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Re: Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) that your child/children will be learning throughout the year. The teachers delivering the program have received explicit training in the use of the Curriculum.

The KS:CPC is a Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) responsibility under the Children's Protection Act 1993 and the DECD 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. KS:CPC is an evidence based, best practice curriculum, developed collaboratively with child protection experts, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals.

Although parent permission is not required under the Education Act 1972, we encourage parents/carers to seek further clarification if required, and to provide the School with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns.

The KS:CPC is divided into 5 documents specific to the age and year level of the student. There are an additional three documents for educators working with students:

- from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds,
- from cultural or linguistically diverse backgrounds,
- with disability and additional needs.

The KS:CPC is based on the following two main themes which are presented through topics and activities of increasing complexity.

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

The two themes are explored through the following four focus areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the students.

- The right to be safe.
- Relationships.
- Recognising and reporting abuse.
- Protective strategies.

More information can be found on the DECD Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum site: <http://tiny.cc/DECD-KSCPC>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries about the program.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Finch', written over a horizontal line.

Barry Finch
Principal