



## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to explain Panton Hill Primary School's commitment to making sure every member of our school community, regardless of their background or personal attributes, is treated with respect and dignity. Panton Hill Primary School strives to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive school environment for all students and members of our school community.

## POLICY

### Definitions

*Personal attribute*: a feature of a person's background or personal characteristics that is protected by State or Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation. For example: race, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion etc.

### Inclusion and diversity

Panton Hill Primary School is committed to creating a school community where all members of our school community are welcomed, accepted and treated equitably and with respect regardless of their backgrounds or personal attributes such as race, language, religious beliefs, gender identity, disability or sexual orientation so that they can participate, achieve and thrive at school.

Panton Hill Primary School acknowledges and celebrates the diversity of backgrounds and experiences in our school community and we will not tolerate behaviours, language or practices that label, stereotype or demean others.

Panton Hill Primary School will:

- ensure that all students and members of our school community are treated with respect and dignity
  - ensure that students are not discriminated against and where necessary, are accommodated to participate in education and all school activities (eg school sports, concerts, excursions) on the same basis as their peers
  - acknowledge and respond to the diverse needs, identities and strengths of all students
- encourage empathy and fairness towards others
- challenge stereotypes that promote prejudicial and biased behaviours and practices
  - contribute to positive learning, engagement and wellbeing outcomes for students.

At Panton Hill Primary School, we think that every child has the right to learn and be happy at school. Rights are things everyone should be able to get, have, do. The law says everyone has rights. We want every student at Panton Hill Primary School to feel welcome, feel important, be happy at school and learn. Panton Hill Primary School wants to be fair to all students, work with students in different ways to help them learn, help all students join in, teach students and teachers it is okay to be different and/or have a disability. We will work with students and their families to decide how each student learns best and what help each student needs at school. We must also make reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities. For example, we could give a student extra help to do work in class and/or give a student different tasks to help them learn.



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Bullying, harassment and other forms of inappropriate behaviour targeting individuals because of their personal attributes will not be tolerated in our school community. Students who may have experienced or witnessed this type of behaviour are encouraged to speak up and to let their teachers, parents or carers know about those behaviours to ensure that inappropriate behaviour can be addressed.

Panton Hill Primary School will take appropriate measures, consistent with its Student Wellbeing and Engagement and Bullying policies to respond to discriminatory behaviour or harassment at our school.

Panton Hill Primary School also understands that it has a special obligation to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate students with disabilities. A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to assist all students to participate in their education on the same basis as their peers. Reasonable adjustments will be made for students with disabilities through Student Support Group processes in consultation with the student, their parents or carers, their teachers and if appropriate, their treating practitioners. For more information about support available for students with disabilities, please refer to our school's Student Wellbeing and Engagement policy or contact the Principal on 9719 7202 for further information.

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

PHPS [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#) and PHPS [Bullying prevention policy](#)

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
  - [Inclusive Education](#)
  - [Koorie Education](#)
  - [Teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture](#)
  - [Safe Schools](#)
  - [Supports and Services](#)
  - [Program for Students with Disabilities](#)

## REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 15/10/18 and is scheduled for review in [10/2022].