

Whole-school learning in sexuality education

Curriculum Teaching and Learning

- Provide P-12 sexuality education.
- Ensure the education is comprehensive, e.g. includes a focus on:
 - family
 - puberty and healthy development
 - the reproductive cycle
 - safer sex and STI prevention
 - abstinence
 - pregnancy prevention
 - fertility protection
 - gender
 - relationships
 - decision making
 - same-sex attraction
 - sexual safety
 - values.
- Ensure the education is covered across a range of domains e.g. H&PE, English, Interpersonal Development, Science.
- Utilise curriculum resources, e.g. *Catching On resources*.
- Ensure materials are readily available, e.g. library, classrooms, appropriate websites.
- Ensure all learning is respectful of diversity.

Community links, partnerships and services

- Develop parent partnerships that support their role as sexuality educators of their children.
- Promote a shared responsibility approach between schools, parents, and the local community (e.g. health, counselling, youth services & peak bodies).
- Use external providers in an integrated way and with a comprehensive, whole-school learning approach.
- Link with other school programs in networks/clusters for peer support & resource sharing.
- Utilise government policy and resource support.

School organisation, ethos and environment

- Ensure school is compliant with national & Victorian legislation and government strategies.
- Promote government student support policy, e.g. *Safe Schools Are Effective Schools, The Framework for Student Support Services*.
- Utilise the *National Framework for Education about STIs, HIV/AIDS & Blood-borne Viruses*.
- Ensure school-based policies and responses reflect sexuality education learning and teaching:
 - code of conduct
 - sexual harassment
 - anti-homophobia and anti-bullying
 - student welfare policy.
- Ensure a 'very safe' environment.
- Actively promote social justice.
- Ensure staff role-modelling and proactive support.
- Provide support for student parents.
- Seek student input, e.g. into what should be included in sexuality education.
- Display posters and other materials.
- Provide access to school nurse and SWC in private space.
- Provide training for staff delivering sexuality education.
- Ensure problem-focussed, intervention and prevention based education complements sexuality education program.