

### Helping to make schools safe

#### As a teacher, what can I do?

Be sensitive to the needs of all your students and develop close relationships with students based on school values and ethics.

Make yourself aware of the home/family and educational backgrounds of all your students.

Provide a safe and supportive learning environment with clear expectations of classroom and school-wide behaviour.

Make sure you are consistent and fair in implementing your classroom management plan.

#### What can I do in the classroom and around the school?

Make sure your classroom management plan:

- complements the school Behaviour and Wellbeing policy and the Safe School NT Code of Behaviour and that you are consistent and fair in your implementation
- is inclusive of all students and allows them to be involved in decision making and negotiation of rules.

#### How can I help to promote the Safe Schools NT message?

Use quality teaching practice in your classroom and make your lessons interesting and suited to your students' needs.

Incorporate teaching practices that support students in identifying bullying and harassment.

Critically reflect on your strategy before engaging with a child who is emotionally upset, avoid confrontation and be sensitive to student needs.

Be vigilant at all times both within and around the school and respond proactively to signs of bullying and harassment acting on incidents immediately.

Alert the school and parents if you have any concerns regarding the welfare of your students. Work closely with students and school counsellors, wellbeing officers, school based constables, Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers and Home Liaison Officers to obtain the best possible outcomes.

#### Useful websites

[www.psychology.org.au/publications/tip\\_sheets](http://www.psychology.org.au/publications/tip_sheets)

[www.families.nt.gov.au](http://www.families.nt.gov.au)

<http://cms.curriculum.edu.au/mindmatters>

[www.kidsafe.com.au](http://www.kidsafe.com.au)

[www.bullyingnoway.com.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au)

[www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)

For further information on Safe Schools NT visit [www.safeschools.nt.gov.au](http://www.safeschools.nt.gov.au)

*Your students have the right to feel safe and happy at school whether in the classroom or playing outside*