

Tuggerah Public School



Child Protection Policy

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Aims

To assist in reducing the incidence of child sexual assault in our society by helping children to

- Understand that those who commit child physical or sexual assault are doing something unacceptable.
- Develop students' competence to protect themselves against physical or sexual assault.
- Develop students' capacity to participate in positive relationships.

Rationale

The school has met its responsibility for the total well-being of the child in educating children about the problem of child sexual assault and taught them how to protect themselves and ways of relating to others that will contribute to the prevention of child sexual assault in future generations.

Implementation

- Ensure that parents / care givers have an understanding of, and give permission for children to participate in school programs.
- The school will teach Child Protection as part of the mandatory personal development program.
- Lessons will follow the NSW Child Protection Syllabus.
(<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/pdhpe/safe/cpe.htm>)
- Teachers will adhere to the mandatory notification of child sexual assault, as per the Department Policy.
- Staff will undergo Professional Learning and use community expertise / resources where available.
- The Principal and the office staff have details of current Welfare Agencies in the event of a child sexual assault being reported.
- The School Counsellor will regularly meet with any student who is the victim of child sexual assault.

Evaluation

- Observation of students during the program.
- Discussion with students and parents.
- Encouragement of student discussions.
- Involvement of personnel from Community Health.

Associated DEC Policy Documents

- ***Allegations against Employees in the Area of Child Protection (2010)***
- ***Protecting & Supporting Young People Policy (2014)***
- ***Working with Children Check Policy (2013)***
- ***NSW Interagency Guidelines for Child Protection Intervention (2006 edition)***

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