



ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

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SASVI staff, parents/carers and students will work together to create a safe, caring, orderly and productive learning community. All members of our community have the right to feel safe, respected and supported at school.

Definition of Bullying

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more people.

Cyber Bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies such as the internet and mobile phones.

A single incident such as a disagreement or fight between equals is not defined as bullying.

Examples of Bullying

Exclusion - Repeatedly leaving someone out on purpose

Lies or Rumours – Spreading lies or nasty stories about someone to make other students dislike them

Verbal Abuse or Teasing – Repeatedly making fun of someone in a hurtful and embarrassing way

Physical Abuse – deliberately hitting, kicking, pushing or physically hurting someone

Threats – verbal threats to frighten someone

Cyber Bullying – Sending emails, using Wi-Fi or Bluetooth to forward films or photos of someone without their permission, sending abusive SMS messages, placing photos and recordings of others on the internet without permission, using social networking sites to hurt or embarrass others, make derogatory comments, spread rumours or put others down - this can constitute criminal behaviour – e crime.

What should students do if they see bullying or are being bullied?

TELL SOMEONE!!

Our students are encouraged to report bullying immediately to:

- Teacher on duty
- Class teacher
- Deputy Principal or Principal

Consequences of Bullying

Leadership will be informed of all alleged incidents of bullying. The severity and seriousness of the bullying will be assessed and the consequences will be determined.

SASVI will act in accordance with the DECD Behaviour Management Policy and School Discipline Policy (March 2007). Parents will be informed if their child has been involved in bullying.

Raising Awareness of Bullying within the SASVI School Community

- Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum
- Health and Physical Education Curriculum
- Expanded Core Curriculum – Social Skills Program
- Assistive Technology Curriculum – cyber bullying, e-crime and the protection of children and young people
- Site Improvement Plan Priority – staff and student wellbeing

Advice for Parents/Carers

Bullying and Harassment at School – Advice for Parents

www.decd.sa.gov.au

- Parents & Community
- Health & Wellbeing
- Bullying & Harassment
- Cyber Bullying

DECD Parent Helpline 1800 222 696