

# Statement of Intent: Our shared commitment

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The role of schools in strengthening children and young people's understanding of consent, and preventing and responding to sexual assault and sexual violence among young people.

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## Our Shared Beliefs

Our response to this challenge is informed by the following shared beliefs:

Parents are the first and continuing educators of their children.

All children and young people have a right to feel safe, respected and valued at school and in the community.

All schools are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

The voice and experience of students is critical in strengthening healthy and respectful relationships and must inform what we do.

Building healthy and respectful relationships is everyone's responsibility and schools, in partnership with parents and the broader community, have a vital role and specific responsibility.

Schools have a duty to respond when students disclose allegations of sexual abuse and other harmful sexual behaviours, and to help students access protective, therapeutic, justice and other support services.

