



YARRA VALLEY
GRAMMAR

YARRA VALLEY GRAMMAR EMPOWERMENT AND PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

1 INTRODUCTION

Yarra Valley Grammar (**your School, we**) is committed to providing you with a safe environment.

We have no tolerance for child abuse, we take steps to keep you safe and we respect and support all children equally.

We aim to empower you to:

- know your rights;
- feel safe and respected;
- express your views;
- be taken seriously;
- participate in decisions that affect you; and
- ask for help when you need it.
- Speak to your tutor, Year Level Coordinator, a member of the Wellbeing Team or the Chaplain.

2 YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to:

- feel safe;
- live and grow up healthy;
- have a say about decisions affecting you;
- get information that is important to you; and
- be safe and not harmed by anyone in any way (physically, emotionally, etc).

You can find more information about your rights from the Commission for Children and Young People ([CCYP](#)), the Social Services Regulator ([SSR](#)) and the Charter of Commitment under the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

3 HOW WE KEEP YOU SAFE

We keep you safe by:

- having a [Child Protection Policy](#) and [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#) as well as other related policies, and making sure that they are always complied with;

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- making sure adults at our school are suitable to work with children; and
- giving you information through our curriculum about:
 - resilience, rights and respectful relationships;
 - safe schools;
 - bully stoppers; and
 - online safety (see the [IT Acceptable Use Policy Students](#))

4 IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

The School is committed to creating an environment where your voice is heard. If you tell a trusted adult at school that you don't feel safe, we will take you seriously and respond promptly and thoroughly.

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**You deserve to be
happy and feel safe.**

**If you don't feel safe, tell an adult you
trust.**

