



Year 7 Concerns

Dear Parents

It is always a tricky time for children entering the teenage years. The children are trying to establish themselves as individual people and manage the personal changes and changes in their school life. This can cause confusion and uncertainty.

Today we became aware of two children in Year 7 that are involved in conflict. Some younger children in the school reported that there was a potential fight after school. Both the boys' parents were called and the children are safe, but I am writing to you today to let you know the steps the school takes to respond and prevent these incidents. I also want to let you know about some unhelpful bystander behaviour that some of the other Year 7s were involved in.

Unhelpful bystander behaviour is caused by people who either do nothing or encourage a negative behaviour such as the one today. I ask families to talk with their children about ways to turn this unhelpful behaviour around to be helpful bystander behaviour. A flyer is attached for your convenience.

As a school we take these matters very seriously. We teach social lessons from Kindy to Year 11 and help students to find appropriate ways to manage difficult situations. We also invited guests in to spread the message. They include: Headpsace, Centrecare and the local police.

I strongly encourage families to talk with their children. If you need assistance or would like to report concerns, please call into the office or use one of our many forms of contact;

- Phone – 90272950
- Email – kambaldawest.dhs@education.wa.edu.au
- Web enquiry - <https://www.kambaldawestdhs.wa.edu.au/contact>
- School app - <https://www.compass.education/compass-features/compass-for-parents>

If you would like to make an individual appointment with your child's Form teacher or one of the school leadership team, please fill out the form on the web contact or call the office.

King regards

Candice Brown
Principal
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BYSTANDERS!

Bystanders are bullies if they:

Join in with the bullying

Laugh with or cheer on the bully

Copy what the bully is doing

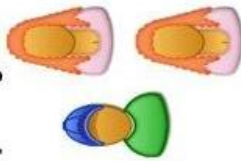
Do nothing to stop the bullying

Show support for the bully

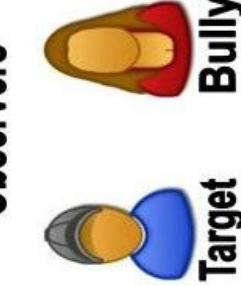
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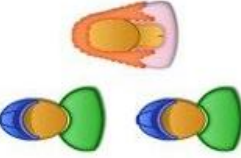
Supporting the target



Observers



Supporting the bully



Target

Bully

Bystanders can help to stop the bullying if they:

Object to what the bully is saying or doing

Report the bullying

Show support for the target

Reporting vs. Tattling

Before going to an adult about an issue, ask yourself whether you are reporting or tattling. Use this worksheet to help you determine the difference!

REPORTING

Keeping yourself and others safe

Someone is in danger of being hurt

An adult is needed to help solve the problem

The behavior was done on purpose to hurt someone

TATTLING

No one is in danger of being hurt

Done to try to get someone in trouble

Can be worked out without an adult

The behavior was an accident

