

# YARRAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Child Safety Standards

### Child Empowerment

#### **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:**

Yarram 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

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

Yarram 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 Expectations Matrix"
- having an up to date Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- involving students in decision making through Junior School Council

Yarram Primary School delivers appropriate education about **healthy and respectful relationships** by:

- implementing biannual Life Education program
- implementing annual puberty education
- implementing biannual sexuality education
- implementing a comprehensive Health and Physical Education program
- promoting mental health and wellbeing through involving students in decision making through the Junior School Council, House Captains and Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships initiatives.

Yarram Primary School delivers appropriate education about **resilience** by:

- promoting, modeling, teaching, acknowledging and celebrating resilience through the Buddies program, Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, School Wide Positive Behaviour strategies and Bounce Back resources

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

- implementing "Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships" education program
- relevant information for parents and community published in the school newsletter
- holding parent information sessions on a needs basis when appropriate