

RESPECT FOR SCHOOL STAFF POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the schools Business Manager.

PURPOSE

To ensure that members of our community understand Ballam Park Primary School's expectations for appropriate interactions with school staff.

POLICY

Staff at Ballam Park Primary School, including teachers, education support staff, office staff, the assistant Principal/s and Principal are committed to providing a supportive learning environment for all our students. Our staff take their work very seriously and feel privileged to be able to play an important role in each child's education.

All staff at Ballam Park Primary School have a right to a safe and supportive work environment.

Ballam Park Primary School expects that all parents/carers and visitors to our school behave in an appropriate and respectful manner to school staff at all times.

There will be a zero tolerance approach to any aggression, intimidation, threats or harassment of school staff, by any means (e.g. in person, by phone, by email, on social media etc). These behaviours may lead to exclusion from school grounds and school activities.

The Principal may report aggressive, intimidating, threatening or otherwise inappropriate conduct to Victoria Police. The Department of Education and Training may also take legal or other appropriate action against community members or parents/carers who pose a threat to the safety and wellbeing of school staff.

Ballam Park Primary School expects all members of our community to act consistently with our *Statement of Values*. We are committed to ensuring that staff, parents/carers and students are able to work together in an appropriate and respectful way

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff induction processes

- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Signage will be displayed at the front office
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

The Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- [Occupational Violence and Aggression in Schools](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	16.12.2021
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	23/11/2024