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## **SAFE ENVIRONMENTS POLICY**

### **Rationale:**

A safe school environment contributes to the physical and emotional health and wellbeing of all students and staff. At St Leonards Primary School we are committed to:

- Providing a safe and inclusive physical environment.
- Promoting a safe, inclusive and empowering social environment.
- Ensuring that the curriculum incorporates social and emotional learning and safety education across the curriculum from prep – year 6.
- Ensuring that families, students and staff are all involved in developing and supporting safety initiatives.

### **Purpose:**

All members of the St Leonards Primary School community play an important role in creating a safe environment. Together our aims are:

- To promote a healthy and safe physical environment.
- To promote a healthy social environment.
- To incorporate social and emotional learning and safety education in all classes.
- To encourage families, students, staff and community members to engage with and promote safety initiatives.

### **Implementation:**

*The school will provide a healthy and safe physical environment that:*

- Is welcoming and reflects the diversity and interests of students, families and staff.
- Has outdoor and indoor facilities, play equipment and resources that are safe, accessible and encourage active participation of students.
- Enables the supervision of students and visitors to the school.
- Meets Occupational Health & Safety requirements.
- Minimises hazards from road traffic, particularly during drop off and pick up times.

*A healthy social environment will be encouraged through:*

- Promoting a culture of respect, responsibility and safety. (School Wide Positive Behaviour)
- Creating a sense of belonging and connectedness.
- Valuing the contributions of students, staff, families and community members.
- Fostering respectful and supportive relationships between students, staff, families and community members.

*The school will provide a curriculum that:*

- Engages students and builds social skills and positive relationships.
- Ensures safe participation of all students, for example in sporting activities.
- Encourages students to recognise hazardous situations.

*Families, students and staff will be engaged in developing and supporting safety initiatives through:*

- Providing information through newsletters and information sessions.
- Encouraging all stakeholders to identify safety issues.

*The school will form community partnerships:*

- To increase its capacity to deliver safety initiatives and promote safe environments by working with local health professionals, services and organisations, for example, CFA, Bellarine Community Health, City of Greater Geelong.
- To minimise safety hazards in the surrounding area.

**Related Policies:**

- Student Engagement
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Sun Smart
- Duty of Care
- Camps and Excursions
- Bullying
- Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards
- Dogs
- Brainfood
- Buddies
- Anaphylaxis
- Care for Sick Children
- Medications
- Mandatory Reporting
- eSmart

**Related Programs:**

- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
- Life Education
- Bravehearts
- CFA Fire Safety
- Personal Safety
- Sexuality Education

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