

Tamborine Mountain State High School



Student Protection Fact Sheet

Student protection involves:

- Working to make schools safe and supportive places
- Taking action to prevent students being harmed at school, and
- Reporting any suspicion you have that a student has been harmed or may be at risk of harm

All children have a right to be protected from harm.

Harm to a student is any detrimental effect of a significant nature on a student's physical, psychological and emotional well-being.

Any behaviour that harms a student is wrong. Department of Education policy states that harm to students will not be tolerated. It is NOT OK.

Managing you own behaviour is the first step in student protection

- NEVER harm a student, either physically, psychologically or emotionally
- NEVER make fun of a student, ridicule them or discriminate against them because of their race or religion
- NEVER touch a student in a sexual way, or engage in any other inappropriate sexual activity for example, sending suggestive text message or showing a student pornography
- NEVER do anything that would make people assume you are doing something sexual to a student

You must report, to the Principal, any harm or suspected harm to a student that is caused by:

- someone working at the school
- another student
- someone from the student's family, a friend or a stranger
- the student self-harming

If you see harm occurring at school:

1. Help the student who has been harmed, for example,
 - by telling other students to move away
 - inform a staff member involved as soon as possible
2. Tell the Principal immediately about what you have seen
3. Write down what you have witnessed and give the information to the Principal.

If you suspect a student has been harmed at school or outside of school:

1. Tell the Principal immediately about what you suspect.
2. Write down what you suspect and give the information to the Principal.

If a student tells you that they have been harmed at school or outside of school:

1. Listen carefully
2. Reassure the student that they have done the right thing by telling you
3. Tell the student you must inform the Principal what they have told you
4. Tell the Principal straight away about what the student told you
5. Write down what the student told you and give the information to the Principal.

The main thing to remember is:

If you suspect a student may have been harmed or may be at risk of harm, tell the Principal immediately. If the Principal is not available you must tell the Acting Principal or a Deputy Principal

