



Metung Primary School

CHILD EMPOWERMENT POLICY

RATIONALE:

Children have the right to give their views and opinions about decisions that affect them and to be listened to. **Empowerment** is about helping children to have their say. Children are more likely to speak up about their concerns, about feeling unsafe, or make a complaint if they feel their views are valued and welcomed.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Metung Primary School will develop strategies to deliver appropriate education about:

- Standards of behaviour for students attending the school;
- Healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality);
- Resilience; and
- Child abuse awareness and prevention.

Metung Primary School will promote the Child Safe Standards in ways that are readily accessible, easy to understand, and user-friendly to children.

Metung Primary School delivers appropriate education about Standards of Behaviour by:

- Ensuring clear expectations for appropriate and inappropriate behaviour are monitored using the schools in class and yard behaviour monitoring systems through clear track.
- Having an up to date Student Engagement and Inclusion Policy.
- Involving students in decision making through School Captains and the buddy program.

Metung Primary School delivers appropriate education about Healthy and Respectful Relationships by:

- Implementing a comprehensive Health and Physical Education program.
- Teaching and following the schools agreed values, rights and responsibilities.

Metung Primary School delivers appropriate education about Resilience by:

- Promoting, modelling, teaching, acknowledging and celebrating resilience through the teaching of attitudes, skills and knowledge in all curriculum areas and embedding the schools values.

Metung Primary School delivers appropriate education about Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention by:

- Implementing a health, personal safety and sexuality education program to students from Foundation to Grade 6.
- Providing relevant information to parents and the community, which is published in the school newsletter and via the School's website and Compass
- Holding parent information sessions on a needs basis when appropriate



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EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed in consultation with the whole school community as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Whole school strategies that promote participation and empowerment of children include:

- Buddies program approach including our school values, Rise to the Challenge, Making good choice, Own your own behaviour and accept others as they are. including strategies for empowerment
- Health Education including puberty and body changes education for grade 5/6 students biannually
- Digital Technologies Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement
- Protective Behaviours

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in **August 2018** and is scheduled for review in **2022**.

School council approved this policy in **August 2018**.