**HEPBURN Primary School**

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**Established 1864 No. 767**

**Child Safe Standard Seven-Promoting Child Empowerment and Participation**

**Overview:**

Child Safe Standard Seven requires schools to develop strategies to deliver appropriate education about:

* standards of behaviour for students attending the school;
* healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality);
* resilience; and
* child abuse awareness and prevention.

**Implementation:**

Hepburn Primary School will ensure the following policy and curriculum initiatives are in place and reviewed regularly to ensure Child Safe Standard Seven is fully implemented:

* Student Engagement Policy – That highlights the maintenance of a safe, supportive and inclusive school environment.
* Code of Conduct for all school users that highlights the expectations of behaviour and is based on School Wide Positive Behaviour and Restorative Practice.
* Curriculum programs and initiatives are implemented to support student development:
  + - Bounce Back values education lessons.
    - Life Education Van incursions.
    - Cyber Safety lessons.
    - Health and Human Relations lessons for Years 5/6.
* Values Education – The school values underpin how everyone in the school interacts. The Code of Conduct and Behaviour Matrix is based and the school values and School Wide Positive Behaviour implementation.
* Health Education programs are promoted and parents encouraged to send children to school with healthy foods.
* Regular training, retraining, induction of people who work with students to ensure they understand and meet the requirements of Child Safe Standards.
* Encourage input from students to empower them and have input into improving their environment:
  + - Junior School Council
    - School Student Leaders

Policy reviewed and ratified by School Council on August 15th 2017