

ANTI BULLYING POLICY



Margaret River Senior High School has developed a school policy to address the issue of bullying because we believe that every student has the right to feel safe and comfortable when they attend our school.

It is the student's right and responsibility to report bullying.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

It is a repetitive attack which causes distress not only at the time of the attack but also by the threat of future attacks.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU ARE BULLIED:

- Stay calm; act confident and tell them, firmly, to stop.
- If someone takes something from you don't fight back, tell someone.
- Don't support bullies, walk away.
- Reporting bullying is not "dobbing", it is the right thing to do.

It may not be easy to decide what to do. If you are unsure but concerned contact someone at the school and talk it over.

THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU:

Form Teacher, Student Services, School Chaplain, School Psychologist, School Nurse, Deputy Principals or any teacher with whom you feel comfortable. Student Services has available a bullying report form to help you with the following:

- What exactly happened?
- Who is involved?
- Where and when it is happening?
- Has there been any provocation?
- Are there any witnesses?
- *Cyber bullying* is when someone is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed, or otherwise targeted by another child, pre-teen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones. It has to be a minor on both sides, or at least have been instigated by a minor against another minor.

STUDENTS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY:

- do not participate in cyber bullying.
- do not use mobile phones, cameras or other digital devices to record audio and visual material that is not authorised as part of the school curriculum program.
- do not breach the privacy of students, staff and members of the school community through any unauthorised recording or filming.
- do not disseminate inappropriate information through digital media or other means.
- report incidents of cyber bullying to a member of staff.
- advise students being victimised by cyber bullying to talk to an adult.
- offer to speak to an adult on behalf of the student who is being victimised by cyber bullying.