

## **"BULLYING AND HARASSMENT"**

Every member of the school community has the right to feel happy about themselves and be comfortable at school. No one can be allowed to deny any person this right and it is important that all students have a real awareness of harassment and what constitutes it, whether as a victim or a perpetrator.

There are many forms of harassment including, physical, verbal, electronic, emotional, etc and it must be addressed immediately when it occurs; it won't just go away. Also, the harassers need assistance to change their unacceptable behaviours.

In today's society, school is very often the most stable and safe environment for many students and guarding this must be a high priority within the school community.

To assist in developing students' preparedness and willingness to realise that it is their right to speak up if they are being harassed or bullied, the focuses "**Harassment**" and "**Bullying, No Way!**" have been included in all three planners:-

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| <b>Junior</b> | pgs. 22 & 62 |
| <b>Middle</b> | pgs. 66 & 68 |
| <b>Senior</b> | pgs. 70 & 68 |

These focuses have been designed to initiate discussion, both at school and at home, on this destructive issue and complement the school's policy on harassment.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your son/daughter's progress please do not hesitate to contact his/her Year Level Co-ordinator/Advisor.

" Throwing mud is losing ground." Anon