



LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

A NSW Government P-6 Connected Communities school

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Keeping Our Kids and School Community Safe

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the principal, it is a priority of mine to ensure that every student, parent/carer and community member feels safe when they at school. I like to think of our school as a hub for the community where everyone can come together for a yarn, respectfully share their thinking, cultures, request support, celebrate and participate in their child's learning and contribute to the safe, positive culture. This in turn, creates trusting relationships across the school community, where our children feel a sense of belonging and connectedness enabling them to connect, succeed and thrive.

In order to strengthen this, and to continue to keep our kids safe, may I please request the following:

- *all concerns are raised with your child's teacher, supervisor, deputy principal or principal. This will ensure your concern is investigated (if it hasn't already been) and communicated to all parties in a respectful and safe manner.*

Whilst I do understand there may be an urge for you to speak directly to a student, as you feel you could quickly fix the problem, this can significantly impact the wellbeing of the child, regardless of your good intentions or how the message was communicated. This also has the potential to cause disagreements between the families involved.

There are a number of ways you can speak to your child's teacher about an issue you are concerned about. Safe, acceptable practices include:

- *using Seesaw*
- *phoning the office and requesting a call back*
- *a conversation with your child's teacher at the end of the day*
- *informing Mr Sheen, Mrs Beeby or Mrs Curran who are on gate duty every morning and afternoon.*

Thank you in advance for your continued support and for helping to keep our kids and community safe.

Kind regards

Mr Garry Sheen
Executive Principal

