anti-bullying Plan which details the strategies implemented to reduce student bullying behaviours.**

### Resources

The NSW anti-bullying website (see: <https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/>) provides evidence-based resources and information for schools, parents and carers, and students. Schools are encouraged to visit the website to support whole-school prevention, early intervention and response approaches and strategies for student bullying behaviour.

### Balranald Central School's commitment

Our school rejects all forms of bullying behaviours, including online (or cyber) bullying by maintaining a commitment to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful learning community that promotes student wellbeing. Executive staff are committed to establishing evidence-based approaches and strategies that promote a positive climate where bullying is less likely to occur.

### 1. School culture and inclusion

All members of the school community are active participants in building a welcoming school culture that values diversity and fosters positive relationships. A key component of a supportive school culture is building respectful relationships and an ethos that bullying is not accepted, in both online and offline environments. School staff will actively respond to student bullying behaviour.

Our school engages in the following practices to promote a positive school culture.

#### 1.1. Student assemblies

Student bullying and expectations about student behaviour will be discussed and information presented to promote a positive school culture where bullying is not accepted.

Dates	Communication topics
March 16th	National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence - Bullying lessons presented on this day.
Sep 16th	RUOK day
Term 2	Cyber Bullying talks with students from NSW Police, Cyber Bullying Unit

## 1.2 Staff communication and professional learning

Staff will be supported with professional learning that provides evidence-based ways to encourage and teach positive social and emotional wellbeing and discourage, prevent, identify, and respond effectively to student bullying behaviour.

Dates	Communication topics and Professional learning
May 9 - 11th	Rock and Water Training Program undertaken
May 31st	Positive School Conference 2 day event
Sep 12th	Staff TPL on Rock and Water

## 1.3. New and casual staff

New and casual staff will be informed about our school's approaches and strategies to prevent and respond to student bullying behaviour in the following ways.

All new casual staff meet with the Principal on entering the school and then meet with Head Teacher Wellbeing. School procedures are explained in these meetings including dealing with bullying and student wellbeing policy.

## 2. Partnerships with families and community

Effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour. Our school proactively builds collaborative relationships with families and communities to create a shared understanding of how to support student learning, safety and wellbeing.

### 2.1. Website

Our school website has information to support families help their children to regulate their emotions and behaviour and develop socially. Information is provided to assist if children have been involved in bullying behaviour (as the person engaging in bullying behaviour, as the person being bullied or as the person witnessing the bullying behaviour).

The following are published on our school's website. Check the boxes that apply.

School Anti-bullying Plan     NSW Anti-bullying website     Behaviour Code for Students

## 2.2. Communication with parents

Our school will provide information to parents to help promote a positive school culture where bullying is not acceptable and to increase parent's understanding of how our school addresses all forms of bullying behaviour.

Dates	Communication methods and topics
August 1st	Parent/teacher interviews - Principal available to talk to parents regarding issues or concerns.
Each term	P&C meetings - Principal available to discuss school programs
Newsletters	Weekly newsletters promote positive wellbeing and inform parents of school workings.

## 3. Support for wellbeing and positive behaviours

Our school's practices support student wellbeing and positive behaviour approaches that align with our school community's needs.

Social and emotional skills related to personal safety, resilience, help-seeking and protective behaviours are explicitly taught across the curriculum in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE).

Examples of other ways our school will embed student wellbeing and positive behaviour approaches and strategies in practices include the following.

School has developed a Head Teacher Wellbeing position to promote wellbeing and positive relationships within the school.

The schools PBL focus highlights positive behavior and student wellbeing.

Instigating a student resilience and wellbeing program called Rock and Water for term 4 2018 and timetabled for 2019.

Middle-school program aimed at focusing on student wellbeing.


School rewards system K - 12 promotes wellbeing and positive behaviors.

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