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# Protective Behaviours

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our school's ongoing commitment to prioritising social and emotional learning, Boulder Primary School is implementing a new safety program across all year levels from Pre-Primary to Year 6. This program, Protective Behaviours, focuses on empowering children around personal safety. There are two main themes we will focus on, 'We all have the right to feel safe all of the time' and 'There is nothing so awful or small that we can't talk about it with someone'. The information provided to children can be applied to a range of situations that may arise for them, such as bullying, internet safety, being harmed, feeling sad or feeling unsafe, body ownership and consent.

Schools have a legal responsibility to ensure that children are safe and their welfare is promoted. They are required to educate children as part of the curriculum around safety issues. Boulder Primary School takes safeguarding extremely seriously and recognises the importance of ensuring that children have an awareness of and strategies for keeping safe. We have identified the First Steps to Safety program and PB West's 'The Protective Behaviours Classroom' to provide this.

Staff at Boulder Primary School have undertaken Protective Behaviours training and are confident to deliver this program with the aim to safeguard our students now and into the future.

**It is important to note that although these strategies are taught to children to assist in keeping themselves safe, child safety is NOT the responsibility of the child. Keeping children safe is a responsibility of the whole community.**

We are sending you this letter to inform you of the program and should you wish to discuss the content and purpose of this program further, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Kind Regards,  
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Social and Emotional Learning Leader  
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