

Strengthening Safe and Respectful School Communities

Bullying has no place in our schools. The NSW Anti-Bullying framework provides a clear, shared approach to preventing and responding to bullying, grounded in student wellbeing, safety and respect.

The framework emphasises that effective anti-bullying practice is everyone’s responsibility. It focuses on prevention and early intervention, encouraging schools to build positive school cultures where respectful relationships, inclusion and student voice are actively promoted. Clear behaviour expectations, consistent responses, and strong partnerships with parents and carers are central to this work.

Importantly, the framework recognises that bullying can be complex and that responses must be fair, proportionate and restorative, supporting both those who experience bullying and those whose behaviour causes harm. Schools are encouraged to respond promptly, document actions clearly, and provide targeted support where needed.

Aligned with child-safe standards and wellbeing legislation, the NSW Anti-Bullying framework supports schools to create learning environments where students feel safe, known and valued—conditions essential for learning, wellbeing and belonging.

Through consistent practice and a shared commitment to dignity and respect, our schools continue to strengthen cultures where every young person can thrive.

The Directors of Wellbeing will be working together with the ERA NSW office team to develop a shared policy in response to the Anti-Bullying framework that will be ready for full implementation in 2027.

