



## Natte Yallock P.S. – No 1347

# Safety and Welfare of Students with External Providers

### **Rationale**

The Natte Yallock Primary School aims to create and maintain a learning environment that facilitates development of the whole child, in a rural environment. Teachers will cater for students with different learning abilities, interest and needs.

NYPS promotes a healthy, supportive and secure environment for all students and aims to raise awareness of what makes students resilient, to develop strategies to reduce vulnerabilities, to build student/school connectedness, and to increase coping skills. NYPS will offer programs to enable students to further their learning by complementing classroom lessons with visiting experts and resources from within as well as outside the immediate school community. External providers may also provide learning opportunities outside of normal school hours.

### **Principles**

All students have the right to feel and be safe in the framework of programs offered by NYPS and in those offered by external providers. Reference is also made to our Welfare Policy.

### **Goals**

- The school is a positive environment in which all teachers assume responsibility for student welfare, endeavouring to provide successful experiences for all students, where students feel and are safe and secure in a supportive environment and where a sense of belonging and wellbeing is strengthened.
- Students develop positive social behaviours and problem solving skills.
- Staff are confident, skilled and proactive in the management of student welfare issues.
- Communication processes and protocols are clear and well known to ensure the effectiveness of student welfare support.
- To reinforce, complement and extend learning opportunities beyond the classroom
- To develop an understanding that learning is not limited to school

and teachers, and that valuable and powerful learning is often achieved with other people and experiences.

## **Strategies**

- Student Welfare is a shared responsibility between school, home and the community.
- The school will adopt a proactive and strategic stance with issues of student welfare.
- The school may access outside services to provide support for students and staff which may include:
  - Psychologists
  - Counsellors
  - Teachers
  - Mentors
  - Social workers
  - Youth agencies
  - Local parent support groups
  - Organisations such as Centre Against Sexual Assault
  - School Nurses
- The Principal must approve all external providers.
- Co-ordination of the external providers will rest with the Principal.
- All external providers must meet all regulatory requirements.
- Students will attend programmes offered by external providers only with the express prior written consent of their parents.
- Students who do not attend an activity provided by an external provider during school hours will be provided with suitable alternative activities.