



Statement of Intent: Our Shared Commitment

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.

A [Statement of Intent](#) was signed on Friday, 26 March 2021, by the Government, Catholic and Independent Schools to strengthen school-aged children and young people's ability to form healthy relationships, understanding of consent and harm prevention. The Statement acknowledges the key role of school staff, in partnership with families, in supporting change.

This Statement is our system commitment, which recognises the innate dignity of the child and young person and their inherent goodness, 'to enable each to achieve the fullness of life'. The Statement acknowledges the key role of school staff, in partnership with families, in supporting children and young people to reach their full potential by strengthening their ability to form healthy relationships, understand consent and harm prevention.

As a system of Catholic schools, we recognise our duties and responsibilities as educators and the growing concerns in the community in this area. We believe that each person is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, gender, religion or ethnicity.

At St Joseph's Primary School, we believe in delivering a robust curriculum across Stages. Healthy relationships and harm prevention is in the following PDHPE units:

- ES1 - Growing up healthy and safe
- S1 - I'm responsible for me!
- S2 - Connections and protecting me
- S3 - Relationships rule, and
- Our whole school KickIt sessions for Term 2 are themed "I am responsible for me/ staying safe".

The voice of parents/carers is valuable as the first and continuing educators of their children. We encourage families to complete a survey to support our future direction in driving cultural change around respectful relationships.

The [survey](#) is open until Friday, 7 May.

If you have any questions, please email the school at alstp@lism.catholic.edu.au and a school leadership member will contact you.

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