What signs may indicate bullying

The Restorative Practices process will be used to follow through the incident

- The following MAY take place
  - all involved may meet to have their say – the facts
  - others must listen
  - there will be no blaming, excuses, interrupting
  - each person to share their feelings
  - all person will state how they feel the situation should be resolved
  - the mediator will work out strategies to reach an agreement
- the bully will be counselled
- the bullied person will be counselled
- parents informed
- appropriate consequences (to consequences)
- the issues will be monitored for further follow-up if necessary

What do we know about BULLIES?

That their actions are NOT OK
That their actions are hurting other people
They may be seeking attention

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Edithburgh Primary School

Anti-Bullying Policy

It is the right of all students and staff attending Edithburgh Primary School to PARTICIPATE in a SAFE and SUPPORTED Learning Environment.

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Think about this if you verbally bully someone: ‘What part of what you said to …… would make them feel good about themselves?’

For further information and support

Kids Helpline: www.kidshelp.com.au
Child and Youth Health Parent helpline: www.cyh.com.au
Bullying No Way: www.bullyingnoway.com.au
Our **VALUES** of **RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**PARTICIPATION**

support all those who share our site to **PARTICIPATE** in an HARRASSMENT free, ANTI-BULLYING environment by ensuring everyone shows **RESPECT** to all people and **VALUES** difference, behaves **RESPONSIBLY** allowing everyone to **PARTICIPATE** at all times.

**Bullying can be**

- Physical
- Verbal
- Emotional
- Ignoring and/or excluding
- Property
- Written
- Group pressure
- On-line or cyber

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**What are the school’s RESPONSIBILITIES towards bullying and/or harassment**

- To educate the students about bullying and anti-bullying behaviour
- Role model appropriate behaviour and responses
- To help people understand the difference between aggressive and assertive behaviour
- To successfully and positively address and manage issues identified by students, parents, bystanders
- Work with all parties to resolve the issue/problem
- Work with students to
  - understand how their behaviour affects others
  - manage incidents of bullying and harassment
  - assist students who are bullying to change their behaviour
  - help resolve the problem
  - accept **RESPONSIBILITY** for their behaviour
  - teach students strategies to STOP
  - know what to do if they are being bullied
  - know what to do if they observe bullying
- Inform the whole school community of the school’s policy and what it means for them
- Conduct a bully audit each term and collect the data to inform the Governing Council.

**Harassment and / or Bullying can be prevented by**

- ignoring the person
- walking away
- telling the person who is bothering you to STOP
- getting help from a friend, staff, parent

If, after the above strategies are unsuccessful, and the harassment / bullying continues

- a student
- a parent
- another responsible person

is encouraged to report the ongoing harassment or bullying or observation of harassment or bullying to a teacher or the principal. All reported concerns will be investigated.

**Always tell an adult if you feel unsafe**

**CONSEQUENCES**

If, after investigation, it is determined bullying is evident, the possible consequences for the bully may be:

- warning / reflection time and counselling
- time out – yard or class
- student / parent meeting with teacher and / or Principal
- take home
- suspension

**CONSEQUENCES are at the discretion of the principal and/or teacher involved in the investigation.**

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