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Rationale

Keilor Views Primary School believes that the school provides a balanced education, which contributes to children's development and encourages them to reach their potential as tolerant, just and responsible members of society.

We believe that the school is a place of education where each child has the right to learn and grow in a supportive environment amongst people who are caring and co-operative. We also believe that students will achieve their personal best in a school that works in partnership with parents and the wider community.

Guidelines

Implementation of this policy will:

- Ensure that the Student Code of Conduct is aligned with DET guidelines and regulations such as *Effective Schools are Engaging Schools Student Engagement Policy Guidelines'* is implemented to enable students to understand their rights and responsibilities.
- Ensure that the school's Welfare and Discipline Program (which promotes Restorative Practice) is an integral part of the teaching process rather than a separate curriculum item.
- Provide opportunities for students to develop and promote resilience through the participation in programs that include specific teaching of social skills, building positive relationships and the reinforcement of school values.
- Develop and build upon the necessary life skills in students to become active and responsible members of society.
- Provide a curriculum context that recognises the social world in which young people make decisions about their health, including sexual health.
- Acknowledge and affirm diversity among students. Diversity refers to the broad range
 of differences amongst students and their communities and includes aspects of gender,
 race, geographical location, culture, socio-economic background, age, ability/disability,
 religion, sexual preference and sexual identity.
- Provide programs that reduce, improve and support student mental health and increase support for those students experiencing additional mental health difficulties.

Evaluation of Policy

Keilor Views Primary will be evaluating this policy as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council on 22 September 2017

