Respect Women: Call It Out Campaign

Recently highlighted on the Department of Education Website is the campaign targeted at minimising family violence.

The Victorian Government has invested \$37.5 million in the Respectful Relationships program to support schools and early childhood educators to promote respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. The initiative provides training and support to schools to implement respectful relationships education as a core component of the Victorian curriculum. It also includes professional development for early childhood educators to support respectful relationships in early childhood settings.

Respectful Relationships supports schools and early childhood settings to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. Everyone has a role to play in preventing family violence. However, schools have a unique opportunity to support families, as they are well placed to foster respect and gender equality early in young people's lives.

Support for people experiencing family violence

If you have any concerns about your own or community member or young person's wellbeing or safety, the following websites offer resources and support:

- Safe Steps, Victoria's family violence support service
- Kids Helpline, counselling and support service for young people
- Parentline, parenting counselling support
- The Lookout, family violence supports in Victoria
- What's ok at home?, resources and support for when family violence is occurring in the home
- 1800 Respect, family violence support and counselling service
- <u>intouch.org.au</u>, family violence support for multicultural women, their families and communities in Victoria
- <u>orangedoor.vic.gov.au</u>, family violence support and safety hubs in Victoria
- djirra.org.au, family violence support for Aboriginal women.

Policy, guidance and resources

The Department's <u>Policy and Advisory Library</u> (PAL) includes all related policy information, guidance and resources under the relevant menu tabs:

- Family Violence Support
- Family Violence information for employees.

Also on our school website a number of resources can be found at the following link by scrolling down. http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/wellbeing-and-mental-health-resources.html

If you have any specific concerns, please feel free to contact the school for advice.

Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson, Principal

