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### **Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum**

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

I am writing to inform you about the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) that your child/ren are currently learning as part of our Health curriculum. Both myself and Mrs Ward will be delivering the program have received explicit training in the Curriculum. It is a Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) responsibility under the Children's Protection Act (1993) and the Child Protection in Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care Services policy to ensure that effective abuse prevention programs are implemented and that all children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum. Parent permission is not required under the Education Act (2013), we encourage parents/caregivers to seek further clarification if required and to provide the teacher with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns.

The KS:CPC is an evidence based, best practice curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection specialists, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. It covers a range of topics including new additional material on current issues such as bullying and cyber safety.

The KS:CPC is divided into 5 documents specific to the year level of the students plus 2 additional documents for educators working with students from cultural or linguistically diverse backgrounds and for students with disability.

There are 2 main themes:

- We all have the right to be safe
- We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust

There are 4 focus areas:

#### **The right to be safe**

- safety and risk taking, warning signs and emergencies

#### **Relationships**

- rights and responsibilities in relationships, power in relationships, bullying as an abuse of power

#### **Recognising and reporting abuse**

- recognizing abuse, identifying abuse and neglect, electronic media abuse

#### **Protective strategies**

- problem solving strategies, network view and community support

The KS:CPC fits primarily within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum but can also be incorporated across other Learning Areas. Within the Health and Physical Education curriculum two focus areas Relationships and Sexuality, and Safety outline the learning.

More information can be found on the DECD child protection curriculum site <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/curriculum-and-teaching/keeping-safe-child-protection-curriculum>

Please contact myself or Mrs Ward if you have any questions about the program.

Yours Sincerely,

Melissa Fuller – Year 6 class teacher

